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COMMUNITY & LEISURE

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Showcase keeps community in the know

Pat Young
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Sharing information about upcoming events and activities was part of the goal at the 2009 Fall Regional Information Sharing Forum and Community Showcase at Club Stewart, Sept. 9 and at Hunter Army Airfield, Sept. 10.

More than 100 county, municipal, military and civic leaders from the installation and surrounding communities met in the two Regional Information Sharing Forums.

Third Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, and Command Sgt. Major Jesse Andrews were among the military leaders in attendance at both events. Major General Cucolo briefed attendees about the upcoming deployment of the Marne Division and thanked community leaders for their continued support to

Soldiers and their Family Members.

One of the other top priorities at each of the respective RISF's was the signing of the Community Preparedness Covenant, where the installation and local communities demonstrated their resolve to be prepared during either natural or man-made emergencies.

The covenant was designed to demonstrate the community partnership in emergency preparedness. Part of that emphasis was demonstrated in the RISF's complimenting activity, the community showcase, held at both locations, where the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security featured the Family Readiness Kit that has similar items as suggested in the severe weather preparedness guide found at www.stewart.army.mil to include disaster checklist, maps, flashlight, portable radio and extra batteries, first aid kit, personal hygiene items, and more.

Among the other topics discussed at the RISF was the America Supports You Freedom Walk (see page 1A for details); and the 'Something to Believe in' Twilight Tattoo, which starts at 6:30 p.m., tonight. Speakers also discussed the upcoming Family-oriented events sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation; within local communities, including the Wiregrass Festival, in Reidsville, Sept. 26 - 27,



J. Elise VanPool

Third Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, and Command Sgt. Major Jesse Andrews get their picture taken with Rocky, the 3rd ID mascot, at the Fort Stewart Community Showcase held at Club Stewart, Sept. 9.

and the Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival in Richmond Hill, Oct. 16-18. Richmond Hill and Tattnall County were also well represented among the other 62 vendors that participated in RISF's companion event at Stewart, the community showcase. The showcase featured events, activities, and services available to community members in the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield area. About 100 vendors participated at the showcases, with more than 500 Soldiers and Family members attending.

Door prizes were offered that varied from a television donated by Fort Stewart Commissary,

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Kaytrina Curtis

The City of Richmond Hill was presented with the winning trophy at the first-ever Hunter Army Airfield Community Showcase at the Hunter Club. Pictured left to right: Hunter garrison command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. David Sampleton, City of Richmond Hill representatives, Jan Bass, Cpl. Susan Willis, Chris Sheppard and Hunter Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar, Sept. 10.

Hinesville 'Hoofs It' for heroes, remembers 9/11 events

Frenchi Jones
Coastal Courier

Liberty County residents hit the streets of Hinesville for their heroes at the first annual Hoofin' It for Our Heroes 5/10K and Family Fun Run, sponsored by the Liberty County United Way, Sept. 11.

The event, designed to commemorate 9/11, began as more than 25 registered participants embarked on a one-and-a-half-mile trek from Bradwell Park — a warm up to Saturday's 5/10K Family fun-run.

Sergeant Adam Jordan, 27, ran the warm-up race with his wife and two

children.

"I wanted to remember 9/11 and teach my kids to be patriotic and to remember that freedom is not free," he said. "You have to work for it."

As Sgt. Jordan ran across the finish line with his daughter Kaelyn, 3, others in attendance enjoyed a free concert put on by Purified Sounds.

Melissa Sharp took a break from dancing to the band's beats to remember those she said gave so much on the day that changed America forever.

She said she had not heard about the Hinesville event, but when she saw the runners, she decided to join

in the festivities.

"Tonight shows me how communities across the country are pulling together and doing different things so that we never forget," she said. "This is Hinesville's way of celebrating life and remembrance."

On Saturday morning, an estimated 30 runners hit the pavement once again, this time starting off on the Liberty County Courthouse steps.

A flag held up by two cranes blew in the wind as the winners neared the finish line, lights from Hinesville police cruisers illuminating the way.

Garth Patterson came in first in the overall male division, Jacqueline

Cassidy placed first for the females and Melvin Green, 16, received honors for winning the under 18 division.

Troy Vogel, Liberty County's United Way 2009 co-chairman, said he received a positive response from participants.

"It's important for us to honor our local heroes, police officers, fire fighters, medical personnel and service men and women to show them our support," he said. "We hope to keep this going every year."

"We would also like to thank the Hinesville Police Department because we could not have done this without them," he added.



Hunter celebrates Kids' Day

Zeke Bonham, 8, plays in the Splash Park during the Kids' Day celebration at Hunter Army Airfield, Sept. 12. Along with their parents, 450 children of all ages attended the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. event to celebrate Families, according to School Age and Youth Services Director Terri McMilan. Hamburgers and hot dogs were provided and activities included face painting, a moon bounce and bumper inflatables, and toy and T-shirt give-aways.

Nancy Gould, Hunter Public Affairs

"THE WRESTLER" REVISITED

Sasha McBrayer
Frontline Contributor

In 2008 Mickey Rourke trained for a role that would be acclaimed as his "resurrection" in a "deeply affecting film." Most critics agree with these claims.

Of "The Wrestler," Alonso Duralde, MSNBC, has said, "Rourke's work transcends mere stunt-casting; his performance is a howl of pain that seems to come from a very real place."

