

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Photos by Pfc. Jared Eastman

The Commodores open the show with flare at Donovan Field during the Marne Week Concert, Nov. 20.

Commodores, Thomas light up Stewart



Keni Thomas, lead singer and guitarist for Cornbread, plays at Donovan Field during the Marne Week Concert, Nov. 20.

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1st BCT Public Affairs

A crowd of all ages gathered in front of the stage on Donovan Field here Thursday night to see a band that has spanned generations. Keni Thomas and his band Cornbread had just left the stage, leaving the air tense with anticipation. Then the Commodores hit the stage to play for Soldiers and Family Members of Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

"This is our second time at Fort Stewart," said Walter Orange, Commodore. "Eight years ago we performed here, and I'll never forget this place because it was just so quaint."

Of course, eight years is nothing to a band that has spanned decades. The group got started in Tuskegee, Ala., in 1968 and has performed for several generations.

"Every generation has its own sound because each generation does not want to do what their parents have done," said William King, Commodore. "Things change, and I think it's great. The thing for us is to try and keep up because you either change with it or get left behind. The problem with our generation of musicians is that we don't want to change. "We like the way we did 'Three Times the Lady' and 'Easy,' but now it's a different feel and beat."

The Commodores had much to say about today's generation of music.

"It feels good to hear my music played today and simulated, copied, and ripped off," laughed Orange. "As we go through this generation of change, it's almost like we are a new group again. Today's generation hears our music, and not only our music, but also the music of the 70's and 80's, and they like it, so they come back and may put their spin on it,

but a lot of them end up redoing our music again. One thing I'm glad to see gone is the degradation of females in hip-hop, that did not sit well with our generation; it's slowly but surely disappearing from modern music."

King agreed.

"A lot of kids hear music today and they think it originated with that artist," he said, "And they don't even know who played it first. Even our music has come such a long way, I don't know of any other band that has spanned from life to death. People have been conceived by our music, met that someone with our music, and we've had people ask for music to listen to who are terminally ill. It's something that is truly incredible."

The Commodores spent the last few months traveling from post to post as part of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Army Concert Tour.

"It's been an amazing experience these last couple months, to go to all the bases and play for troops," said J.D. Nicholas, Commodore. "We salute you Soldiers, and we thank you, because you make it possible for us to do what we do."

King shared similar sentiments and spoke directly about the deployed Soldiers.

"I'd just like to say come home safe to 4th Brigade (Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division)," he said, "We're loving you; you guys are doing a great job over there."

The band's opening act set the night alight with pyrotechnics as they took to the stage for the first time in eight years with classics like "Brickhouse" and "Nightshift," along with a medley tribute to Marvin Gaye. If the variety of ages at the Stewart concert is anything to base fact off of, The Commodores is one band an entire Family can enjoy.

Soldiers, Families treated to Marne Week carnival

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The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community got a real treat, Nov. 20, when the carnival at Walker Field here opened up for Marne Week. The rides were free for Soldiers and their Families and included rides such as the merry-go-round, bumper cars, a loop rollercoaster, and all manners of spinning mechanisms designed for nauseating merriment.

"My son enjoys it, and that's what really matters," said Sgt. Damika Morris. "I don't really get to spend that much time with my child. When the carnival comes around, I like to take him and let him run loose and have a good time."

Screams of joy or surprise were rampant as kids of all ages pushed the limits of their fears on rides.

"This carnival is a great way to give back to Soldiers and Families and show them we appreciate their work," said Lt. Col. Daniel Cormier, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment commander with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. "My kids are at about that age now where they want to go on all the rides by themselves, so they're having fun (here)."

The carnival also had a wide variety of rides for children of all ages to enjoy.

"The carnival is one of the things we look forward to; our son loves the rides," said Capt. Elliot Press, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

"He's two years old, so a lot of the places we can go to don't have as many of the rides that he can enjoy here. This carnival is really geared to kids of all ages. He's loved all of the rides, but you can't get him off the merry-go-round"

The variety of carnival rides and activities were available at no cost to the Stewart-Hunter community.

"It means a lot that these rides are free," Press said. "We live in Richmond Hill and they have some carnivals there, but it gets a little expensive, even on officer's salary. So being able to come here and enjoy these great rides that are the same that you would have at an actual carnival is awesome."

Press also expressed his thanks to the Fort Stewart community.

"The community here does so much for the Families," he said. "I've been deployed twice, so being able to come back to my Family is one thing, but being able to come back to a place like this is a great experience."

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Right: Christina Hisler rides a carnival ride with her daughter, Taylor.



MWR Briefs

Lanes available for parties

The bowling leagues are in the off-season, and this is a great time to schedule a unit or Family Readiness Group Christmas party or other function at Marne Lanes, building 402. For details and specials available, call 767-4866.

Golf courses honor military

Taylor's Creek and Hunter golf courses are honoring active duty and retirees with an all-you-can-play special fee. After 11 a.m., Dec. 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17. Play all you can for \$22. The cost includes golf car rental. For more information, call 767-2370 at Stewart or 315-9115 at Hunter.

Ham Bowl held at Hunter

Why buy a ham for Christmas when you can win one? Try your luck from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Dec. 1-12 (when lanes

available) at Hunter Lanes Bowling Center, building 1280. Men must knock down nine pins or more and women must knock down eight pins or more, across 10 lanes. The cost is \$3 per person. The limit is two hams per person/day. For details, call 315-6279.

Trees for Troops thanks you

The Christmas Spirit Foundation, representing the Christmas Tree Growers and FEDEX, will deliver 550 free Christmas Trees to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Dec. 3 as a way of saying 'thank you' to those who serve.

The trees will be available free to single Soldiers or military Families on a first-come basis. Trees will be distributed from Leisure Activities Center, building 443 at Stewart from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 4, 5, 6 and 8 by the Better Opportunity for

Single Soldiers. At Hunter, the trees will be distributed from the Auto Crafts Center, building 1288 at the same date and time. For more information, call 767-6212.

