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Holiday hayrides return to Stewart-Hunter

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Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers and their Families will get a close-up look at Christmas decorations in on-post housing during what has become one of the most popular events of the season – Holiday Hayrides.

The hayrides are scheduled from 6-10 p.m., Dec. 11, at Stewart, and from 5-8 p.m., Dec. 12, at Hunter.

"When we first started the Holiday Hayride in 2005, we had just four people in a wagon," said Roni Stevens, Corkan Family Recreation Area manager. "The next year, we had 500 take part. Last year, we had 3,500 customers."

The Corkan Family Recreation Area will be dressed in holiday style – as the song goes – for the Holiday Hayride event.

Last year, Santa Claus greeted youngsters and listened attentively to all their Christmas wishes. He'll be available again this year at Corkan and Families who wish can take photos.

The hayride ticket price is \$5 per Family. All

Corkan facilities will be open and operating at discount prices for this special occasion.

The hayride route this year will take riders through on-post housing areas yet to be decided.

"What's really nice is that the community has gotten involved in the hayrides," Stevens said. "Last year, they handed out candy to people in the wagons."

"I think the thing (customers) like most about the hayrides is that they are an old-time, Family-type event. They enjoy doing this with the kids and they enjoy the slow, easy pace."

Call 767-9884 for more information about the Stewart hayride.

Lee Collins, Outdoor Recreation Director at Hunter, said the hayrides also are popular there, not only with the customers, but with staff as well. "They (staff) love to see the little children enjoying themselves with

the hayride, Christmas movies and treats such as hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows."

At Hunter, Hallstrom Lake Recreation Area (off Perimeter Road) will be the site for the hayride. The hayride price is \$5 per Family.

Customers can sign up in advance at Equipment Checkout Center, building 8454, or the Pass & Permit Office, building 1286. For more information, call 315-9554 or 315-5163.

"The ride will take about half an hour," Collins said. "We'll take them to see the Christmas lights in the Callaway and New Savannah housing areas and go by the new Youth Activities Center. Anyone can come out."

Collins recalls that some customers, after enjoying the hayride, have said that they wish we could have more than one hayride a year.



Photos by Bob Mathews

Families load onto the wagon with eager children for the Holiday Hayrides at Fort Stewart during last year's holiday event. This year's Holiday Hayrides are scheduled for 6-10 p.m., Dec. 11 at Stewart and 5-8 p.m., Dec. 12 at Hunter. The hayride cost is just \$5 per Family. Customers can sign up in advance at the Equipment Checkout Center, building 8454, or the Pass & Permit Office, building 1286. For more information, call 315-9554 or 315-5163.

Stewart, Hunter to shine bright for holidays tonight, Monday

FMWR

The Christmas Tree Lightings have become one of the most popular Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation events, especially for children, who can feast their eyes on the brightly decorated Club Stewart or Hunter Club, and see Santa himself. At Hunter, there's an added holiday attraction – real reindeer.

The Stewart tree-lighting celebration will begin at 5:15 p.m., tonight on the Hero Road side of Club Stewart. There will be Christmas carols and the arrival of Santa Claus. Inside

Club Stewart, there will be pictures with Santa, children's activities, punch and cookie treats, and much more. For more information, call 767-6212.

The Hunter Tree Lighting event will begin at 5:15 p.m., Dec. 7 at the Hunter Club, building 6015. The sound of Christmas carols will fill the air, and the tree will be lighted, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. Inside Hunter Club, too, there will be pictures with Santa, children's activities, punch and cookie treats, and much more. For more information, call 459-7923.



Holiday Brunches

As the pace of the holiday season begins to pick up in December, what better way to spend a leisurely Sunday than letting the chefs at Club Stewart and Hunter Club do all the cooking? The Holiday Sunday Brunches will be offered Dec. 13 at Club Stewart and Hunter Club.

At each, the menu will feature breakfast items and traditional holiday favorites. The hours at each are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The cost is \$14.95 per person. Children ages 5-10 may dine at half price and children ages 4 and under are free. Call 368-2212 for more Club Stewart information and 459-7923 for more Hunter Club information.

