

# Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

## Installation remembers 'Night of Broken Glass'



**Sgt. Tanya Polk**  
Editor

The 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield paused to remember the night that initiated the genocide of more than six million European Jews and other groups during World War II in an observance titled 'Do Not Stand Silent: Remembering Kristallnacht 1938,' held at Club Stewart, May 2.

Kristallnacht, now commonly translated as 'Night of Broken Glass,' was a 48-hour period of state-sanctioned mobbed violence where more than 1,000 Synagogues were burned; 7,000 Jewish businesses, community centers and homes were looted and vandalized; and over 30,000 Jews were arrested and sent to concentration camps on November 10, 1938. It served as a prelude for the Holocaust that was to follow.

"Kristallnacht was a miner's canary," said guest speaker Melinda M. Stein.

Stein told attendees at the observance that just as miners used to send a canary into a shaft to see if it was safe to mine, the Nazis used Kristallnacht to see if anything would be done to stop them from initiating the Holocaust.

"Kristallnacht was a canary that was sent out into the depths to see if it would stand and the canary came out singing," she said. "It was safe for Hitler and the Nazis to proceed with their plans."

Stein, a child of Holocaust survivors, is a writer and editor who speaks to church, civic and educational groups, and conducts tours of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. Her grandparents were murdered in two of the Nazi concentration camps.

Returning to Stewart for the second time, Stein spoke of how several bystanders allowed Kristallnacht to continue. She related Kristallnacht to the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"The same message that Kristallnacht gave to the people in 1938 was given to us in 2001," Stein said. "I think our

response has been different, fortunately."

During the observance, Private Jake Ault, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, lit seven candles in remembrance of those who suffered in the Holocaust. The first candle was lit remembering the women who were victimized and murdered by the Nazis, the second was lit for all those who resisted with insurmountable odds. The third candle was ignited remembering over one million children slaughtered by the Nazis.

"We light the fourth candle for the millions of non-Jews also murdered in the Holocaust," said Sgt. 1st Class Harold Crowther, Master of Ceremony.

Crowther said the fifth candle was lit for the survivors of the Holocaust who were forced to live without their loved ones, "haunted by the nightmares of the world gone mad with hatred yet were able to continue to live, and love and create a new."

The sixth candle was lit for the world and loss of so many people who could have made it a better place to live. The seventh and final candle was kindled for those who continue to stand up against what is wrong.

"Whenever you hear a little joke - a Polish joke, a Jewish joke, and African American joke- it's okay to say 'I don't find that very funny,'" said Stein who spoke of a small way people can speak up and help stop hate.

She quoted Pastor Martin Niemoller who said at the end of the War, "When it came to the Jews, I did not speak up, because I was not a Jew. When it came to the communists I did not speak up because I was not a communist. When it came to the Slavic people, I didn't speak up because I was not from that area. When it came to homosexuals, I didn't speak up because I was not a homosexual. When it came to Jehovah Witnesses, I did not speak up, because I was not a Jehovah's Witness. And when it came to me, there was no one left to speak up."

Next month's observance will celebrate the Asian-Pacific heritage.

**Pvt. Jake Ault, HHC, 1st BCT, ignites the first of seven candles at Club Stewart, May 2, to remember the women who were victimized and murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust.**

Sgt. Tanya Polk

## Legal office lends hand at Law Day fair

**Lance Davis**  
Hunter Public Affairs

Achieving U.S. Citizenship can be much easier with the right information. It is even better when that information is free.

Fort Stewart's Office of Staff Judge Advocate Legal Assistance Office held its Immigration, Naturalization Fair May 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, building 100, room 247. This was done in support of the 50th Anniversary of the Law Day with "The Rule of Law: Foundations for Communities of Opportunity and Equity" as the theme. This theme was fulfilled at the Immigration Fair.

Several attorneys specializing in immigration law from Seyfarth Shaw, a national law firm, were available to Soldiers, Family members, and civilians to provide information and answer questions free of charge.

"This is a great avenue for people who may not otherwise know where to go to seek answers on naturalization," stated associate attorney, Jason Burritt. "It is important to get in the right status, especially if you are not a legal immigrant."

Presently, if you have a green card and are a Soldier or are thinking about enlisting, you can become a citizen without the usual waiting period, especially during wartime. On the contrary, if you have been in this country illegally, it is best to talk to an expert before you make a decision to leave. This may not be necessary under some circumstances with the right guid-

ance.

According to Seyfarth Shaw attorneys, there is a lot of misinformation regarding immigration laws. Senior Immigration Specialist, Kim Mellen explained, "You can get a lot of bad advice from people who are in fact immigration lawyers, but we're here to provide guidance on who to turn to and where to go."

Soldiers, Family members, and civilians came out to receive that guidance. Retired 1st Sgt. Sean McManus stated, "I was provided with much more information than I had received using Web sites or calling 1-800 numbers, and this was a better experience than previous ones."

McManus came out with his wife, who is from Korea to learn the best process for her to become a U.S. Citizen.

When asked about the importance of taking advantage of this event, McManus said, "It's definitely worth your time to sit down at least five or ten minutes and talk with people who have the knowledge they have to answer your questions right on the spot."

Family member Rogrina McLean said she came out for advice for a friend.

Beyond the Immigration Fair, Fort Stewart offers some helpful resources for any Soldiers and Family members seeking citizenship.

According to 1st Lt. Jaime Bloniasz, classes are offered in American history as well as English as second language through the Army Education Center. "These are necessary

requirements for the naturalization process, and this is something that's available here at Fort Stewart."

The Immigration Fair will happen based on the extent of need, but in the meantime, questions or concerns may be directed to the Office of Staff Judge Advocate Legal Assistance Office at 767-8809.



Lance Davis

**Monique Moise receives guidance from Seyfarth Shaw attorneys Deborah Davospm and Kim Mellen, May 2 at the installation Law Day Fair.**

## Boyz II Men to open for Montgomery Gentry July 4



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Editor

The Recording Industry Association of America calls Boyz II Men the "most commercially successful Rhythm and Blues group of all time," and helping to make this year's 4th of July celebrations bigger and better, the group is scheduled to perform at Fort Stewart.

Opening for Montgomery Gentry, Boyz II Men hits the stage for an hour performance beginning at 7 p.m., July 4 on Donovan Field. The concert is free to all Soldiers and Family members.

The four-time Grammy Award-winning group was originally signed to Motown Records in 1991. Shawn Stockman, Wanyá Morris and Nathan Morris have been topping charts for 17 years. The group's first album,

"Cooleyhighharmony," made Top Five and remained on the Billboard Top 200 for 133 weeks. It sold over nine million copies. Their second album, "II," album topped the Billboard chart for five weeks, won the Grammy Award for Best R&B Album, and sold over 12 million copies, thanks to hit singles "I'll Make Love to You," "On Bended Knee," (both certified platinum) and "Water Runs Dry."

Boyz II Men came back with another multi-million-selling single, "One Sweet Day," as they collaborated with Mariah Carey in 1995 and released their third album "Evolution" in 1997. In 2001, Boyz II Men released a best-of-set through Universal (Legacy: The Greatest Hits Collection) and signed with Arista Records.

After five years Boyz II Men returned and dropped their lat-

est album, "Motown: A Journey Through Hitsville USA" in Nov. 2007.

After almost two decades of performing, Boyz II Men brings its soulful sounds to the Soldiers and Family members at Stewart.

"This Soldier/Family celebration this year will be the largest, most entertaining fun-filled event ever sponsored by this installation," said Larry Cutchens, community recreation officer for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "This is joint sponsored event by all the directorates on this installation for our great Soldiers and their Families who we are honoring for their great service to our country."

See next week's Frontline to find out what else is in store for this year's Family Appreciation/Fourth of July Celebration.

Courtesy photo

**Boyz II Men will perform at Donovan Field, July 4.**

# MWR Briefs

## Join toddler time at Cypress Sam's

Come join us at "play day" from 10 a.m. to noon every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before the facility opens for regular business. The play day allows our little customers the chance to enjoy Cypress Sam's Treehouse before it gets too crowded. Open to children ages 0 to 5, but remember, a parent must accompany children. Admission is \$1. For more information, call 767-4273.