Santa's Day at Stewart Lanes

Stewart Lanes Bowling Center staff will collect the children's wish list from 4-6 p.m., Dec. 4 at building 450 so bring the kids along to bowl with you and get free shoe rental. The list will be sent to Santa, so that when the children sit on Santa's lap, Dec. 19 at Corkan Family Recreation Area Holiday Festival, he will already know what they want. For more information, call 767-4273.

Tree lighting slated

Don't miss the Christmas Tree Lighting at Fort Stewart 6:30 p.m., Dec. 4 on the Hero Road-side of Club Stewart, building 405. Christmas carols and tree lighting

will be followed by the arrival of Santa Claus.

There will be horse-drawn carriage rides. Inside Club Stewart, there will be pictures with Santa, children's activities, cookie treats, and more. For more information, call 767-6212.

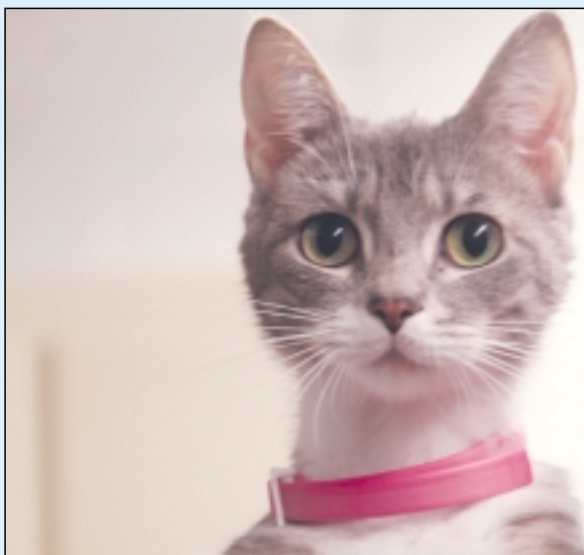
Take a trip to Atlanta

The registration deadline is Dec. 5 for the Stone Mountain Christmas and Georgia Aquarium Trip, scheduled for Dec. 6. The bus departs early morning from Stewart and Hunter Leisure Activities Centers for Atlanta.

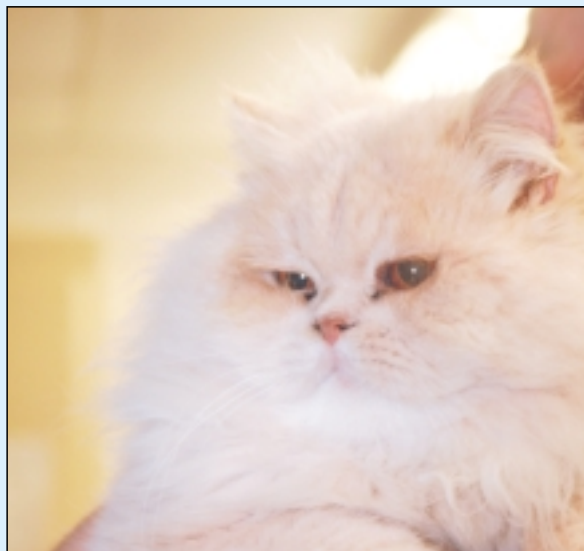
See Stone Mountain Christmas festivities and visit the Georgia Aquarium. The cost per person is \$41.50 for adults and \$36 for children ages 3-11. There is an additional cost of \$5 per person for bus transportation.

For details, call 767-2841 at Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter.

Pets of the Week



Jazzy and Loompa 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.



PRESENTS
FRIDAY THROUGH NOV 30

Body of Lies

Friday — 7 p.m.

(Leonardo DiCaprio, Russell Crowe)

Based on Washington Post columnist David Ignatius' 2007 novel about a CIA operative, Roger Ferris, who uncovers a lead on a major terrorist leader suspected to be operating out of Jordan. When Ferris devises a plan to infiltrate his network, he must first win the backing of cunning CIA veteran Ed Hoffman and the collegial but perhaps suspect head of Jordanian intelligence. Although ostensibly his allies, Ferris questions how far he can really trust these men without putting his entire operation - and his life - on the line. *Rated R (strong violence, torture, language) 120 min*

Max Payne

Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis)

Based on the legendary, hard-hitting interactive video game, Max Payne tells the story of a maverick cop determined to track down those responsible for the brutal murder of his family and partner. Hell-bent on revenge, his obsessive investigation takes him on a nightmare journey into a dark underworld. As the mystery deepens, Max is forced to battle enemies beyond the natural world and face an unthinkable betrayal. *Rated PG-13 (intense violence including, drug content, sexuality, strong language) 99 min*

Secret Life of Bees

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Dakota Fanning, Queen Latifah)

Lily, a 14-year-old girl, is haunted by the memory of her late mother. To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, Lily flees with Rosaleen, her caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters, Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping. *Rated PG-13 (thematic material, violence) 109 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.

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Stewart participates in pilot system

Special to the Frontline

The Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs announced the expansion of the Disability Evaluation System pilot to 19 installations across the country representing all military departments. Fort Stewart is one of the 19 installations selected and will begin the pilot Monday.

Key features of the DES pilot include one medical examination and a single-sourced disability rating. The DES separates Soldiers who are found unfit for continued military service. To date, more than 700 servicemembers have participated in the pilot during the last 10 months.

The goal is to create a process that requires one exam and one rating, all binding by both DoD and VA within current law. The new servicemember-centered initiative will hopefully

cut in half the time required to transition members to veteran status and to provide them with their VA benefits and compensation. Objectives of the pilot also include one medical examination and a single-sourced disability rating. The new DES pilot program will provide smoother post-separation transition for veterans and their Families – including medical treatment, evaluation, and delivery of compensation, benefits and entitlements.

Under a pilot program, the VA will conduct a comprehensive physical exam, and the DoD and VA will use these results to determine the percentage of a servicemember's disability compensation eligible under current law. Fort Stewart will be the first of the DES pilot installations where the VA and DOD work together completing the examination and the disability process at a single location.