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PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH DEC. 6

Cirque Du Freak: Vampire Asst Today — 7 p.m.

(John C. Reilly, Josh Hutcherson)

Sixteen-year-old Darren was like most kids in his suburban neighborhood. He hung out with his best friend Steve, got decent grades and usually stayed out of trouble. But when he and his buddy stumble upon a traveling freak show, things begin to change inside Darren. That's the exact moment when a vampire named Larten Crepsley turns him into something, well, blood-thirsty. Newly undead, he joins the Cirque Du Freak, a touring sideshow filled with monstrous creatures from a snakeboy and a wolfman to a bearded lady and a gigantic barker.

Rated PG-13 (intense supernatural violence/action, disturbing images, thematic elements, language) 137 min.

Law Abiding Citizen

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler)

Clyde Shelton is an upstanding family man whose wife and daughter are brutally murdered during a home invasion. When the killers are caught, Nick Rice, a hotshot young Philadelphia prosecutor, is assigned to the case. Over his objections, Nick is forced by his boss to offer one of the suspects a light sentence in exchange for testifying

against his accomplice. Fast forward ten years. The man who got away with murder is found dead and Clyde Shelton coolly admits his guilt. Then he issues a warning to Nick: Either fix the flawed justice system that failed his family, or key players in the trial will die.

Rated R (strong bloody brutal violence and torture, a scene of rape and pervasive language) 109 min.

