

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Sgt. David Turner

Members of the 4th BCT Leader Engagement Team, normally stationed at the Regional Embassy Office in Hillah, enjoy a meal together, complete with sparkling grape juice at FOB Kalsu on Thanksgiving day.

Shared meal holds thankful memories

Pat Young
Managing Editor

Thanksgiving, an American tradition dating back to the early 17th century has come to symbolize a moment where individuals can spend time with Family and friends and reflect in gratitude on the good things in their lives.

Although not everyone can be with their immediate Family, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield offered opportunities to share Thanksgiving at dining facilities around the installation, Nov. 27 as part of the Army Family.

"A year ago today, we were in Iraq," said 3rd Infantry Division Chief of Staff Col. Terry Ferrell, Nov. 27 at the Special Troops Battalion "Marne" Dining Facility. "We were in forward operating bases and

outposts."

Ferrell, who was commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team in 2007, said the unique difference from this Thanksgiving occurred near 5 a.m., Nov. 27, 2007, when about 50 insurgents decided to take advantage of the Soldier's plan to enjoy a special occasion, and attacked.

He said that Thanksgiving Day, Soldiers, Iraqi civilians and members of the Iraqi army were fighting for their lives. The Soldiers prevailed and would finally get to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal later that night but said the event was a testament to the Soldiers' character that they were able to adapt. He also noted that event was the turning point in that area.

"That was the turning of the tide in our

area of operations," Ferrell said.

Ferrell said most of the 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers are home at Stewart now, and many from the 4th Brigade Combat Team will be returning home for the holiday.

"So we are very thankful today," he said.

With more than 25 years of service, Ferrell said he, like many Soldiers and leaders of the 3rd Infantry Division, enjoyed Thanksgiving at the dining facilities because in years of service you build bonds and realize that the Army is Family, and you spend time with Family on Thanksgiving.

Specialist Manuel Corpas, a native of Panama, understands those sentiments. He said he came to the United States in 1994 with his grandmother and mother, but still felt he was spending time with his Family, indicating his friends and co-workers around him.

He said like most Soldiers, cooks develop a special bond with those they work with. They share experiences, learn about each other and their own Families, and build strong bonds. He said most of the cooks understand that "Family" bond is shared among other Soldiers and try to make Thanksgiving special for them.

At the Marne Dining Facility, Sgt. 1st Class Walter Moore, senior food operation sergeant, said preparation started about two weeks ago. He said at that facility, the actual Thanksgiving meal preparation started at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 26, and included 13 turkeys, prepared by 12 military and six civilian cooks.

But the meal wasn't the only part

of Thanksgiving the food service specialists worked on. They prepared centerpieces and decorated the Facility and tried to make the event special.

Sergeant First Class Nelson Campos, said he wanted to make the event special and worked on items that were his passion, ice sculpting. He made five for the Soldiers at the Marne DFAC, including two swans, a 3rd ID Crest, a Bible, and a Pilgrim. See related story on Page 7B.



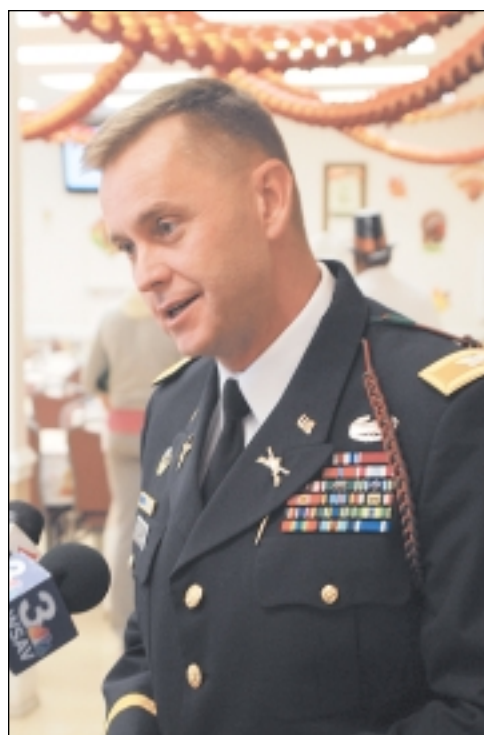
Pat Young

Although from many different states, Soldiers and Families were able to sit down at the same table, Nov. 27 for a traditional Thanksgiving meal served at dining facilities on Stewart-Hunter.