"I had completely forgotten I was

looking at Mickey Rourke. That guy on the screen simply was Randy 'the Ram' Robinson (TNA heavyweight champion Mick Foley)."

"The Wrestler," now on DVD, is an artful drama depicting the life of an aging professional wrestler. The Ram (Rourke) had his heyday in the '80s, but is still trying



to pay the bills by wrestling in live venues. But his life changes when he has a heart attack after a match and he is told he can't wrestle anymore. Feeling low, he vies for the affection of a middle-aged stripper, stunningly portrayed by Marisa Tomei.

Uncomfortable with his advances, his lady love suggests The Ram reconnect

with his estranged daughter, who he once abandoned.

To stay afloat, Randy the Ram takes a job at supermarket deli counter. I laughed out loud as the battle-worn ring fighter faced his toughest audience yet — midday shoppers.

"The Wrestler" is a beautifully realistic, yet sad vignette revealing the dark side of fame. I haven't seen a film so real since "Frozen River."

The film is gritty and includes nudity and drug use, but Rourke's Oscar-nominated performance is effortless and without flaw.



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH SEPT 20

The Hurt Locker

Today— 7 p.m.

(Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie)

Three members of the Army's elite Explosive Ordnance Disposal squad battle insurgents and each other as they search for and disarm a wave of roadside bombs on the streets of Baghdad—in order to try and make the city a safer place for Iraqis and Americans alike. Their mission is clear—protect and save—but the margin of error when defusing a war-zone bomb is zero. They have only 38 days left in their tour, but with each new mission comes another deadly encounter, and it seems only a matter of time before disaster strikes. *Rated R (war violence, language) 131 min.*

A Perfect Getaway

Friday— 7 p.m.

(Steve Zahn, Timothy Olyphant)

Cliff and Cydney are an adventurous young couple celebrating their honeymoon by backpacking to one of the most beautiful, and remote, beaches in Hawaii. Hiking the wild, secluded trails, they believe they've found paradise. But when the pair comes across a group of frightened hikers discussing the horrifying murder of another newlywed couple on the islands, they begin to question whether they should turn back. Unsure whether to stay or flee, Cliff and Cydney join up with two other couples, and things begin to go terrifyingly wrong. Far from civilization or rescue, everyone begins to look like a threat and nobody knows whom to trust. Paradise becomes hell on earth as a brutal battle for survival begins. *Rated R*

(graphic violence, language including sexual references and some drug use) 98 min.

Bandslam

Saturday— 3:30 p.m.

(Alyson Michalka, Vanessa Hudgens)

When gifted singer-songwriter Charlotte Banks asks new kid in town Will Burton to manage her fledgling rock band, she appears to have just one goal in mind: go head-to-head against her egotistical musician ex-boyfriend, Ben, at the biggest event of the year, a battle of the bands. Against all odds, their band develops a sound all its own with a real shot at success in the contest. Meanwhile, romance brews between Will and Sam, who plays a mean guitar and has a voice to die for. When disaster strikes, it's time for the band to make a choice: Do they admit defeat, or face the music and stand up for what they believe in? *Rated PG (some thematic elements and mild language) 111 min.*

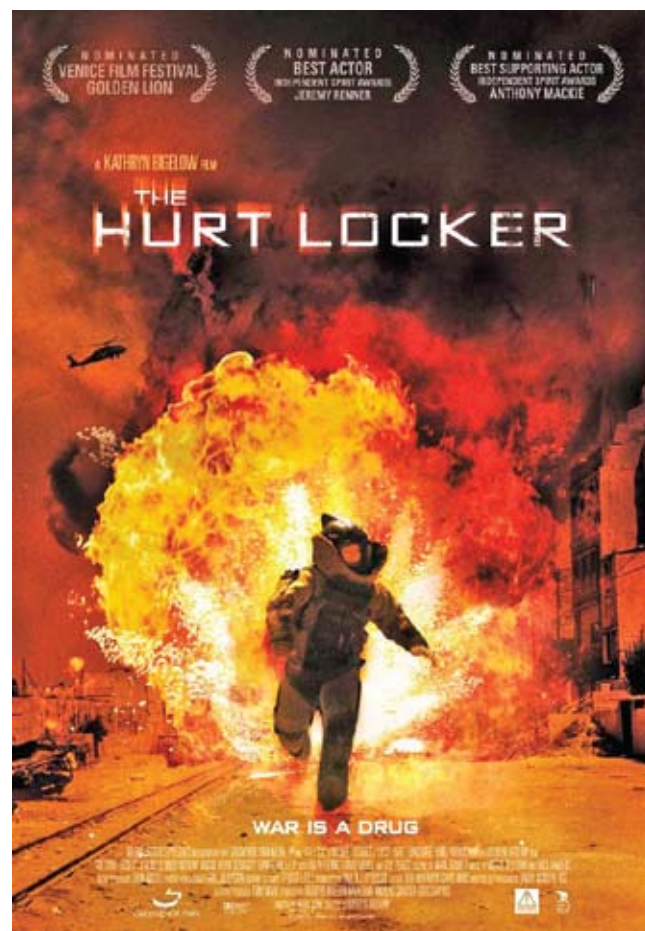
G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra

Saturday—7:00 p.m.

Sunday— 7 p.m.