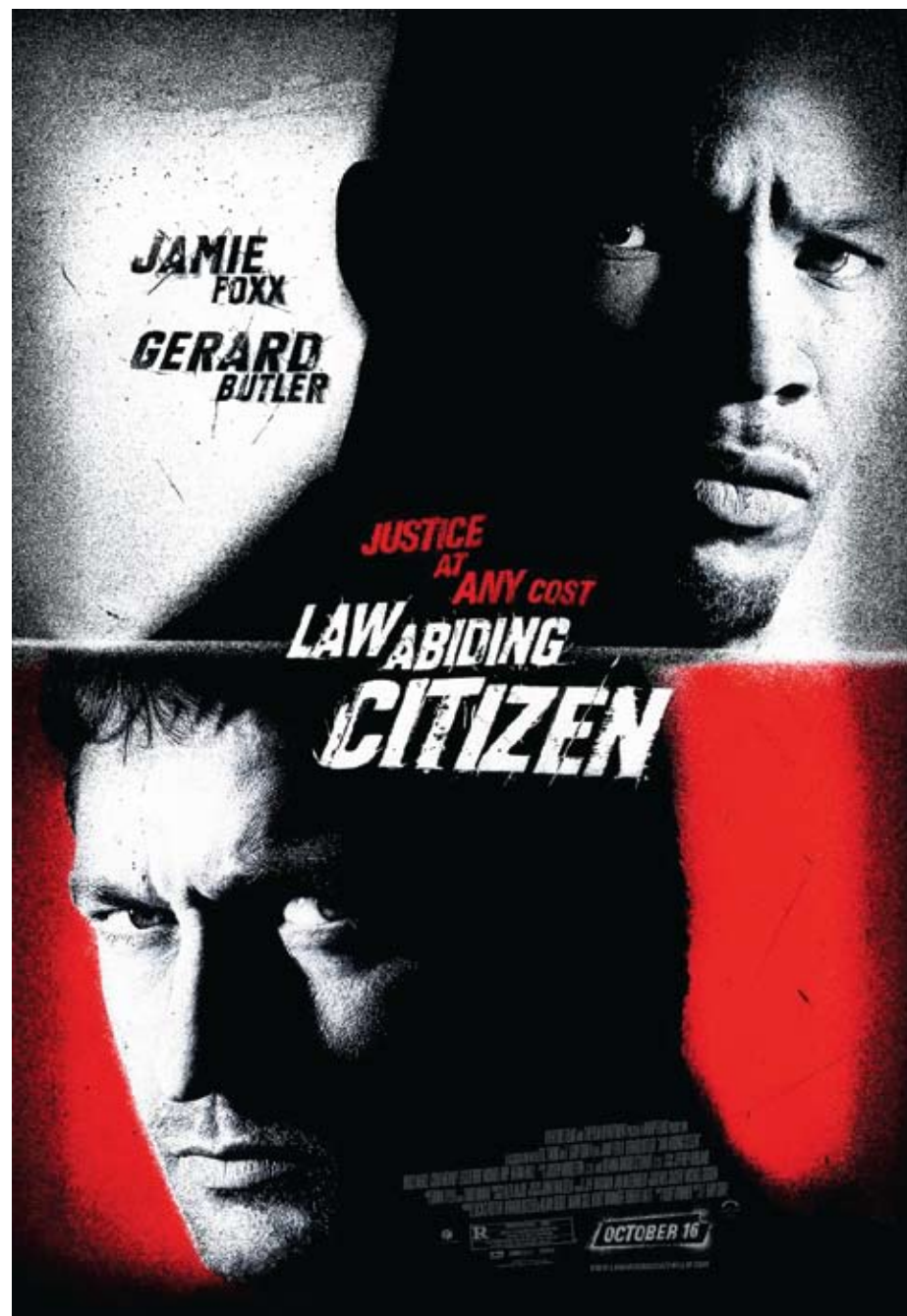
Astro Boy

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Kristen Bell, Nicolas Cage)

Astro Boy is a young robot from futuristic Metro City. Created by a brilliant scientist named Tenma, and powered by pure positive "blue" energy that gives him such abilities as x-ray vision, inhuman speed, and flight, the wide-eyed android longs to find his true place in the world. He sets out on an epic journey that brings him face to face with an underworld army of robots and some of the strangest creatures ever to walk the Earth, and along the way learns to experience human feelings and emotions. Astro Boy's remarkable mission of discovery is suddenly cut short, however, when he learns that his friends and family back in Metro City are in grave danger.

Rated PG (some action and peril, and brief mild language) 94 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...

Chris the dog &
a holiday bundle of kittens

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.



Team Stewart

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DFMWR Briefs

Three Grand Openings at Hunter

Improvements to three facilities that serve Soldiers and their Families will be noted with Grand Opening ceremonies, including:

Hallstrom Lake Recreation Area Grand Opening at 2 p.m., Dec. 10. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be followed by a tour of the area off Perimeter Road. See the new recreation area with paved parking, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, a walking path, restrooms and a floating boat dock. There will be paddle boat/canoe/kayak demonstrations and rides. There will also be free samples of outdoor barbecue foods in each pavilion. For more information, call 315-9554.

Lotts Island RV Campground Grand Opening at 11 a.m., Dec. 11. Ribbon cutting ceremony followed by tour of area off Lotts Island Road. See the new campground with cement pads, 16 camping spaces with all utilities, patio slabs with picnic tables and walking path. There will be several display campsites for viewing.

Participants can register to win a free weekend stay at Lotts Island Campground with camper of their choice provided by Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 315-9554.

Hunter Lanes Grand Opening tentatively set for Dec. 17. Join us in celebrating the renovation of Hunter Lanes, building 1280, with a ribbon cutting and a tour of the facility. Check out Hunter Lanes' new Ten Pin Grill. For more information, call 315-6279.

Stewart, Hunter Clubs postpone lunches

Club Stewart and Hunter Club have postponed their lunch programs for the remainder of 2009. Lunch will reopen after the first of the year with a new concept. For more information, call either club at 368-2212 (Stewart) or 459-7923 (Hunter).

Marne and Stewart Lanes Bowling Centers both offer great lunch menus. Check out their specials.

Hilton Head Christmas shopping trip

There's still time to join us for some Christmas shopping at the Tanger Outlet Centers on Hilton Head, S.C. Sign up by tomorrow for the trip at 9 a.m., Saturday. Group will depart from the Fort Stewart Leisure Activities Center, building 443.

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

Holiday turkey shoots at Fort Stewart

Put your marksmanship skills to the test with a turkey shoot at the Fort Stewart Skeet Range, building 8332. Shoots are scheduled for Dec. 10 and again Dec. 17 from 4-8 p.m.

Turkey shoot consists of three types of shoots: traditional, poker and trap.

Fees: traditional, \$3 per shot; poker, five shots (\$3 per person) all night long; and trap, one shot (\$5 per person), one time only per individual/shoot until you miss each night.

Prizes will be awarded per category and door prizes given out. Turkey awarded for trap shoot only. For details, call 767-2515.

Trees for Troops at Stewart and Hunter

Christmas trees, donated by Christmas Spirit Foundation (representing Christmas tree growers/distributors) and FedEx, will be distributed to Soldiers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Stewart Leisure Activities Center, building 443, and Hunter Auto Crafts, building 1288, Dec. 11.

There is no charge. Trees will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to one tree per military Family or single Soldier.

If there are any trees left over, they will be distributed, Dec. 12.

For more information and availability of trees, call (912) 977-5671 (Stewart) or 315-6244 (Hunter).

Sign up now for Wild Adventure trip

Sign up now for a trip to the Wild Adventure Water and Theme Park in Valdosta, Ga. The registration deadline is Dec. 11.

On Dec. 12, we'll depart the Fort Stewart Leisure Activities Center, building 443, for Valdosta. The \$37 per person cost includes transportation and park admission.

For details, call 767-2841.

Traditional Turkey shoot at Hunter

Come on out and join us for a traditional holiday turkey shoot at the Hunter Skeet Range, building 8250, from noon to 3 p.m., Dec. 12. You could win a \$10 gift certificate or \$20 certificate good at Hunter Outdoor Recreation. Fees: \$3 per round, minimum of 10 shooters per round.

For details, call 315-9554.

Holiday brunch at Stewart, Hunter Clubs

Join us at Club Stewart or Hunter Club for a festive holiday meal from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Dec. 13.

The menu will feature breakfast items, a roast beef carving station with condiments and rolls, turkey with giblet gravy, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, Prince Edward Island blend vegetables, candied yams, corn nuggets, peach crepes, assorted desserts, a chocolate fountain, hot apple cider and mimosas.

Cost:

Corporal and below: \$12.95 adults, \$6.47 children (ages 5-10) and children (under age 5) free.

Sergeant and above (and all others): \$14.95 adults, \$7.47 children (ages 5-10) and children (under age 5) free.

Advance tickets are on sale at a discounted rate through both Club Stewart and Hunter Club information counters. Reservations are not required.

For more info call 368-2212 (Stewart) or 459-7923 (Hunter).

Sign-up deadline for Gatlinburg trip

The registration deadline is Jan. 4 for a trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., on Jan. 15-17.

Join Leisure Travel for a weekend of fun riding the mountains of Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort by skiing, snow-boarding or tubing. Experience winter in the Great Smoky Mountains.

The \$300 per person cost includes two-night stay with hotel accommodation for 1-4 people per room in the Westgate River Terrace Resort, bus transportation and admission ticket to the Hypnosis Theatre Comedy Show.

For details, call Leisure Travel Office at 767-2841.

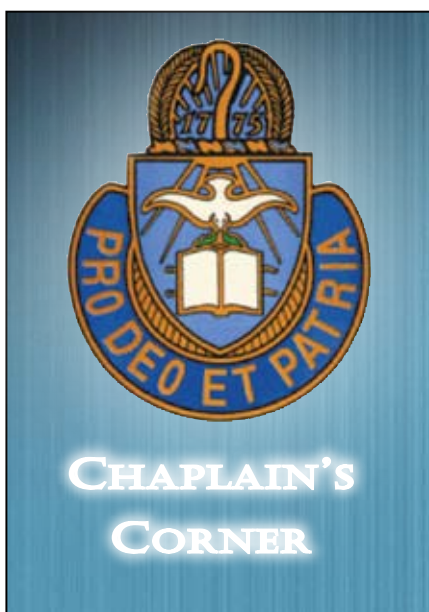
Atlanta Hawks vs Boston Celtics trip

Watch the Atlanta Hawks take on the Boston Celtics in a game at Phillips Arena in Atlanta on Jan. 29. Tipoff is at 7:30 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 Fort Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter Army Airfield.

Find encouragement through God's presence



Chaplain (Capt.) Paul Ormond
Garrison support chaplain, Hunter Army Airfield

Have you ever asked yourself or someone else the question, "Is there anything that is too difficult for God?" If you have, you are certainly not alone! In the book of Genesis, in the Bible, God says the very same thing.

While speaking to Abraham and Sarah, He makes this statement to help them understand that even though Abraham and Sarah were very old at that time, it would not make it impossible for Sarah to have her first child. Several years before this point, God had promised that one day they would have a son. In their impatience they started to

doubt that God would and could do what He said He would.

Abraham and Sarah became so focused on their own expectations and hopes for their life that they began to lose their focus and distrust God.

When we read the Bible and look at all of the promises that God made to His people throughout the generations, we can see Him working in the lives of so many people, but still sometimes we doubt whether He is working in our own lives.

In times like this, it is important to remember that although not everything in the Bible is said directly to us individually, it is all said for each and every one of us. So while God made the promise of a son to Abraham and Sarah, spe-

cifically, the promise that He is working in our lives is something that all of us can take from it. This is why we read in **Jeremiah 32:17** that "There is nothing too hard for you!"

Jeremiah said these words to God because he had come to see that God was involved in his life and was not going to leave his side. When you find yourself having difficulty seeing past the challenges or the distractions of life, take a minute to stop what you are doing and remember the words of **Psalms 46:10**, which remind us, "Be still and know that I am God."

If we keep our focus on Him, we will never lose sight of His presence and His working in our lives for our benefit! Be encouraged!

Chapel Schedule		
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

TEAM STEWART WEB SITE

www.stewart.army.mil

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

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 service-members. 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.growthfort-stewart.com or by call (912) 408-2069.

American Legion host Christmas Dance

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 135 presents their annual Christmas Dance, 8 p.m. to midnight, Dec. 12, at 1108 Bull St. in Savannah. Advance tickets are \$12; at the door \$15. Tickets can be purchased by calling 354-0732/233-9277 or 898-4809. Music is provided by "Band of Gold." Dress is coat and tie, and the dance is open to the public. A cash bar will be available

and door prizes awarded.

RecruitMilitary Opportunity Expo planned

A free employment, entrepreneurship, and educational opportunity event for veterans, personnel who are transitioning from active duty, Reserves or Guard, and military spouses will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center in Atlanta, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 10. The expo is presented by RecruitMilitary, the President's National Hire Veterans Committee, the American Legion and the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network. For more information or to register as a job-seeker, visit www.recruitmilitary.com.

Holiday open houses, scavenger hunt

Shopping local not only contributes to the vitality of the community, it may pay for your holiday shopping as well. Thirteen downtown Hinesville businesses are participating in the "Downtown Scavenger Hunt," offering in-store prizes totaling over \$1,200 in value and a \$500 Shopping Spree - Grand Prize. Winning entries will be drawn at each participating location at the close of business, Dec. 17.

Customers simply visit the participating businesses

through Dec. 17, "hunt" for the hidden ornament, and fill-out the entry form provided next to the ornament. There is no purchase necessary and entries can be submitted once per visit, per person. Call (912) 877-4332 for more information.

Governor Perdue to speak at Jekyll Island

The board of directors for Jekyll Island Authority, along with its staff, and delegates from the Georgia Farm Bureau will join Governor Sonny Perdue at a groundbreaking ceremony marking the official kickoff of Jekyll Island's historic revitalization at the Future Site of Jekyll Island Great Dunes Park (parking lot Immediately North of the Convention Center) 11:15 a.m.- 12:20 p.m., Dec. 7. Governor Perdue is expected to attend and offer remarks, and will also participate in a tree planting on the future site of Great Dunes Park, which one day will be a beautiful and central public area for all guests and residents of Jekyll Island. The planned oceanfront park will be part of the future Jekyll Island Beach Village, which will also include a redeveloped and expanded convention center, two new hotels, vacation-ownership properties, a retail village, and a public plaza. This event is free and open to the public, but Jekyll Island's \$5 parking fee applies.

Wreaths for Warriors Walk



Warriors Walk is the Fort Stewart living memorial that borders Cottrell Field on two sides, and consists of three meandering sidewalks and 421 Eastern Redbud trees.

Each tree represents a 3rd Infantry Division Soldier who has made the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation's freedom. A granite marker identifies each Soldier and a single spotlight illuminates skyward, giving the cool night air a respective glow. Family and friends visit this hallowed ground, leaving flowers and pictures and mementoes reflecting a remembrance of love, which will never fade.

Wreaths for Warriors Walk, a local nonprofit organization comprised of Fort Stewart employees, veterans and local volunteers, was founded in 2007 with the goal of placing a holiday wreath at each of the trees along Warriors Walk. In 2007, about 500 people attended the inaugural event. In 2008, an estimated 3,000 people, including 200

Family Members of fallen Soldiers, attended the second-annual ceremony.

At noon on Dec. 12, Wreaths for Warriors Walk will hold the 3rd Annual Wreath Ceremony to honor each of these fallen heroes. The ceremony will begin with a moment of silence, which coincides with the national wreath laying ceremony in Arlington Cemetery. The national anthem will resonate among the trees and guest speakers will commemorate this special day. The somber, reflective ceremony will culminate with Family Members, fellow Soldiers, friends and guests placing individual wreaths at the base of each and every one of the 421 trees.

To sponsor a wreath for \$15, to volunteer or for more information, visit the event Web site at www.w4ww.org. You can also hear the specially arranged song "400 Names at Warriors Walk" and see a video set to the Tim McGraw song, "If You're Reading This."

Support Wreaths for Warriors at Chili's

On Dec. 8, from 5-9 p.m., Chili's Restaurant in Hinesville will host a "Give Back" Night in support of Wreaths for Warriors Walk. With each flyer presented, Chili's will donate 10 percent of the sales to Wreaths for Warriors. As you sit down today with Family and friends, please remember all of the men and women of our Armed Forces who are defending our great nation. Please be sure to keep them and their Families in your thoughts and prayers now and always.

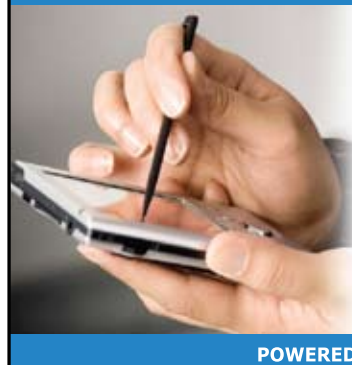
Upcoming December events.....

- Dec. 1-6** – 9th Annual Trees for Life, Savannah Westin Resort, free, 201-2018, dozens of decorated trees
- Dec. 1-31** – 22nd Annual Fantasy of Lights, Sumter S.C., free, (800) 688-4748, over one million lights
- Dec. 1** – Savannah Winds Fall Feast Concert, Armstrong Auditorium, 730 p.m., \$14, (912) 344-2801
- Dec. 3** – Downtown Hinesville Open House every Thursday till 7 p.m. until Dec. 17; Scavenger Hunt
- Dec. 4** – Hinesville Illuminated Christmas Parade, through downtown Hinesville, 6:30 p.m., 368-4445
- Dec. 4** – First Friday Fireworks, Savannah River Street, 9:30 p.m. www.riverstreetsavannah.com
- Dec. 5** – Savannah River Bridge Race, 5K & 10K, 8:15 a.m., \$30, Registration prior at www.active.com
- Dec. 5** – Christmas on the Homefront, Mighty Eight Air Force Museum, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., free
- Dec. 6** – Christmas on the River & Lighted Parade, Savannah River Street, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Free, parade is at 5:30 p.m., www.riverstreetsavannah.com
- Dec. 6** – Holiday Tour of Homes, Richmond Hill Museum, Richmond Hill Ga., 1 p.m., 756-3697
- Dec. 7** – Pearl Harbor Day, <http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/pearlharbor/>
- Dec. 7** – Hunter Tree Lighting Ceremony, Hunter Club, 5:15 p.m., evening of music, food and Santa
- Dec. 11** – Fort Stewart Winter Special Olympics, Marne Lanes, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., 767-5058
- Dec. 11-31** – Skatefest 2009, Savannah Civic Center, \$7 per session, multiple sessions each day, 651-6556
- Dec. 11** – Fort Stewart Holiday Hayride, Starting point Corkan Arena, 6-10 p.m., \$5, 767-9884
- Dec. 11** – Jim Brickman Concert, Savannah Johnny Mercer Theater, 8 p.m., \$32-\$43, 651-6556

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November 21

* **Gabriel Luis Xavier Medina**, a boy, 6 pounds, born to Spc. Luis Hilario Medina and Vanessa Kathyne Medina.

* **Brooklyn Ann Oniszko**, a girl, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Jeremy Wade Oniszko and Melissa Joy Oniszko.

* **Wesley Rosario Petlin**, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Larissa Jean Petlin.

* **James Theron Wilson IV**, a boy, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. James Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

November 22

* **Olivia Grace Branch**, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to 1st Sgt. Timothy Branch and Olivia Branch.

* **Ian Claude Smith**, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Ronny Smith and Kaoru Smith.

November 23

* **Harlow Grace Balthaser**, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer Scott Balthaser and Leslie Balthaser.

* **Zabian Xavier Battle**, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Cpl.

Brandon Battle and Teresa Battle.

* **Nicholas Aylene Furches**, a boy, 10 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher James Furches and Mary Grace Furches.

November 24

* **Michael Christopher Andrews Jr.**, a boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael Christopher Andrews Sr. and Heather Andrews.

* **Eden Jackson Gaddy**, a boy, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, born to 1st Sgt. John W. Gaddy and Crystal Gaddy.

* **Joshua Xavier Langhorst**, a boy, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Joshua David Langhorst and Tahjma Renee Ewing.

November 25

* **Mia Ahrianna Lara**, a girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Victor N. Lara and Christy Lynn Lara.

* **Parker McKenzie Rosales**, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Pfc. Caleb Rosales and Amy Rosales.

November 26

* **Eric Sebastian Munoz**, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pvt. Jose J. Munoz and Nyshme Daniela Munoz.

For more information, visit the Frontline online at

www.stewart.army.mil

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 Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military.

Volunteers needed for Special Olympics

Special Olympics would not exist today without the time, energy, commitment and enthusiasm of people just like you. 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.

Attend Family Readiness Group training

FRG Treasurer Training will be held at Stewart from 9-11:30 a.m., or 1-3 p.m., Dec. 10 at ACS-Stewart, building 87. Hunter's class is also being held Dec. 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS-Hunter, building 1286. Commanders, FRG leaders, and treasurers within the FRG are invited to attend this class that covers the rules and regulations that govern the FRG, to include financial resources, fundraising rules, and responsibilities. Call Stewart at 767-5058/5059 or Hunter at 315-6816 to register. Also ask about child care.

FRG trainings can also be scheduled at your location for the convenience of your unit and volunteers.

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, building 86, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 30. 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 CYS Child Development Center from 6- 9 p.m. while you attend the support group meeting.

Children must be registered with CYS and also enrolled in EFMP to participate, and 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 each Tuesday and Thursday. Presented by the Army Community Service Outreach Program, the orientation provides an overview of the many agencies, events, and programs available to help with your transition to the area – and offers an opportunity to meet other new Families and Service Members. The Outreach staff can also assist with any issue or concern you may have as a newcomer. Please call 767-2467 to register. Also ask about child care.

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 to talk?

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.

Coping with a deployed parent

Child, Youth & School Services, with support from Military Family Life Consultants, will begin weekly activities to help children and teens with anxieties or concerns associated with having a deployed parent. Support sessions are informal, with information on how children and teens can manage their behaviors during difficult times. Each Wednesday from 5-6 p.m., for children grades 1-5 at the Soldier Family Center, building 1286. Every Thursday from 5-6 p.m., for children grades 6-12 at the Soldier Family Center. Spaces are limited.

There is no cost. Parents should notify the central registration office at 315-5425 to sign up their children. For more information, contact the Hunter School Liaison Office at 315 - 6586.

