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Marne Division honors heroes

3rd HBCT Soldiers earn Bronze Star

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq - In a ceremony on June 1 at Forward Operating Base Hammer, two Soldiers from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team were awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Staff Sgt. Michael Henderson, a section sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd HBCT, and Pfc. Stephanie McCulley, a combat medic also with HHT, 3rd HBCT, were presented their awards by Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., commander of 3rd HBCT.

Both Soldiers were recognized for their actions on May 8, when a humvee in their convoy was struck by an improvised explosive device, killing two Soldiers and

severely injuring one. The pair left the safety of their vehicle and rushed to the damaged vehicle to treat the injured Soldier.

"What amazed me was how quickly Henderson and McCulley got to the disabled vehicle," said Capt. Stephen Hemmann.

"The smoke hadn't cleared yet and they were running through the danger area to get to the injured. They had no thought for their own safety and made up their mind to get to that vehicle without worrying about the threat. Their only concern was their fellow Soldiers. They didn't receive Bronze Stars, they definitely earned them. I have no doubt that if they had not done what they did, we would have lost three Soldiers that day. Their actions saved a life."

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Youngest deployed Soldier promoted

Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq - At age 17, most American teenagers find themselves faced with the difficult decision of finding a direction for their future. For Shawn O'Farrell that decision was to aid in bettering the future of an entire nation.

In September 2004, in the town of Melbourne Fla., approximately 110 miles

north of his home in Palm Beach, O'Farrell raised his right hand and promised himself to the nation by joining the Army. He said his goals were to protect the freedom of his country and his family and to better himself.

"I always planned to join, but not as early as I did," said O'Farrell, a specialist with 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team. "But I didn't graduate high school. I wasn't applying myself, and I was going down the wrong road."

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Spc. Ben Hutto

Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., commander of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, pins the Bronze Star Medal on Pfc. Stephanie McCulley, a combat medic with Headquarters Company, 3rd HBCT, during a ceremony June 1, at Forward Operating Base Hammer.



Staff Sgt. Samantha M. Stryker

Staff Sgt. Tony Lee, HHSC, STB, points to a future construction project near the Baghdad International Airport during a recent patrol. See story on Page 5A.

SOAR dedicates hangar to fallen aircraft crew

Kimberly T. Laudano
160th SOAR Public Affairs

HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga - A Hunter Army Airfield hangar has a new name honoring the memory of an eight-person Night Stalker crew who died in combat on June 28, 2005.

The 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations

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Aviation Regiment (Airborne) hangar, formerly named Building 7902, is now named Turbine 33 after the aircraft crew's call sign. It was formally dedicated in a ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield, on June 7.

"Today should not be a day of sadness, but rather a day to pay tribute and honor to the memory of the crew of Turbine 33," said Lt. Col. Manfred L. Little, 3/160th commander.

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Former school teacher serves in Iraq as medic

Spc. Ricardo Branch
1st BCT Public Affairs

Life or death can be swayed in either direction by the quick actions of a skilled professional during a crisis.

For a medic with Battery A, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery that crisis was earlier this year when he was faced with seven patients from a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device that detonated in early March near the Jazeera Iraqi Police

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Station in Ramadi, Iraq.

Spc. Cole Bolchoz was performing CPR on an Iraqi policeman for five minutes and stopped only when he needed to check on the other six patients. When he got back to his original patient, he tried his last resort.

Bolchoz said he grabbed an Epinephrine pen and administered it to the leg of the Patient. The patient immediately showed signs of improvements and Bolchoz was credited as having saved the patient's life.

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Marne 6 Sends

June is declared Month of Re-enlistment

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

Would you be willing to express your commitment to something you believe in?

In Baghdad, Thursday, I presided over a re-enlistment ceremony for more than 50 Soldiers. It was the 232nd birthday of our Army. There was no better way to celebrate than to focus on the commitment of the people that fill our ranks.