Winn Briefs

Centered Care meeting slated

Interested in becoming a patient advisor? Help us help you by joining the Patient and Family Centered Care Advisory Council meeting at Winn Army Community Hospital or Tuttle Army Health Clinic.

Winn's meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Dec. 9 at Winn's Patriot Auditorium. For more information, call Linda King at 435-6225 or e-mail Linda.king2@amedd.army.mil.

The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m., Dec. 11 at the Aviation Brigade classroom, Hunter Army Airfield. For more information, call Dennis Kelly at 315-5731.

Get over-the-counter meds

Selected over-the-counter medications are available to beneficiaries without seeing a doctor from the pharmacies at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic. The over-the-counter pharmacy card is no longer used. Simply come to any pharmacy, take a number and when

called, tell the pharmacist your symptoms. Certain over-the-counter medications will be screened against your current medications and given based on age restrictions. A valid ID must be presented at the time of request. Limited quantities per visit. For more information, call 767-2672.

Get your flu vaccine

With the upcoming influenza season, here are the walk-in times and locations to receive your flu vaccine: Winn's Immunization Clinic, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday; Tuttle's Immunization Clinic, 1 - 5 p.m. every Thursday.

Winn/Tuttle observe holiday

Today is Thanksgiving Day, a federal holiday and Friday is a Medical Activity Command training holiday. During this time, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations resume Monday.

All services at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Today and Friday. Full operations resume Monday. For more information, call 435-6965.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

October 28

Hannah Bethany Zigler, a girl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Aaron Daniel Zigler and Miranda Denise Zigler.

November 5

Gabriel Joseph Williams, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Milburne B. William Jr. and Veronica Y. Williams.

November 7

Isaiah Akeem Bennett, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Winston Bennett and Spc. Brandy Bennett.

Jason Stephen Kittelsen Jr., a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Capt. Jason Stephen Kittlesen and Capt. Karen Mari Kittlesen.

November 9

Jia Ja'mya Whack, a girl, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born to

Sgt. Joseph Whack and Kesha Whack.

Cheston Andros White, a boy, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Private Caleb Andrew White and Amanda Marie White.

November 11

Kale Harrison Dunn, a boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Brandon Allen Dunn and Nancy Jean Dunn.

Aiden Michael Leon, a boy, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Christopher Leon and Kimberly Ann Leon.

November 12

Kai Ian Ma, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Jun Ma and Spc. Shannon Ma.

Ta'Miya Yvette Taylor White, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Tiffany Y. White, daughter of Lt. Col. Tyra Y. White.

November 13

Alannys Lyann Arroyo, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Antonio Arroyo and Geannina Arroyo.

Landon Lee Robey, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Shawn Howell Robey and Erin Renee Robey.

November 14

Connor Benjamin Hiltibidal, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeremy W. Hiltibidal and Anna M. Hiltibidal.

November 15

CaVonte Jeremy Ahmed Jones, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Jeremy Jones and Shekela Jones.

November 16

Mackenzie Marie Fryman, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Jason Paul Fryman and Brandie Jo Fryman.

Be appreciative instead of being negatively critical



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Capt) Valiant D. Lyte Sr.
188th Inf. Training Support Brigade

Here is a meditative thought written by a retired Chaplain friend, Col. James E. Russell Jr: "Avoid worldly and empty chatter; for it will lead to ungodliness, and such talk will spread like gangrene."

I recently read a story about a father, Glenn Van Ekeren, who tells about an experience he had with his son while on a summer vacation.

For the first couple of days, his son, Matt seemed to misbehave constantly. Glenn seemed to be continually rebuking and correcting him.

Thinking, 'no son of mine is going to act this way,' he made it clear to his son in no uncertain terms that

he expected his son to start behaving.

Matt tried very hard to live up to his father's standards and expectations.

In fact, days went by during the week in which he hadn't done a single thing that called for correcting.

One night, after Matt had said his prayers and jumped into bed, Glenn noticed that Matt's bottom lip began to quiver.

"What's the matter, buddy?" he asked his son.

Barely able to speak, Matt looked up at his father with fear-filled eyes and asked, "Daddy, haven't I been a good boy today?"

Glenn said, "Those words cut through my parental arrogance like

a knife. I had been quick to criticize and correct his misbehavior, but failed to mention my pleasure with his attempt to be a good boy. My sibling taught me never to put my children to bed without a word of appreciation and encouragement."

What a profound lesson of humility. We are told to be "Wise as a serpent and humble as a dove."

Think about the following quote from the Holy Bible: An Old Testament **Proverb 11:2** said "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom."

To be appreciative is to humble ourselves with kindness, love and care, these things will remind us and help us to practice appreciation, instead of preaching "negativity."

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)	Marne	9:30 a.m.
Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		
Jewish		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.
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, 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 to 8 p.m.

at the Stewart Youth Activity Center, building 7338.

For more information, contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net

OR
call 877-7207

Mass Choir rehearsals announced

The Liberty County Community Mass Choir will be looking for interested participants. If you would like to sing with this choir, please contact Judy Forshee at 977-5918 or email judith.forshee@us.army.mil or Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787 extension 209 or email rcalhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org. Opportunities are also available for the Community Chorus, soloist, ensemble and quartet. Come and join this great community fellowship. The 2009 Concert Season begins Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2009.

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Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Visit Pembroke Christmas Festival

Community members are invited to the annual Christmas Festival and Parade, Dec. 13 in Downtown Pembroke. Craft and food booths will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Performances by choirs, solos, dancers and karate and exercise groups will be featured all day. Call to sign up your talent. Space is limited. Bring your classic cars or motorcycles and join in the holiday celebration. Line up time for the parade is 10:30 a.m. Call 653-2231 if you would like to enter your classic auto/chopper. Prizes will be awarded for various categories. Call for entry form. Call the Bryan County 4-H Club, 653-2231, for more information. There will also be a one mile run-walk and a five-mile race starting at 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively at the Heritage Bank, 16 East Railroad St., Pembroke, Ga. Registration for the races must be received by Dec. 8.