(Dennis Quaid, Channing Tatum)

From the Egyptian desert to deep below the polar ice caps, the elite G.I. JOE team uses the latest in next-generation spy and military equipment to fight the corrupt arms dealer Destro and the growing threat of the mysterious Cobra organization to prevent them from plunging the world into chaos. *Rated PG-13 (strong sequences of action violence and mayhem throughout) 120 min.*



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069 or go to www.aafes.com/ems/conus/stewart.htm.

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DFMWR Briefs

Free After School Program offered

Kids, if you are in grades 6-12, you're invited to join us at the Fort Stewart Youth Center for activities including pool, video games, homework help, creative cooking, computer technology, arts and crafts, music recording, basketball and mentoring.

The youth center at 946 Austin Rd., building 7338, on Fort Stewart. Participants must be Family Members of active duty military, Reserves, retirees, Army Civilian or contractors.

This is a Child, Youth and School Services program. For more information, call 767-4491.

Sign-up now for Great FMWR Yard Sale

Are you looking for something to do with all of your extra stuff? Sell it at the Great FMWR Yard Sale!

The yard sale will take place on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 24, and is open to the public.

The Stewart sale will be at Club Stewart parking lot and homes all over post, and the Hunter sale will take place in the Credit Union parking lot, as well as homes around post.

Housing yard sale registration is free, but is required so we can include your home on the Yard Sale map.

Active duty, Family Members, retirees and Army Civilians are eligible to sell their goods. There is a \$5 fee for a space in the parking lot locations. Rental tables are available for \$5 each at the Club Stewart and Hunter Credit Union sale locations.

All items are eligible to be sold with the exception of weapons, food items, and retail items such as Avon, Tupperware, etc.

Goodwill will be available at both the Hunter Credit Union parking lot and the Club Stewart parking lot to collect items for donation from 2 p.m. until the truck is filled on the day of the yard sale.

Registration is open until Oct. 23. Call 767-8238 (Stewart) or 315-2019 (Hunter) to reserve your spot.

Wildlife Photo Contest Deadline Friday

The deadline is tomorrow (Sept. 18) for photos to be submitted in the Pass & Permit Wildlife Photo Contest, which offers a top prize of \$100 for the active-duty Soldier winner and a \$75 first-place award for the winner chosen from other entries. All photo entries will be displayed at the Stewart Pass & Permit Office, building 8093.

The contest is open to amateur photographers age 17 and older. Photos must have a wildlife theme (plants or wildlife), can be color or black and white, and must have been taken during the last 18 months by the person entering the contest. The cost to enter is \$10.

Several judges will pick the winners, who will be announced at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 23 at the Pass & Permit Office.

For additional details about contest rules, or for more information, call 435-8033/8061.

Attend Family bouldering class

Join us at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449, for a Family Bouldering Class from 5-7 p.m., Sunday. Open to Families who want the challenge and are interested in "bouldering" - climbing no higher than 12 feet and moving from side to side. We want to see who can make it across the room, not just to the top. The cost is \$3.50 per person/hour. For details, call 767-9884.

Harvest Books at Stewart Library

The George P. Hays Library, building 411, is hosting the "Harvesting Books" event at 4 p.m., Sept. 23, where children can gather books and learn more about fall. They will hear stories and make a miniature scarecrow. For more information, call 767-2828.

Register for Golf Scramble

Registration ends Sept. 23 for the Garrison Commander's Golf Scramble, which will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. at Taylors Creek Golf Course, Sept. 25. This is a great opportunity to team build and continue fellowship.

Fees are \$35 for Taylors Creek and Hunter Golf Club members, active-duty military, retirees and Army Civilians, and \$40 for civilian guests. Play will be limited to the first 25 four-person teams. For more information, call 767-2370.

Teen Center fall dance scheduled

Join us for the fall teen dance at Corkan Teen Recreation Center, building 438, from 6-10 p.m., Sept. 25. Get ready to dance, eat, enjoy refreshments, play games and have a great time with your fellow teens. Open to Family Members ages 13-18 with Military ID. Remember - one guest is allowed per person. The cost is \$5 per couple. Chaperons are needed. For more information, call 767-3781.

See Flannel Board Nursery Rhymes

Bring your children to the George P. Hays Library, building 411, at 4 p.m., Sept. 30, to see flannel board stories about nursery rhymes, and make crafts. For more information, call 767-2828.

7th College Probe coming to Stewart

Representatives from numerous colleges and technical schools will be on hand to address questions during the 7th Annual College Probe at Club Stewart, building 405, from 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 1.

This is an ideal opportunity for high school students, Soldiers and Family Members who want to learn more about post-secondary education options, financial assistance and the Hope scholarship. For more information, call 767-6533.

Pets of the Week

Looking for a good home...



Fritz and Gudrun the puppies & Runaway the cat

are two of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



Stewart-Hunter WEEKLY BRIEFING

Join Charlotte Marten for a complete update of weekly events sponsored by the Family, Morale, Welfare, Recreation Division of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Click on



News & Information for the Military Communities of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield

Look with the heart, not the eyes

Chap. (Capt.) Paul Ormond
Hunter Army Airfield

When God sent the prophet Samuel to Bethlehem to reveal who the next king of Israel would be, He told Samuel to find a man named Jesse and his sons. When he finally arrived and met Jesse and his sons, he looked at Jesse's oldest son Eliab and thought to himself that he had to be the one who would be the next king of Israel.