It was wonderful to meet these great Americans. I could not be more proud. I can not think of a better way to celebrate our noble service. With uncommon courage these Soldiers, from every corner of our nation and every walk of life, swore an oath to support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

They came from each of our brigades spread across Iraq. It was an uncommon reunion in the midst of combat operations. There was music and a sense of celebration. It was the way it should be as we

honor the service of great people.

I want to invite you to re-enlist in the United States Army just like these great American patriots.

Frankly, there are few greater acts of devotion and love that can be expressed by mortal men and women than to recommit to serve while their nation is at war. There is also no better example of the confidence that these brave young men and women have in our nation and our Army.

So I have declared June the "Month of Re-enlistment" for the 3rd Infantry Division.

In the coming days, leaders will be talking to their people about their options in the Army and continued service. This is the most important duty that our leaders have.

It is in fact more important than ever for



our nation's premiere fighting division to retain its best and brightest. I am convinced that our ranks are filled by the finest people our society has ever produced and our leaders will do their part to sustain that strength.

Our Army has always been about people. And through the tough times of the past to the tough times of the present, our Army has persevered exclusively because of the quality of our Soldiers.

Career counselors are assigned throughout our brigades and divisions here and at home station. These professionals are masters of all the benefits and options available. They will do their part along with our division's command career counselor to help Soldiers get the best options available.

There are a lot of options out there. To name a few, there are re-enlistment cash bonuses, options to change career fields, options for reassignment, and options for stabilization with education.

While the incentives are important, the mere act of service in the Army has life-long rewards like the memories of serving with great men and women who share your devotion to this great nation.

As I stood in the heat of the sun here in Iraq, I swelled with pride at the commitment of these brave men and women. In my mind's eye I could see the minutemen of the American Revolution, the doughboys of World War I, and the Dog Faced Soldiers of World War II.

I could see the long columns of Soldiers who had taken up arms in the name of freedom for over two centuries.

These are indeed the finest Soldiers to ever serve and we as an Army are grateful to know them.

Re-up!

ROCK OF THE MARNE!

Aggressive drivers Who are they? Are YOU one?

Division Safety

Here's what we know of them, so far:

- These high risk drivers climb into the anonymity of an automobile and take out their frustrations on anybody at any time.

- For them, frustration levels are high, and level of concern for fellow motorists is low.

- They run stop signs and red lights, speed, tailgate, weave in and out of traffic, pass on the right, make improper and unsafe lane changes, make hand and facial gestures, scream, honk, and flash their lights.

- They drive at speeds far in excess of the norm which causes them to: follow too closely, change lanes frequently and abruptly without notice (signals), pass on the shoulder or unpaved portions of the roadway, and leer at and/or threaten - verbally or through gestures - motorists who are thoughtless enough to be in front of them.

Handling aggressive drivers

First and foremost make every attempt to get out of their way.

Put your pride in the back seat. Do not challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold-your-own in your travel lane.

Wear your seat belt. It will hold you in your seat and behind the wheel in case you need to make an abrupt driving maneuver and it will protect you in a crash.

Avoid eye contact. Ignore gestures and refuse to return them.

Report aggressive drivers to the appropriate authorities by providing a vehicle description, license number, location, and if possible, direction of travel. If you have a cellular phone, and can do it safely, call the police.

If an aggressive driver is involved in a crash farther down the road, stop a safe distance from the crash scene, wait for the police to arrive and report the driving behavior that you witnessed.

Remember how to deal with aggressive drivers.

Avoid the challenges or confrontations of an aggressive driver and support law enforcement's efforts.

Prevent motorcycle accidents

Division Safety

Speed and Reckless driving were contributing factors in the serious accident involving a 3rd Infantry Division Soldier in Savannah. About 2:35 p.m., on May 18, a 24-year-old sergeant was waiting at a red light on his 2006 Suzuki GSX-R600 motorcycle. As the light turned green, he accelerated at a high rate of speed and at the same time pulled the front wheel off the ground.

Investigation by the Savannah, Chatham County Police Department revealed the Soldier passed a group of vehicles at a high rate of speed, as an oncoming 2003 Ford F250 turned across traffic and collided with the motorcycle.