Enjoy the holidays at Davenport House

The Isaiah Davenport House Museum hosts holiday evening tours by candlelight 6-8:30 p.m., Dec. 26-30. The Davenport House is located at 324 East State St., Savannah – on the corner of Habersham and State streets at Columbia Square. The house museum explores the December celebrations of the early 19th century inhabitants. The cost for adults is \$8 for advance registration, \$10 at the door. For children ages 6 – 18-years-old, the cost is \$5 in advance or \$7 at door. For more information, call 236-8097 or e-mail jcredle@savbusiness.net.

Savannah Winds concert scheduled

The Savannah Winds will give its Fall concert, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 2 at the Armstrong Center. Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained online at www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets by calling the AASU box office between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., weekdays at 344-2801, or get tickets at the door. The program will include traditional and contemporary concert band music and light classics.

Enjoy holiday open house

Community members are invited to tour the Coastal Living and Cottage Living Magazines 2008 Holiday Coastal Cottage at Yellow Bluff in Midway, Ga., through Dec. 14. Tickets are \$10 a person with proceeds to benefit local charities. In addition, a day of fun is planned at Lyman Hall on Shaw Road in Hinesville starting 1 p.m., Dec. 19 with a "Fishing with Santa" photo opportunity 1-5 p.m.; cookie dec-

orating 1-5 p.m.; dancing in the streets by area dance companies 2-3 p.m.; and holiday caroling 1-5 p.m. Further, a number of authors will be available 1-5 p.m. for book signing including Betty Londergan, Holly McClure, Cappy Hall Rearick, Harry Rubin, Buddy Sullivan, and Linda Whitten.

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. For more information, contact 1st Sgt. Larry King, larry.kingsr@usar.army.mil, (205) 987-8443, ext. 4410; or Capt. John Walker, (205) 444-5208.

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.

Christmas in Tattnall County

Reidsville Christmas Festival and Parade

The Parade is held at 10 a.m., Saturday. Festivities start Friday with entertainers and food and arts and crafts vendors on the ground of the School Board Building and continue through Saturday. For information, call Eddie Anderson at 237-0896 or Phyllis Anderson at 237-2403.

Enjoy Christmas Cobbtown Style

The parade and festival is held the first Saturday in December. You can enjoy the beautiful Christmas decorations Cobbtown is famous for while enjoying the area's largest parade as well as lots of good food including chicken and dumplings. For information, call Mayor Buddy Collins at 684-2775.

Reidsville Manger to Majesty slated

This is held the second week of December on Monday and Tuesday evening. Drive through the Reidsville Recreation Department and enjoy a live portrayal of the life of Jesus complete with audio. For information, call Delores James at 557-3422.

Glennville Christmas play slated

All I Want for Christmas Crown Productions presents the live musical at 7 p.m., Dec. 12 and 13, and 2 p.m., Dec. 14 at the Glennville City Auditorium. This musical is about a little girl who wants everything for Christmas but soon realized that Christmas is for giving and not receiving. For more information, call

654-3760. All proceeds go to the Glennville Recreation Department.

Visit Melon Bluff Nature Center

An exhibition of new coastal photographs by former Georgia state photographer and current Department of Natural Resources Artist-in-Residence, Diane Kirkland, opened Nov. 8 at the Melon Bluff Nature Center, 2999 Islands Highway in Midway. The exhibition continues each Saturday through Feb. 6, 2009. Seven years ago, Kirkland took the photo at Melon Bluff that has since become the icon for coastal kayaking from Florida to North Carolina. It is also one that is definitive of Melon Bluff and the Sunbury area. Kirkland's newest collection continues her passion for Georgia's natural coastal landscapes, this time, focusing on Ossabaw Island, just off the shore from Melon Bluff. Once again, her artistic appreciation and sensitivity to fragile coastal beauty is evident throughout. Directions to Melon Bluff: Take I-95 to exit 76. Go three miles east on Islands Highway (30 minutes south of Savannah).

Humane Shelter calls for support

Liberty County Humane Shelter holds Doggie Days noon to 4 p.m., Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Highway 196 in Hinesville. Services such as spay/neuter, rabies shots, grooming, will be offered at discount rates. The fair will include food, games, and horse rides.

In addition, the Liberty Humane Shelter is trying to get a million dollar makeover and ask for community member support by visiting www.libertyhumanshelter.com and click on the Zootoo makeover banner. Daily activities gains LHS points. For more information, e-mail libertyshelter@aol.com.

Shop in New York City

There's still time to sign up for the New York City Shopping Trip, scheduled for Dec. 11-15. Deadline for registration is Friday. A 56-passenger luxury bus will leave about 11 p.m., Dec. 11 and arrive 12-13 hours later to the hotel in Lyndhurst, N.J. Once there, it will be up to the patrons to decide how they want to spend their days and evenings.

The cost includes hotel and luxury motor coach transportation.

One person/room \$400, two-persons/room \$300 each, three-persons/room \$270 each and four-persons/room is \$250 each. For details, call Leisure Travel at 767-2841/8609 for Stewart or 315-3674 for Hunter.



Local communities offer holiday fun for families

Commentary

Bruce Muncher

Directorate of Installation Management

With December upon us, we usher in the Family and religious holiday seasons of Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's.

The brisk air and the longer December nights make it ideal for celebrating with Family and friends.

Decorating, shopping and wrapping fill the days, as nights are filled with joyous gatherings of Family and friends. The sound of carols, some old and some new, resonate in every store and home.

The smell of pine, cinnamon and gingerbread, fill the house as memories of fresh baked cookies and pies resurface from holidays past.

With the 4th Brigade Combat Team finally coming home, we stop and remember those who have passed through our lives and those we can no longer reach out and touch. Holidays can be a difficult time for some, so be sure to reach out to those in need and try to help them cope. If only for a moment, we could view life through the eyes of a child, with hope and anticipation. Whether you are decorating a tree, lighting the symbolic menorah or kinara or singing 'Auld Lang Syne', stop and reflect on what is important in your life.

Many events will be available for your Family to

enjoy including Hinesville Christmas in the Park at Bradwell Park in downtown Hinesville, 5-9 p.m. Dec. 1.