Lina Satele

Sergeant Nakisha Nieves receives a serving of pork roast and prime rib at the carving station from Warrior In Transition Co. B Commander Capt. Drake Forrest and 1st Sgt. Steven Jakes. The WTU dining facility hosted their Thanksgiving dinner, Nov. 25.



Pat Young

Colonel Terry Ferrell, 3rd ID Chief of Staff and former 2nd BCT Commander, enjoys Thanksgiving with Soldiers Nov. 27 and noted this year's event was different than the one he shared with Soldiers in Iraq in 2007.



Spc. Gaelen Lowers

Below: Lieutenant Colonel Russ Holcher, commander STB, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, serves mac 'n cheese to Provider Soldiers during the Thanksgiving celebration, Nov. 27, at the Provider dining facility.

Learn to deal with problems, seek chaplain assistance



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Capt) Paul R. Belcher
1/9 FA Chaplain

Often we find ourselves dealing with problems that seem to stretch our emotions, nerves, and patients. These problems come at the most difficult times or situations and our reactions to how we deal with them often leave us emotionally bankrupt, nerves tattered, patience worn thin. Let me offer a few suggestions to try the next time a problem arises, and you feel like you cannot deal with the issue at this time.

First ask yourself this question: what

is one thing that I can do to make the situation better or at least manageable? Second, we need to understand what the first, second, and third order of effects will be when you execute that one thing to make the problem more manageable. First order of effects means the immediate impact on those closest to the situation. Second order of effects are those that will also be impacted by the ripple from the first order, but not as severe. Third order of effects is the fallout on the rest of the situation. When we view our problems thinking about a solution that will

make the problem better, we must do so by thinking about the impact of our words, attitude, and actions.

Last, we are always faced with some problems either big or small. How we respond to our problems, helps us to build character. When we fail to deal with our problems we are not building character but major obstacles that we will have to deal with sooner or later. So if you are having problems, coming up with a solution to a problem come see a chaplain and begin to build the character that can deal with life's road blocks.

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 is 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.

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Don't delay, update DEERS today

Special to the Frontline

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System is a computerized database of military sponsors, Families and others worldwide who are entitled to TRICARE benefits. DEERS registration is required for TRICARE eligibility.

Active-duty and retired servicemembers are automatically registered in DEERS, but they must take action to register their Family Members and ensure they're correctly entered into the database. Mistakes in the DEERS database can cause problems with TRICARE claims, so it is critical to maintain your DEERS information.

You can verify your DEERS information by contacting the regional TRICARE contractor, Humana Military Healthcare Services or the nearest ID card office. Sponsors or registered family members may make address changes; however, only the sponsor can add or delete a Family Member from DEERS, and proper documents are required such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree and/or birth certificate. You can verify and update DEERS in one of the following ways:

- In person: To add or delete Family Members, visit the local ID card office.
- By phone: Call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office at 1-800-538-9552 to update your addresses, e-mail address and phone num-

bers.

- By fax: Fax address, e-mail address or phone number changes to DSO at 1-831-655-8317.

- By mail: Mail changes to:
Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office

ATTN: COA

400 Gigling Road

Seaside, CA 93955-6771

- Online: You have two options for updating personal information online:

- Visit the DEERS Web site and follow the steps to update your personal mailing address, e-mail address and phone numbers online at www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/indexAction.do.

- Via the Beneficiary Web Enrollment Web site www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/. The site is linked directly to the DEERS database, so when you update your information via this portal, it not only updates DEERS, but also with your regional contractor.

Each Family Member's eligibility record must be updated separately when changes occur. Any changes that impact you or your Family (e.g., marriage, birth, divorce, death) need to be reported to DEERS so that eligibility can start or stop under DoD and Service guidance.

If you are active duty and re-enlist, separate, retire, or move, make sure your information gets

updated in DEERS as soon as possible. If you do not, you and your Family might experience a break in eligibility, which means a break in health care coverage.

As soon as you re-enlist, take your re-enlistment paper to your personnel support center or ID card facility so your information can be updated before your previous enlistment expires rather than waiting for the paperwork to go through distribution.

Once you retire, you need to make sure DEERS reflects your change from active duty to retiree status. Note: If you or your Family were previously TRICARE Prime under your active duty status, you need to re-enroll in TRICARE Prime under your retiree status. Contact the TRICARE regional contractor in your retirement location to find out if TRICARE Prime is offered in your retirement area zip code.

It is important to update your and your Family's home addresses because TRICARE Program information will be sent to that address.

Retail network pharmacies check TRICARE eligibility through DEERS. Your prescriptions will be filled only if you are in the system.