The motorcycle struck the front side passenger side bumper and brush guard which ejected the Soldier from his bike for a distance of 60 feet. There were no skid marks at the scene which indicates that the Soldier had no time for evasive actions due to his speed. The Soldier was operating on a newly acquired permit.

The Soldier suffered severe injuries to include both legs and his left arm

broken, and numerous other injuries. His left foot was amputated because of the extensive injuries sustained.

- The consequences of excessive speeding can be and is often dire. We must be mindful of the fact that we each have a responsibility to do what is right. It is imperative that Soldiers wear their personal protective equipment and attend the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course in accordance with General Officer Order number One. Plan for adequate travel time to avoid exceeding the speed limit. Don't lose sight of the impact your actions may have on yourself and others. The lives of your Families and other innocent victim's are forever changed.

- Officers and senior NCOs alike must lead by example. Inform your Soldiers of the circumstances surrounding this accident. Emphasize the consequences and costs associated with speeding. Speed and required safety equipment was the primary causal factor in this accident and contributed to the seriousness of the injuries in this accident. As a final note BE SAFE.

Prevent accidents, call 767-7880.

A moment in Marne History: A letter from Besançon

Sasha McBrayer
Fort Stewart Museum

This moment in Marne history spotlights a special letter written in thanks to the 3rd Infantry Division. In June 1994, the following missive was sent to Division Headquarters in Germany concerning events from September 1944. It came from Michel Marlin who had a life altering encounter with Marne Soldiers as a boy.

It reads:

In Besançon (France) on September 7th 1944, after four long bleak years, we had been waiting with hope and some anxiety for our liberation. I was eleven years old then, after a night of violent shooting, I (was) present at your arrival in a north-western district of Besançon. (There were) rows of Soldiers on either side of the street holding their guns ready to shoot. I shook a Soldier's hand warmly. I remember a radiant smile, a double helmet slanting to the right...boots and an identity tag strung to a row of little beads.

An hour later the vehicles arrived. My father took [a snap-shot] of the M-10 tank-destroyer near Vauban barracks at which it had been shooting. I was near a

Dodge ambulance whose guys offered me some white coffee in a tin mug and some chocolate. At that very moment a German mortar shell burst in the tree above us. Panic stricken I started running, but an ambulance-man struck me to the ground, which prevented my being hit by the other five shells that fell in the following moments.

I couldn't thank my savior. A hundred yards away, my father was taking a picture of two Soldiers in a jeep. The shell-bursts were the cause of (the) downward angle of the shot. The plate number shows it was a Jeep of H Company 2nd Battalion 7th Regiment. I would be very happy to return the mug...filled with Champagne to the Soldier who offered it to me!

In order to thank you all, I put an ad in the papers asking the people of Besançon for their pictures of that time. I had many responses. I reproduced the photos and they are placarded in the hotel. If you recognize yourself or a friend, just tell me and I'll try to find out your French friends of the time.

I offer a series of those pictures to your association and to the HQ of the 3rd in Wurtzburg. All the people who contacted me asked to say how grateful they are to you.



Photo courtesy of Fort Stewart Museum

Chaplain creates fish pond



Spc. Ben Hutto

Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Swartz, the chaplain for 203rd BSB, draws his homemade fishing net across a canal outside of Forward Operating Base Hammer. Swartz is transferring fish from the canal to a retaining pond inside FOB Hammer.

Spc. Ben Hutto

3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – In the Bible, Jesus fed multitudes with one fish. A 203rd Brigade Support Battalion chaplain is hoping fish will satisfy the appetites of some Fort Benning, Soldiers.

Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Swartz, an avid fisherman, has been working to build a fish pond on Forward Operating Base Hammer for the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Soldiers.

Swartz, who wants to do his part in increasing morale, has transferred approximately 30 fish from the canals outside FOB Hammer to a raw water pond inside the wire since May 26 using a fishing net he made from supplies donated to him by the 203rd BSB Soldiers.

Bernie Hoffinger, a water well driller for Kellogg Brown and Root has been one of the people helping Swartz to create the pond.