Holiday Coastal Cottage at Yellow Bluff hosts offers tours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 1-14. The cost is \$10. For more information, call 877-222-6475.

Golden Isles Festival of Trees will be held Dec. 4-6 at Saint Simons Island. For more information, call 265-1455.

The Hinesville Lighted Christmas Parade is 6:30 p.m., Dec. 5.

There will also be plenty of light 9:30 p.m., Dec. 5 at the Savannah Fireworks on the River show, on River Street in Savannah.

December 6 is a big day around local communities with the Vidalia Christmas Parade at 11 a.m.; the Long County Christmas Parade at 2 p.m.; the Savannah River Bridge Run, www.savannahvisit.com/bridge-run.asp; Savannah Christmas on the River at 5:30 p.m. on River St., www.riverstreetsavannah.com; and Fantasy of Lights, in Sumter S.C., starting at 5 p.m., (800) 688-4748.

On Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, Club Stewart hosts a Christmas Brunch, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the 40th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held noon to 5 p.m. at St. Augustine, Fla. The cost for the tour of homes is \$15 in advance, \$20 day of tour, (904) 797-6862.

Fun continues in the surrounding communities, Dec. 12-13 with a Candle lantern Weekend at Fort Pulaski, 6-10 p.m. with a cost of \$5. More information is available at www.nps.gov/fopu.

December 13 is a busy day with Wreaths for Warriors Walk at noon on Cottrell Field, www.w4ww.org; the Tybee Island Christmas Parade at 3 p.m.; the Savannah City Market Holiday Open House, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and Savannah Holiday Tour of Homes, noon to 8 p.m. for \$30.

On Dec. 14, a holiday chorus on the river is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. for \$40. More information is available at www.savannahchoralsociety.org. In addition a Broadway musical, 'Movin Out' plays at the Savannah Civic Center that day at 7:30 p.m., with tickets ranging from \$30 to \$50. For more information call, 651-6557.

And for the new year, a New Year, Eve Event at Club Stewart is planned for Dec. 31.

You can check out all of the above local events and many others in the surrounding area by checking out the Fort Stewart web site, Quality Time Magazine or Quality Time Calendar or one of the other sites listed above, at www.stewart.army.mil.

Enjoy your time with Family and friends, but be safe. Do not over indulge and do not drink and drive. Always think safety first.

We want to see you back in 2009 with a new administration and a new and prosperous year ahead.

Fort Morris history lives on

Special to the Frontline

"We, sir, are fighting the battle of America; as to surrendering the fort, receive this laconic reply, Come and take it." Thus was the famous response that American Col. John McIntosh sent to British Lt. Col. Lewis V. Fuser in reply to his demand for the surrender of Fort Morris Nov. 25, 1778 during the American Revolution.

In remembrance of this, Fort Morris hosted Soldier talks, musket drills, cannon demonstrations, domestic skills, colonial crafts, and colonial music with Jamie Keena Nov. 22 at the historic site.

The event began with a wreath laying ceremony by the Sons of the American Revolution to commemorate the event and those who served.

There was also a tactical skirmish

between the opposing forces followed by a dramatic portrayal of the correspondence between the Patriot and British officers.

A special evening presentation was made by Rita Elliott, Curator and Archaeologist of the Coastal Heritage Society. Her subject is entitled "Savannah Under Fire: Identifying Savannah's Revolutionary War Battlefield." She discussed her recent findings in her search for Savannah's buried Revolutionary War heritage.

Fort Morris is located seven miles east of I-95, exit #76. Follow the brown Liberty Trail signs. For more information, call 884-5999 or check out www.georgias-tateparks.org and click Fort Morris.

Editors Note: Information provided by Fort Morris Park.



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Catch the action at Fort McAllister

Community members are invited to Fort McAllister for the Winter Muster and Battle, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 13. Park Manager Daniel Brown, 727-2339, said the event would recreate the fort as Union and Confederate forces prepare for the climactic battle of Sherman's March to the Sea. Guests will be able to witness the battle for control of the fort. The cost is \$4 for adults, and \$2.50 for children. Fort McAllister is located at Georgia Spurr 144, Fort McAllister Road in Richmond Hill, Ga.



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 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 767-5058/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

Need to talk?

The 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, on-post appointments can be made by calling 704-9505. On-post appointments at Stewart can be made by calling either 492-6367, 492-6428, 432-1033, 536-7854, or 432-1798.

If you prefer to meet with a counselor somewhere off-post, please call 432-0013 to schedule an appointment and request a location that is convenient for you.

Walk-in services are also available without appointment at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, 1 p.m. each Friday; Glennville Welcome Center, 1 p.m. each Thursday; Pembroke Senior Center, 2 p.m. each Monday; and Hinesville National Guard, 1 p.m. each Wednesday

Come to EFMP bowling

A fun night of bowling for Family Members enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program begins at 6 p.m. at Marne Lanes, Dec. 1. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other Army Families and enjoy an evening of active bowling with your Family and the EFMP staff. For more information, call ACS at 767-5058/5059.

Get control of your money

Take advantage of our in-depth financial workshop, First-Term Financial Training While this class is mandatory for E-4 and below, it is also open to everyone who wants to improve their financial future. This full-day workshop teaches about credit use, managing a bank account, insurance, investments, financial planning for your future, basic car and home buying, bankruptcy and consumer fraud. First-terminer workshop is now offered at Stewart every weekday (except Wednesday) and at Hunter on a choice of two dates, Dec. 2 or 16

Also register for a new class at Hunter entitled Money Management from 9-11:30 a.m., Dec. 10. This workshop focuses on personal finance, to include checkbook management, debt management, credit cards, credit reports and saving.

At Stewart, Checkbook Management teaches you how to manage your checking account, avoid excess fees, and get control of your money, from 1 to 4 p.m., Dec. 17. Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter to register for finance classes or to schedule an appointment for a personal counseling session. We are here to help.

