

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

Soldiers compete for 'Stewart-Hunter Idol'



Photos by Pvt. Jared Eastman

First place winner, Spc. Sherry Robinson from 3rd Sustainment Brigade's 90th Human Resources Company, belts out a high note during her performance of Whitney Houston's "I'll Always Love You" at Rocky's.

Pvt. Jared Eastman
1st BCT Public Affairs

Rocky's was packed the night of Sept. 11 and Soldiers from both Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart sat at tables and bars, waiting for the first of five contestants to move onto the stage. The contestants were the last men and women standing after several others were eliminated from this year's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsored Operation Rising Star.

The Operation Rising Star contest is considered the Army's "American Idol."

Preliminary competitions at 47 Army installations, camps and forward operating bases all over the world will determine the 12 contestants who will compete for the title of "Military Idol" in a week-long event slated to be held in Washington D.C. later this year.

"I enjoyed the competition tonight," said Stewart-Hunter Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Durr. "This is just one of many BOSS events. I encourage single Soldiers to get out and attend these events and support the BOSS program."

Durr, the senior enlisted advisor of the Stewart-Hunter BOSS program, added that Operation Rising Star - a recreational event - is just one of the three pillars BOSS embraces to improve the quality of life for single Soldiers.

Chris Dent, recreation delivery systems coordinator for Stewart-Hunter MWR said the event had a great turn out.

"The contestants were amazing, and it was just an overall success. MWR has a lot of activities on Fort Stewart, and it varies, like taking a canoeing class, the 4th of July celebrations, talent shows and comedy shows."

Specialist Sherry Robinson of 3rd Sustainment Brigade's 90th Human Resources Company, placed first singing Whitney Houston's rendition of "I'll Always Love You."

Staff Sergeant Kelichia Wellons, Division Special Troops Battalion, placed second, singing "What's

Love Got To Do With It" by Tina Turner.

Specialist Demetris Jemison of 90th HR placed third with "Love" by Musiq Soulchild.

"I'm so excited, I'm speechless, and God is good, that's all I can say," said Robinson after she won. "Wherever He leads me, that is where I want to go. Hopefully, I'll be the next United States Army Idol."

Robinson chose her song based on her childhood role model.

"Ever since I was a little girl I always sang Whitney Houston," she smiled. "I was six when 'I'll Always Love You' came out and I would sing it all the time. By the time I was 14 or 15, Whitney Houston was my idol, I'm just glad to be on her level when I sing. I wanted to give the audience something that couldn't be done by just anyone."

But singing wasn't her only childhood dream.

"I wanted to be a Soldier too. So, to be able to do both is a blessing because I'm fulfilling both of my dreams at the same time. I love to serve my country, and I'll be in here until I retire."

Sergeant Kevin Cherry, one of the judges for the competition and a saxophone player in the 3rd Infantry Division Band, said he was pleased with the event.

"There was lots of strong talent. This was the hardest one I've ever judged; but, it was enjoyable."

"Being a musician in the Army, you get a chance to see how important your job is now that the war is going on. You see how important music is to the Soldiers; it keeps them motivated, and makes them more eager to do their job. Just to take their mind off of what's going on for at least 30 to 45 minutes, giving them energy to go back out there and fight for home."

Durr said event was just one of many great things MWR does for the Soldiers and Families.

"I believe in a win-win philosophy," he said, "and everyone who participated tonight is a winner. Unfortunately, we have to select one person to represent our installation."



Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Durr, garrison command sergeant major for Stewart - Hunter and Chris Dent, recreation delivery systems coordinator for MWR, present the 1st place check to winner Spc. Sherry Robinson of 90th HR at the Operation Rising Star competition, Sept. 11 at Rocky's.

Right: Contestants Spc. Demetris Jemison (90th HR), Staff Sgt. Kelichia Wellons (Division STB), Spc. Sherry Robinson (90th HR), Marybeth Soto (Army spouse) and Yollanda Hingel (Army spouse) take the stage for voting after their performances, Sept. 11.



Installation to make big changes over next 3 years

Nancy Gould
Hunter Public Affairs

Grow the Army initiatives are taking place at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, and Col. Todd Buchs, garrison commander spoke to members of the Golden Isles Military Officers Association of America about the changes.

"Over 1 billion dollars will be spent on construction over the next three years," Buchs said about Stewart-Hunter's

structural facilities for barracks, administration, and Family services that are currently in the planning stages.

"The Army is investing heavily at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield due to the demonstrated success of these strategic national assets, especially as we prosecute the Global War on Terror."

The Golden Isles MOAA has more than 120 members from Saint Simon's Island and Brunswick, Ga., and provides four annual \$1,500 scholarships to Glynn County high school students.



Nancy Gould

Garrison Commander Col. Todd Buchs speaks to 60 members of the Golden Isles MOAA about the installation's upcoming changes at Hunter.



AAFES PRESENTS

TODAY THROUGH SEPT 21



Pets of the Week



Que the cat and Wiggles the dog are some 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.