"I can't think of a better

way to spend my time," said Hoffinger. "Soldiers are the whole reason I came out here. I wanted to make sure they had water and, in the process, found a way to give them fish."

Swartz hopes to add more fish to the pond so it will be ready to be used by 3rd HBCT Soldiers by August. He hopes the net he receives from a Columbus, Ga., vendor will allow him to stock the pond.

"The one I use now is just a modified cargo net with washers tied to the bottom, to add weight to the base and some water bottles connected to the top to make it float," explained Swartz.

Swartz thinks the pond will provide the Soldiers a place to go and relax.

"Just being next to the water and having a place to cast and retrieve, will really give Soldiers an avenue to unwind," said Swartz. "Fishing gives Soldiers a way to get close to nature. It's a freedom you get just by being there. There is nothing like pulling in a big fish."

4th BCT Soldiers send hot lead down range

Pvt. Jerome Arp
4th BCT Public Affairs

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team Soldiers qualified with the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon May 31.

The qualification was part of the training for 4th BCT's deployment later this year.

The Soldiers who qualified with the M-249 also received classes on assembly, general maintenance, trigger control and breath control of the weapon.

"I learned how to properly clean and maintain an M-249 confidently," said Pvt. Aaron Lillemo.

The M-249 SAW is defined as an air-cooled, gas-operated, fully-automatic firearm, that fires from an open bolt position.

The SAW fires rounds from linked belts of 5.56 mm ammunition. The belts are fed individually or held in position with a plastic "feed tray", which is mounted on top of the weapon. The SAW could also fire rounds from magazines from the side-mounted port.

The SAW is capable of firing 1,000 rounds per minute, but when utilized properly fires 750

rounds per minute. The weapon has a tripod built into it for supported fire, and a quick change barrel that prevents overheating during continuous fire.

The SAW weighs about 17 pounds and has a maximum firing range of 3,600 meters and an 800-meter effective range for an area target.

During qualification 4th BDE Soldiers were tested with the weapon in three areas: accurate initial burst, adjustment of fire and speed.

The M-249, SAW, is the primary machine gun used by all military branches in Iraq and other combat zones. Knowledge of the M-249 is just part of the ongoing training leading up to deployment and ensures confidence and safety within 4th BDE.

"It's an awesome weapon," said Pvt. Catlin Eagleman, "It shoots down range with deadly accuracy."

Pvt. Jerome Arp

Pfc. Alex Catlett (center) demonstrates how to assemble the bolt of the M-249 SAW. Pfc. Catlin Eagleman (left) and Spc. Joshua Davis.



MEDIC

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Spc. Ricardo Branch

Spc. Cole Bolchoz a medic with A Btry. 1/41 FA looks at a tooth bothering an Iraqi policeman at the aid station in the Jazeera Police Station, May 23.

Such are often the stories from the combat zone when Iraqis are caught in violence perpetrated by terrorists.

His friends and comrades call him doc, and his job is treating injuries and saving lives on the battlefield. Not just U.S. Soldiers, but also Iraqis have become Bolchoz's patients at one time or another in the aid station at the Jazeera Police Station in Ramadi, Iraq.

He has not always been a medic, though.

Bolchoz served as a Marine, worked the door as a bouncer, served drinks as a bartender, and taught middle school before his current profession as a medic in the Army.

"I felt like I needed to be able to give in a way to people that meant something to me and was challenging," Bolchoz said. "Basically, I was looking to change myself by trying to change other people."

At the time of his decision, Bolchoz was teaching history to children at William Lenoir Middle School in Lenoir, S.C., when he announced to his class that their teacher was going to war.

"They were anxious and inquisitive," he said. "There were lots of anxious energy in their questions. They wanted to know where I was going, how long, and what I would be doing."

That drive and energy from his students affirmed Bolchoz's choice

to attempt a career in the Army.

"The medical field wasn't my first choice," he said. "I wanted to be a linguist but didn't score too well on the defense language aptitude test so I chose my second choice of the medical field."

Even though he possessed a wealth of knowledge from his previous jobs, Bolchoz found the training to become a medic in the Army a challenge.