Hunter offers FRG training

Hunter offers a Saturday Family readiness Group Leader Training Course, Dec. 6. Designed to equip new FRG leaders with the necessary knowledge and ability to do their job, the class is also open to seasoned FRG leaders as a refresher. Topics include an overview of the FRG, FRG organization and structure, the role of the FRG leader, resources, fundraising rules, and tips for recruiting and managing volunteers. Reservations are necessary; please call 315-6816 to reserve your seat. Also ask about child care.

Learn to keep your cool

How does holiday stress affect you? Do you have difficulty maintaining your cool when you have the added stress of gifts to buy, menus to plan, travel to schedule? Take control of your emotions this holiday season and learn coping techniques and healthy outlets, along with community resources at the upcoming Stress and Anger Management workshop. Call 315-6816 to register for the Dec. 8 session at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 to sign up for the Dec. 12 workshop at Stewart.

Start saving for baby's education

Parents are invited to register for Baby's First Piggy Bank, a new class designed to help you establish a plan to start saving for baby's education funding. Learn sources of funding for higher education, college savings plans and tax incentives, and receive a free piggy bank! To register for the Dec. 10 class at Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059.

Challenge the stereotype

Baby Bootcamp for Dads, a special class just for men, teaches skills to build confidence in parenting your newborn baby. Network with other fathers and learn to enhance your nurturing side. Call 315-6816 to sign up for the Dec. 11 session at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 to register for the Stewart event Dec. 18. Both are 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attend employment workshops

Your employment readiness team has put together a variety of workshops to help you succeed in your job search. Stewart offers three employment workshops on goal setting, career planning, and resume writing on your choice of dates, Dec. 1 or Dec. 15. Hunter also offers Goal Setting and Career Planning, followed by Job Hunting 101, which covers all major areas of the job search process, Dec. 11.

Mock Interviewing, a workshop where you can practice your interview skills and experience being an interviewer in a small group setting, will be held at Stewart on three dates, Dec. 2, 4, and 11. The class is also offered at Hunter Dec. 11.

An employment and career orientation for newly-arriving military spouses and Family Members seeking employment on the installation or in the surrounding communities is offered at Stewart Dec. 8 and at Hunter Dec. 9. Learn about the Army spouse employment partnership which helps you find employment and achieve career goals in the midst of frequent relocations.

If you are interested in applying for federal jobs, you'll want to sign up for Resumix which offers insider's tips to entering your resume in the federal electronic resume system. Also learn tips for searching jobs and maximizing your skills for the most impact. The Resumix class is scheduled Dec. 3 at Stewart and Dec. 17 at Hunter. To register for employment readiness workshops or to request a personal employment counseling session, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Learn and grow with AFTB

Living within an Army Family culture can be challenging, and Army Family Team Building offers three levels of classes to help Families thrive in the military lifestyle. AFTB Level I: "Meet The Army" is offered at Hunter 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dec. 3-4. Level I teaches Family members basic skills and knowledge to succeed in the military environment. Discussions include how the mission impacts Family life, the importance of financial readiness, an introduction to Family Readiness Groups, basic military benefits and entitlements, and military customs and courtesies.

Family Members are invited to register for AFTB classes by calling 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also ask about child care.

Learn about the Dogface Soldier

Wondering what "Rock of the Marne" means?

Curious about the smiling bulldog, Rocky? Learn the history of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Dogface Soldier song, and much more at the Dogface Soldier for Families class, Dec. 17 at Stewart. This free class is offered through the AFTB program and is a popular one, so reserve your seat by calling 767-5058/5059. Call ACS at 767-5058 to register. Also ask about child care information.

Meet other spouses

Hearts Apart is open to any spouse whose loved one is away. Come chat with others who are also experiencing their Soldier's absence. Hearts Apart meets at Stewart 11 a.m., Dec. 3 at the relocation office located in building 443. At Hunter, Hearts Apart meets at ACS-Hunter 11:30 a.m., Dec. 9.

For information on spouse groups, call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 at Stewart. Also ask about the Foreign-Born Spouse Network.

Moving to Korea or Germany?

Come and 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. Family Members are highly encouraged to attend. Call to 767-5058/5059 to register for the overseas briefing at Stewart, Dec. 2 or call 315-6816 to sign up for the Dec. 3 briefing at Hunter. Also ask about Kids on the Move, a new program to help children learn about their new home.

Learn to manage moving expenses

Come to a two-hour class and learn how to plan monthly expenses and how to avoid pitfalls during your move.

Financial planning for permanent change of station is offered every Thursday at Stewart. At Hunter, the briefing is offered on two dates, Dec. 9 or Dec. 23. To register, call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Volunteer at the Special Olympics

ACS is now recruiting volunteers to help at the 2008 Winter Special Olympics. The event will be held at Marne Lanes from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 12 and volunteers are needed as huggers, event officials, score sheet runners and, most importantly, the audience and cheering section.

Pre-registration is requested in order to expedite volunteer in-processing that day. To register for this rewarding opportunity, please call 767-5058/5059 and ask for the installation volunteer coordinator.

Support group for new parents

Come meet other moms and discuss the joys and concerns of parenting your new baby. A caring, knowledgeable professional from new parent support facilitates group discussions on a variety of topics determined by individual and group needs.

At Hunter, the group meets twice weekly at 2 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at ACS located on Neal Boulevard, building 1279. At Stewart, interested moms are asked to call 767-5058 and sign-up for the next parenting support group forming now. Your suggestions about meeting location, time, and topics are also welcome.

Music, toys and fun for little ones

Parents are invited with their children (ages 0 to 5) 10 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday 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.

Come on down and see what all the fun is about! Stewart's play group is held at the Bryan Village Youth Center and Hunter play group meets at New Gannam Community Center. Call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for directions or more information.

DARE Essay winners learn about strength, earn respect with pledge

Special to the Frontline

Many of you are familiar with the D.A.R.E. program that is taught in our area schools. One of the program requirements is that each student write an essay in order to graduate. Essays are judged by teachers, D.A.R.E. officers and Fort Stewart Police Department personnel. One overall winner is selected from each school and they are awarded a prize.