You see, Eliab was a tall, strong, and very handsome man. He was the kind of person that could walk in a room and impress people just by his presence. However, God spoke to Samuel and told him not to be distracted by the outward

appearance of this man, because He doesn't see people the way we do.

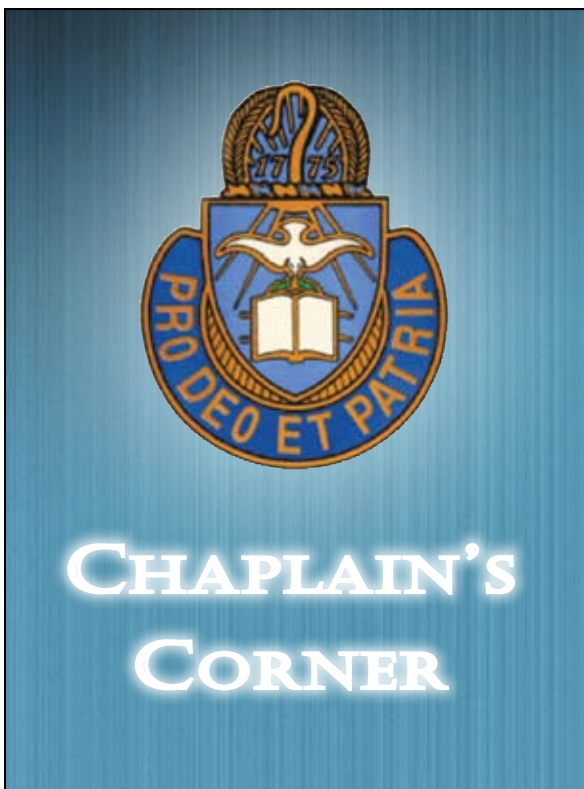
While we get caught up with the outside appearance of a person, God is caught up in the business of looking at people's hearts. As Samuel met each son, and still none of them were the one God had in mind to be the next king, he asked Jesse if he had any more children. Jesse called his youngest son from tending the sheep, and immediately God told Samuel that this was the one He intended to be the next King of Israel. This young boy was David, the greatest king that Israel ever knew.

Even though he had been the one God chose, he still made plenty of mistakes, and even did some

very wrong things to people during his lifetime. So why did God pick a man like David, after declaring to Samuel that He looks at the heart of a man rather than his appearance?

David did have many faults, but the one thing he persisted in throughout his lifetime was that he never let himself be content with his wrongdoing. David truly did want to be a godly man, and wanted to do right by the people around him. God saw this in David's heart, and knew that even in the midst of his future mistakes he would not completely turn away from Him.

God sees that the heart of a person is not only filled with what they have done but also what they aspire to be and do.



Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.

Islamic
 Friday Jum'ah Marne 1:30 p.m.
 Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.

Jewish
 Friday Heritage 11:30 a.m.
 Contact Sgt. 1st Class Crowther at 767-6717.

Latter-Day Saints
 Sunday 220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville 9 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday
 at Stewart School Age Services, across from
 Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel
 Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m., Sunday

For children grades K-5
 Fort Stewart bus pick-up:

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, e-mail
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry exists to share "Biblical Truth" with middle and high school age youth, to disciple them in the Christian faith, and to equip them for lives of Christian service.

For weekly meeting information, go to
<http://twitter.com/ftstewartyouth>

or contact

Jerry Thompson,
 Fort Stewart Youth
 Ministry Coordinator
 at 912-920-9982.

Roman Catholic Daily Mass:

Main Post Chapel, 11:45 a.m., on Mon., Weds.-Fri.

Weekday Catholic Schedule

Roman Catholic Confession:

Main Post Chapel, 4 – 4:30 p.m., Saturday

PWOC Kick-off

The Fort Stewart PWOC Fall Kick-off was Aug. 19 at the Main Post Chapel. They will meet from 9:30 a.m. - noon, every Wednesday at Main Post Chapel. Call 332-7139.

The Hunter Fall Kick-off is Sept. 10 at Hunter Army Airfield Post Chapel. They will meet from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., every Thursday morning at Hunter Post Chapel.

A light luncheon will follow. Call (404) 797-3097.

www.stewart.army.mil

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Live Oak Public Libraries

September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

Apply for your "Power Card" during September and enter in a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate from Carey Hilliard's restaurants or a 'Geek the Library' T-shirt.

There will be one gift certificate and one T-shirt awarded at each Live Oak Public Libraries branch, visit www.liveoakpl.org/branches for locations.

Note: Children ages 15 and younger will need an adult sponsor age 18 or older to sign up for a library card. Proof of residency and proper identification are required when signing up for a card.

Preschool Storytime

Throughout the month of September, storytime will be held for children ages 3-4 at 10:30 a.m., Mondays. Join us for stories, songs, and more.

Tree Tots Storytime

Every Tuesday in September, storytime will be held for children ages 1-2 at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, and more.

Introduction to Windows

A beginner's course on using the library's computers will be offered today at 10:30 a.m. at the Liberty Branch Library. This class will cover using a mouse, manipulating the windows, and printing. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Introduction to Word

A beginner's course on using this popular word processing software that will cover creating, printing, and saving a document will be held at the Liberty Branch Library at 11 a.m., Saturday. Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent knowledge. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

How to write an Effective Paper

A presentation on tips and hints for writing research papers in high school and college will be held at 4 p.m., Sept. 22 at the Liberty Branch Library. There will be suggestions of things to use in papers, where to find the best information in the library, and pitfalls that all writers should avoid. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Introduction to PowerPoint Presentation

Learn how to use this library resource for creating informative displays for school, work, or any type of gathering at the Liberty Branch Library at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 24. Prerequisite: Introduction to Word or similar skills. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Low Country Paintball waives fees

Low Country Paintball invites community members to enjoy paintball by waiving all-day greens fees and gun rental fees for active duty military during the first weekend of each month.