"It was four months of intense combat training," he said. "With PT (physical training), and a year's worth of emergency medical training (condensed) into four months – there was little room for error."

Even with the prospect of Iraq looming in many Soldiers' heads, Bolchoz wasn't too concerned, knowing a deployment to Iraq was always a possibility.

"I tried to put it out of my mind," he said. "If I understood the climate, I might not have signed up. Being here now and seeing how this place has improved has made it all worth it."

Since deploying to Ramadi earlier this year, Bolchoz has had to deal with a variety of injuries ranging from minor cuts and bruises to gun shot wounds, facial lacerations and burns. Even treating little injuries, however gives him satisfaction.

"It's a rewarding job when people come up to you, and they have a heart condition, trying to quit smok-

ing or stomach aches, and you help them. They (locals) are very happy, because they don't have the medical facilities here to cover the ailments they receive," he said.

Along with the rewards, Bolchoz enjoys the opportunity to work with and treat the Iraqi police, who he believes are vital for operations in Ramadi.

"The Iraqi police are connected to the overall success of Iraq. If they are not taken care of regardless of injury that's a loss of morale and insurgents being found. It's a trickle down effect. At the same time if I'm not putting everyone's life as important as the next guy, I'm betraying what I'm supposed to stand for."

Even though the conditions he works in are tough, Bolchoz wouldn't trade it for a second.

"I don't have an IV stand so I have to use coat hangers," he said. "You really have to adapt and overcome out here."

He added, "Out here you are the pivot point. You are the main element and many times here I've found myself pretty much alone. There is no calling battalion, there is no other medic to help, and it's just you against whatever cases you may encounter."

Those cases keep him going, and ensure any medical problems that arise will be met by a medic steady, ready, and prepared to help patients survive.

Enjoy 4th of July activities at Stewart

Special to the Frontline

Celebrate the Fourth of July all day at Fort Stewart. The festivities kick off at 8:30 a.m. Beginning at Newman Fitness Center, the Family Readiness Groups are walking to promote esprit de corps and togetherness among Family members. Every step counts as the goal is to accumulate 13,000 miles, the distance from Fort Stewart to Iraq and back, before the troops come home.

After the walk, enjoy recreation and water activities from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Corkan Family Recreation Area - all free of charge. Water activities include a wet-and-wild slide, turbo slide, small wet slide and the dunking booth.

Other activities available within the area are bowling at Stewart Lanes, miniature golf at Cypress Creek Adventure Golf, a dip in The Springs at Cypress Creek, Cypress Sam's Indoor Treehouse, indoor roller skating at Corkan Gym, and Corkan Pool.

At noon, experience the patriotism of a 50-Gun Salute at Cottrell Field. More fun kicks off at 4 p.m., Newman Field with several activities for children, teens and adults.

Kids can enjoy a jumping-jumbo jet, Pirates of the

Caribbean, sandy candy, spin art cards and frames. Entertainment features also include Gem Mine, a climbing wall, a bounce house, an obstacle course, a train, kids games and crafts.

A teen area will include outdoor laser tag, and entertainment attractions that include Daytona II, Pump, Arctic Thunder, Off Road Thunder, Screammers, a mechanical bull, Wild-one Obstacle Course, a rock wall, and bungee run.

All ages can enjoy airbrush tattoos, a caricature artist, fantasy photos, a balloon artist, mist tents, watermelon-eating contest and pie-eating contest.

Also scheduled is a BMX bike, motorcycle, and skateboard show and a Frisbee dog show. Ken Schultz, a stilt walker, juggler and balloon artist, will be on-hand with additional entertainment performing on the main stage.

The City of Hinesville and Hinesville Military Affairs Committee will provide, from 5-7:30 p.m., a variety of free food and drinks.

A 30-minute fireworks show will culminate the day's activities. You'll be able to see the display whether you are at Newman or Cottrell Field. No alcoholic beverages will be served; however, coolers and picnic food is allowed. No pets or alcohol will be permitted or sold at this event.