## Get water-aerobics fit

Water aerobics class hours have extended. In addition to classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., water aerobics is now offered 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday evenings at Tominac Fitness Center. At Newman Pool, hours are 9 to 10 a.m., Tuesday and Thursdays and Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m.

## Boat, RV, trailer storage available at Hunter

A new storage lot has space available near building 1279 and Neal Road at Hunter for RV's, boats and trailers. For more information, call 315-9554 or visit the outdoor equipment checkout center, building 8454 on Stratofortress St. near the Skeet Range.

## Come to Mother's Day brunch

Come join us for a delicious Mother's Day brunch from

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, at Club Stewart and Hunter Club.

The menu features grilled chicken with green onions and supreme sauce, roast pork loin with pecan sauce, a carving station with roast beef, loaded mashed potatoes, spring rice blend, fresh green beans almondine, peach crepes, breakfast items, a salad bar, a dessert station and chocolate fountains.

The cost is \$14.95 per person, children 5-10 half price, under 5, free. Get \$1 off each meal with a church bulletin. For more information, call 368-2212 at Stewart and 353-7923 at Hunter.

## AER fundraising campaign continues

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield continues its Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign through May 15. Help the installation reach its \$150K goal, which allows the Army to take care of its own. Active duty Soldiers, see your unit representative to make your contributions. Retirees and civilians, contact ACS at 767-5058 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter.

## 5th annual spring gobbler contest continues

Open to valid Fort Stewart hunting permit holders only, today through May 25 at Stewart hunting areas. Entry fee is \$20 per person, and prizes are awarded to 1st thru 5th place winners. Registration is required at Pass and Permit. For more information and rules, contact 435-8033 / 8061.

## Enjoy early bird bowling special

Join us for early bird bowling, \$1 off regular price, May 31

from 10 a.m. to noon at Marne Lanes. For more information, call 767-4866.

## Installation pools open for summer

Starting May 24, Corkan Pool, Bryan Village Pool and Hunter Outdoor Pool will be open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call 767-3034 or 315-2819 for general information. The spray parks open Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at Stewart and 11:30 at Hunter, May 24.

## Get summer travel ideas at Hunter Open House

Get the most out of military discounts 1 to 6 p.m., today at the Hunter Leisure Activities Center Open House. Come out and plan your summer vacations with the help of Leisure Travel. For more information, call 315-3674.

## Come to teen Family night

Come and enjoy fun for the whole Family 5 to 7 p.m., today. There will be food, children's activities, movies, games, prizes and more at the Fort Stewart Youth Center. For more information, call 767-4491.

## It's Mother's Day at Marne Lanes

Bring your mom and she'll get to bowl for \$1 per game/per person 3 to 10 p.m., Sunday at Marne Lanes. Shoe rental extra. Play our dart game and bust a balloon to see what prize you win. The special is for "Mother's only". For more information, call 767-4866.

## Pets of the Week



Ingrid the cat and Potato the pup 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.



# AAFES PRESENTS

## TODAY THROUGH MAY 14



### Drillbit Taylor

Today — 7 p.m.

(Owen Wilson, Leslie Mann)

Ryan, Wade and Emmit attend their first day at high school and they're pumped... until they meet up with Filkins, a school bully who comes off like a little Hannibal Lecter. Before they become completely engulfed in Filkins' reign of terror, they seek out some protection by placing an ad in Soldier of Fortune magazine. Their best response - and the cheapest - comes from Drillbit Taylor, a down-on-his luck Soldier of fortune who lives a homeless - he likes to say "home-free" - existence on the beach. He enrolls them in some physical and mental training. *Rated PG13 (crude sexual references, strong bullying, language, drug references, nudity) 102 min*

### Leatherheads

Friday, Saturday — 7 p.m.

(George Clooney, Renee Zellweger)

In 1925, Dodge Connolly a charming, brash football hero is determined to guide his team from bar brawls to packed stadiums. But the players lose their sponsor and the entire league faces certain collapse. The captain hopes his latest move will help the struggling sport finally capture the country's attention. Carter Rutherford, a golden-boy hero, joins the team. This new champ is almost too good to be true, and Lexie Littleton, a cub journalist aims to prove that's the case. But while she digs, the two teammates start to become serious off-field rivals for her fickle affections. Dodge must fight to keep his guys together and get the girl of his dreams. *Rated PG13 (strong language) 114 min*

### Superhero

Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Drake Bell, Sara Paxton)

After being bitten by a genetically altered dragonfly, high school loser Rick Riker develops superhuman abilities like incredible strength and armored skin. Rick decides to use his new powers for good and becomes a costumed crime fighter

known as "The Dragonfly." However, standing in the way of his destiny is the villainous Lou Landers. After an experiment gone wrong, Lou develops the power to steal a person's life force and in a dastardly quest for immortality becomes the supervillain, "The Hourglass." *Rated PG13 (crude/sexual content, comic violence, drug references, language) 85 min*

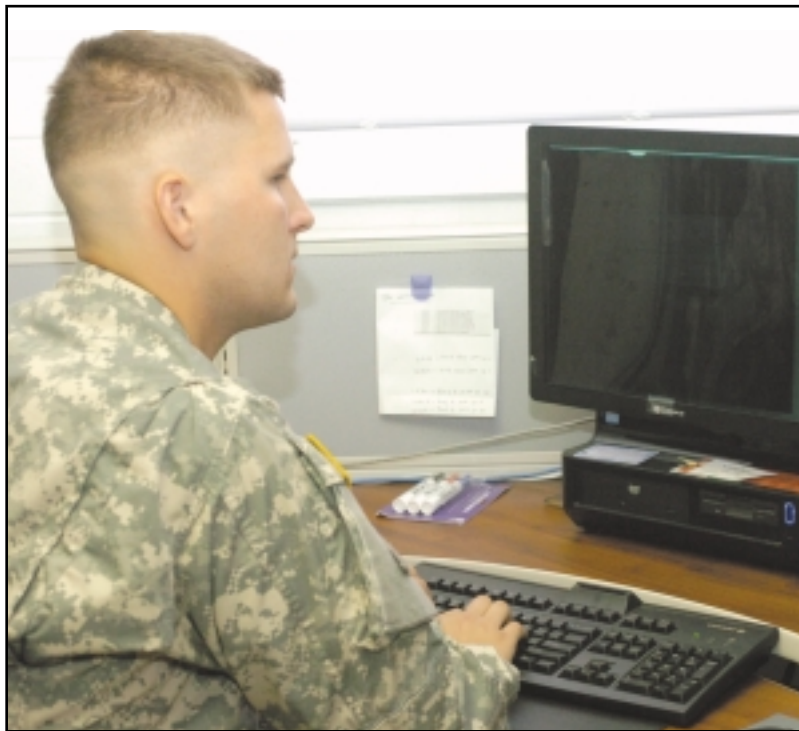


From the guys who brought you SCARY MOVIE and THE NAKED GUN  
Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

# WT Soldiers prove they're still capable

Randy Murray  
Public Affairs Specialist

Combat wounds, training injuries, even serious illnesses can be debilitating to the Soldier, but even though a disabil-



Randy Murray

WT Soldier Cpl. Travis Koch prepares to check equipment inventory as part of his new duties as a supply specialist working for the WTB. Koch, a tanker, was wounded by an IED explosion in March 2007.

ity may prevent a Soldier from performing his or her assigned duties, he or she can continue to contribute to the Army mission or the civilian community. Warriors in Transition often find themselves in the precarious situation of having to prove they're still capable of serving, albeit another military occupation specialty or as a civilian.

WT Soldiers assigned to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's WTB have to stay cognitively engaged as they continue to heal and receive medical treatment for their injuries or illness. For some, that means day-time classes to raise GT scores or college classes to learn a new field. For others, that means a new job.

Spc. Billy Jones, a supply specialist originally from New Roads, La., said when he first became ill with an unknown virus, August 2007 while he was deployed to Iraq, he had no desire to leave the Army. For several days though he was unable to see, hear or walk. He still has severe headaches and frequent bouts with vertigo, especially when viewing computer screens.