If you or a Family Member is Medicare-eligible, entitled to Part A and enrolled in Part B, DEERS must be updated to reflect MEDICARE Part A and B status to retain TRICARE coverage. When you turn 65, the medical section of your military ID card may also need to be updated.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

November 17

• **Ella Louise Gaddy**, a girl, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Master Sgt. John W. Gaddy and Crystal L. Gaddy.

November 18

• **Anthony Raul Lemus**, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Carlos Ray Lemus and Daisy Summer Lemus.

November 19

• **Michael Kurt Moore**, a boy, 9 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Capt. Mathew W. Moore and Krista Jean Moore.

November 20

• **Riley Jourdan Standifer**, a girl, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Spencer Andrew Standifer and Pvt. Ashlee Lynn Standifer.

November 21

• **Bethany Kay-Lee Mathews**, a girl, 8

pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Timothy Nicholas Mathews and Mandi Kaye Mathews.

• **Adam Min Namkung**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Christian K. Namkung and Jiyoung Namkung.

November 22

• **Baylee Marie Cochran**, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jason Corey Cochran and Patricia Clarke Cochran.

November 23

• **Karmen Gayl Ealey**, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Theodis Ealey and Kourtney Ealey.

November 24

• **Conner Matthew Schrock**, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Jeffrey C. Schrock Jr. and Dianna M. Schrock.

Winn Briefs

Patient, Family Care meets

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 to Linda.king2@amedd.army.mil.

Tuttle's meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m., Dec. 11 at Aviation Brigade Classroom, Hunter Army Airfield. For more information, call Dennis Kelly at 315-5731.

Winn/Tuttle holiday schedule

Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 are MEDDAC training holidays. Dec. 25 is Christmas day, and Jan. 1 is New Year's Day, federal holidays. On Dec. 25-26, services at Winn will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies.

Full operations resume Dec. 29. On

Jan. 1-2 services at Winn will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations resume Jan. 5.

All services at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 26. Full operations resume Dec. 29. Both clinics will also be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 2. Full operations resume Jan. 5. For more information, call 435-6965.

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 Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuttle's Immunization Clinic every Thursday, 1 - 5 p.m.

Make sure to bring your valid military ID card. For more information, call Army Public Health Nursing at 435-5071.

Reduced operations

On Dec. 19 starting at 11 a.m., Winn Army Community Hospital, Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will have reduced operations due to holiday celebrations. Full operations resume Dec. 22. For more information, call 435-6965.

Hinesville mayor, community give thanks

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

Pastors from a dozen local churches, several Fort Stewart chaplains, installation and 3rd Infantry Division Commander, Major General Tony Cucolo, local and regional political

leaders, as well as Soldiers and Family Members joined Hinesville Mayor James Thomas at Fort Stewart's Main Post Chapel for the Mayor's Community Service Song, Prayer and Thanksgiving, Nov. 23.

Installation Chaplain (Col.) Gary Moore welcomed everyone with what

he called those all-important administrative announcements, including location of the bathrooms. He then led guests and the congregation in the event's opening prayer.

Supported by the Liberty County Area Mass Choir, distinguished guests and the congregation sang traditional hymns associated with the Thanksgiving holiday, including "We Gather Together" and "God Bless America." Guest speakers' remarks were categorized by Words for the Military, Words for the Community, Words of Peace, Words for the Nation and Words of Thanksgiving. Each special speaker was preceded by a local minister or political figure with a Scripture reading.

"This gathering tonight is why we serve," Cucolo said while presenting the Words for the Military. "Some folks take gatherings like these for granted, and there are those in this world who can't stand our tolerance and hate gatherings like these. This we'll defend!"

Many if not most of the officers and noncommissioned officers attending

the services wore their dress blue uniforms, and their wives and daughters wore their Sunday finest. It was both a church service and a formal military community Thanksgiving celebration.

"Our city is blessed with rapid growth due to the presence of the military," Thomas said, beginning his remarks for Words for the Community by paraphrasing Psalm 95:2. "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with songs. We should pray for our Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and especially for those who've lost loved ones. We should also pray for those who've lost jobs, and we should pray for our country."

Following Thomas' remarks, an offering was collected for Next Step Homeless Program, which provides temporary rental assistance and supportive services for the homeless. The program continued after the offering then concluded with a benediction by Dr. Charles Owens of First Baptist Church of Hinesville followed by a postlude by the Liberty County Area Mass Choir.