Swing Vote

Today — 7 p.m.

(Kevin Costner, Paula Patton)

Bud Johnson is an apathetic, beer-slinging, lovable loser, who is coasting through a life that has passed him by. The one bright spot is his precocious, over-achieving 12-year-old daughter, Molly. She takes care of both of them, until one mischievous moment on election day, when she accidentally sets off a chain of events, which culminates in the election coming down to one vote, her dad's.

Rated PG13 (language) 120 min

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera)

Four young women continue the journey toward adulthood that began with "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants." Now three years later, these lifelong friends embark on separate paths for their first year of college and the summer beyond, but remain in touch by sharing their experiences with each other as they always have--with honesty and humor. Discovering their individual strengths, fears, talents and capacity for love through the choices they make, they come to value more than ever the bond they share and the immeasurable power of their friendship. *Rated PG-13 (mature material, sensuality) 120 min*

Pineapple Express

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Seth Rogan, James Franco)

Lazy stoner Dale Denton has only one reason to visit his equally lazy dealer Saul Silver: to purchase weed, specifically, a rare new strain called Pineapple Express.

But when Dale becomes the only witness to a murder by a crooked cop (Rosie Perez) and the city's most dangerous drug lord, he panics and dumps his roach of Pineapple Express at the scene.

Dale now has another reason to visit Saul: to find out if the weed is so rare that it can be raced back to him. And it is. As Dale and Saul run for their lives, they quickly discover that they're not suffering from weed-fueled paranoia; incredibly, the bad guys really are hot on their trail and trying to figure out the fastest way to kill them both. All aboard the Pineapple Express.

Rated R (pervasive language, drug use, sexual references, violence) 112 min



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HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Tuttle updates community on health care initiatives

Special to the Frontline

Tuttle Army Health Clinic is improving medical services offered and customer service to the Hunter Army Airfield community.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Bobby W. Jones, Tuttle clinic director, wants to keep the community informed of the numerous initiatives underway and address any concerns of beneficiaries. Along the way, Tuttle has continued to deliver Patient and Family Centered Care to the community.

"We're making tremendous progress on getting people on board," Jones said. "Our new optometrist and physical therapist are onboard and another Family practice physician and physician assistant joined our staff in mid August."

Besides increasing staff, other initiatives include health education programs and meetings with civilian network partners to increase the TRICARE network providers. Tuttle also wants beneficiaries be aware of the 107 Behavioral Health network providers in the greater Savannah/Hinesville area. Family Members can reach the providers by calling 1-877-298-3514. This is just another example of increasing access to care.

Improvements in the pharmacy last year included upgrading the Q-Matic queuing system, installation of the P-2000 medication dispensing system and the addition of another pharmacist and technician. These changes have allowed the

pharmacy to consistently serve the entire patient population requiring prescriptions to be filled in less than 30 minutes. Tuttle understands it is frustrating that certain categories of patients get prescriptions faster. Tuttle prioritizes post-operative surgery patients first due to pain concerns. Ensuring patient safety is always at the forefront of the pharmacy and clinic.

Tuttle understands the community's desire to have a post exchange pharmacy like the Fort Stewart community. Tuttle continues to evaluate this as Hunter grows. At this time, Tuttle is channeling its resources into access to care.

Jones wants to ensure patients that they will have timely access and referrals for gynecology exams. Tuttle is working on improving access for acute GYN appointments as well as securing appointments through the TRICARE network. Tuttle has received very few concerns on GYN since April and wants to make sure it continues in the right direction in improving access to care.

To assist beneficiaries who need to cancel their unneeded medical appointments, Tuttle has set up a cancellation voicemail box at 1-800-652-9221. This voicemail box allows patients to leave a message to cancel appointments rather than waiting to speak to a person. Canceling unneeded appointments will create more open appointments and decrease the length of time it takes to get an appointment.

Tuttle would like to thank its beneficiaries who canceled unneeded appointments. Over the past six months, Tuttle has seen a 50 percent decrease in those who failed to show up for appointments. This means an additional 200 appointments are available a month. Tuttle still averages about 350 no show appointments per month and encourages patients to continue to help Tuttle improve.

Continuity of care for special needs pediatric patients was voiced during the last medical town hall meeting as a concern. Tuttle advises parents to consider a civilian Primary Care Manager for such concerns. However, Tuttle is happy to report that for the first time in its history there will be a total of three pediatricians in the clinic, thereby increasing access to care for pediatric patients.

Another area of improvement is in Immunizations. Tuttle has also hired another immunization technician to administer immunizations to beneficiaries. Appointments are highly encouraged for immunizations and are necessary for certain immunizations. Please call 1-800-652-9221 for more information.

Again, feedback is vital to helping improve access to care. Patient concerns or questions should be addressed with the Patient Advocate Office at 315-5731.

You can also access the Winn Army Community Hospital Web site at www.winn.amedd.army.mil and click on Contact Us.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

September 1

• **Abigail Renee Bowman**, a girl, 10 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Scott Bowman and Samantha Bowman.