Jones now believes his health problems will force him out of the Army, but as he waits for a decision from a medical evaluation board, he's staying busy. Jones works for Stewart-Hunter Sports Director Perry Yawn, doing equipment maintenance and ball field upkeep.

"I hate to see him leave because he does a good job," Yawn said, praising Jones for his dependability. "He's only required to work Monday to Friday, but he came out on his own and helped us during the Indiana National Guard's Family Day (March 1)."

Jones said he used to work for a lawn care business, so mowing grass or raking the baseball diamond are things he enjoys doing. In fact, to the extent he's able to work, he said he enjoys working outdoors, and if he has to leave the military, he's considering a new career

that would allow him to work with his hands and outdoors.

"As a Soldier, you do a lot of different things, but maintenance is something we all do," Jones said. "With outdoor rec, the maintenance you do helps to boost morale."

Another WT Soldier who's staying busy is Cpl. Travis Koch, a tanker from Jamesville, Wis. Four times between January and March 2007, Koch was riding in or driving vehicles that hit improvised explosive devices. The blast from the last IED did him the most harm, causing brain trauma that left him with severe memory loss, weakened motor skills and permanent damage to nearly half of one lung. He didn't recognize his wife and even had to learn how to walk all over again. But Koch refuses to let his injuries put an end to his Army career. He's working as a supply specialist for the WTB.

"I haven't reached my goals in the Army yet, so I'm going to stay in the Army until I'm ready to get out," said Koch, who appeared before an E-5 promotion board May 2. "I wanted to work in supply or admin, so when I went before the [promotion] board, I could prove that I can do another job efficiently."

Travis is not pending an MEB at this time, but rather he is using his time assigned to the WTB to heal and take advantage of the rehabilitation opportunities available to him. He realizes he may be facing reclassification to a new MOS but hopes he can still fulfill other career goals of being a drill instructor and recruiter.

Warriors in Transition battalions were established by the Army to replace the old medical hold companies and create a sustainable system where wounded, injured and seriously ill Soldiers could have a unit where they can receive the medical treatment they need to heal and the rehabilitation they need to transition back to their units or into the civilian community.

## HEALTH MATTERS

### Winn Army Community Hospital

#### Get connected with Mental Health services

Jerry Harben  
U.S. Army Medical Command

The Army is joining in promoting mental health during May, which is celebrated as Mental Health Month under the sponsorship of Mental Health America, formerly known as the National Mental Health Association. The theme for 2008 is "Get Connected," emphasizing the valuable support people gain by connections with Family, friends, community and mental health professionals.

"Years of research have shown that individuals who feel valued and cared for are better equipped to deal with stress and adversity, and even experience less severe illnesses than those with little social support," said David Shern, president and CEO of Mental Health America.

"The importance of Mental Health Month is to raise public awareness of mental health being a significant medical issue in this country," said Col. C. J. Diebold. "It should be used as a springboard to raise continuous awareness. Mental illness is a medical disease for which effective treatments are available."

Diebold is chief of psychiatry at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii, and has been designated as the Army Surgeon General's expert consultant for psychiatry.

Last year Army leaders took the unusual step of ordering a chain teaching program throughout the Army. Some 900,000 Soldiers of all ranks were taught how to recognize and respond to symptoms of traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder. Of special importance was command emphasis to counter a perception that Soldiers who seek mental health services are weak or malingerers.

"We're all worried about it. We've got to get rid of the stigma and that's what this education program is supposed to do," Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard Cody said at a press conference announcing the chain teaching program.

All leaders have been encouraged to get out the message that getting help early is the best way to avoid long-term problems.

"We can safely say mental health is an issue of great importance, and this is recognized at all levels of command in the

Army," said Diebold. "It is an issue directly related to our operational tempo. The Army has addressed this in multiple ways. Mental health resources have been increased at all installations, in addition to resources such as Military One Source. Mental health support is provided throughout the deployment cycle. Soldiers are screened and provided care as needed before, during and after deployment. Families are taken care of, too."

The Army Surgeon General demonstrated the importance of mental health support by establishing the Proponency Office for Behavioral Health, a cell of experts to coordinate programs and resources.

"We seek to bring together all the diverse behavioral health policies and programs along with manpower resources. We are at the forefront of behavioral health practices today and far into the future," said Col. Elspeth C. Ritchie, the office's director.

Soldiers and Families can get professional help through installation mental health clinics, and through primary care clinics using the new RESPECT-MIL program. Combat-stress control teams are deployed to bring front-line assistance to Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Chaplains, social workers and installation drug abuse or family violence programs also can help deal with aspects of mental health issues.

All deploying Soldiers receive "Battlemind" training to help them prepare for the stresses they face in combat, and another round of training to help them adjust to returning home.

There is Battlemind training for Families, too, to help them deal with the special stress of having a spouse or parent deployed.

Military One Source is a 24-hour, toll-free telephone hot line to connect military servicemembers with a variety of support services. By calling 1-800-342-9647, Soldiers or Family members can arrange civilian mental health counseling without charge.

A wealth of information for Soldiers and families is available at [www.behavioral-health.army.mil](http://www.behavioral-health.army.mil) on the World Wide Web.

Concern for Soldiers who need mental health support does not stop even after they leave the service.

#### Winn Briefs

##### Mass School Health Screenings

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed. Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic want to help you get a head start on preparing for the next school year.

Winn's mass school health screening will be by appointment only May 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration.

Tuttle's mass school health screening will be by appointment only May 17, from 8 a.m. to noon and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration.

The screenings are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment at Winn or Tuttle call, 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. Please bring ID card and child's shot records.

##### WRESP coming soon

The Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program is set to begin at Winn Army Community Hospital in June. This laser eye surgery is available to active-duty Soldiers who have 18 months remaining on active-duty at time of surgery. Family members and retirees are not authorized treatment under the WRESP program. Go to the EENT Clinic at Winn to pick up a packet.

For more information, visit online at [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil) or call 435-6633.

##### Support group available

The Fort Stewart breast cancer support group is scheduled to meet from noon to 1 p.m., May 20 at Army Community Service, 191 Lindquist Road, building 86. For more information, please call Maj. Frederick Davidson with Army Public Health Nursing at 435-5071.

##### Winn observes lab week

Winn Army Community Hospital will observe National Medical Laboratory Professionals week May 19-23. In order to increase public understanding of and appreciation for clinical laboratory person-

nel and to promote a better understanding of the medical laboratory environment, the Department of Pathology at Winn will conduct open houses on May 20 and May 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. Various activities will be set up for patients in the waiting room to include a microscope for viewing specimens. For more information, call 435-6741.

##### Winn/Tuttle observe holiday

May 26 is Memorial Day, a federal holiday. On that day, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. The pharmacy will also be closed. Full operations will resume May 27.

All services, to include the pharmacy, at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed May 26. Full operations will resume May 27. For more information, call 435-6965.

##### Third Party can help

Do you have health insurance other than TRICARE? Third Party Collection Program recovers funds from health insurance companies, other than TRICARE, for the cost of medical care delivered at Winn Army Community Hospital or Tuttle Army Health Clinic to insured patients. The program provides much needed funds to Winn and Tuttle and can save you money. The funds are used to enhance patient care, upgrade equipment and maintain services. We need your assistance to accomplish this mission. For more information contact the TPCP Office today, at 435-6037/5407.

##### TRICARE For Life

Upon receipt of your Medicare Part B enrollment or three to six months prior to your 65th birthday, go to the TRICARE Service Center at 852 Harmon Ave., building 202, Fort Stewart to select a civilian Primary Care Manager and receive more information about your health benefits/options available to you or call 1-800-444-5445.

##### Call to cancel appointments

If you need to cancel your medical appointment, call the cancellation line at 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. Follow the prompts to cancel your appointment. This will create more open appointments & decrease the length of time it takes to get an appointment. Thank you for helping us by helping you with your access to care.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

**April 23**  
• **Ari Mordechai Limle**, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Dominick Westmen Cummings and Brenna Caitlin Cummings.