Players can enjoy more than 150 guns across 63 acres. Group rates are available. For more information, call 663-2314.

Calling all Zetas

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. recently chartered a

new chapter in Hinesville. The organization invites all members in the Hinesville/Fort Stewart area to join the Hinesville chapter the first Saturday of every month at the Veterans of Foreign War Post 6602, located at 931 E G Parkway.

Zeta Phi Beta is a community-conscious, action-oriented organization founded Jan. 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Zeta chapters have given millions of hours of voluntary service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities and promote legislation for social change.

The Hinesville chapter invites all members to help continue this tradition of service. For more information or to attend a chapter meeting, contact Rhonda Lawson at (253) 576-2230, or Alisha Johnson at (912) 220-8137.

Operation Homefront offers help

Operation Homefront is now able to help financially strapped Families afford sports team registrations, cultural and art classes for children of Georgia service members. If you have questions, call Christina Anthony or Ashley Carpenter at 368-9622.

Vendors sought for OktoberFest

Vendor applications are currently being accepted for OktoberFest Hinesville planned Oct. 16 and 17 to be held in the Bradwell Park Area in downtown Hinesville. The two-day event will feature authentic German entertainment and food, beer tent, food court and Marktplatz, with arts, crafts, general merchandise, and commercial booths.

Food vendors may apply to participate both days and Marktplatz vendors may apply to participate Saturday only. Booth rentals are \$50 before Oct. 2 and \$75 thereafter. Event times are Friday, from 5 p.m. to midnight and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

For an application or more event information visit Zum Rosenhof located at 103B Midway Street or HDDA at the "Old Liberty County Jail" located at 302 South Main St. Call (912) 877-4332 or e-mail discoverdowntown@coastalnow.net.

Sunbury celebrates the blue crab

This year's Sunbury Blue Crab Festival will be held Sept. 26. The event will take place on the grounds of a working crab house at the Sunbury Marina.

Visitors can sample fresh caught seafood while chatting with the commercial boat captains and watching live entertainment, including Georgia music legend Randall Bramblett and his band, which headline a concert with four groups that includes blues guitar Eric Culberson, the Dave Turner Band, and The Midway All-Stars.

Admission to the festival is \$15 with military and advance tickets are \$10. For festival information, call (912) 884-8640.

Enjoy Lunchtime Concert in the Park

Lunchtime Concert in the Park will feature the 3rd Infantry Division Army Band. The concert will be in Bradwell Park/Downtown Hinesville, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday. Bring a lawn chair and picnic lunch or purchase from the on-site food vendor or downtown eateries! For more information, contact Jessica Sanchez at 877-4332.

Dig into Blues & BBQ

The 6th Annual Blues & BBQ is set for Saturday from 4 p.m.- 11:30 p.m. in the Bradwell Park Area in Downtown Hinesville.

Entertainment includes Eric Culberson Band, Eddie Kirkland, Brenda Metoyer & A Touch of Class. Purchase votes for the People's Choice Award during the barbeque contest from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact the Hinesville Area Arts Council at 877-4332.

Rocky's zone snack bar open

Serving lunch with a varied menu from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday Come out and try the menu and enjoy the new surrounding at Rocky's Zone, building 703.

Free Open Mic Night, Sept. 26

Soldiers, Civilians, Family Members, and all of the Fort Stewart community are invited to share their talents at an open mic night, to be held at the Fort Stewart Starbucks, 6:30- 10 p.m. Sign up is from 6-6:30 pm.

For more information, contact Maj. Kevin Hannah at 435-6916.

Free weddings for Warriors

The Savannah Wedding Tourism Council and area Savannah businesses are sponsoring free wedding ceremonies to the first 40 military couples who sign up on Nov. 11, starting at 3 p.m. in Forsyth Park, Madison Square and Monterey Squares. Either the bride or groom must be active-duty military. Couples also get free photos of the ceremony, a dinner cruise reception, and the bride gets an Alfred Angelo gown and a free bouquet. If you are interested, register on-line at www.weddingsforwarriors.com or call Becky Byous at (912) 656-6541.

Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society hosts 4th Buddy Walk Fest

Carriage Trade Public Relations

The Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society Buddy Walk Festival will be held in Forsyth Park, Oct. 3. The fourth annual Buddy Walk is a one-mile walk in which anyone can participate without special training.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and costs \$12 per person, which includes a T-shirt and a meal.

The walk kicks off at 10:30 a.m., and the festival for the whole Family is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering rides, food, games, music and much more. For more information or if you would like to support Families touched by Down Syndrome by registering to walk, please call John or Candy

Bogardus at (912) 728-8505 or log onto the Web site at www.LDSSGA.org to register online.

October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. More than 300 Buddy Walks will occur throughout the United States to raise awareness and money for the support of Families that have been touched by Down Syndrome.

Young adults and adults with Down Syndrome, Family Members, friends, healthcare professionals, corporate teams, members of the community, and children are encouraged to attend and participate in the event. Bring a wagon, a stroller, and your dog. All are welcome!