September 2

• **Alexander Cordell Wooten**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Troy Wooten and Cheryl Lynn Wooten.

September 3

• **Makenna Janene Stone**, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Cody Dane Stone and Shantell Stone.

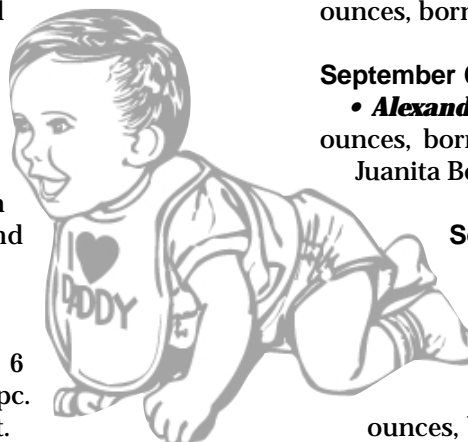
September 4

• **Caydence Naomi Jones**, a girl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and **Caybri Naveah Jones**, born to Sgt. Cedric Jones and Lakeyia Jones.

• **Natalie Brooke Stevens**, a girl, 4 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pvt. Dustin Stevens and LeDena Stevens.

September 5

• **Rose Leann Hyatt**, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Ronnie Hyatt and Sherri Hyatt.



• **Emike Orobome Okhuofu**, a girl, 11 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Patience O. Okhuofu.

September 6

• **Alexander Giovanni Beasley**, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Edward D. Beasley II and Spc. Juanita Beasley.

September 8

• **Cannell Bernard Bateman**, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Cannell Bateman and Spc. Marquita White.

• **Paige Marie Wott**, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Brooks C. Wott and Sherri M. Wott.

God is on the side of believers



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Capt) Andrew Nix
5/7 CAV, Unit Chaplain

September 11, 2001 is a day that America will not soon forget. To be honest, it is a day that we should never forget.

On that Tuesday, our nation was attacked and thousands were killed and hundreds of thousands more were affected.

It was a day where all of America stood riveted to our televisions, computers and radios as our hearts were ripped from our chests as we grieved with those in Washington, New York City and Pennsylvania. Our country was under attack.

For Christians, it was a double

blow, first because we are Americans and our country was under attack.

The second reason it was so powerfully difficult for us was because we knew that fellow Christians were on board those planes, in those towers and in the Pentagon.

We started to ask ourselves, if God can let that happen to those believers, what will happen to me? If God will not protect them, what will God not do for me?

What we often forget is that this is not the first time and it will not be the last time when the people of God have been attacked.

Second Kings 6:15-17 tells the story of the Elisha and his servant awakening in the morning to find the

hills all around them filled with the troops of their enemies.

The servant begs and pleads as he fears for his life. Elijah tells him not to be afraid and tells the servant that there are more with them than against them.

Elisha then prays that the servant would see. With that, the servant's eyes are opened and he sees the army of God with chariots of fire.

We need to remember that the army of God has never lost a battle, a war or a conflict.

That does not mean that we will not be in conflicts or wars; it means that when God is on our side, we will never lose. As Christians, as believers, God is on our side.

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

| Catholic | Location | Time |
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| 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) | Marne | 9:30 a.m. |

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

| Jewish | | |
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| Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295. | | |
| Friday | Marne | 11:30 a.m. |

Hunter Army Airfield

| Catholic | | |
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| 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, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade 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, email
fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School Students!

Join us for
free games and pizza

Sunday • 6:30 to 8 p.m.

at the Stewart Youth Activity Center,
building 7338.

For more information,

call **877-7207**

Mass Choir rehearsals announced

The Liberty County Community Mass Choir will rehearse at the Brewton-Parker auditorium in Hinesville, 7 p.m. each Tuesday. If you would like to sing with this choir, contact 977-5918 or email judith.forshee@us.army.mil; or call Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787 ext. 209. Opportunities are available for the community chorus, soloist, ensemble and quartet. Come and join this great community fellowship. The season continues through Sept. 2009.

Check out The Frontline online at
www.stewart.army.mil

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Human Resource meeting held

Coastal Society of Human Resource Management meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you are a human resource professional and would like to attend a meeting or receive more information, contact Holly Stevens-Brown, chapter president at 876-3564.

DAU offers learning opportunities

The Defense Acquisition University Continuous Learning Center offers continuous learning opportunities designed to maintain currency and help AT&L employees meet the Department of Defense requirement to complete 80 points of continuous learning every two years. The center includes nearly 200 self-paced continuous learning modules that address topics important to the community. DAU would like to introduce Continuous Learning Modules online classes. Learn more at clc.dau.mil.

Take time to relax, go fishing

The Liberty County Bass Club is looking for community members who enjoy fishing. The club is a diverse group of anglers who know where the good fishing spots are, or they want to know. The LCBC meets at Hinesville City Hall the first Thursday of the month. For more information, call 320-2315.