• **Kara Jayde Williamson**, a girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Ronnie Jake Williamson and Jacqueline Gwyn Williamson.

**April 24**  
• **Saniaah Simone Rahmaan**, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Esaa Rahmaan and Stephanie Rahmaan.

**April 25**  
• **Elise Laura Archer**, a girl, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Jeremy Archer and Erin Archer.

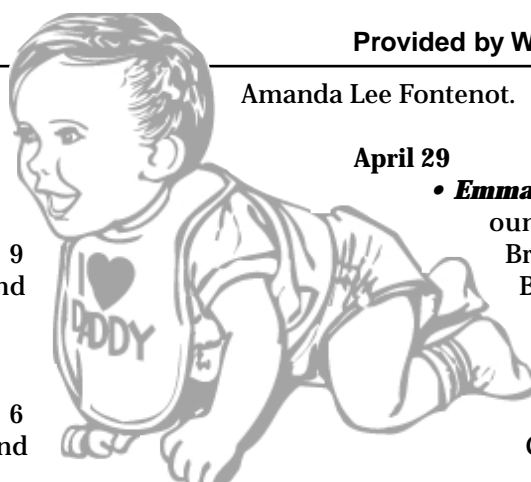
• **Justin James Santiago**, a boy, 10 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Anibal Santiago and Donna Santiago.

**April 28**  
• **Addison Rose Fontenot**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Adam Keith Fontenot and

Amanda Lee Fontenot.

**April 29**  
• **Emma Lynn Busby**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher Brian Busby and Pfc. Danielle Brittany Busby.

• **Camron Austin Cloncs**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Zachary Andrew Cloncs and Cayla Cloncs.



# Do not let habits control you

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Chap. (Maj.) Milton Johnson**  
Family life Chaplain

Dr. John Maxwell, from Enjoy Life Ministries in Bonita, Calif., wrote the following: "You may know me. I'm your constant companion. I'm your greatest helper; your heaviest burden. I will push you onward or drag you down to failure. I'm at your command. Half the tasks you do might as well be turned over to me. I'm able to do them quickly, and I'm able to do them the same every time, if that is what you want. I'm easily man-

aged; all you have to do is be firm with me. Show me exactly how you want it done and after a few lessons I'll do it automatically. I am the servant of all great men and women; of course the servant of failures too. But I work with all the precision of a marvelous computer, with the intelligence of a human being. You may run me for a profit, or you may run me to ruin; it makes no difference to me. Take me. Be easy with me and I will destroy you. Be firm with me and I will put the world at your feet. Who am I? I'm habit"

In the Bible, **Daniel 6:10** states: "Now when Daniel learned the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God as he had done before!" Daniel had a habit of prayer. Earlier in the book of Daniel we learn that out of habit Daniel listened to God and ate things that were good for his body. Listen to the fol-

lowing concerning habits:

*Like Paul, I shall forget those things that are behind and press forward;*

*Like David, lift up mine eyes unto the hills whence cometh my help - help comes from the Lord;*

*Like Abraham, trust implicitly in my God;*  
*Like Enoch, walk in daily fellowship with my heavenly father;*

*Like Jehoshaphat, prepare my heart to seek God;*

*Like Moses, choose rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season;*

*Like Daniel, commune with God at all times;*  
*Like Job, be patience under all circumstances;*

*Like Caleb, and Joshua, refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers;*

*Like Gideon, advance even though my friends are few;*

*Like Aaron and Hur, uphold the hands of my leaders with prayer and practical support;*

*Like Andrew, strive to lead my brothers and sisters to God;*

*Like Stephen, express a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my heart;*

*Realizing that I cannot hope to achieve those objectives from my own strength. I shall rely upon the power of God, for I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.*

We all have habits. Some are good and some are not so good. Habits should help build us up and not tear us down. Take a few moments to examine the habits you have. Are there some that control you? Are there some that hinder your relationship with God? Are there some you have been meaning to start and have not? After you take this habit inventory, ask God for courage and will power to discard those habits you do not need and begin the ones you do need.

**Victory starts here!**

### Chapel Schedule

#### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	.Heritage	.9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	.Heritage	.5 p.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Contemporary Worship	.Marne	.11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	.Main Post	.11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	.Marne	.9 a.m.
American Samoan	.Vale	.11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	.Heritage	.11 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	.Across from Dia. Elem.	.11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	.Marne	.9:30 a.m.

Islamic	Location	Time
Friday Jum'ah	.Marne	.1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at (414) 899-7226.		

Jewish	Location	Time
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.		
Friday	.Marne	.11:30 a.m.

#### Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	.Chapel	.11 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Sunday Service	.Chapel	.9 a.m.

#### Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.  
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.  
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

## 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

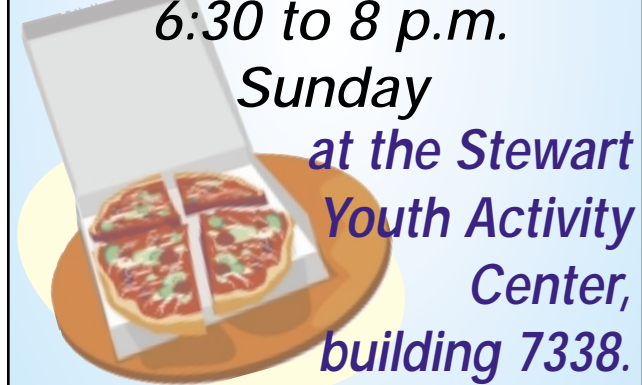
10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email  
[fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com)

## Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School Students!

Join us for  
free games and pizza  
6:30 to 8 p.m.



Sunday

at the Stewart Youth Activity Center, building 7338.

For more information, call 877-7207

# TF Marne Soldiers observe National Prayer Day



Sgt. 1st Class Steve Opet

**Chief Warrant Officer Francisco Vargas, Co. B, 603rd ASB, leads the group in prayer during Camp Spiker's luncheon for National Day of Prayer**

### 3rd CAB Public Affairs

**CAMP STRIKER, Iraq** - Soldiers from the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade partook in good food, music and fellowship during a prayer luncheon April 30 at the CAB flight line here. The luncheon took place as an observance of the Annual National Day of Prayer, which takes place May 1 with the goal of strengthening America through prayer.

"It's good for the nation to pray, and for us to publicly remind people of our Judeo-Christian heritage and that Jesus cares about our country and the world," said Chap. (Maj.) Ken Godfrey, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, CAB. Godfrey is one of six chaplains from Task Force Marne who organized the event along with their assistants.

The three-story dining facility, a recently renovated air terminal at the Baghdad International Airport, has been the site of many functions and activities, but none with the purpose of strengthening and shielding America through prayer.

"This is part of something great, our partnership with God and our country's strength and shield through prayer," said Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas Edwards, deputy division chaplain

for the 3rd Infantry Division, and guest speaker at the event.

Various Soldiers led the group in prayer, each focusing on a specific point. The seven points were: government, military, media, business, education, church and family.

"This is great," said Chief Warrant Officer Francisco Vargas, aviation armament maintenance officer, with Company B, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, from San Bernardino, Calif., who led the group in prayer for Education. "I pray every day; my personal relationship with God keeps me going, especially here."

Everyone, regardless of faith, was welcomed for the gathering, including Soldiers who have never attended such an event before.

"This is all new for me; I'm trying to learn it all," said Staff Sgt. John Klos, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, of Macomb, Mich. "It's a new and exciting experience."

Soldiers from the gospel choir band "Purified," now stationed at Camp Striker, provided the music.

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

# Hunter Spouses' Club, Thrift store awards scholarships

**Kaytrina Curtis**  
Hunter Public Affairs

Extra funds for college can be helpful to those aspiring to gain a higher education especially with college tuition costs on the rise and the decline in student loan approvals.

The Hunter Army Airfield Thrift shop and the Hunter Spouses Club alleviate some of the cost that comes with a college education via scholarships.

Sunday, at garrison headquarters on Hunter, the Thrift Shop and the Hunter Spouse's Club members awarded close to \$7,000 to deserving high school seniors, non-traditional students and those currently enrolled in college.