Established in 2006, the Lowcountry

Down Syndrome Society is a non-profit Family support group designed to benefit people with Down Syndrome and their Families. The LDSS is an affiliate of the National Down Syndrome Society, a national advocate for the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome.

These societies envision and promote a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations, and become valued members of welcoming communities. Quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care, and positive support from Family, friends and the community allow people with Down Syndrome

to develop their full potential and lead fulfilling lives.

Outreach meetings

The Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society now provides outreach to Families in eight local counties. Families are encouraged to bring their children with them to meetings, which are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

These gatherings usually include a guest speaker as well as social time for Families to meet and share with one another.

For more information call John or Candy Bogardus at (912) 728-8505 or visit the website at <http://www.ldssga.org>.

'The best Christmas pageant ever'

The Liberty Theatre Company proudly announces its first children's production with a holiday favorite, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Auditions for this modern classic will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 17 at the Hinesville First Baptist Church on Washington Ave. The show will be produced mid-December and rehearsals will typically be held twice weekly.

If you or your children have a desire to help bring this story to life on stage while creating timeless memories of your own this holiday season, please come on out to audition.

Children grades 2 and up and adults are eligible. Auditions will be read from the script and can be prepared for in advance by reading the book to become familiar with the characters and plot.

The Liberty Theatre Company is a non-profit community theater associated with the Hinesville Area Arts Council.

A complete cast list and audition forms can be downloaded at www.hinesvillearts.com or by request at HDDA@coastalnow.net.

For more information, please contact Angela at (912) 271-3099 or Vicki Davis at (912) 877-4332.

Army Community Service



Solutions for Successful Army Living

ACS classes are free and open to active-duty military, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, Family Members, retirees and Department of Army Civilians. ACS is a member of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, proudly serving America's military.

Participate in Make A Difference Day

A national day of helping others, "Make A Difference Day," is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors, and everyone can participate. Created by USA Weekend magazine, this annual event takes place the 4th Saturday of every October.

This year on Oct. 24, join others in this national day of volunteering. In 2008, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns across America. Stewart-Hunter has adopted several local projects; please contact the Army Volunteer Coordinator at your local ACS to volunteer your time.

Shield children from conflict

Parents facing divorce or separation are invited to a class with a focus on minimizing the impact on your children. "Shielding Children from Conflict" includes interactive activities to help address issues, discussions on the effects of separation and how to relate to children according to their age, growth, and development. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the remaining session at Fort Stewart, from 1:15-4 p.m., Sept. 24.

Empower your Step Family

Getting married is the easy part! When a stepfamily is formed, everyone needs to learn new rules; Mom and Dad need to learn how to work together as a team; Children and teens must adapt to changes. A new program entitled "Empowering Step Families" will help couples to work together to raise children in the challenging Step Family environment. You will also learn how to use powerful communication and negotiation skills to strengthen your marriage and your Family. Registration remains open for the last session, from 9-11:45 a.m., Sept. 28.

Learn child development stages

There is still time to join a parenting class at Hunter, a three-session series entitled "1,2,3,4 Parents" which continues 2-4 p.m., Sept. 29. Created by Active Parenting Publishers and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the class teaches parents with children ages 1 to 4 age-appropriate discipline techniques and how to establish routines for your active preschooler. Please call 315-6816 to register.

Attend FRG Trainings

Do you need ideas for your Family Readiness Group? Is participation down? Join the Deployment Readiness team for FRG F.U.N. (Facilitate, Unite, Network), a forum to share ideas, best practices, and develop friendships. This workshop is designed for

FRG leaders, FRSAs, advisors, and FRG LNOs, tomorrow from 9-11:30 a.m. at Stewart. Call 767-5058/5059 to register. For more information on Family Readiness Group training, contact your local ACS. Also ask about child care

Learn the Army with AFTB

Family Members are encouraged to register for free training offered by Army Family Team Building to learn tools to succeed as an Army Family.

A Level II class will be held Tuesday-Thursday at both Hunter and Stewart locations. Level II focuses on personal development and encourages emerging leadership with instruction in personal time management, conflict management, creative problem solving, crisis coping, and more.

At Stewart, the Dog Face Soldier for Families class shares the history of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Dog Face Soldier song, the origin behind our Mascot Rocky, and includes a guided tour of the Fort Stewart Museum, 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday.

Call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter to register or for more information on Army Family Team Building.

Join the foreign-born spouse network

Foreign-born spouses are invited to meet members from various countries to discuss the American way of life, develop friendships, and learn about the many resources available to make your new life experience positive, Monday at ACS-Hunter beginning at 11 a.m. Children are always welcome at spouse groups, and feel free to invite a friend!

For information on spouse groups, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Join Baby Bootcamp

Baby Bootcamp for Dads is scheduled at ACS-Stewart at 4 p.m. on Sept. 24. Men who are expecting a baby or have children up to age one are invited to this interactive class where you'll learn the correct way to hold, diaper, dress, and bathe your little one. Challenge the stereotype and take the initiative to be a hands-on Dad. Mom will be thrilled, and you will reap the reward of building a special bond with your child that will last a lifetime. Please call ACS-Stewart at 767-5058/5059 to register.