Join Arts on the Coast

Arts on the Coast Arts Association will not have a meeting in September. We will be celebrating our third year of supporting the Arts in coastal Georgia 7 p.m., Oct. 3 in the Family Center at Fort McAllister. Families and members are welcome to attend. There will be Barbecue, and tea. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please reserve your table by calling Tina Eberlein at 884-3726. Arts on the Coast is looking for talented members with the need to grow the arts in our community

Live Oak Public Libraries' programs

Preschool Story time: Children ages 3 to 4 are invited to come for stories, songs, crafts, and more. Join us every Monday, 10:30 a.m. in September. For more information, call the Liberty Branch Library at 368-4003.

Tree Tots Storytime: Join us for stories, songs, and more, 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for ages one to two years old.

Introduction to Windows

Learn more about Windows, 10:30 a.m., Friday at the Liberty Branch Library in Hinesville. The course offers a beginners course on how to use the library's computers and will be offered at the Liberty Branch Library. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Advanced Internet

Learn more about the Internet, 7 p.m., Sept. 25 at the

Liberty Branch Library in Hinesville. An advanced course on using the Internet, the course will focus on learning to search the Internet effectively and evaluating what you find. Prerequisite: Introduction to the Internet or similar skills. To register, call the library at 368-4003.

Have Family Fun

Join Liberty Branch Library, 2 p.m., Sept. 20 for a day of Family fun. The event will feature crafts and games for ages four and up.

Equipment Checkout Center moves

Due to ongoing construction at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Checkout Center, building 8325 at Holbrook Pond Area, the Center's office has moved to a trailer adjacent to the facility. The office is open and operating at their normal hours of operation. The phone lines have not be transferred to the temporary offices. Please call 767-8609 for rental, RV storage and campground needs, until the phone lines get transferred.

Enhance your leadership skills

First Battle Command Training Group Army Reserve in Birmingham, Ala., offers the opportunity for promotion while simultaneously enhancing your professional management, training, and leadership skills. We have immediate openings for sergeant first class through lieutenant colonel (military occupational skill and branch is immaterial) who want to transfer and make a significant contribution to the readiness of our Army.

1st BCTG conducts continental United States pre- and post-mobilization computer simulation based Battle Command Staff Training exercises. We train and validate USAR and Army National Guard units throughout the Southeastern United States in wartime readiness. We offer CONUS mobilization opportunities training and preparing USAR and ARNG units for deployment. Unit benefits include Fragmented Annual Training, and opportunity to travel throughout the Southeastern United States. We encourage and support attendance at Army professional development schools. For more information, contact 1st Sgt. Larry King, larry.kingsr@usar.army.mil, (205) 987-8443, ext. 4410; Capt. John Walker, (205) 444-5208, john.r.walker@usar.army.mil; or Lt. Col. Anthony Escott anthony.j.escott@usar.army.mil, (205) 444-5163.

Support fight against Alzheimer's

Community members are encouraged to join the Memory Walk in the fight against Alzheimers, 11 a.m., Sept. 27 at historic downtown's Johnson Square in Savannah. The event is a noncompetitive walk and a festive event for Families, coworkers, and friends of all ages. Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's signature event for awareness and fundraising. To learn more about the Alzheimers Association or the Memory Walk,

visit www.alz.org or contact Nova Jones at nova.jones@us.army.mil.

Fall bazaar slated

Mark your calendar for the First United Methodist Church Bazaar, 100 Memorial Drive, Hinesville to be held 9:30 a.m., Oct. 4. This annual event will have a BBQ dinner and Boston butts dinner. The dinner is \$6, and the Boston butts are \$20. There will be fun, games, and activities for adults and children. The fun continues 11 a.m., Nov. 2 with a home coming.

Help Rennie's recycling extravaganza

Volunteers are needed to help with Rennie's Recycling Extravaganza. The event will be held Sept. 20 at 14 Interchange Court in Savannah. Volunteers are asked to be at the center by 8 a.m. and work until 1 p.m. The event is intended to keep some of the following materials out of landfills - televisions, printers, print cartridges, computers and accessories, car batteries, fax machines, shredders and rechargeable batteries, among many others. Please contact Anne Robinson for more information, arobinson@savannahga.gov.

Business expo slated in Savannah

The Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce presents the 15th Annual Business Expo and Car Show, Sept. 24 and Sept. 25 at the Savannah Civic Center. A standard booth is \$545, corner booths are \$645, and the non-member price is \$845. For more information, visit www.SavannahChamber.com.

Weightlifting demonstration slated

Coastal Empire Weightlifting, Performance Initiatives and Aldersgate United Methodist Church hosts an open house celebration 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 20 at 2021 Tennessee Ave.

Meet three-time Olympian Cheryl Haworth. Savannah Police Dept. will be providing kids identification services and fingerprinting. There will be fire trucks; face painting and more. For more information, call 507-7106.

Nominate your Military Spouse of the Year

Military Spouse Magazine is still accepting nominations for the 2009 Military Spouse of the Year Award but the deadline is fast approaching. The nomination period runs through Oct. 8.

The honoree will represent the millions of military spouses who are the unsung heroes maintaining the home front, giving back selflessly to their communities, and providing support to our nation's troops. Individuals can submit a nomination for either themselves or an eligible nominee of their choice.

To submit a nomination, individuals must complete the nomination form at www.msoy.milspouse.com.

Fort Pulaski more than historic landmark

Lance Davis
Public Affairs Specialist

If you've ever wondered what being in the military was like during the 19th century, take a drive down to Fort Pulaski National Monument located on Cockspar Island in Savannah. This historic military landmark was named for Count Casimir Pulaski, a Polish Soldier-patriot mortally wounded in his efforts to save the city of Savannah from the British during the American Revolutionary War.

Fort Pulaski takes you back to the time of the Civil War. You will see the uniforms that were worn by Soldiers, and you will even see the firing of rifled cannons used during

that era. What's more, you will actually see the barracks Soldiers lived in.

"I think it's great that, particularly for kids, to see the long tradition of military service to our country," said Park Ranger, Mike Weinstein. "Men and women in uniform defending our country is something that has been done throughout history."

An incredible history lesson is not the only thing you will find on the island. There are plenty of other things to do via the National Park Service.

"This is a place with a lot of options," said Weinstein. "There are nice opportunities for hiking, picnics, and biking."

According to Weinstein,

fishing is a popular and must do sport. If you enjoy nature and wildlife, come early in the morning to see the diversity of birds. You probably will also hear the melodies of the song birds or see whitetail deer.

Another site to see is the Cockspar Island Lighthouse that has stood the test of time for more than 150 years. In order to see it, you must journey through the adventurous nature trail that will lead you to the Savannah River. Don't be surprised if you have to move a tree limb or two along the way.

The lighthouse sits on a relatively small island and is accessible only by boat.

Acting Superintendent, Mike Hosti encourages

Stewart-Hunter Families and communities to come out and see Fort Pulaski and the rest of Cockspar Island.

"If you haven't been here, you really must come see it," he said. "Not only is the fort beautiful, but the island is

beautiful."

Don't take his word for it. Come and see for yourself.

For more information about planning a visit to Fort Pulaski, contact the Visitor Information at 786-5787 or go to www.nps.gov/fopu.



Park Ranger Mike Weinstein primes one of the cannons at Fort Pulaski National Monument, Sept. 9.



Photos by Lance Davis

Above: The entrance to the Fort Pulaski nature walk provides access to the sights and sounds of Cockspar Island.

Below: Fort Pulaski is more than a historic military landmark. Located on Cockspar Island, it offers something for the whole Family.





Army Community Service

Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to Active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family Members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense civilian employees (non-appropriated fund and appropriated fund) are also eligible for most services, as are their Family members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058 or 767-5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

New to the installation?

Soldiers and Families who are new to Fort Stewart are invited to a special newcomers Family fun day, Sept. 25. Learn about the many agencies, events, programs, and services available to help with your transition to the area. You'll also meet other Soldiers and Families who are new to the community. To register, visit the ACS Outreach office located at the 2nd Lt. Audie Murphy Soldier Service Center, building 253, or call 767-9176.

Walk in to free workshop

Join the Military and Family Life Consultants for discussion, advice, and tools to help with stress and anger issues. Tools To Help is a free workshop teaching you how to improve all of your relationships and interaction with others. No pre-registration is required; simply come to the presentation at ACS-Hunter, Sept. 22 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The session is also offered at ACS-Stewart, beginning at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 24. For directions or information, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 at Stewart. Also ask about child care.

Learn to manage stress, anger

What triggers your stress? How do you react to an angry person? How does anger affect you? Learn skills to identify stress triggers, methods to manage your emotions, and positive techniques for dealing with anger, either your own or someone else's. Sign up now for the full-day workshop at Hunter, Sept. 22. Please call 315-6816 to let us know you will be coming as seating is limited.

Teach your children well

Baby Talk, for parents with a newborn or those who are expecting, focuses on the basics of newborn care, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and methods for comforting your crying infant. Baby Talk is offered at Stewart from 3 to 5 p.m., Sept. 22. Grandparents and caregivers are also invited to attend.

Mirror Image, for parents with children ages 1-5, teaches the physical, emotional, and social needs of children and how you can help them reach their full

potential. You are your child's first and most important teacher, so what are you teaching your child? Mirror Image is offered at Stewart from 3 to 5 p.m., Sept. 23. To register, please call 767-5058 or 767-5059 at Stewart.

Learn the basics of investing

Investing is easier than you think. Learn the ropes at basic investing, a four-session workshop at Stewart held Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Sept. 23. You'll learn about the different types of investment options, products, and languages. Call ACS at 767-5058 to register.

Learn checkbook management

Your financial readiness team teaches you how to manage your checking account, avoid excess fees, and get control of your money. The two-hour checkbook management class will help you properly balance your checkbook and reconcile your bank account. Call 767-5058 or 767-5059 to register for the next class offered at Stewart, Sept. 26.

Looking for a job?

Resumix, the insider's tips to navigating the federal job site, teaches how to input your resume, search jobs, and strategies for maximizing your skills for the most impact. Resumix is offered at Hunter, Sept. 23.

At Stewart, employment and career orientation provides resources for newly-arriving military spouses and Family Members seeking employment on the installation and/or in the local surrounding communities. The orientation also explains how the Army Spouse Employment Partnership helps you secure employment and achieve career goals in the midst of frequent relocations due to the mobile military lifestyle, Sept. 24 beginning at 9 a.m. Coming in October, the ASEP job fair will showcase the partner corporations who recruit, hire, and retain Army spouses in the midst of the mobile military lifestyle. To register for employment readiness programs, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058 at Stewart.

Participate in FRG training

Key Caller Training includes key caller duties, dispelling rumors, handling crisis calls, and how the key caller fits into a successful Family Readiness Group, Sept. 23.

Treasurer training is designed for commanders, FRG leaders, and treasurers within the FRG, Sept. 30.

Topics include the rules and regulations that govern the FRG to include available financial resources, fundraising rules and responsibilities, and more.

Please call 767-5058 or 5059 to register for these FRG Training sessions at Stewart.

Moving soon?

Ease the financial burden of your next move by participating in financial planning for permanent change of station, offered each Thursday at Stewart and Sept. 23 at Hunter. You'll learn how to plan monthly expenses during a PCS move and how to avoid pitfalls during a move.

Overseas Briefings for those moving to Alaska or Hawaii offer the opportunity to learn about your new duty station. You will receive a packet of information pertinent to your new duty station, as well as learn about services that will help make your move a smooth one. Soldiers and Family Members are highly encouraged to attend the overseas briefing. The next briefing will be at Hunter, Sept. 17.

Call to 767-5058 or 767-5059 to register at Fort Stewart, or call 315-6816 to sign up at Hunter. Also ask about Kids on the Move, a new program to help children learn about their new home.

Attend EFMP Pot Luck

A pot luck meet and greet for EFMP parents begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Family Readiness Center, Sept. 24. Held in conjunction with Parents' Night Out at both Fort Stewart and Hunter locations, children enrolled in EFMP enjoy supervised activities at the CYS Child Development Center while parents attend the pot luck at Stewart (please bring a dish to share). To participate in Parent's Night Out, children must be registered with CYS and also enrolled in EFMP, and advance sign-up is required. To register, call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Take volunteer management training

Everyone who has a volunteer working in their area is encouraged to attend effective volunteer performance assessments training at Stewart, Sept. 30. Learn techniques for conducting effective volunteer performance assessments, how to set goals toward the outcome of the appraisal, and how to handle poor performance as it occurs. Please call 767-5058 or 767-5059 to register for the one-hour training at Stewart.

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Hunting season is just around the corner

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DPW Fish and Wildlife Branch

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is home to a wide variety of wildlife for everyone to enjoy. For the hunting enthusiasts among us, fall is the time when our thoughts turn to the woods, and the abundant game animals we love to pursue. Whether you enjoy wing-shooting for doves and ducks, sharpshooting for wily squirrels, or bow hunting for deer and feral hogs, there is a season for you opening soon. Though the outdoor temperatures haven't necessarily hinted at the approaching change of season, it will fast be upon us, and it is time to scout the woods, clean your weapons, check those deer stands, and ensure that all your gear is in order.

Stewart-Hunter, home of the U. S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division, has more than 270,000 acres used primarily for training Soldiers. This land is also used by outdoor enthusiasts, like hunters and fishermen. Military training dictates accessibility to the installation for hunting and fishing, as training Soldiers is always the top priority. However, when training areas are not being used for military maneuvers, and

they are made available for recreation, many outdoorsmen take advantage of the opportunity to hunt and fish here. This installation takes great pride in the fact that it has been open to the public for hunting and fishing since 1959. We can also take pride in our excellent safety record, and we want to ensure that safety remains a top priority.

As hunting season approaches, please be aware of the safety risks that can exist when spending time afield. Heat and dehydration can be a factor, especially in the early part of the hunting season. Make sure to drink plenty of fluids before, during, and after hunting trips. Any time a hunting trip is planned, Family or friends should be made aware of when you are leaving, where you are planning to hunt, and when you anticipate arriving back home. While traveling to and from hunting locations, be sure to keep all weapons unloaded and ammunition separated from weapons. It is a violation of Fort Stewart Regulation 420-4 to travel with a loaded weapon or discharge a weapon from a road.

If you plan to hunt from a tree stand, use extreme caution when climbing up and down the tree. Follow manufacturer's recommendations, and always wear

a safety harness when you hunt from an elevated position. A wide variety of effective and comfortable models are available at sporting good stores. It is also a good idea to have access to some form of communication while in the field in case of an emergency.

Stewart-Hunter's automated phone check in/out system will only allow a ratio of one hunter per 100 acres to check into a given area. For example, the system will allow 20 people to check into a 2,000 acre area. Although this system keeps training areas from becoming overcrowded, encounters with other hunters are not uncommon while in the field. Try to respect other hunter's space, wear plenty of hunter's orange, and always be sure of your target and what may be behind it. When attempting to harvest game, please be sure you take a safe and ethical shot.

As you enjoy the great outdoors, keep safety in mind, as well as your fellow outdoorsmen. Practice leaving no trace behind, and try to leave your hunting/fishing area better than you found it. For more information on hunting and fishing on Stewart-Hunter, please visit the following Web sites: www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/wildlife/default.htm and www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/fish/default.htm.

Hunter Spouses Club finds success at Newcomers' Expo

Nancy Gould
Hunter Public Affairs

Neither rain nor the threat of a tropical storm kept more than 60 people from the Hunter Club, Sept. 3. Twenty-eight vendors joined new residents hoping to publicize their services show what is available on post and in the Savannah/Chatham community.

Larry Stanley, Army Community Service relocation manager, was impressed with the turnout.

"This is good, considering the bad weather and the fact that many Soldiers and their Family Members are on block leave," he said.

Hunter Spouses' Club members were also on hand. They wanted to showcase their club and the benefits of membership and to reach out to those thinking of joining.

"It's a transition year," said Rhonda Blair, HSC president, adding that with many Families "coming and going," the Expo presents a good venue to let them know the club exists.

Bridget Rainey, HSC chairperson for the sign up, enjoyed getting out to work at the event, setting up and laying out refreshments provided by the commissary. As the mother of two sets of twins, ages two and 11 years, respectively, Rainey said her involve-

ment in the club has been a life saver.

"Hunter is our first duty station," she said. "My involvement in the Hunter Spouses' Club has been my social outlet."

Susan Bass set up a Girl Scout booth at the expo. As a first-time vendor, she came in hopes of generating interest in girls becoming Girl Scouts. She said her day was successful as two mothers expressed interest in becoming leaders of Daisy or Brownie troops.

"This has been great," Bass said. "I can usually interest the girls in joining, but it's always difficult to find leaders."

John Petrillo, Boy Scout leader for Hunter's Troop 8, was also on hand to talk with parents and boys about joining his troop, especially with the number of scouts diminishing with Soldiers transitioning from Hunter. He wanted to publicize his troop's meeting time - Sundays, 4 p.m. for grades 6 - 12 and 2:30 p.m. for grades 1-5. Both groups meet at Hunter Chapel.

Patty Galli, wife of the new Combat Aviation Brigade commander, Col. Donald Galli, also dropped by to see what is available in the community.

"I'm new here too and appreciate the opportunity to see what's in the area," she said.



Nancy Gould

Patty Galli, wife of the new Combat Aviation Brigade commander, Col. Donald Galli, drops by the Newcomers' Expo to see what is available in the community. Susan Bass talks to her about her interest in starting a Girl Scout troop at Hunter.

Find a deal at the Shop of the Marne

Stop by Shop of the Marne Tuesday or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or the first Saturday of the month.

The Shop is located in building 25 off McNeely Rd. behind the post exchange. Come park in our newly created parking lot right in front of the Shop!

MWR Briefs

Soldier Show slated

The 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show, which showcases the talents of active duty Soldiers and National Guard from throughout the Army, is coming to Fort Stewart's Newman Fitness Center, at 7 p.m., Sept. 24 and 25. A cast party will be held 9 p.m., Sept. 25 at Club Stewart. The party is open to everyone. For more information, call 767-6212 or 767-3031.

Sign up for soccer league

Sign-ups for the fall six-man soccer league are under way, with a registration deadline of Sept. 22. Each company will be allowed one team, with a limit of 12 players per team (including coaches). Games will be played Monday through Thursday. Play is for active-duty military only. Sign up at the Stewart Sports Complex, building 471. For more information, call 767-9795.

Enjoy 'Teen Nite'

Beginning Friday, Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449 will offer "Teen Nite" (for youth 13 to 18 years of age), 8 to 11 p.m. each Friday. The \$25 per person cost will include roller skating and laser tag. Sorry, the climbing room is not included because we would have to invite parents too. But, don't forget to ask your parents' permission to attend "Teen Nite."

New youth program offered

Youth sponsorship tours are held the first Saturday of each month are a new program for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield youth in grades 4-12. Upcoming trips include trawling on Bull River, Saturday; pumpkin pickin' at Bamboo Farms, Oct. 4; a ghost tour through historic Savannah, Nov. 1; and ice skating, Dec. 6. Tours are open to registered youth at the Stewart and Hunter youth centers. Register before

the Thursday prior to each trip. For more information, call 767-6533 or Hunter at 315-6586.

'Extreme Corkan' returns

"Extreme Corkan" returns to Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449 each Saturday from 9 p.m. to midnight beginning this Saturday. The event is open to adults only (18 years of age and over), who will be admitted to Corkan Family Fun Center for roller skating, laser tag, and the climbing room.

There is a \$25 flat fee. Some form of identification is required to verify age for admission. For more information, call 767-9884.

Splash into free fun

A Child and Youth Services Boys and Girls Club Day for Kids event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday at Hunter's Splash Park. This free event will include games, fun, food and giveaways. For more information, call 315-5708.

Enjoy music and fun

The Eric Culberson Band will present an encore headliner performance for the fifth annual Blues and BBQ event, Saturday in Bradwell Park in downtown Hinesville.

Music will be played over the public address system and local vendors will start selling barbecue at 6 p.m. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. The event is being presented by the Hinesville Area Arts Council and the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Fort Stewart.

Join library for storytime

The George P. Hays Library celebrates autumn, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., today. The children will hear stories about autumn and participate in leaf painting crafts. For more information, call 767-2828.

Winn Briefs

Ready to quit class

This class is for those interested in quitting tobacco use. This class is a prerequisite to tobacco use cessation classes.

The classes are held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m.

For more information or to make an appointment at Winn or Tuttle, call 435-5071 or 1-800-652-9221.

Seek patient advocates

Patient advocates serve as liaisons between patients and staff. They accept compliments, suggestions, inquiries and concerns from patients.

Their goal is to help your visit as a patient or as a visitor go as smoothly as possible.

The Winn Army Community Hospital Patient Advocate Office is located in the Patient Service Center near the pharmacy. The phone number is 435-6143 or 435-6225.

Wellness Center moves

In preparation to serve you better, Winn Army Community Hospital's Women's Wellness Center and OB/GYN Clinic has relocated to a transition building at 1220 Niles Ave., building CT004, behind Winn's Emergency Department. This new location is for all OB/GYN Clinic appointments and Women's Wellness Center appointments, ultrasound and the Acute Care Clinic. Labor and Delivery and the Mother Baby Unit will still remain on the 4th floor of Winn. For more information, call 435-6633.

Behavioral Health available

Behavioral Health services for Family Members are available at either Value-Options TRICARE at 1-877-298-3514 or Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647. Retirees requesting service may call Value-Options TRICARE at 1-800-700-8646.

Relocation Readiness Program helps Families PCS

Randy Berube
Public Affairs Specialist

So, you are moving soon and you do not know where to begin? A good place to start would be the Relocation Readiness Program.

"Newcomers to the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield area usually see me or Linda Moseley, ACS Outreach Coordinator, initially, and we make referrals based on the Families' needs," said Linda McKnight, Army Community Service Relocation Program manager.

She added that referrals for both inbound and outbound Families are available through the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office at building 443,

by appointment and on a walk-in basis. One can reach McKnight at 767-4957.

The following services are offered to Soldiers and their Families when they are relocating to the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield area.

- Welcome packets for new arrivals
- Local maps
- Loan closet
- Information on community resources
- E-mail access for new arrivals
- Volunteer opportunities and referrals for employment
- Community tour every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.
- "Kids on the Move," information about schools and recreation activities provided either through ACS or Youth

services

For outbound assistance, the Relocation Readiness Program offers a diverse library of relocation resources and provides support groups for multi-cultural Families, including English as a second language. If a Soldier and Family are going overseas, a mandatory levy briefing is involved.

If there is an Exceptional Family Member, a referral can be made to the gaining installation or a direct contact, if desired on behalf of the Family.

Steps that should be taken to insure a permanent change of station is as problem free as possible includes financial counseling; basically making sure no debts are owed and looking into a temporary lodging allowance.

Notify your housing office and inform them when you plan to vacate.

"Contact the ACS at your new duty station for other assistance and resources," said McKnight.

Inventory your home. Take pictures and/or video of every room, garage, closet, etc. Hand carry all important documents, such as current passports, birth certificates, social security cards, car titles and all others. Have all scheduled dental, optical and physical exams completed. Have a copy of all medical records forwarded to your new duty station.

Additionally, sponsorship training is provided to units to assist the transitioning Soldier at their new duty station, said McKnight.

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Join grandparents, caregivers support

Grandparents or caregivers who are taking care of children while their parent is deployed are invited to join the Grandparent and Caregiver Support Group. Held every Monday beginning at 11:30 a.m., the group meets at the post exchange food court to discuss ways to successfully care for Soldiers' children during the deployment. For information, call 767-5058.

Visit the Red Cross Café at Hunter

Stop by ACS-Hunter to visit and enjoy the mini donut and coffee café sponsored by volunteers from

the American Red Cross. The Red Cross Café will be open every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, please call 315-6816.

Come to Parenting Support Group

Meet other parents and discuss the joys and concerns of parenting your new baby. At Hunter, the group meets twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. at ACS located on Neal Boulevard, building 1279.

At Stewart, a new group is now forming; call 767-5058 or 767-5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Be a volunteer

The Army Volunteer Corps unites volunteers and organizations. To find out more about opportunities on the installation, please call the volunteer coordinator at ACS by calling 767-5058 or 767-5059. **Victim**

Advocate Program can help

The Victim Advocate Program provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Call 767-3032 for more information.