The scholarships were awarded military identification card holders, on the basis of academic achievement, citizenship, extra-curricular activities, letters of recommendation, and an essay.

Eleven students, including Ben and his mother, Maria Botelho, were awarded \$250 to \$1,000.

Mother and son were both happy about the extra money they received. Ben, a senior at Richmond Hill High School said he will attend the University of Kentucky in the fall and the extra money will come in handy. Maria, who received \$500, is a non-tradi-



Kaytrina Curtis

**Makiko Simmons, Maria Botelho, Christina Thompson, Jeanne Delgado, Benjamin Botelho, Victoria Rugen, Niko Vandevoorde, and Rose Hank** were recipients of Hunter Thrift Shop and Hunter Spouses' Club 2008-2009 merit-based scholarships.

tional student in her first year of dental school at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah. She said that with four in her immediate family attending college at the same time, receiving the scholarship is nice.

Ben said that his parents did a great job instilling the value of education in him and his siblings.

"It's nice to show that even though you

have done other things in your life, you should always strive to do well," he said. "I think that the fact that we both got the scholarship is just really nice."

The Hunter Spouses' Club awarded three students scholarships totaling \$2,000 this year.

Funds for the scholarships were raised through golf tournaments, basket auctions

and other events throughout the year. "Everybody's worked so hard all year to raise this money for members of the military community," said Susan Corson, Hunter's Spouses' Club president.

For more information for next years scholarship application and deadlines visit their Web site at, [www.hunterspouses.org](http://www.hunterspouses.org) or call the Hunter Thrift Shop at 352-0376.

# Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

## Live Oak Public Libraries' programs

Live Oak Public Libraries Programs at the Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch Library:

### Preschool Story time

Join us for stories, songs, and more each Monday, 10:30 a.m. at the Liberty Branch Library. The event is for children three to four years-old.

### Tree Tots Storytime

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

## Human Resource Management 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.

## Take your dog on a ghost walk

Bring your dog to the Ghost Walk, 7 p.m., Friday at Emmet Park on the east end of Bay St. The cost is \$10 per adult and benefits go to the Bryan County Animal Caregivers. Advance reservations are recommended. Call 234-3336 or 508-3336 for reservation or information. The rain out date is May 16.

## Golf tournament announced

Performance Initiatives, Inc. is helping support AWWIN, Inc. in their 3rd annual Golf Tournament at Savannah Harbor, June 13. Sponsors and players are needed. Please call Kerri Goodrich 507-7106 or register at [www.awwininc2.org](http://www.awwininc2.org).

## Join the Junior Ranger Camp

Fort McAllister State Historic Park sponsors a Junior Ranger Camp for youths, ages 8 - 12, 9 a.m. to noon, June 23 to 27. The Junior Rangers will experience nature first-hand, exploring Georgia's fascinating history while enjoying outdoor recreational activities, such as hiking Fort McAllister's scenic trails. The cost is \$50. To get there, take Georgia Spur 144, Fort McAllister Rd., Richmond Hill, Georgia. Or I-95, to exit 90, then east on GA Hwy. 144. For more information, call 727-2339.

## Davenport House presents 'Tea in the Garden'

Patrons are invited to experience an early 19th century Tea in Courtyard Garden of the historic Isaiah Davenport House Museum, Thursday afternoons, today, May 15, 22 and 20 at 5:30 p.m. The Isaiah Davenport House Museum is located at 324 E. State Street, Savannah. The Davenport House is on the

corner of State and Habersham Streets. Patrons will be oriented to the history of tea and tea traditions as well as gaining an appreciation of the early 19th century love of outdoor living. They will tour areas of the home where tea service took place and will participate in a simulated afternoon tea.

The program will take one hour. For information or reservations call 236-8097 or e-mail [jcredle@savbusiness.net](mailto:jcredle@savbusiness.net). Reservations must be received 24 hours in advance. Admission is \$18 per adult, \$14 for students ages 8 to 17. There is a 14-person maximum per program.

## Fort McAllister hosts Memorial Day weekend

A Memorial Day weekend program will be held, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 24, at Fort McAllister State Historic Park. To get there take Georgia Spur 144/ Fort McAllister Rd., Richmond Hill, Georgia. Directions, I-95, exit 90, then east on GA Hwy. 144, look for the signs. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

The program will focus on the life of the common confederate Soldier. There will be musket and cannon demonstrations. For more information, call 727-2339.

## Veterans Job fair held in Jacksonville

Don't miss the Military.com Career Fair in Jacksonville, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 20 at the Jacksonville Marriot, 4670 Salisbury Road.

Top companies in health care, real estate, hospitality, banking, marketing, sales and more are looking to hire veterans and transitioning servicemembers. Registration is free. Every attendee will receive a free copy of the Veteran Career Guide full of tips on how to interview, translate your military skills, evaluate potential employers and more.

## DAU offers learning opportunities

The DAU Continuous Learning Center offers continuous

learning opportunities designed to maintain currency and help AT&L employees meet the DoD requirement to complete 80 points of continuous learning every two years.

The center includes nearly 200 self-paced continuous learning modules that address topics important to the community. DAU would like to introduce Continuous Learning Modules online classes. The number of continuous learning points are listed per module. You can register for these CLMs at <http://clc.dau.mil>. New Modules include Alternative Dispute Resolution (CLC044), 2 CLPs; Contract Negotiations (CLC047), 1 CLP; partnering (CLC045), 1 CLP.

## Hinesville holds SAFE Kids Day

The Hinesville Police Department, in conjunction with the Liberty County Health Department are pleased to offer Hinesville Safe Kids Day to the citizens of Liberty County, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17 in Bradwell Park, behind the Liberty County Courthouse. This free event is open to the public.

May is designated as Safe Kids' month with efforts made throughout the country to promote accidental and unintentional injury prevention to children.

Accidental injuries are the leading killer of children across the globe. Every year more than one million children die, and many more are injured by accidents that could have been prevented.

During the event many local agencies will assist parents and children with things such as fingerprinting, bicycle safety/registration, Neighborhood Watch, gunlock and gun safety, Internet predator safety and much more. Also, many local agencies will be there to advertise community events, which may be of interest to parents and children.

There will also be fun games, face painting, a dunking booth and other activities for children, free of charge. Please feel free to call the Crime Prevention Officer, John F. Williams at 368-8211 with any questions that you may have.

## New marker recognizes forgotten fortification

**St. Marys, Ga.** - The Georgia Historical Society announces the dedication of a new historical marker on 10 a.m., Saturday. The marker, entitled Point Peter Battery and the War of 1812 tells the story of Point Peter Battery and recognizes the surprising role of this often forgotten coastal fortification as a staging point for both defensive and offensive military action throughout the earliest years of our nation's history.

Incorrectly identified for many years, it was only with more recent archeological research that a more accurate location of the Point Peter fortification was uncovered. The Point Peter marker provides an opportunity to draw attention to an

often-overlooked historic site involved in several important moments in Georgia's early history.

"The marker committee felt that, especially with the explosive growth of the area, it was important to recognize the significance of this site, for the benefit of long-time residents and visitors to coastal Georgia, as well as the many new residents of the St. Marys area," said Christy Crisp, program manager for the Georgia Historical Society. This historical marker, located near the Cumberland Harbour community entrance, will give everyone a better understanding of the significant role this remote cannon battery played during the days of America's infancy.

# "Iron Man" enjoys super heroic success

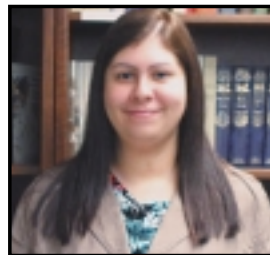
Commentary by:  
**Sasha McBrayer**  
Fort Stewart Museum

Last weekend was the highest grossing film box office weekend of 2008. "Iron Man" raked in over 100 million dollars and achieved the status of 10th highest grossing premier of all time. Another Marvel Comic hero, "Spider-man," still enjoys the rank of number 7.

This movie has it all. Many details are true to the comic, the modern feel and inclusion of aspects of the Global War on Terror make the story seem incredibly true to life. "Iron Man" has the humor and jaw-dropping action of "Transformers" yet in some ways is more believable.