The overall winners are Cali Banknell from Brittin Elementary, Nickolas Cormier from Diamond Elementary, and Austin Millisor from Kessler Elementary. The following essay is written by Cali Banknel. Check out the Dec. 4 issue of the Frontline to read Nickolas Cormier's winning essay, and the Dec. 11 issue to read Austin Millisor's essay.

Cali Banknell,
5th grade, Brittin Elementary

Dare is a program that teaches the effects and facts of drugs. I learned how

to make good decisions in life, how to avoid risky and dangerous situations, and how to stay away from peer pressure.

Tobacco is a plant. Its leaves are dried and chopped up and used in many products. Some of these products are dip, snuff, chewing tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, and many more.

If you use tobacco, it can damage your skin and give you wrinkles. Tobacco has poisons in its smoke, but marijuana has even more.

Marijuana is a plant that can be smoked, put in food, or chopped up and rolled up. Some people can get addicted to marijuana. It is illegal in the United States. Marijuana can also cause memory loss. It can give you lots of colds and respiration problems. Marijuana can make your reflexes very



Cali Banknell

slow, but so can alcohol.

Alcohol is found in beer, wine, whiskey, champagne, and liquor. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 years old to use alcohol. Drinking alcohol slows down your brain and body. Alcohol can also damage all your body's organs.

If you mix alcohol and medicine together, you can get very sick or die. Most teens in the United States

don't drink alcohol, but some of those teens are put under peer pressure to drink.

Peer pressure is when someone is asking you to do something bad or good that makes you feel uncomfortable. Peer pressure can get you into trouble or killed. If you keep on repeating no, the person that is trying to get you in trouble will get tired of your answer and leave you alone. You could also ignore that person too. To get out of the prob-

lem, you could use your dare decision-making model.

The dare decision-making model is a plan that can help you decide what to do before you do it. The model is easy, so any one can use it. There are four steps to the model: define, assess, respond, and evaluate. The model can change your life by having you stop and think about what you're going to do before you do it, so you can make a good decision.

Dare is a program that helps you with the facts and effects of alcohol and drugs. I have learned a lot about how to avoid situations, how to stay away from peer pressure, and how to make good decisions.

I, Cali Banknell, pledge to be drug free for the rest of my life: To never do drugs or drink alcohol. I pledge to be honest and respectful to everyone.

This pledge is important to me because some day people will know that misusing drugs doesn't help you; they hurt you.

Spartan Soldiers bring Thanksgiving to students



Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley

Captain Wilford Toney, supply and logistics officer in charge at 2/3 BTB, 2nd BCT, greets and talks with students at Richmond Hill Elementary School as they wait in line for lunch, Nov. 20.

Pfc. Crystal Bradley
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from 2/3 Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division served Thanksgiving lunch to students at Richmond Hill Elementary School, Nov. 20.

Richmond Hill Elementary School and 2/3 BTB are partnered via the Adopt-a-School program.

Wearing their service dress uniforms, Soldiers served lunch at the school's cafeteria, serving approximately 640.

Captain Wilford Toney, supply and logistics officer in charge at 2/3 BTB, said that it felt great to lend a hand.

"It always feels good when we Soldiers take time to give back to the community," Toney said. "Today, we are here to serve Thanksgiving lunch to the kids and to support of the children here who have parents that will not be home for the Thanksgiving holiday due to deployment."

Toney commented that many of the students at the school were actually children of Soldiers.

"A lot of children here have Soldiers as parents. We come out here as often as we can. Last month, we read Halloween stories to the children," said Toney.

"Next month, we are planning to come back to present a Power Point presentation to the children about the weather, food, and culture in Iraq, just to give them a better understanding of what it's like there," Toney said.

Walt Barnes, principal at Richmond Hills Elementary School, said although this is the first time the Soldiers have visited for Thanksgiving, they have always been excellent role models for the students.

"Sixty-five students here have parents who are deployed so when the Soldiers come out, it always means a lot to the students. There are a lot

more activities planned involving the Soldiers coming out and visiting the children," said Barnes.

Barnes said he thinks it's very important for his students to know the role the Soldiers play in their lives.

"Lately, we have been trying to promote patriotism into the curriculum here at Richmond Hill Elementary," Barnes said.

First Sergeant James Southern, 2/3 BTB, said it was important for Soldiers to participate in events such as this one.

"I think it's absolutely great to be here today. Most of these kids are military kids with parents who won't be home for Thanksgiving. I am glad we were able to be here for them today. These kids understand a lot more than we give them credit for," said Southern.

Southern was deployed to Iraq last Thanksgiving.

"I spent last year's Thanksgiving in FOB Kalsu's DFAC (dining facility) with my Soldiers; even though I couldn't be with my wife and kids, I was thankful to be with my Army Family," Southern said.

Southern said his Thanksgiving this year in the states will be slightly different from last year's.

"I have Family coming down, and we're planning to have a big Thanksgiving dinner," Southern said. "Early in that afternoon, though, I plan to go to the Spartan DFAC to serve lunch to my Soldiers. After that, I'll go home and spend the rest of the day with my Family," said Southern.

Southern said that all Soldiers that are deployed during the holidays, including the parents of some of the Richmond Hill Elementary students, should remember that their duty is very important and everyone here supports them.

"I want to wish them a Happy Thanksgiving," Southern said.



Pat Young

Troy University academic advisor Summer Davis speaks to Sgt. 1st Class Shylonda Wallace, HHC, CAB, about education opportunities at Troy, Nov. 20.

Youth earns awards at monthly Gator Night



Courtesy photo

Chris A Perez Jr., 5, son of 1st Lt. Chris and Rene Perez, pose with Diamond Elementary School Principal Linda Kidd at the school's monthly Gator Night, Nov. 21. Perez was one of the children applauded at the event which is a day for recognizing star students, and having fun.

At the event, they award certificates and backpacks to their star students for the Gator Trait of the Month and show a free movie for all children. This week's trait was 'responsibility' and the movie was Kung FU Panda.