Come to Parent Power Hour

Join together with other parents to share your parenting concerns and experiences. At Stewart, Parent Power Hour meets at noon, Sept. 28, and at ACS-Hunter, a Parenting Support Group meets from 2-3:30 p.m. every Thursday. Call your local ACS for more information.

Also ask about a home visit by one of our experienced professionals who can answer your important parenting concerns in the privacy of your own home.

Get more from your paycheck

Your Financial Readiness team introduces a fast-track approach to getting more out of your paycheck,

a new class that is a pre-requisite to most financial counseling appointments. We'll work with you individually in a group setting and teach you exactly how to create and maintain an accurate and effective personal budget. You will also learn how to evaluate your financial situation, establish personal goals, develop a personal cash flow, and the importance of involving the entire Family in the record keeping and budgeting process.

If you need more, individual financial counseling appointments can be made at the completion of class. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the class at Stewart, now offered from 1-3 p.m. each Tuesday. Call 315-6816 to register for the same class at Hunter from 9-11 a.m., Sept. 23.

Submit issues to Army leadership

The Army Family Action Plan conference will be held at Stewart, Oct. 6-8. AFAP is an Army-wide program to improve Army quality of life. Through AFAP, all members of the Army, including active, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers, Family Members, retirees, surviving spouses, Army Civilians, and military technicians have a forum to voice concerns to Army leadership and make recommendations for change.

You may submit issues on the Team Stewart Web site, www.stewart.army.mil (click on the AFAP logo on the home page). If issues impact only the local community, they are resolved locally. If they have a broader scope, they are sent forward and evaluated for submission into the Army AFAP. About 95 percent of AFAP issues are retained and worked at the local level and result in ongoing community improvements. For more information, call your local ACS.

Newcomer's Welcome Packet available

Now available on the Team Stewart Web site, a newcomer's welcome packet provides a wealth of information about the Stewart-Hunter installation, including cost of living, population, child care, schools, youth services, housing, employment, post services, medical services, and more.

To access the welcome packet, visit www.stewart.army.mil (click on the NEWCOMER tab at the top of the page, then select WELCOME PACKET). Local maps, telephone directories, and current event calendars are available from your Relocation Readiness specialists located at your local Army Community Service Office. For more information, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Newcomer's briefings offered

A Newcomer's Welcome/Family Orientation is offered at Fort Stewart each Tuesday and Thursday. Presented by the Army Community Service Outreach Program, the orientation provides an overview of the many agencies, events, and programs available to help with your transition to the area – and offers an opportunity to meet other new Families and Service Members.

The Outreach staff can also assist with any issue or concern you may have as a newcomer. Please call 767-2467 to register. Also ask about child care.

Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Hospital



September 2

- **Kailyn Rhiannon Johnson**, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Marcus Brent Johnson and Pfc. Bictoria J. Johnson.

September 6

- **Charles Patrick Behan**, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Vincent Patrick Behan and Amanda Carlene Behan.

September 7

- **Isabella Beth Cook**, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Jonathan Allen Cook and Shanna Elizabeth Cook.

- **Zoey Elizabeth Edwards**, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pvt. Travis Edwards and Jessica Edwards.

- **Gabriel David Gibson**, a boy, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Michael William Gibson and Natalie Gibson.

- **Aidan Wesley Noblin**, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Colby Noblin and Spc. Monycia Noblin.

September 8

- **Joystic Pearl Joseph**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Musset Joseph and Brizade Frangois Joseph.

- **Lorelei Margaret Bailey**, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Capt. Michael Bailey and 1st Lt. Cassandra Bailey.

- **Danielle Rae Rosier**, a girl, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Leonard Ray Rosier and Caressa Charde Rosier.

September 9

- **Kaitlyn Marie Cox**, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Thomas Cox Sr., and Gena Cox.

- **Jesse Tanner Thorpe**, a boy, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Travis Thorpe and Kerry Thorpe.

- **Angel Xavier Villa**, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. David P. Villa Jr. and Anyely Villa.

- **Blake Ryan Medina**, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Jared Medina and Terrie Medina.

September 10

- **Juliaunna Nicole Gilbert**, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Ray Gilbert Jr., and Jennifer Sutton Gilbert.

- **Sydney Nicole Player**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pvt. Kirk Allyn Player and Stephanie Gale Player.

- **Israel James Stegner**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Jamie Keith Stegner and 2nd Lt. Rebekah Leah Stegner.

- **Hailee Elizabeth VanHoute**, a girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Dustin Alexander VanHoute and Sara Elizabeth VanHoute.

September 11

- **Landen Daniel Higgins**, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Pfc. Daniel Higgins and Jacklyn Higgins.

- **Kadence Sydney Jordan**, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Sgt. Jeremy Ray Jordan and Nicole Michelle Jordan.

- **Allen Lee Millar**, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Harold Millar and Holly Millar.

- **Cheyenne Kathleene Peterson**, a girl, 8 pounds, born to Spc. Daniel Robert Peterson and Miranda Lee Peterson.

- **Yismey Kenay Degracia-Obando**, a girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Pablo Degracia-Orozco and Keyna L. Degracia.

- **Aoife Kathleen Jeneanne Wallin**, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. (Ret.) Bruce Norman Wallin and Tanya Catherine Wallin.

September 12

- **Kole Anthony Jamieson**, a boy, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael Anthony Jamieson and Kara Lee Jamieson.

- **Joshua Oliver Rowsam**, a boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Master Sgt. Robert A. Rowsam II and Joanne L. Rowsam.