The plot of the film introduces us to Tony Stark, a wealthy genius whose family business is building war machines and technology. In Stark we see a bit of the billionaire playboy, a la Bruce Wayne, but where Wayne is portraying a fictional alter ego to protect his persona as Batman,

Stark actually is a boozing womanizer. He is also one part Reed Richards, a.k.a. Mr. Fantastic, in that he has a one-of-a-kind intelligence when it comes to inventing weapon systems. A visit to Afghanistan leads to the capture of Tony Stark by terrorists. Incidentally, this leads to a great invention for Stark, who eventually escapes, his eyes opened to the ter-



rible system of death and devastation to which his company, Stark Industries, is a part.

Seeking to make reparations for the cycle of evil, Stark hides himself away from the public eye and builds a remarkable suit, which allows him to become a robotic super hero unlike any other.

Robert Downey, Jr. seems born for this role. Many of his natural characteristics match so well with those of this character. For me, it made as much sense as Patrick Stewart portraying Charles Xavier.

For years before the X-men films were in development, comic book fans often wished Stewart would someday take on the live action role.

Downey, Jr. seems natural and is so fun to watch here. As his executive assistant, Pepper Potts, Gwyneth Paltrow is cuter than ever and Jeff Bridges improves with every passing year. He is a formidable actor who seems to take every role as seriously as he can. Of course, Terrence Howard is also in the film and can do no wrong. Many are saying this is easily the best comic book film to date, however, Tony Stark, on his best day, will probably never be as sympathetic a character as Peter Parker, making Spider-man 1 and 2 contenders for that title as well. (While 3 did debut Venom, it also suffered from some flaws.) Still, "Iron-man" is a must-see film, and alongside the latest Indiana Jones adventure, is sure to remain one of the hottest films of 2008. Two sequels are already in the works!

## High academic performance pays off for three Columbia College students

Victoria Pressley  
Columbia College

Three adult students from the area who attend Columbia College recently were awarded for successfully balancing their education goals with other life commitments. Lee Baxley and Talalupe Salt, from the Hunter Army Airfield campus, and 1st Lt. Timothy Bird, from the Fort Stewart campus, each received a \$250 scholarship that can be applied to tuition or books.

Robyn Lebowitz, director of Columbia College-Hunter Army Airfield, said numerous applicants

applied for the scholarships, but Baxley, Salt and Bird stood out. "They exemplify ideal adult students because they have achieved academic success, all while juggling many other responsibilities, including those with the military," she said.

Applicants were required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, be undergraduate degree-seeking students and submit an essay outlining their career goals.

Baxley is a veteran and will graduate at the college's commencement ceremony in July with an associate degree in general studies. He currently is working

toward a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in ethics, philosophy and religious studies. He has plans to pursue a master's degree in religious studies as well.

Salt, also from the Hunter Campus, is a spouse of an Army servicemember currently seeking a bachelor's degree in business administration and a major in financial services.

Salt aims to someday found her own finance business. After she receives her bachelor's degree, she plans to seek a master's degree.

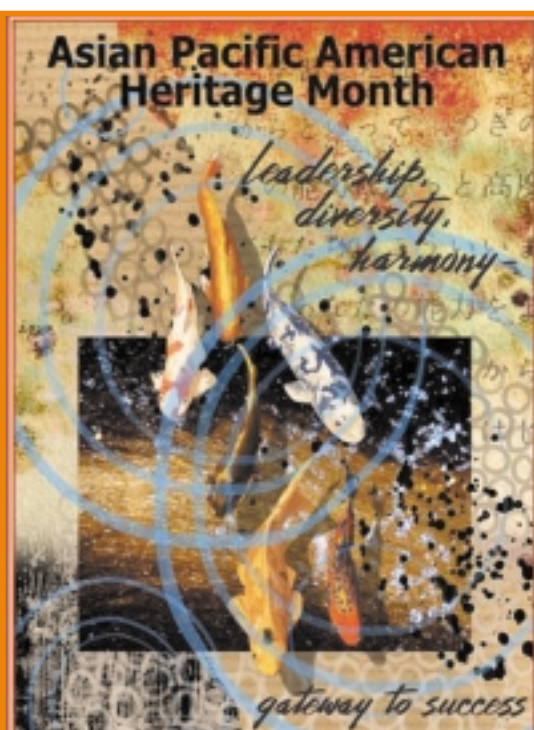
Bird is the recipient of the Fort Stewart Campus Scholarship. Bird currently is completing a bache-

lor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a minor in management through the Army's Degree Completion Program at Columbia College. He is on track to complete his degree at the end of the Spring Session, after which he will return to active duty as an ordinance officer. He, too, will participate in the July commencement ceremony.

"Columbia College is proud to offer these scholarships to deserving students," said Mike Randerson, Columbia College Vice President for Adult Higher Education. "At Columbia College, we remain focused on supporting the educational goals of tradition-

al and nontraditional students with our start-and-stop flexibility accelerated programs and affordable tuition."

Columbia College, founded in Missouri in 1851 as Christian Female College, was the first women's college west of the Mississippi River to be chartered by a state legislature. The college changed its name to Columbia College in 1970 when it became coeducational. Located on Hunter in the Education Center, Columbia College-Hunter Army Airfield was established in 2002. The Fort Stewart campus was established that same year.



3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division  
Fort Stewart and  
Hunter Army Airfield

Asian Pacific American  
Heritage  
Month Observance  
"Leadership, Diversity,  
Harmony:  
Gateway to Success"  
10:30 a.m. to noon  
May 30  
Club Stewart Ballroom

Keynote Speaker  
Brigadier Gen. (Ret.) Coral Pietsch

## Volunteer Spotlight

**B**everly Hill of Jesup, is an American Red Cross volunteer working as a patient transport cart driver at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Hill volunteers because she wants to give her time to help others.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Shanken at 435-6903.



# 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, call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

## New to Hunter Army Airfield?

Welcome! Take a bus tour of the Hunter installation, and learn more about your new community aboard the Newcomer's Bus Tour, May 15. The tour is offered once a month; call today and reserve your seat. Also visit the Army Community Service center located on Neal Boulevard, building 1279, to meet the ACS team and your Relocation Specialist who can answer your important questions about your new community. For directions or information, call 315-6816.

## Be a financial winner

The better you are at paying off your credit card balance every month, the less profit for the company, which is why companies are becoming more creative in finding ways to make money off of you. Thus, it is more important than ever to master the rules of the game. Don't miss "Winning the Credit Card Game" at Fort Stewart, May 13. On the same day, also at Stewart, "Life Without Debt" teaches you the steps to take to be free from debt by managing your money more effectively. Call 767-5058 for to sign up for one or both classes.

## Moving to a new duty station?

Learn how to plan monthly expenses during a PCS move and how to avoid pitfalls during your move. Financial Planning for PCS is offered at both Stewart and Hunter locations, May 13. To register, call 767-5058 (Stewart) or 315-6816 (Hunter). Also ask about "Kids On The Move," a special briefing especially for children to learn about their new community.

## Learn Tips for Screening Volunteers

A Volunteer Screening workshop teaches an effective screening process that protects everyone, including the volunteer. Call 767-5058 to register for the May 14 class at Fort Stewart, or 315-6816 for the May 22 class at Hunter.

## Learn to manage your anger

What triggers your stress? How do you react to an angry person? How does anger affect you? Take control of these emotions and learn coping techniques and healthy outlets, along with community resources at the "Stress and Anger Management" workshop. Call 767-5058 to register for the May 6 class at Fort Stewart.

## Get help finding a job

If you are having difficulty gaining employment, take advantage of the many employment assistance programs available through ACS. At Hunter, Resume/Resumix Training will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., May 13. At Stewart, take a resume-writing class May 15 to learn how to write a professional resume. Also at Stewart, the Employment and Career Orientation provides an overview of the local job market within a 50-mile radius, including the latest HOT job leads, May 22. Please call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter to register for these Employment Readiness classes.