"I am grateful for everyone who participated in this function and I want to thank each and every one of you who helped make this happen and for our kids who will be recognize for this month trait," said Kidd.

American Education Week comes to Hunter

Pat Young
Managing Editor

The Hunter Army Airfield Education Center demonstrated their resolve to help Soldiers and Families with an Education Open House Nov. 20 as part of American Education Week.

More than 15 institutions came from near and far to support the open house, assisting the more than 100 people who attended.

"These people believe in education and came to support our Soldiers," said Fay Ward, event coordinator and Hunter Education Center counselor.

She noted that aside from the four on-post education partners of Embry Riddle University, Central Texas College, Columbia College and Webster University; there were institutions traveling to Savannah from forts Benning and

Gordon in Georgia, and from as far away as Michigan.

Patti Hunt from Baker Online Center for Graduate Studies [(800) 469-3165], said she wanted to let participants know furthering their education was only a click away with degrees in business (to include a doctorate), accounting, marketing, management, computer networking, game design, Psychology among others.

Sergeant First Class Shylonda Wallace, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade visited Troy University academic advisor Summer Davis to find out more about earning a bachelors in criminal justice. Wallace said as a Soldier it wasn't difficult furthering her education, noting she already earned an associates degree from Central Texas College.

Sergeant First Class

Harold Dixon, Co. B, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, echoed Wallace's thought, mentioning although he has completed about 12 permanent change of stations, he's found time to earn a bachelors degree in criminal justice, and he is currently working on his masters degree. He said the programs through the education center like online courses have helped him achieve his goals.

Ward encouraged individuals to take advantage of opportunities available at the Hunter education center which include career improvement counseling, computer labs that are open seven days a week, and a variety of degree programs.

"The next college term starts in January," Ward said. "Now is the time to prepare."

Learn more about furthering your education, call Fay Ward at 315-5667.

DPW: Don't grease the pipes

DPW, Environmental Division

Grease, oil, and fat clogs pipes and sewer lines just as they block arteries. As with arteries, blocked sewer lines can cause serious problems. Such blockage will eventually cause sewer overflows that can result in health hazards, damage to home interiors, and possibly adverse impacts to our environment.

"Grease-clogged pipes have become an increasingly common cause of sewer spills on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield – most particularly during the holiday season. Cooler weather makes the problem worse," states Tressa Rutland, acting DPW Environmental Division Chief.

Flushing grease down the drain can be disastrous! Clogged lines can cause raw sewage to overflow into your home or your neighbor's home, parks, yards, streets, ditches, streams, and other waterways. Cleaning up after such a

mess is not how you want to spend your holidays! In mass, grease that makes it down the lines from several houses in a neighborhood to a lift station have caused problems at the lift station when the grease hardens again into great big, thick chunks. All this means problems for residence, and money for increased operation and maintenance of the sewer system and spill response teams.

The grease found in plumbing systems typically originates as a cooking by-product that has been washed down the kitchen sink. Meat fats, cooking oil, shortening, butter/margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products all contain grease and add to the problem when they are washed down the drain. Use of home garbage disposal units only shreds solid material into smaller pieces, but does not remove grease. Like arteries, grease will stick to the inside of the sewer pipes and will build up and block the lines over time.

According to Rutland, "a common mistake is to flush grease down the sink with hot water, but this will only push the grease farther down the lines where it will later re-solidify and clog lines. Commercial additives and chemicals, including soaps and detergents, that claim to dissolve grease may actually just push grease farther down the pipes where it can cause problems both on your property and in the streets."

Some sewage spills can be prevented if grease, fats, and oils are kept out of the sewer system in the first place. You can do the following to help prevent future problems:

- Never pour grease down sink drains, into toilets, or through garbage disposals.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills and cooking surfaces into the trash or a container for disposal.
- Absorb excess grease from cooked

meat, blotting directly with paper towels or straining into a separate disposable container.

• Inform your friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how you can work together to minimize potential health risks and environmental impacts.

Let's all have a wonderful holiday season. With your help, we can minimize the probability that you will be dealing with the unpleasant annoyance and inconvenience associated with sewage spills.

Help us protect you, your property, and our environment. If you have any questions, please contact the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division at 767-2010.

Editors Note: *Information provided from "Fat-Free Sewers: How to Prevent Fats, Oils, and Greases from Damaging Your Home and the Environment." Water Environment Federation, 1999.*

CMS continues to work local issues for Stewart-Hunter

Alana Olson

Plans, Analysis and Integration

Customer Management Services has been very busy working to resolve local issues. CMS held its first review meeting, Nov. 20 for issues gathered through the community FIRST (feedback, issues, resolution, solutions, today) process.

In response to the issues collected from Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers at a focus group held in September, directorates and tenant organizations met at the Crisis Management Center conference room to discuss and review their responses with the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Col. Todd Buchs. Buchs gave guidance on how to better formulate responses to our customers and the directors/tenant organizations are working hard to get resolution on the issues affecting their specific areas. The installation is already starting to see some of these issues resolved.

One of the issues was the hours of operation at the WTU shoppette, which were identified as problematic for the WTU Soldiers. As Community

FIRST offers a command link in the communication to directorates and tenant organizations, this issue was quickly resolved and the shoppette has gone back to its original hours. All issues remain on the radar through the Quality Management Boards and will be monitored until they are completely resolved.

In addition to the Community FIRST issue review meeting, CMS is anxious to receive the data from the annual Customer Service Assessment. The results should be arriving shortly after the garrison commanders' conference in December and will be briefed to the directors and key leaders. The information will also be available for review in the CMS office and on the CMS Web site, which will be operational soon.

The assessment will provide garrison leadership with valuable, customer fed analysis on the performance and importance of the services provided by the garrison.

Thank you to all who participated! And remember, feedback and improvement is a continuous process, so visit the ICE Web site at ice.disa.mil and let your voice be heard!




Wreaths for Warriors Walk

Wreath laying ceremony on
Noon, Dec. 13 at Cottrell Field on
Fort Stewart

To sponsor a wreath, volunteer
or for more information check out
the website www.w4ww.org



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