Soft drinks and bottled water will be sold during the day. An air-conditioned fest tent, with tables and chairs, will be available for people to sit under and cool off. Bringing lawn chairs and blankets to watch the fireworks is encouraged.

Days Events

- 8:30 - Walk to Iraq at Newman Fitness Center
- 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. - Recreation, Water Activities at Corkan
- Noon-12:30 p.m. - 50-Gun Salute at Cottrell Field
- 4-8:30 p.m. - Youth activities at Newman
- 5-7:30 p.m. - Free food booths at Newman
- 7:45-9 p.m. - Main Stage Entertainment at Newman
- 9 -9:30 p.m. - Fireworks at Cottrell Field

Entertainment Schedule

- 4:30, 5:30, 7 p.m. - BMX show at 6th Street
- 4, 5:30, 7:15 p.m. - Frisbee Dog Show at Stage 2
- 4:30, 6:15 p.m. - Ken Shultz: stilt walker, juggler, balloon artist at Stage 2
- 4-6 p.m. - Teen and BOSS Idols at Main Stage
- 7:45-9 p.m. - Cory Smith at Main Stage

New funding allows FRGs to focus on Families

Kara Casto
Correspondent

Last week, more than 100 Family Readiness Group volunteers, liaisons, and Family Readiness Support Assistants attended a new funding class at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The training, known as "Operation Ready," is offered so that FRG leaders can focus on Families instead of spending their energy raising money.

Family Support Groups originated in 1987 to offer Families assistance with issues regarding long field exercises, temporary duty, and deployment separations. In 1992, the Cooperative Extension at Texas A&M University began developing "Operation Ready" training materials to provide direction for the FSGs.

Family Support Groups became Family Readiness Groups, and in 2005, a major push to make changes to FRG policies occurred, taking the policies from theory to practical application.

The previous training "didn't meet the needs of an Army at war," said Donna Finney, Army Community Services director. "We made all new training to talk about changes to the FRG mission. FRGs were expending so much energy on fundraising that they were losing track of Families."

"We looked at the Commander's Guide to FRGs and made changes relating to funding. We wanted to get this on the street as quickly as possible."

The primary mission of a FRG is to provide a conduit for information and resources. However, funding is necessary to carry out that mission.

The new funding class covers the three types of financing for FRGs: appropriated funds, informal funds, and the Supplemental Mission Activity fund, according to Bess Stone, mobilization and readiness specialist.

Supplemental Mission Activity fund information was new to many attendees, and passionately promoted by Finney.

"We really need to utilize the Supplemental Mission funds and share the money between all of our FRGs, so that all of our Families at Fort Stewart and Hunter can benefit from it," said Finney. "The idea was to get FRGs out of the fundraising business, but we know that they need funding in order to serve their Families' needs."

The fund is a repository for donations larger than \$1000 which are accepted by the garrison commander. Funds are divided and distributed equally to all unit FRGs, upon their request. Donations of tangible goods valued in excess of \$1000 are also accepted by the garrison commander; ACS coordinators then distribute the goods to the FRGs.

"The purpose of the class is to educate everyone on the new rules and regulations that regulate funding for FRGs," said Stone. "We want them to be aware of available authorized resources, how to obtain them, and how to use them properly."

Funding was formerly covered during the two hour Basic and Advanced FRG Leader Training classes.

"We will now be offering an eight-hour course so that leaders leave with a full tool box of resources," said Finney. "One of our primary concerns right now is compassion fatigue. Many of our FRG leaders try to carry the weight alone, and we want to make sure they are well trained to realize that's what garrison is here for- to help them provide service to the Families."

The class is designed for FRG volunteers, FRG liaisons, Family Readiness Support assistants, rear detachment commanders, and FRG advisors. In addition to training, a new FRG forum was developed to replace the FRG leader support group.

"The idea is to get these people together

and discuss their roles, responsibilities, and boundaries, and how to support Families. We want to build stronger relationships between these teams," said Finney.

"We will conduct a needs assessment to identify ideas where they would like assistance, provide an opportunity to network with other leaders, get additional training and make new friends so we can help the leaders reduce stress," said Finney.