## Education available for new parents

New parents are invited to Baby Talk, a new class focusing on the basics of newborn care, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and methods for comforting your crying infant, 5 to 7 p.m. May 22. Mirror Image teaches parents of children ages 1-5 about the physical, emotional, and social needs of your children and how you can help them reach their full potential, May 20. A special class just for men teaches new fathers skills that build confidence in parenting at Baby Bootcamp for Dads, offered on two dates, May 17 and May 22. To register, call 767-5058 at Stewart.

## Get a free week of summer camp

Funding is available through the Respite Care program to provide up to 40 hours each month. These funds may be applied to pay for a week of summer camp for your exceptional Family member. For details, call 767-5058.

## Make your Army life great

Living within an Army family culture can be challenging. Army Family Team Building teaches skills to help you thrive in the military with Lead the Way, May 19-21, and Dogface Soldier for Families, May 21. Hunter offers a three-day Meet The Army workshop, May 20-21. To register, call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter. Also ask about child care information.

## Home buying workshop slated

First-time home buyers as well as previous home buyers can receive a certificate toward purchasing a home, as well as learn about the mortgage application process, tips for finding the right home and preparing for the closing. Representatives from ACS Financial Readiness, DPW Housing Service Office, and the City of Hinesville are partnering to bring you the best home buying information at Club Stewart, May 17. Call 767-5058 to reserve your seat.

## Give to the Army Emergency Relief Fund

The Army Emergency Relief annual campaign runs now through May 15 with a goal of raising \$150,000 to help Soldiers and their Families at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. AER is a private nonprofit organization chartered in 1942 to help Soldiers take care of their own. Funds are provided in the form of interest-free loans, grants, or in a combination of the two. AER also offers undergraduate scholarships to the children of Soldiers and retirees.

To make a contribution or for more information, call 767-5058 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter.

## Aerobics Class for Breast Cancer Survivors

The Exceptional Family Member Program offers "Healing Body Moves" for breast cancer survivors, a gentle exercise class led by expert Instructor Bennie White. Class meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., Club Stewart. For more information, call 767-5058.

## Victim Advocate Program can help

The Victim Advocate Program provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Receive information about victim rights and available resources, safety planning, protective orders, safe lodging, support during investigative, medical, and legal proceedings, Command liaison services, and more. Call 767-3032 for more information.

## Financial Readiness Program May 2008 • Finance Classes

**Puzzled about your finances? Money getting you down? Take advantage of these upcoming classes designed to help you get control of your money and answer your important financial questions and concerns.**

### Home Buying Workshop

Stewart- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 17  
An opportunity for first-time or previous home buyers to receive a certificate toward purchasing a home. Presented in conjunction with the city of Hinesville, topics include understanding the mortgage application process, preparing for the closing, and tips for finding the right home. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

### First Term financial Training

Stewart- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 14, 21 and 28; Hunter- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 20  
Mandatory for E-4 and below, and

always open to others. This all-day workshop focuses on personal finances and ways to improve your financial future.

### Financial Planning for PCS

Stewart- 1 to 3 p.m., May 13 and May 27; Hunter- 9 to 11 a.m., May 13 and 27

Mandatory for E-4 and below, and always open to others. Teaches how to plan monthly expenses during a PCS move and to avoid pitfalls during a move. Spouses encouraged to attend with Soldier.

### Life Without Debt

Stewart- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., May 13  
Offers tips on how to be debt free, get control of your finances, and manage your money more effectively.

### Winning the Credit Card Game

Stewart- 9 to 11:30 a.m., May 13  
Learn how to read your credit report, how credit scores are deter-

mined, and methods to increase your credit score to save money.

### Checkbook Management

Stewart- 9 to 11 a.m., May 23  
Learn to properly balance and reconcile your bank account statements.

### Build and Protect Your Wealth

Stewart- 9 to 11:30 a.m., May 27  
This class covers different types of insurance and investment options.

### Basic Investing

Stewart-Beginning May 27 and continues each Tuesday 6 to 8 p.m.

Covers different types of investment options, products, and investment language.

For more information, call 767-5058 or visit ACS at 201 Lindquist Road, building 86.

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

## Support Groups Something for Everyone



Army Community Service offers many opportunities to meet other Army Families for support and friendship. For information, call 767-5058 at Fort Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter Army Airfield.

### Chill and Chat

To discuss deployment or any other concerns each Monday at 9 a.m. at the PX Food Court, hosted by the Military and Family Life Consultants. Playland is open for the children.

### Grandparents and Caregivers Support Group

For those who are taking care of children while their parent is deployed, each Monday at 9 a.m. at the PX Food Court.

### Boot the Baby Blues

For mothers with new babies to discuss post-partum blues and parenting concerns, each Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Southern Oaks Community Center. Hosted by the New Parent Support Program.

### Hearts Apart

Support and friendship while your loved one is away, held 11 a.m., Wednesday in the Relocation Office, building 443 at Leisure Activities and at Hunter, on the second Tuesday of each month at the Army Community Service, building 1279.

### Foreign-Born Spouse Groups

For spouses from other countries who are new to the area to network, share resources, discuss the American way of life, develop friendships, and learn about the many resources available to help make your new life a positive experience. Children are welcome.

At Hunter, a foreign-born spouse group meets monthly every third Monday at 11 a.m. at ACS-Hunter, building 1279

At Stewart, Grupo Hispano, Hispanic coffee group, held monthly every first Thursday at 1 p.m. and Deutscher Kaffee Klatch, German coffee group, held monthly every second Thursday at 1 p.m. Both meet at building 443, Leisure Activities in the relocation office.

### It's An Exceptional Life

For Families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program, held 6 p.m., monthly on the third Thursday at Southern Oaks Community Center. Various presentation topics offered each month.



## Free Week of Summer Camp

This coupon entitles your Exceptional Family Member to 40 Hours of FREE Respite Care\* (may be applied to Summer Camp)

**Hurry! Offer expires July 31**

\*Must be enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

For details, please call Army Community Service at

**767-5058.**

# GMH Military Housing Becomes Balfour Beatty Communities

## Balfour Beatty Communities

The planned acquisition of GMH Military Housing was completed by Balfour Beatty, April 30. Going forward, GMH Military Housing will be known as Balfour Beatty Communities. Initially the company will operate under both names—Balfour Beatty Communities and GMH Military Housing—until the transition of our identity is complete in about four months. While the name is changing, the core focus remains exactly the same: to provide exceptional housing and responsive world class service to the U.S. Military personnel who live in the properties we manage.

Balfour Beatty Communities' commitment to military Families at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield is to provide a community they are proud to call home. In fact, all personnel, services and facilities that were under GMH Military Housing will remain the same as will any construction and renovation plans.

### Who is Balfour Beatty?

Balfour Beatty is a world-class engineering, construction, services, and investment group headquartered in London with 35,000 employees worldwide. Balfour

Beatty has operations involving construction and management of a wide range of privatization projects that directly improve the lives of people and their communities – from schools to hospitals, highways to rail-ways, and water supply systems to power generation.

Since 1909, Balfour Beatty and its affiliates, referred to as the Balfour Beatty Group, have continued their commitment to customer satisfaction, first class service, safety and a responsible approach to the environment.

The Balfour Beatty Group is familiar with working in the defense/security and other sensitive sectors in the United States and the United Kingdom. In fact, Balfour Beatty Construction, is currently working on the 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon and has significant design and construction contracts with various U.S. military entities, including the New Campus East at Fort Belvoir for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at the Naval Base in Bethesda, Md., and the new training facilities for the US Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Lee, Va. This is in addition to Balfour Beatty Construction's work on the GMH Military

Housing privatization projects.

Balfour Beatty Group is also currently providing master planning, engineering, design and design/build services for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Veterans Affairs for health-care facilities in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Germany.

Balfour Beatty Group has also worked on a number of high profile U.S. government projects, including the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. and multiple National Archives and Records Administration facilities, as well as provided project management services of border stations for the General Services Administration in Arizona and Washington and project management services for the GSA of several Federal Bureau of Investigation buildings.

### Focus remains the same

Unlike most mergers, there are no broad-reaching changes planned at Balfour Beatty Communities. Bruce Robinson, who held the position of president of GMH Military Housing remains in charge at Balfour Beatty Communities, and his management team remains in tact. At ground level, all the management and staff will remain in their

positions with no change in personnel.