Randy Murray

Hinesville Mayor James Thomas delivers the Words for the Community remarks at the Mayor's Community Service Song, Prayer and Thanksgiving, Nov. 23 at Fort Stewart's Main Post Chapel.

Fort Stewart weekend dining facility hours

Dec. 6-7 Marne Dining Facility, building 207 • Dec. 13-14 Spartan Dining Facility, building 3003

Weekend serving hours: Brunch 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Supper 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Warrior Transition Battalion Dining Facility, building 12902, is always open on weekends.
WTB hours: Breakfast 8-9:30 a.m., Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Dinner 5-6:30 p.m.

MWR Briefs

Special offered at Stewart Lanes

Corkan Family Recreation extends its gratitude to individuals who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces. Shoe rental is free from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday when you bowl a game at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450. For more information, call 767-4273.

Also, enjoy red-pin bowling. Come and try your luck at winning a free game from 6-9 p.m., Dec. 7 (and again Dec. 28) at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, building 450. When the red pin comes down in the number one position, notify a staff member, roll a strike and win the free game. The cost is \$2.25 per game, \$1.75 for shoe rental. For more information, call 767-4273.

Try Chicago-Style Steppin'

Come on out to Tominac Fitness Center (building 919) from 7:30-9 p.m., Dec. 10 and try Steppin', which is gaining popularity in many major metropolitan cities. Beginner and intermediate level Chicago-Style Steppin' dance consists of two or more people dancing as partners in synchronization to a six- or eight-count beat to musical sounds of Jazz, Soul, Funk or R&B. There is no charge. For more information, call 315-2019.

Parent Advisory Committee meets

The Parent Advisory Committee will meet from 5-5:30 p.m., Dec. 11 at the Fort Stewart Youth Center,

building 7338, to go over issues concerning military youth. Concerned parents of Youth Center members are encouraged to attend and listen to the committee, make comments and bring up suggestions or concerns. For more information, call 767-4491.

Preteen Christmas Dance slated

The Fort Stewart Youth Center (building 7338) will have a Preteen Christmas Dance from 7-10 p.m., Dec. 12. Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to come on out and dance to the beat of the DJ and meet their fellow classmates. ID must be shown. For more information, call 767-4491.

Christmas shop at Hilton Head

The Smart Girls and Torch Club of Child, Youth and School Services at Fort Stewart has scheduled a Hilton Head Island, S.C., shopping mall trip from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 13.

The group will depart the Youth Center, building 7338. Bring extra money for food and shopping expenses. Transportation is provided. The trip is open to all Youth Center members. For more information and registration, call 767-4491.

Attend Christmas Sunday Brunch

Join us for Christmas Sunday Brunch from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Sunday at Club Stewart and Dec. 14 at

Hunter Club. The menu features breakfast items, peach crepes, carved roast beef, turkey with giblet gravy, cornbread dressing, corn nuggets, cranberry sauce, candied yams, Prince Edward Island blend, plus chocolate fountain, hot apple cider, and mimosas.

The cost is \$14.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price, and (ages 4 and under) free. Bring a church bulletin and receive \$1 off each meal. For more information, call 368-2212 at Stewart or 459-7923 at Hunter.

Watch World Wrestling Entertainment

WWE presents Armageddon Live on Pay-Per-View. Beginning at 8 p.m., Dec. 14 at Rocky's (building 703), see your favorite superstars: Triple H, Cena, Orton, Jericho, Batista, Mysterio and many more. Open to all military ID cardholders, free. For more information, call 767-8715.

Take a trip to Wild Adventures

The registration deadline is Dec. 19 for the Dec. 22 trip to Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta. The group will depart early afternoon from Stewart and Hunter Leisure Activities Centers.

Enjoy a festival of lights celebration at a cost of \$50 for adults and \$45 for ages 3-10.

The cost includes admission and transportation. For more information, call 767-2841 at Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter.

Pets of the Week



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



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Today — 7 p.m.