Topics will include support resources for Soldiers and Families, and interpersonal

skills, in addition to the new funding regulations.

FRG leaders who attended training prior to December 2006 should attend the new "Operation Ready" course in order to obtain the updated regulatory guidelines, according to Stone. FRG leaders who have recently attended training can take specific modules rather than attend the entire eight-hour course.

Students can register by calling the Family Readiness Center at 767-1257/1297.



Kara Casto

FRG Volunteers attend the new "Operation Ready" training course.

Marne Voices Speak Out

What male figure has made the greatest impact in your life and why?

"My father because he taught me a lot about cars. Happy Father's Day."

Brian Williams
Civilian Summer Hire



"My dad. I admire his bravery and patriotic duty to defend our home."

Anna Jeffers
Civilian Summer Hire



"My dad has always been there for me, and the financial support he has provided to me has not been bad either."

Jessica Harvey
Civilian Summer Hire



"My dad has taught me right from wrong and instilled in me, what I believe are good morals."

Tevin Tucker
Civilian Summer Hire



"My dad encourages me no matter what the outcome is, and I appreciate him for all he does."

Katherine Cardon
Civilian Summer Hire



"My dad provides everything for me, and I love him for being there for me."

Joshua Jarrell
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Soldiers make good impressions in Iraqi towns

Staff Sgt Samantha M. Stryker
Task Force Marne Public Affairs

VICTORY BASE COMPLEX, Iraq - For some it was like revisiting the old neighborhood. Some of the town elders are no longer around, but the children still look and act like children.

For the Task Force Vigilance Soldiers patrolling the neighborhoods surrounding the Victory Base Complex, returning to the block means rebuilding friendships, maintaining trust and helping out your neighbor.

Soldiers with the Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division recently took over the responsibility of patrolling and assessing the general conditions of two villages just outside the walls of TF Marne's Baghdad base and patrolling in and around Baghdad International Airport.

"The unit we replaced, out of 10th Mountain had a good relationship with the villages. I hope we can improve on that relationship," said Staff Sgt. Tony Lee, platoon sergeant.

Lee understands maintaining a good relationship with locals residing just outside the camps walls is important not only for security, but that it also builds mutual respect.

"Our goal is not just to perform presence patrols," Lee said. "We attend local meetings, discuss economic-related issues, and together with the local leaders are working to improve their living conditions."

At each destination, Lee met with security personnel or self-appointed citizens that took up the call to work with Coalition Forces in keeping their neighborhood safe.

The Soldiers convoyed to the BIAP Business Center to meet with local contractors and Iraqi police to discuss security issues, entry control point protocol, and the renovation of buildings in the industrial part of the airfield.

While Lee and his Soldiers were there, they were told by an Iraqi police officer of the power outages in the villages because of the need for more electricity due to the recent high temperatures.

"The generators have been here since Saddam," said Capt. Dhafer, the assistant commander of the Airport Village IP station, "Now we have more (appliances) in our houses and need more power."

Contractors showed Lee which buildings they are eyeing for renovation, and Lee was off again, leading his patrol through a labyrinth of turns and bends around the many compounds that skirt the walls of the camps.

Electricity was not the only commodity in short supply.

Once Lee and his team arrived at Airport Village, they spoke with Sammy, a local leader who is head of the airport council, about any new issues and followed up on any issue already addressed by the coalition.

Sammy told the Soldiers about the low fuel issue that could affect the capability of their local Iraqi security force to respond or effectively patrol their areas.

The platoon draws on the skills and the experience of Soldiers from many occupational specialties.

Sgt. Antonio Velez, who served in Iraq in 2005, said he has seen changes in the people and improvements in their living conditions. Changes he says are for the better.

"I expected to see this much change," Velez said referring to hard work the local residents have put into cleaning up their village. "(The Plan) is working because the local nationals are smart and learn fast."

Specialists Thomas Quimby and Johnathan Duncan are both signal Soldiers with the platoon. Neither thought they would work directly with local residents helping them to live in a safer cleaner neighborhood.