In commenting on the transaction, Bruce Robinson stated, "The military personnel and Families we serve can rest assured that nothing will change other than our name. Our commitment to our residents is as strong as ever, and we will continue to provide the same quality housing and service. The entire staff at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will continue to be the day to day contact for residents, and all of our current policies, leases and procedures will remain the same."

Balfour Beatty Communities is laser-focused on its core business - the development, renovation, construction, maintenance and management of Family housing for the purpose of improving military Family housing communities. We understand that when servicemembers deploy, they must feel confident that their Families have quality, attractive and affordable housing within the framework of community support. The Balfour Beatty Communities Management and Maintenance staffs are committed to respond to every resident's need and manage each community and home as if it were its own."

# Richmond Hill honors military with Blue Star

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Community Relations

A Blue Star Memorial Marker was dedicated to the military April 30 in Richmond Hill, Ga. The marker was unveiled to a large crowd gathered in J. F. Gregory Park.

"All veterans should be recognized," said Sonny Dixon, Master of Ceremony. "If you see a Vietnam Veteran, say those two words 'Welcome home.' No matter how long it has been, they need to hear it."

Gloria Calloway, Chairman of the Blue Star Marker, Oleander District, shared a brief history of the Blue Star Memorial Marker Project.

"It was inaugurated by the New Jersey Garden Clubs in 1944," she said. "The garden clubs felt this highway beautification project was a fitting memorial to the service people

who have fought for our country."

The name was taken from the Blue Star in the Service Flag in honor of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. The program has now spread across our nation. There are Blue Star Markers located throughout the United States of America. The men and women in our Armed Forces fly our skies, sail our seas, and guard our shores, ensuring our safety. They stand ready at a moments notice to defend our country. We want them to know we care." she said.

Lt. Col. Paul B. Gale, rear-detachment commander for the 3rd Infantry Division addressed the crowd.

"I want to thank you for this special tribute to those who have served, those of us who are currently serving and those who will serve in our Armed Forces in the future," Gale

said. "On behalf of the Soldiers and their Families at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, we appreciate the strong support of Richmond Hill and the other surrounding communities."

He reported on the progress of the 3d Infantry Division Soldiers, and how they were making a difference.

"It is because our Soldiers believe in what they are doing. When they return, they will visit this monument and other memorials and tributes that will tell them of the support of the people that have become their neighbors and friends," Gale said. "As they walk down the walkway to the Veterans Memorial already standing, they will pass this newly erected marker that will express Richmond Hill's appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and Airmen."



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Col. David S. Lee, Director, National Guard Training Center, Fort Stewart, stands next to the newly dedicated Blue Star Memorial Marker April 30 in Richmond Hill.

# Make your vote count, learn about opportunities

## Special to the Frontline

Soldiers and Family members at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield are encouraged to make their vote count. Go to the poll or vote absentee. Learn about opportunities available by consulting your unit voting representatives or by going online at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

Several important dates to remember are Armed Forces Voters Week, which runs from August 31-Sept. 7; and Absentee Voting Week, Oct. 12-18. Absentee voting according to the Website is a four step process:

**Step 1** - Citizen completes and mails the Federal Post Card Application Form (SF-76), Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Form.

**Step 2** - Local election official approves registration request or requests further information

**Step 3** - Local Election Official mails absentee ballot\*

**Step 4** - Citizen votes and mails the absentee ballot to the local election official in time to meet state deadlines.

In order to receive an absentee ballot in a timely manner, it is imperative for citizens to keep their local election official informed of address changes.

If you haven't received your ballot, you can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

Voter Assistance Officers are available at all units. They can assist voters with the voting application process and reference materials. VA officers provide only non-partisan voting proce-

dures and information and do not distribute literature from candidates, political parties, or partisan organizations.

Presidential primaries continue with various states going to the polls through October according to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

Primary voting continues, with these dates and states:

**May 13:** Nebraska and West Virginia

**May 20:** Arkansas, Kentucky and Oregon

**May 27:** Idaho

**June 3:** Alabama, California, Iowa, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, and South Dakota

**June 10:** Maine, North Dakota, South Carolina, and Virginia;

**June 24:** Utah

**July 15:** Georgia

**July 29:** Oklahoma

**Aug. 5:** Kansas, Michigan, and Missouri; Aug. 12: Colorado, Connecticut and Nevada.

**Aug. 19:** Washington State and Wyoming

**Aug. 26:** Alaska and Florida.

**Sept. 2:** Arizona

**Sept. 3:** Virgin Island

**Sept. 6:** Guam

**Sept. 9:** Delaware, the District of Columbia, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

**Sept. 16:** Massachusetts

**Sept. 20:** Hawaii

**Oct. 4:** Louisiana

To learn more, contact your unit voting assistance officer. To vote in November elections, Soldiers must send their Federal Post Card Application, no later than Sept. 15.



# Mandatory briefings helps PCS process

## Special to the Frontline

Army Regulation 600-8-11 requires Soldiers to attend their Reassignment (Levy) Briefing briefing within 30 days from the EDAS Cycle date. For those who fail to brief within the 30-day timeframe, orders will be cut without their input if otherwise qualified.

Enlisted Levy Briefings are still scheduled through electronic military personnel office. There is no need for an appointment unless a Soldier is outside the 30-day timeframe. Coordination can also be made with the Reassignment Customer Service Representative listed below.

Briefings are held 9:30 a.m. each Monday for Drill Sergeant and Recruiter assign-

ments; 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday for stateside and short overseas tours (unaccompanied); 1 p.m., Tuesday for long overseas tours (accompanied); and 9:30 a.m. Thursday for officers or officer candidates. Officers will receive an email to attend briefing, and no briefing packet is required

Enlisted Soldiers must go through their S1 to obtain a briefing packet (statement of understanding, DA Form 5118 w/page 3 signed by their Battalion S1), which is necessary to attend a briefing.

Customer Service Hours are 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (strictly enforced). All Soldiers must be in duty uniform when arriving for service.

The Levy Section no longer takes walk-in customers. Appointments are scheduled

through the Soldier's S1. Call 767-5288 or 767-7874 or email

[Deborah.potts@us.army.mil](mailto:Deborah.potts@us.army.mil) or [marcia.mcmullen@us.army.mil](mailto:marcia.mcmullen@us.army.mil) for appointments. An appointment will be emailed back to S1 for the Soldier. Appointments will be scheduled in 15-minute increments to ensure minimal wait time for customers. Soldiers reporting to the Levy Section without an appointment will be directed to their S1 to establish an appointment.

Permanent Change of Station orders are e-mailed directly to the brigade S1s for their distribution. S1 should contact the reassignment representative listed below if anything needs to be corrected on PCS orders.


Customer Service is organized alphabetically using first letter of the Soldier's last

name.

For enlisted personnel with last names beginning with A through K, call Patricia Battle at 767-7404, or [patricia.battle@us.army.mil](mailto:patricia.battle@us.army.mil); L - Z, Eric Underwood at 767-7408 or [eric.underwood@us.army.mil](mailto:eric.underwood@us.army.mil)

For officer and special management, drill sergeants or recruiters, call Beverly Carradine-Gilmore at 767-6995 or email [beverly.a.carradinegilmore@us.army.mil](mailto:beverly.a.carradinegilmore@us.army.mil).

The mission occupational skill medical retention board contact is Dr. Joan Evans at 767-9411, [joan.evans@us.army.mil](mailto:joan.evans@us.army.mil). The strength management contact is Earl Hoover at 767-1199, or [earl.hoover@us.army.mil](mailto:earl.hoover@us.army.mil). The section chief is Marcia McMullen at 767-7874 or [marcia.mcmullen@us.army.mil](mailto:marcia.mcmullen@us.army.mil).



**2008**  
**Vacation Bible School**

9 a.m. to noon, June 16 to 20  
Diamond Elementary School on  
Fort Stewart

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9 a.m. to noon, June 23 to 27  
Hunter Army Airfield Chapel

For more information call 767-9789