(Josh Brolin, Elizabeth Banks)

Whether you love him or hate him, there is no question that George W. Bush is one of the most controversial public figures in recent memory. W takes viewers through Bush's eventful life, his struggles and triumphs and how he found both his wife and his faith, and of course the critical days leading up to Bush's decision to invade Iraq. *Rated PG-13 (language, sexual references, alcohol abuse, smoking, disturbing war images) 129 min*

High School Musical 3

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(Zac Efron, Vanessa Anne Hudgens)

High school seniors Troy and Gabriella face the prospect of being separated from one another as they head off in different directions to college. Joined by the rest of the Wildcats, they stage an elaborate spring musical reflecting their experiences, hopes and fears about their future. Incredible new music and exciting dance number designed to take maximum advantage of the big screen. *Rated G 110 min*

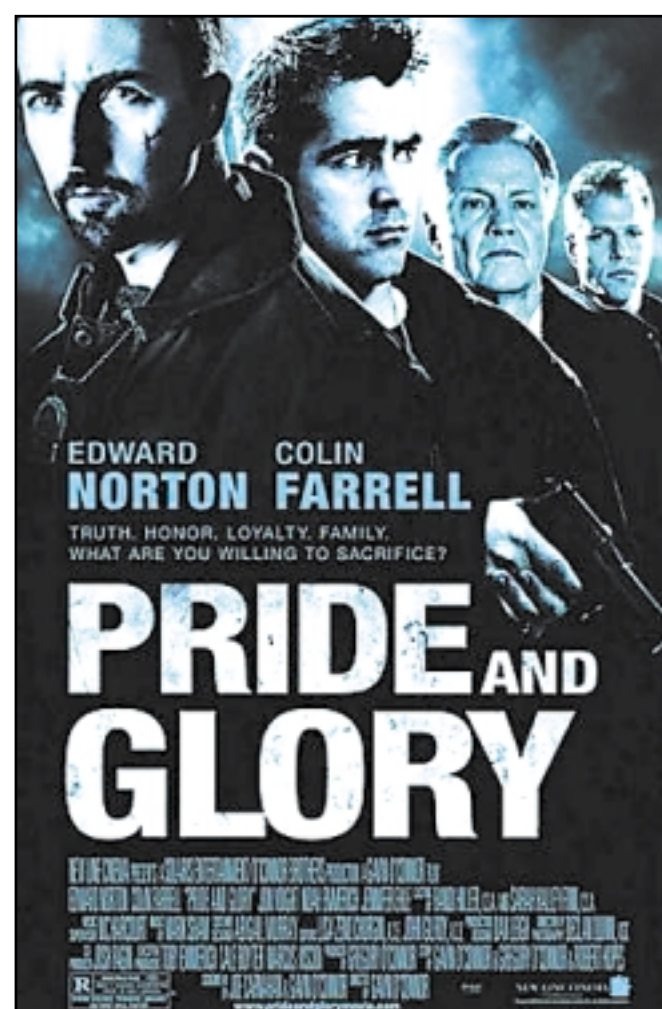
Pride and Glory

Sunday — 5 p.m.

(Edward Norton, Colin Farrell)

A gritty and emotional portrait of the New York City Police Department, the film follows a multi-generational police family whose moral code is tested when one of two sons on the force investigates an incendiary case involving his older brother and brother-in-law. The case forces the family to choose between their loyalties to one another and their loyalties to the department. *Rated R (strong violence, pervasive language, drug content) 110 min*

PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH DEC 7



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.

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.

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 and cookie decorating, 1-5

p.m.; dancing in the streets by area dance companies 2-3 p.m.; and holiday caroling 1-5 p.m. Furthermore, 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

Enjoy Christmas Cobbtown Style

The parade and festival is held Saturday. 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, is on display 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).

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.

Support Stewart-Hunter Soldiers, Family Members

Special to the Frontline

Friends of Liberty and Fort Stewart, Inc., recently announced an exciting opportunity for business leaders, community leaders, and Fort Stewart leaders. These leaders have been invited to an event, Dec. 10 at Club Stewart.

The invited guests will hear first hand why it's more important than ever for their entities and organizations to come together and support Soldiers and Families.

The speaker for the event will be Mary Therese Tebbe, executive director of the 21st Century Partnership, www.21stCenturyPartnership.com, which supports Robins Air Force Base

near Warner Robins.

Tebbe will explain how Robins Air Force Base has been so successful in sustaining its overall economic value in Central Georgia. The event will be held 11:30 a.m. Dec. 10 at Club Stewart on Fort Stewart.

"Exploring and applying the lessons learned at an installation like Robins, which has been so successful, is something that Coastal Georgia needs to embrace," said Paul Andreshak, executive director of Friends of Liberty and Fort Stewart. "It is important that all entities in the region understand the economic impact of military installations and embrace to support those that reside in and around them."

Also at the event, there will be a dynamic presentation on how to sell to the government and Fort Stewart. For businesses interested in expanding their client base, this is definitely a must-make meeting.