- **Ryder Gavin Sapp**, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Matthew C. Sapp and Jessica M. Sapp.

September 13

- **Keaton Michael Meeks**, a boy, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Brandon Meeks and Elizabeth Meeks.

SHOWCASE

Individual prizes at Fort Stewart can call (912) 435-9872 to make arrangements to claim them. Fort Stewart winners were: Lily Rutherford, Becky Sizemore, Chris Curry, Mary Alexander, Jacqueline Jobson, Frank Malardo, April Hutson, Patricia Divine, Cynthia Rogers, Christy Gould, Cynthia Perez, Lilian Miller,

Michelle Lewis, Christie Malburg, Leslie Aubry, Jeremy Lewis, Kim Whyte, Luis Carreras, Tomika Nowlin-Hale, Shrea Andrews, Stephanie Jedder, David Hinze, Sondra Kriegler, Stephen Eakin, Eleecia Hood and Karen Bell.

The following individuals won prizes at Hunter Army Airfield and can call (912) 315-5617 to make arrangements to claim them: Lorriane Pozas, Don Warnick, Wendy Turner, Sarah Carter, Mike Ayers, Kody Hartnett, Sarah Costello, Kimberly Nieto, Crystal France, Rosie Cook, Erin Chen, Krystle Hall, Derek Wirkki, Amber Cerchione, Sidney Davis.

The Community Showcase also hosted a people's choice award for favorite vendor. This fall's winner at Fort Stewart was the Hinesville Downtown Development Authority and Zum Rosenhof, who teamed up to earn more than 50 votes.

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Col. Kevin Milton and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin present the Community Cup to the City of Hinesville for their Oktoberfest booth at the Fort Stewart Community Showcase. Showcase participants voted for their favorite booth with the City of Hinesville booth receiving the most votes.



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Scarlett Gardner, who teaches belly dancing at Fort Stewart, demonstrates her teaching at the Fort Stewart Community Showcase, Sept. 9.



Hunter Community Showcase informs Soldiers, Families

Kaytrina Curtis
Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Coastal Empire community, civic and area business showed their support for the Hunter Army Airfield servicemembers and their Families by participating in the first-ever Community Showcase event held at the Hunter Club, Sept. 10. Vendors from as far away as Atlanta and Myrtle Beach were on hand to inform the community of upcoming events and special rates reserved specifically for servicemembers and their Families.

Among the 39 exhibitors were representatives from the 21st Annual Savannah Black Heritage festival, hosted by both the City of Savannah and Savannah State University, came out to show their gratitude to the military community. Shirley James of the SBH said it is important to have the support of the Stewart-Hunter installation, and that the showcase was a "fabulous experience" for the community.

"Anything that we can do to show our appreciation for what the Soldiers and the Families do in reference to the sacrifices that they make for us," James said. "I hope that what we have to offer is just one of the ways that we can say 'thank you' for all of the things that they've been able to do for us."

The SBH provides free tickets to many of their annual events for the Stewart-Hunter community.

Just outside the Rio Gate at Hunter is the new Southwest Branch of the Live Oak Public Libraries. Library officials want servicemembers to know they are welcome to use the library.

"Oh we're excited because we know that this is going to be a great opportunity for all the people who live and work at Hunter," said Library Manager Judy Strong. "We're going to have lots of areas for children and Families."

Any servicemember with an active-duty identification card and ID card-holding Family Members can apply for a free library card.

Attendees of the Community Showcase voted the City of Richmond Hill display as the "best of the best," awarding them a rotating winners' cup that comes with accolades and bragging rights.

Exhibitors present at Hunter included:

AAFES, Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival, Bamboo Farm and Coastal Garden, Brewers Christmas Tree Farm, Brewton Parker College, Central Texas College, City of Richmond Hill and Convention & Visitors Bureau, Coastal Empire Fair, Coastal Jazz Association and Embry Riddle, Country Inn and Suites, Crosswinds Golf Club & Hilton Garden Inn, Darien-McIntosh Regional Visitor Center & Sapelo Hammock Golf Club, DHR – Army Substance Abuse, DPTMS-Ready Army, DPW Environmental & Recycling, DFMWR, Fort Pulaski National Monument, Freestyle Music Park, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Georgia Sea Turtle Center, Geo Vista Credit Union, J-Fly Jazz Festival, Jordan Essentials Bath and Body, Jekyll Island Authority, Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, Live Oak Public Library, SW Chatham Branch, Marriott Hotels Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, Mighty Eight Museum, Oglethorpe Speedway Park, Pooler Crossroads Chamber and Visitors Center, Religious Services, Savannah Film Festival, Sapelo Hammock Golf Club, Savannah Area Convention and Visitors

Bureau & Chamber, Savannah Christian Church, Savannah Wedding Tourism Council, Tybee Tourism Council, Vertical Holdings, Webster University, Westin-Hilton Head Island Resort and Spa.



Catherine Johnson, Directorate of Information Management

Military and city representatives signed the Community Preparedness Covenant during the Hunter Army Airfield Regional Information Sharing Forum held at the Hunter Club, Sept. 10. Signing the Covenant from left to right were: 3rd Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo; Chairman, Effingham County Commissioner Dusty Zeigler; signing for Chatham County Commissioner Pete Liakakas was Chatham Emergency Management Agency Director, Scott Clayton; Bulloch County Commissioner Garrett Nevil; and Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar.