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Pulaski students salute veterans



Nancy Gould
Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Students from Pulaski Elementary School, located just outside the gates of Hunter Army Airfield, were excited as they filed into the school auditorium for the Veterans Day program, Nov. 12. Many would be part of the one-hour event sponsored by "Operation Caring Classroom," a nation-wide program organized by the Armed Forces Foundation to teach children about Veterans Day.

"They're excited about the special visitors from the military and Congressman Barrow's visit," said Nicole Purdy, the Pulaski Elementary School counselor. "Many kids choked up during the rehearsal; several have parents who are deploying tomorrow."

Purdy said most Pulaski students are much more knowledgeable about Veterans Day than kids in other schools. They are keenly aware of what it means to serve.

When U.S. Representative John Barrow took the podium, he thanked them for their sacrifices and talked about the importance of the job their parents perform in the military.

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Nancy Gould

Students at Pulaski Elementary School wave flags during their Veterans Day ceremony, Nov. 12.

3rd ID honors veterans, Families, Soldiers at Richmond Hill ceremony

Pat Young
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Richmond Hill High School conducted their annual Veterans Day observance in their school auditorium, with more than 1,500 students, teachers and community members in attendance, thanking veterans for their service and sacrifice, Nov. 10.

Lieutenant Colonel Stuart McRae, 3rd Infantry Division Rear Detachment Commander, pointed out that a Soldier's service is more than a personal effort; he said it's a Family's sacrifice, too.

"Deploying into harm's way comes at a cost," said Lt. Col. McRae, looking about at the youth in attendance. "Soldiers miss time

with their Families, especially around the most precious days, like Christmas or birthdays or anniversaries."

Lieutenant Colonel McRae said many of the students in attendance probably understand that kind of sacrifice; missing those special days. He asked those students to stand.

Hundreds of children from the audience stood with somber faces, as Lt. Col. McRae added his personal thanks to them.

"I know that today we are here to honor veterans in particular, but let me just take a moment and recognize these students as well for the sacrifice that they make, year-in and year-out, that many of their contemporaries don't experience."

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Volunteers bring smiles to warriors at weddings

Kaytrina Curtis
Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

One man's sweat is another man's tears of joy.

No one knows this better than Peter Torres who nervously perspired as he awaited his wife's entrance into their vow renewal ceremony. Free weddings and vow-renewal ceremonies with all the trimmings, were performed throughout downtown Savannah for active-duty servicemembers as a part of the Weddings for Warriors project, Nov. 11.

The Savannah Wedding Tourism Council, along with more than 180 volunteers and vendors, gave of their time and talents to help servicemembers make this Veterans Day a memorable one. The night before the couples wed or renewed their vows, a rehearsal dinner was held in

their honor at the Mackey House in Savannah.

Servicemembers and their Families seemed undaunted by the torrents of rain outside as they enjoyed the free rehearsal dinner the night before their nuptials. The dinner was hosted by the Mackey House owners and appetizing meals were provided by many caterers in the Coastal Empire area to include Club Stewart and the Hunter Club.

"This is just one of those things where I think these people have contributed so much to us and asked for nothing in return," said Hannah Gaber-Saletan, a volunteer photographer for the event with the SWTC. "I think that everyone deserves a beautiful wedding and beautiful pictures. It's a really nice way to make sure that everyone gets something that they can keep forever."

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Portal cadets get hands-on with simulator training

Pat Young
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Nearly 60 cadets with the Portal High School Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps visited Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, Nov. 12, and were provided the opportunity to visit

with Soldiers with the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment while checking out some of installations facilities.

The cadets were provided a brief tour of the installation, learning about the mission of the installation, and quality of life initiatives to better care for Soldiers and Family Members.

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Soldiers, Veterans reach out to youth



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk, 4th IBCT Public Affairs

Staff Sergeant Eric Jackson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, reads Veterans Day literature to 7-year-old Jade Cabaniss at Fort Stewart's Kessler Elementary School, Nov. 10. Approximately 15 Soldiers assigned to HHC celebrated the federal holiday with second through sixth grade students.



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH NOV. 19

The Invention of Lying

Today — 7 p.m.

(Jennifer Garner, Ricky Gervais)

A man named Mark lives in an alternate reality in which lying doesn't exist; everyone tells the truth and only the truth. In a world where everyone is blunt and truthfully honest, Mark discovers the concept of lying. With the ability to lie, he takes advantage of everyone, since they all assume he's telling the truth. He immediately lies himself to fame and fortune but soon realizes how out of control dishonesty can be. Even with his superiority and power of lying, he cannot lie himself into the heart of the woman he loves.

Rated PG-13 (language including some sexual material and a drug reference), 100 min.

Couples Retreat

Friday — 7 p.m.

(Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman)

Four Midwestern couples who embark on a journey to a tropical island resort. While one of the couples is there to work on their marriage, the other three set out to jet ski, spa and enjoy some fun in the sun. They soon discover that participation in the resort's couples therapy is not optional. Suddenly, their group-rate vacation comes at a price. What follows is a hilarious look at real world problems faced by all couples.

Rated PG-13 (sexual content and language), 131 min.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Anna Faris, Bruce Campbell)

Inspired by Ron and Judi Barrett's children's book of the same name, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" is about inventor Flint Lockwood and his food making invention. When hard times hit Swallow Falls, its townspeople can only afford to eat sardines. Flint Lockwood, a failed inventor, thinks he has the answer to the town's crisis. He builds a machine that converts water into food, and becomes a local hero when tasty treats fall from the sky like rain. But when the machine spins out of control and threatens to bury the whole world under giant mounds of food, Flint finds he may have bitten off more than he can chew. *Rated PG (brief mild language), 81 min.*

Pandorum

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Dennis Quaid, Ben Foster)

Two crew members stranded on a spacecraft quickly, and horrifically, realize they are not alone. Two astronauts awaken in a hyper-sleep chamber aboard a seemingly abandoned spacecraft. It's pitch black, they are disoriented, and the only sound is a low rumble and creak from the belly of the ship. They can't remember anything: Who are they? What is their mission? Slowly the spacecraft's shocking, deadly secrets are revealed... and the astronauts find their own survival is more important than they could ever have imagined.

Rated R (strong horror violence and language), 138 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.



Pets of the Week

Looking for a good home...

Snowball the dog & Big Boy 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.



PULASKI

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"Soldiers guard our country, our children, our parents and our school," he said.

Barrow said he believes the program provides excellent training for civilian students to learn about the sacrifices that military students make, many of them at Pulaski. He said that of the 300 students in the Chatham County schools whose parents are serving on active duty, 150 of them are Pulaski students

When Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, stood before the group, he encouraged them to do their best so they can eventually take their turn as leaders of this country; he also thanked them for their service.

Students got additional affirmation from the training material given out by "Operation Caring Classroom," about veterans and through organized activities.

Those "Operation Caring Classroom" activities included essay competitions, learning patriotic songs, and activity book hand outs that teach the history of the Pledge of Allegiance, the American flag and information about the different branches of the military.

A highlight of the book is a tear out pamphlet titled "Kids in Camouflage," written by students at Fort Belvoir Elementary School in Fort Belvoir,

Va. The students discuss the lives of military kids and growing up on an Army post. While the tone is positive, students also touch on the hardships of life in the military, having a parent abroad and the goodbyes of moving.

"It's our pleasure to come here and hang out with these kids," said Patricia Driscoll, Armed Forces Foundation president. "They serve this country too."

For more information, visit the Frontline online at

www.stewart.army.mil

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SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

Looking through the eyes of faith

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Roy Winston
1/76 FA BN, 4th IBCT

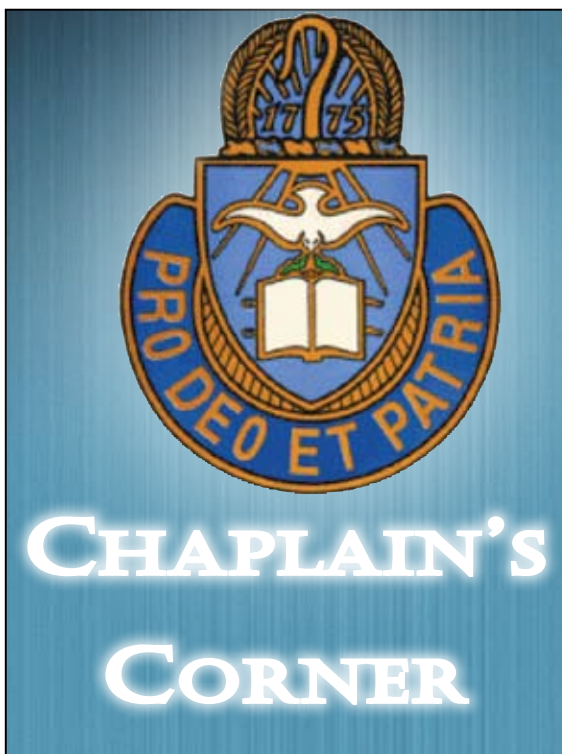
Frequently, it is difficult to look beyond the circumstance or obstacle that is right in front of us to see the help that is already available to us. This same situation faced one prophet's servant in the Old Testament. The Scripture says, "When the servant of the man of God got up early and went out, he discovered an army with horses and chariots surrounding the city. So, he asked Elisha (the man of God), "Oh, my master, what are we to do?" Upon awakening, the servant saw that they were completely surrounded. There appeared no hope and no way of escape. The servant's reaction was based on the facts.

Elisha responded to his fearful servant in this way by saying, "Don't be afraid, for those who are with us are greater than those who are against us." I'm sure his servant was puzzled. What was Elisha talking

about? It is just us and them. Why was Elisha so calm? Scripture tells us, "Then Elisha prayed, 'Open his eyes that he may see!' The Lord opened the servant's eyes, and when he looked, he saw the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire." The enemy army that encompassed them was in turn surrounded by God's army. It may often seem to us, just like Elisha's servant, that the circumstances or challenges we face are insurmountable. This is when we utilize the lens of faith.

Elisha's servant was no longer afraid when he saw God's mighty heavenly army. Faith reveals that God is doing more for His people than we can ever realize through sight alone.

When you face difficulties that seem insurmountable, remember that spiritual resources are there, even if you can't see them. Look through the eyes of faith, and let God show you His resources. Paul tells us, "That if God is for us who can be against us."



Fort Stewart		
	Location	Time
Catholic		
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

at Stewart School Age Services, across from Diamond Elementary 10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday; 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 www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth or contact **Jerry Thompson, Fort Stewart Youth Ministry Coordinator at (912) 920-9982.**

Weekday Catholic Schedule

Roman Catholic Daily Mass:
Main Post Chapel, 11:45 a.m., on Mon., Wed.-Fri.

Roman Catholic Confession:
Main Post Chapel, 4 - 4:30 p.m., Saturday

Fort Stewart Youth Ministry schedule

<p>Today: Bible Study at the Main Post Chapel, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Nov. 22: It's a Thanksgiving Family Celebration, Main Post Chapel, 1:30</p>	<p>p.m.</p> <p>Nov. 26: No Bible Study</p> <p>Nov. 29: No Youth Meeting</p> <p>The Ministry reminds the com-</p>	<p>munity that the youth group is no longer meeting at 6 p.m. on Sundays at the Youth Center.</p> <p>The Youth Ministry program is for</p>
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all youth in grades 6-12 who live in the Fort Stewart area. For more information, call Jerry "Mr. T" Thompson at 920-9982 or 247-2626.



DFMWR Briefs

Teens' 5-on-5 Basketball Tourney slated

All teens ages 13-18 are invited to participate in the 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament at the Fort Stewart Youth Center, building 7338, from 1-7 p.m., Nov. 23.

Registration is free, but will close tomorrow. Bring your game and suit up to play against the Fort Stewart Youth Center teams.

For more information or to register, call 767-4491.

Enter All-Army Digital Photo Contest

The deadline for entries in the local competition for the 2009 All-Army Digital Photography Contest is 5 p.m., Nov. 23.

Rules can be picked up and photo entries submitted at the Leisure Activities Center, building 443, from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Active-duty Soldiers and Army Civilians can participate. There is no charge.

Local judging will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 24. Winners will be notified and winning entries will be forwarded to the All-Army Contest.

There will be six entry categories this year: People, Place, Object, Military Life, Experimental and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fun. FMWR Fun is a special category added this year. Both color and monochrome photographs will be accepted.

First-place local winners in each category will receive a \$25 value gift pack from FMWR and a certificate. Second-place winners will receive a \$15 value gift pack from FMWR and a certificate. Third-place winners will receive a certificate.

For more information, call 767-5145.

Bring the kids to a Turkey Egg Hunt

Corkan staff invites you to the Annual Turkey Egg Hunt for children ages 0-5 at Cypress Creek Adventure Golf, building 448. The event begins at 10 a.m., Nov. 27. There is no charge for the egg hunt.

The egg hunt will end when all of the eggs are found, and participants are invited to hang around and enjoy Cypress Sam's Treehouse.

In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449.

For more information, 767-9884

CYSS coping support groups slated

Child, Youth & School Services, with support from Military Family Life Consultants, will begin Coping

Support activities to help children and teens with anxieties or concerns associated with a deployed parent.

For children in grades 1-5, the support activities will be from 4-5 p.m. each Wednesday beginning Dec. 2 at School Age Services, building 7097. In conjunction with the children's program, a parent group will be conducted at the same time. SAS children and non-SAS children are welcome to participate.

For youth in grades 6-12, the support activities will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, starting Dec. 3 at the Youth Center, building 7338.

The support sessions are informal, with information on how children and teens can manage their behaviors during difficult times.

All participants must be CYSS registered. Parents are asked to call the SAS center at 767-5662 or the Youth Center to sign up their children.

For more information, contact the School Liaison Office at 767-6533.

Tree lightings scheduled at Stewart, Hunter

On Thursday, Dec. 3, and Monday, Dec. 7 Families on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are invited to the annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremonies.

On those evenings, the phrase, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" will become more of a reality, with the lighting of the Christmas trees, the arrival of Santa Claus and the sound of Christmas carols filling the air.

The annual lighting event on Stewart will be from 5:15-8:30 p.m., Dec. 3. It will take place on the Hero Road side of Club Stewart, building 405. Santa Claus will arrive, and there'll be a chance to take a horse-drawn carriage ride. Inside Club Stewart, there will be pictures with Santa, children's games and activities, cookie treats and more. For more information, call 767-6212.

At Hunter, the event will be from 5:15-8:30 p.m., Dec. 7, at Hunter Club, building 6015. As at Stewart, there will be Christmas carols and the tree lighting, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. There will be horse-drawn carriage rides and a special treat: live reindeer. Inside Hunter Club, there'll be pictures with Santa, children's games and activities, cookie treats and more. For more information, call 459-7923.

50 Bird Skeet Shoot slated for Hunter

A 50 Bird Skeet Shoot will be held beginning at 10 a.m., Dec. 5, at the Hunter Skeet Range, building 8250 at Hunter Army Airfield. Registration will continue until

Dec. 3, when a pre-shoot muster is held.

There will be five categories: youth, ladies, beginner, novice and expert. Tournament officials could possibly move shooters up or down in their category if deemed necessary. Prizes will be awarded to first-place winners in each category.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes two rounds of skeet and required tie-breakers. Entries received after Dec. 3 will be charged a \$40 entry fee.

A barbecue lunch will be served on the day of the event and at the pre-shoot muster at 5 p.m., Dec. 3, for registered shooters.

Modified National Skeet Shooting Association tournament rules will apply. No reloads will be allowed.

For more information, call 315-9554.

Go Christmas shopping at Hilton Head

Are you ready to get in a little Christmas shopping? Join us on a trip to the Tanger Outlet Centers on Hilton Head Island, S.C., Dec. 5. Participants must register by Dec. 4. Group will depart from Leisure Activities Center, building 443, at 9:30 a.m.

The cost is \$10 for bus transportation. For details, call 767-2841 at Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter.

Watch Atlanta Hawks vs Boston Celtics

Watch the Atlanta Hawks take on the Boston Celtics in a game at Phillips Arena in Atlanta, Jan. 29. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes admission and transportation to the game. Seating is in the 300 level at the arena.

Sign up with the Leisure Travel Office by Dec. 15. For more information, call 767-2841 at Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter.

Stewart Lanes offers "Bowlopolis" parties

If you're looking for a place to have a party celebrating a birthday or other occasions, the "Bowlopolis" at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450, might be just the right place.

For just \$10 per guest, you get two games of bowling, with shoes, pizza and soda, Bowlopolis-decorated party area, to include place setting, a "Bowlopolis" T-shirt for the honored guest, and "Bowlopolis" treat bags for all guests.

Plus, "Bowlopolis King Pin" will attend your party. To reserve the "Bowlopolis" for a party, you must have a minimum of eight guests. For additional details, call 767-4273.

CADETS

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Pat Young

Sergeant 1st Class Roland Sydney, B Co., 3/15th Infantry and Portal High School Army JROTC Senior, Iesha Washington, 18, go head to head with about 40 other JROTC cadets and 3/15 Soldiers during simulator familiarization training at Fort Stewart, Nov. 12.

"The Cadets really enjoyed meeting and hanging out with the Soldiers," said Chief Warrant Officer Mike Merrick, Senior Instructor for Army JROTC at Portal High School. "It was good for them to hear some of the Soldiers' stories and about how they got started and what life was like now."

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security helped make the students three-hour visit to the installation productive through the world of virtual training.

Andrew Felton, Chief of the Battle Command Training Branch, familiarized the visitors with some of the latest innovations in training.

He described how integrating live, constructive and virtual training helps conserve resources, while preparing Soldiers and their commanders for a wide range of contingencies.

Among the simulators, the cadets were introduced to the Close-Combat Tactical Trainer, a system that provides leaders an

opportunity to monitor, analyze, and assess their unit's performance.

The Virtual Battlespace 2 simulator, a three-dimensional training system, was also demonstrated to the youth, who quickly took to the video-game style of training.

"The cadets really enjoyed the simulators," Chief Warrant Officer Merrick said. "I think it was better than any video game they ever played."

Chief Warrant Officer Merrick said the trip to Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield was very productive.

"These visits are a wonderful opportunities for young people to learn what the Army is all about," he said. "It provides more than I can offer with a book. It allows them to get hands-on."

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Live Oak Public Libraries Liberty Branch Library and Midway- Riceboro Branch Library

All Live Oak Public Libraries will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving, Nov. 26-27.

Preschool Storytime

Throughout the month of November, story time 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 November, story time will be held for children ages 1 and 2, at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, songs and more.

Savannah Winds conducts Fall Feast

The Savannah Winds will present their "Fall Feast" concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium of Armstrong Atlantic State University, Dec. 1. Tickets are \$14, with a \$2 discount for military, seniors, and children. Call (912) 344 2801 for tickets and information.

Operation Homefront offers assistance

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

Growth management meetings held

Fort Stewart Growth Management Partnership Director Jeff Ricketson announced meeting dates for the advisory committees working on detailed elements of the regional plan.

To attend or learn more about the meetings, contact the partnership through the Web site at www.growfortstewart.com or by call (912) 408-2069.

Thanksgiving service slated

Community members are invited to a special Thanksgiving Service held 6 p.m., Nov. 22, at the First United Methodist Church, Hinesville, Ga.

The event theme is "The Community Ties that

Bind," and features the Liberty County Area Mass Choir, the Fort Stewart Multi-Cultural Gospel Choir, 14 local pastors and chaplains and more.

The Service will be followed by refreshments in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Room.

Donations are being accepted for the Liberty County Homeless Coalition, Inc. For more information, contact Holly Stevens at 876-3564.

'Gently worn' shoes needed

The City of Hinesville is supporting "Keep Liberty Beautiful" as a collection site for the Thanks4Giving program. This program collects "gently worn" shoes that are delivered to people in need around the world. All you have to do is place your shoes in the bin in the City Hall lobby from now until Nov. 24. You can make a difference with your gift of shoes.

For more information, visit www.giveshoes.org or contact Sara Swida, Executive Director of KLB at (912) 368-4888.

RICHMOND

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Photos by Pat Young

ABOVE: Lieutenant Colonel Stuart McRae, 3rd Infantry Division Rear Detachment Commander, thanked Soldiers, veterans and Family Members for their sacrifice at Richmond Hill's Veterans Day observance, Nov. 12.

RIGHT: Performing weapon spinning and throwing maneuvers, the Richmond Hill Army JROTC cadets helped wow more than 1,500 students and teachers at their Veterans Day Observance, Nov. 12.

McRae shared memories of his own youth, learning how his uncle, Norman Kerr, helped storm the beaches of Normandy, France, during World War II. Later, he welcomed U.S. Navy Captain Rodney Knutson, who returned to Lt. Col. McRae's home town after surviving seven-and-a-half years as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam.

Today's 3rd ID Soldiers who are deploying for an unprecedented fourth time, Lt. Col. McRae noted, continue to make a difference in the world, teaching the soldiers and police officers of Iraq and Afghanistan to take the lead in fighting insurgents. It's a mission that still puts them in harm's way but helps deter the threat in this era of persistent conflict, he said.

Cadet First Sergeant Beau Baker, Company B, Richmond Hill High School Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, said he himself wanted to make a difference in the world, and hopes to become an Army Ranger one day.

Like Baker, the other students displayed their

patriotic spirit, and went on to salute veterans of each of the nation's service organizations – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, both active and reserve. The students provided a special thanks to veterans, who after their military service, continued to serve the community as their teachers and staff members.

The ceremony included a poem recital, choir's performance, JROTC Color Guard posting and drill team displays, and musical performances by the Richmond Hill High School's band that included the National Anthem and each service organization's theme song.

Taking their observance to the next level, the students also presented a check in excess of \$800 that they raised to benefit local veteran organizations.

Before the ceremony ended, a moment of silence was observed for the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice, a moment that ended with the sorrowful rendering of taps.



WEDDINGS

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Forty military couples participated in the free wedding day, which totaled more than an estimated \$500,000. To qualify to participate, the bride or groom must have been active duty for one of the five services, including the National Guard and Reserve forces.

The weddings were planned to be held at Forsyth Park, Monterey and Madison Squares in downtown Savannah, but the rain from the night before remained over the city, moving the ceremonies indoors to various hotels and worship centers. Trolleys donated by local companies, and driven by certified drivers, escorted the couples and their guests to the ceremony sites throughout the day.

Each couple was assigned a photographer who provided same-day photo service. Also donated was an all-expenses paid night at a participating hotel, an individual wedding cake, a stringed musician, an officiate for the ceremony, as well as a river boat dinner reception after their nuptials. Brides received free makeovers, a bouquet and, most importantly to many of the brides, a free wedding gown.

Sergeant Peter Torres, Army National Guard, and his wife, Pfc. Parin Torres of the 260th Quartermaster Battalion, said they got married at a court house in Texas during a rest and relaxation break during his deployment in Iraq last year.

Sergeant Torres said that he told his wife, "I am not going to go back to Iraq if you're not my wife," during his last deployment.

"So when she told me that we were going to have a free wedding, I was like, yeah, whatever," he said. "It's just going to be thrown together."

After learning more details about the day's events, Peter's excitement grew into appreciation. He said it is a real comfort knowing that people love and care enough to give of themselves unselfishly to military Families.

Courthouse weddings were common among many servicemembers who participated in their second marriage ceremony. Master Sergeant Kent Smith and his wife of 24 years, Yvonne, were married at a courthouse in Korea. Years later Yvonne still jokes about the legitimacy of their marriage.

"We both had on jeans and t-shirts," she said. "The minister said something in Korean, he (Kent) said 'I do.' I said the same, and they told us, 'you're married!'"

Weddings for Warriors project manager Becky Byous said the idea was conceived as a "small" way to pay back servicemembers and their Families.

"The project was a way of saying a heartfelt 'thank you' to active-duty military personnel in Savannah and the low country," said SWTC President and photographer, James Byous.

Kaytrina Curtis

Yvonne Smith gets help getting into her wedding dress as she prepares to renew her vows to her husband, Master Sgt. Kent Smith, during the Weddings for Warriors event, Nov. 11.

Army Community Service



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

Special Olympics volunteers needed

The Special Olympics would not exist today without the time, energy, commitment and enthusiasm of volunteers. Fort Stewart is hosting the Winter Special Olympics at Marne Lanes, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 11. This one-day event is a great opportunity for you to give a helping hand as a hugger, score sheet runner and, most importantly, the audience and cheering section. To find out more about this great volunteer opportunity, contact your local ACS at 767-5058.

Family Readiness Group training offered

Open to all Family Readiness Group participants, Family Members, and Unit Leadership from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 24. This class includes an overview of the FRG, tasks during the deployment cycle, expectation and roles for FRG volunteers, communicating with Families, dealing with the media, resources and funding, and more. Also ask about childcare.

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

Attend EFMP support group

Everyone who has a Family Member enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program is invited to "It's an Exceptional Life," a support group where you can meet, share experiences and participate in educational seminars. The group meets at the Fort Stewart ACS-Family Readiness Center, building 87, beginning at 6:30

p.m., Nov. 25. Bring your children to Parents' Night Out, offered at both Fort Stewart and Hunter locations on the same night. Children will enjoy supervised activities at the CYSS Child Development Center from 6 to 9 p.m. while you attend the support group meeting. Children must be registered with CYSS and also enrolled in EFMP to participate. Advance sign-up is required. Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter for more information.

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 recordkeeping 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 each Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.

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 available

A Newcomer's Welcome/Family Orientation is offered at Fort Stewart every 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 servicemembers. 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 childcare.

View ACS calendar of classes online

Visit the Team Stewart Web site to view the current ACS calendar of classes. Visit www.stewart.army.mil (from the FAMILY menu, select Army Community Service, and click on the link to view our current calendar). With more than 40 classes and workshops available, the online calendar is your one-stop source for complete class listings.

Need someone to talk to?

Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life. At Hunter, appointments can be made by calling 655-8327. Appointments at Stewart can be made by calling 432-1033, 492-6428, 432-0013, 536-7854, 432-1798 or 492-6367.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor off-post, please call 492-6367 at Stewart or 704-9505 at Hunter to schedule an appointment. Off-post sessions are available at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, Glennville Welcome Center, Pembroke Senior Center, and Hinesville National Guard.

Bring the kids to Play Mornings

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 36 mos.) to spend time playing together. Led by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, the play mornings are designed for meeting, sharing, and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. At Stewart, Play Mornings are held each Thursday at the Bryan Village Youth Center. At Hunter, Play Mornings are held each Tuesday at the New Gannam Community Center. The fun begins at 10 a.m. at both locations. No pre-registration is required; simply bring your child's immunizations record and register at the door.



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Installation accepts generous donation

Carol Marsh, children's author and the founder of Gallopade International located in Peachtree, Ga., has donated \$24,000 worth of mystery children's books to Fort Stewart's schools and libraries, to include *Real Kids/Real Places Mysteries*, *Around the World Mysteries*, and *Pretty Dam Scary Mysteries*. Garrison Commander, Colonel Kevin W. Milton and Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Ervin accepted the donation at the Army Community Service Family Readiness Center, Nov. 13. In 2007 Marsh received the Georgia Author of the Year award for her contributions to children's literature and to the state of Georgia over the past 27 years. Marsh and her husband, Bob Longmeyer wanted this donation to be given to our servicemembers and their Families for their sacrifice and service.

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November 3

Ava Lisa Babcock, a girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Camden Babcock and Gena Babcock.

November 9

Malakii Acoose Cleveland, a boy, 8 pounds, born to Spc. Michael L. Cleveland and Jesscia Cleveland.

Brody James Collins, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. William Keith Collins and Kendel Collins.

November 11

Ashlyn Marie Wohlfert, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Timothy Wohlfert and Rebecca Wohlfert.

November 12

Sylas Micah Gonzalez, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. William Jack Gonzalez and Nealy LaRae Gonzalez.

Walter Levi Josey, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Branton T. Josey and Brittany C. Josey.

Nathan Alexander Redondo, a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Nicolas Redondo and Pfc. Elizabeth Redondo.

November 14

Anthony Frances Xavier McTague, a boy, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Kevin Lawrence McTague and Adrienne Diana Gonzalez-McTague.

Caleb Daniel Winchell, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. David Allen Winchell Jr. and Nancy JoAnn Winchell.

Cassie Lynn Thornton, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Pfc. Richard Thornton and Lecretia Marie Thornton.

November 16

Xander Martin Bailey, a boy, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. William Martin Bailey and Rachelle Isabel Bailey.

Tarah Michelle Tucker, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Daniel Earl Tucker and Amy Marie Tucker.

Jordyn Michele Waltrip, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Patrick J. Waltrip and Tiffany M. Waltrip.

October 11

Aiden Allen Demars, a boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael Allen Demars Jr. and Heidi Kay Demars.

October 12

Janae Nikole English, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Joseph English



Happy 92nd Birthday 3rd ID
Learn more about the Marne Division in today's insert.