The mission of Friends of Liberty and Fort Stewart is to enhance the overall economic value of Fort Stewart and the surrounding communities through a progressive regional relationship amongst its partners.

Additionally, Friends of Liberty and Fort Stewart is dedicated to supporting installation needs and priorities with the appropriate governmental agencies at local, state and federal levels.

"Investment in the future of Coastal

Georgia, including Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, is a task that should be undertaken by all types of organizations, public or private," said James M. Floyd, Jr., President of FOLandFS. "Our economic future is brighter because of the 3rd ID returning from deployment, realignment, and increases of several of the current units, as well as the addition of a brigade combat team in 2010."

Friends of Liberty and Fort Stewart is poised to help coordinate the efforts of interested parties in sustaining the region and the largest economic force in the area.

For more information, call 408-6225.

Army Community Service New Parent Support Program

Play Group Playmates

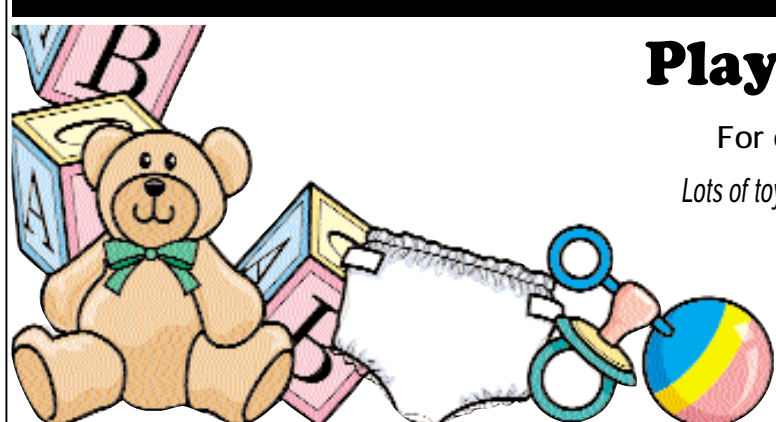
For children ages 0-5 and their parents

Lots of toys and happy noise with delightful Army girls and boys!

Fort Stewart: Each Tuesday and Thursday
Bryan Village Youth Center
10 to 11:30 a.m.

Hunter: Thursday
ACS-Hunter, 230 Neal Boulevard, building 1279
10 to 11:30 a.m.

For information, call 767-5058 (Stewart) • 315-6816 (Hunter)



Why so Wonderful: Twilight examined

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Everybody has found themselves throwing in with a new fad at one time or another.

Maybe you're a young lady who hair sprayed your bangs into a high wave in the '80s, or you bought a black leather jacket and matching sunglasses during the Matrix years. (I've done both!)

Perhaps you have attended at least one midnight release party to obtain your very own copy of a J.K. Rowling book.

Whatever the case may be, I haven't enjoyed a fad more than this latest departure from reality; a phenomenon called *The Twilight Saga*.

What is it? If you haven't learned by now, Stephenie Meyer (yes, it's spelled correctly) was at one time an ordinary Mormon soccer mom living in Arizona.

Though holding a degree in English from Brigham Young University, Meyer

had focused on Literature during her college years.

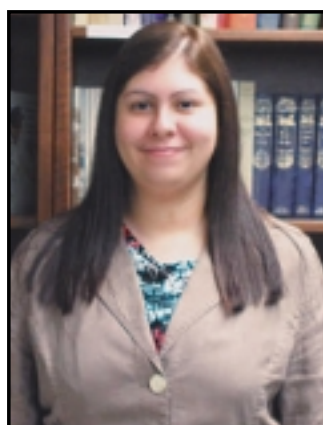
Twilight is her first novel. The story is quite easily every girl child's fantasy.

In it, a brave, shy, ordinary teenager called Bella (Isabella Swan) falls in love with an impossibly beautiful vampire; that would be Edward Cullen.

One book became four; including *Twilight*, *New Moon*, *Eclipse*, and *Breaking Dawn* and most fans pray there will be a 5th, a retelling of most of the series from the point of view of Edward Cullen himself.

It exists only in a draft form thanks to a mishap involving the theft and publishing on-line of the manuscript. Graciously, Meyer allows her fans to read the pages anyway on her site: www.stepheniemeyer.com

It's called Midnight Sun. Meyer also has



a sci-fi novel called *The Host*.

Now the first book in the saga has become a wildly popular movie and the momentum doesn't show signs of slowing.

Of course, books and movies have been made about vampires before. What makes *Twilight* so different?

Lot's of things! There is a lovely romance at the story's heart. Like Romeo and Juliet; Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy; and Noah and Allie (The Notebook) few can resist such a love story.

The gooey sweetness is only heightened by the fact our couple must remain chaste, there are no fangs involved, and the movie offers action but respectfully refrains from gore.

A new mythology in the world of *Twilight* makes the immortals out to be

super heroes and makes Bella's world as interesting as it is dangerous.

The only bad news is not everyone is cut out to be a *Twilighter*.

There are cases of individuals laughing throughout the entire film, a friend of mine included. Certain sugar sweet lines sound silly, but it is a point many are willing to ignore.

If there is a phenomenon within a phenomenon at work here, it is undoubtedly called Rob Pattinson.

The fluffy haired British actor playing Edward Cullen gets nearly as much attention as the whole series.

My prediction is it won't stop anytime soon. Pattinson already has a musical fan base, thanks to his contributions to the amazing *Twilight* soundtrack (he sings, plays guitar, and piano) and is already lined up, not only to return in his role for two sequels, but in other roles as well.

This one may not be willing to be type cast regardless of his earlier role in the Harry Potter franchise.

Newcomers get in the holiday spirit with ACS



Courtesy photo

Peter Leahy, 1, makes a pinecone turkey at Army Community Service Newcomer Orientation, Nov. 25.

Stewart Christmas tree lights will shine tonight, Santa comes to Stewart-Hunter

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MWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

Songs will fill the air. The mood will be festive, full of anticipation and excitement. And the light in children's eyes will likely rival the lights from the Christmas tree that will glow this evening at Club Stewart.

The occasion is the Christmas Tree Lighting 2008 event. It all starts at 6:30 p.m., tonight on the Hero Road side of Club Stewart, building 405 and will include the arrival of Santa Claus.

Santa's arrival and the activities inside and outside Club Stewart will add even more to a holiday season already special to many Soldiers who have returned home from Iraq and are able to be with their Families and loved ones.

The joy, anticipation and excitement also will be evident, Dec. 8, at Hunter Army Airfield. The Christmas Tree Lighting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Hunter Club, building 6015. Songs, Santa, treats – even reindeer – will be at the Hunter event.

Once the tree has been lit and Jolly Old Saint Nick has arrived, the activity moves inside Club Stewart, where you'll find winter wonderland-themed rooms, crafts, a chance to have your photo taken with Santa and a chance to sample a cookie or two with Mrs. Claus.

In the themed rooms, Liberty Lounge

becomes *Saint Nicholas Would Soon Be There*; Marne Room becomes *Moon On the Brest of the New Fallen Snow*; Palmetto Room becomes *And Filled all the Stockings*; Patriot Lounge becomes *Dash Away, Dash Away, Dash Away All*; Ballroom becomes *A Right Jolly Old Elf*; Rocket's Lounge becomes *Visions of Sugar Plums and Cookies with Mrs. Claus*; and Headlights Lounge becomes *Down Through the Chimney*. In Santa's Village in the Ballroom, there will be an opportunity to purchase photos of your child with Santa.

The Hunter Club will also look a lot like Christmas when the young and the young at heart arrive for the tree lighting ceremony.

In the themed rooms, VIP Room becomes *Visions of Sugar Plums*; Hunter Room becomes *And Filling All the Stockings* and *St. Nicholas Would Soon Be There*; Ballroom becomes *A Right Jolly Old Elf* and *Cookies With Mrs. Santa*; TV / Bar Room becomes *Down Through the Chimney*. In Santa's Village in the Ballroom, there will be an opportunity to purchase photos of your child with Santa.

The theme for both Stewart and Hunter is "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Plans are in place to move the activities inside the respective clubs should weather require it.

For more information on the tree lighting event, call 368-6212 at Stewart or 459-7923 at Hunter.



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.

Welcome event for new Families

New Soldiers and Family Members are invited to a special holiday welcome beginning at 9 a.m., Dec. 18. Bring the children to enjoy cookies with Santa!

Parents will receive a brief overview of the many services available to assist with your transition to the area and have the opportunity to meet other newcomers. To register, please call ACS Outreach at 767-9176.

Hunter offers FRG training

Hunter offers Family Readiness Group leader Training course on Saturday. 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.

Volunteer at 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.

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, college. Learn sources of funding for higher education, funding 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.

Take a windshield bus tour

Are you new to the community? Newcomers to

Hunter Army Airfield are invited to join the windshield bus tour departing 9:30 a.m., Dec. 18 from ACS-Hunter. A windshield bus tour of Stewart and Hinesville departs at 1 p.m., each Tuesday and Thursday from the Soldier Service Center, building 253.

To register for bus tours, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058 at Stewart.

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. First-term workshop is now offered at Stewart every weekday (except Wednesday) and at Hunter, Dec. 16

Bring your spouse to Life without Debt at Stewart, Dec. 9. It is possible to live without debt when you learn to manage your personal finances, understand credit terms, and develop efficient plans to pay off debt.

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.

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 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.

Also 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 both Stewart and Hunter locations.

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 for 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 about the Dogface Soldier

Learn the history of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Dogface Soldier song, and much more at Dogface Soldier for Families, 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 childcare 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 ACS-Hunter 11:30 a.m., Dec. 9, and at Stewart 11 a.m. Dec. 17 at the relocation office located in building 443.

Foreign-Born Spouse Group offers the opportunity to network with members from various cultures, share resources, discuss the American way of life, and develop friendships. The group meets at ACS-Hunter 11 a.m., Dec. 15 and at Stewart 11:30 a.m., Dec. 17, also at the relocation office in building 443.

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

Moving to Alaska or Hawaii?

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. Call to 767-5058/5059 to register for the overseas briefing at Stewart, Dec. 16 or call 315-6816 to sign up for the Dec. 17 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.

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

Support group for new parents

Come meet other moms and discuss the joys and concerns of parenting your new baby. 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.

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. Stewart's play group is held at the Bryan Village Youth Center and Hunter play group meets at New Gannem Community Center. Call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for directions or more information.

Marne dining facilities hold Thanksgiving culinary competition

Staff Report

The installation and 3rd Infantry Division held the 2008 Thanksgiving Best Dining Facility Competition, Nov. 27 on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

Categories included Best Overall Dining Facility, Best Decorated Facility, Best Thanksgiving Ice Carving, Best Thanksgiving Centerpiece, Best Decorated Cakes, and Best Fallen Comrade Dedication.

Master Sergeant Dante Sampson, from the Division G4, said this competition was a plus for dining facilities at Stewart-Hunter.

"Our hats are off to all the dining facility managers and food service personnel for a job well done," Sampson said in an e-mail of thanks to participants. "We want to personally thank all the dining facilities for the wonderful display and culinary expertise utilized in all the preparation. The hard work and dedication truly led up to the overall success of the awesome Thanksgiving day meals served in all dining facilities."

The preparation for the event started weeks ago according to Spc. Manuel Corpas, Special Troops Battalion, Marne

Dining Facility. He said the event was exciting because it added to the flavor of Thanksgiving, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Best Overall Dining Facility

Winner: 2nd Brigade Combat Team's Spartan DFAC

Best Decorated Dining Facility

Winner: Combat Aviation Brigade Soldier's Inn DFAC
Runner-up: 3rd ID Special Troops Battalion "Marne" DFAC

Best Thanksgiving Ice Carving

Winner: Third Sustainment Brigade's "Provider" DFAC
Runner-up: Marne DFAC

Best Thanksgiving Centerpieces

Winner: Provider DFAC
Runner-up: Spartan DFAC

Best Decorated Cakes

Winner: Spartan DFAC
Runner-up: Provider DFAC

Best Fallen Comrade Dedication

Winner: Soldier's Inn DFAC
Runner-up: Provider DFAC



Spc. Dustin Gautney

Colonel Charles Sexton (right) 2nd BCT commander, and his senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Berhane (left), visit Soldiers and cooks, Nov. 27 at the Spartan Dining Facility. The facility earned Best Overall DFAC during the 2008 Marne culinary competition.



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills

A pair of boot sculpted from ice, giant identification tags and a photo from the Warrior's Walk adorn the Fallen Comrade display at CAB's Soldier's Inn DFAC at Hunter Army Airfield for Thanksgiving. The facility won 1st place for the display in the 2008 Thanksgiving Best Dining Facility competition.

"Out of Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart, to be considered number one in any category is a honor," said Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Sprewer, Soldier's Inn dining facility manager. "Any time we get to show our talent, it helps."



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"We had started earlier," said Sgt. 1st Class Sprewer, dining facility manager, "probably about a month out."

The centerpieces and some of the ice carvings were begun a week before Thanksgiving. "We had to experiment with one of them," Sprewer said. "A lot of the centerpieces were done by the culinary arts team."