"We are showing them they have to help themselves," said Duncan. "By interacting with them they know we are here if they need help, but they have to improve Iraq, one neighborhood at a time."



Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

KALSU, Iraq - Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, test the calibration of their targeting software, June 3. In addition to firing confirming shots with their Paladin launchers, the artillerymen tested a new Excalibur 155mm round.

Mission destroys enemy cache

Staff Sgt. Sean Riley
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq - Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, seized a weapons cache near Al Dur'aya, June 4.

The unit conducted an air assault operation into the area to capture insurgents and destroy weapon caches.

"With us moving by air, we were able to get our elements to the objective, and was ideal in this situation," said Capt. Leo Buehler, B Company, 1/15 Inf. commander.

"Because of the objective's remote location and enemy's network of early warning observation posts along the limited ground routes into the village, a ground infiltration would have

given the enemy more than one hour early notice."

By dropping from CH-47 Chinook helicopters, Coalition Forces gained the advantage by allowing the enemy only minutes to prepare.

"As a result, the enemy was unable to recover their equipment prior to our arrival on site," Buehler said.

The mission netted one insurgent cache containing 30-60 mm mortars, seven AK-47 assault rifles, 32 AK-47 magazines, two 60 mm mortar tubes, one set of body armor and one military-style uniform.

During the mission, AH-64 Apache attack helicopters engaged and destroyed a truck after receiving small-arms fire.

The cache was destroyed by explosive ordnance personnel at the scene.

Combat Aviation team kills 2 IED emplacers

MNCFI Public Affairs

AZ ZAIDON, IRAQ - Apache attack helicopters engaged and destroyed an improvised explosive device emplacement team near Az Zaidon, Iraq, southwest of

Baghdad, June 7.

The IED emplacement team was observed preparing a site, emplacing, and covering the IED by an unmanned aerial vehicle at about 10:30 a.m.

The UAV, controlled by the 2nd Brigade

Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, continued surveillance of the team until AH-64 Apache attack helicopters from the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade arrived at the scene.

As the sedan was moving away from the

IED site, the Apaches engaged the sedan with a rocket, killing the two occupants and destroying the vehicle.

The Az Zaidon area is known as a safe haven for al-Qaeda and as a step-off point for launching attacks into Baghdad.

Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

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DECA recalls contact solutions

Commissaries worldwide have been directed to remove from their shelves Complete Moisture Plus contact lens solutions. This recall applies only to UPC No. 8-27444-00001 Lens Care Solution Multi-Purpose and UPC No. 8-27444-00004 Lens Care Moisture Plus Dual. Contact (800) 332-1088 or visit the Web site www.da.gov/medwatch/report.htm so the FDA and CDC can gather information related to the recall.

Go 'Hog Wild' about books

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield encourage community members to join in the fun with the annual summer reading program at the installation branch libraries. The program is open to all active duty, retired military and civil service employees. All ages are welcome. The program will consist of suggested reading lists, story time, and books and crafts centered on the theme. A grand finale will end the program. The program runs now through mid-August. For more information, call 767-2260 at Stewart or 315-2403 at Hunter.

Gang awareness training slated

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Directorate of Emergency Services will be hosting Community Gang Awareness training at both installations. The training is open to all adults. The Stewart event is 6-8 p.m. June 18, at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith Education Center, Building 100, room 180. At Hunter the event will be 5-6 p.m. June 19, at the Education Center, building 1290, in room 5. For more information, call 767-4985 at Stewart or 315-5088 at Hunter.

Healthier Feds initiative targets employees

Healthier Feds provides information and education to federal employees and retirees about healthy living, greater individual responsibility for personal health, and best-treatment strategies. For more information visit www.healthierfeds.opm.gov.

Outdoor pools are now open

The pools are open now - Sept. 3. Daily hours are 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Corkan Pool, Bryan Village and Hunter outdoor pools.

Bring dad to Father's Day Brunch

Come and celebrate dad at Father's Day Brunch Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Club Stewart and 10:30, 12:30, and 1:30 at the Hunter Club. Menu will feature a variety of breakfast items and Family luncheon favorites. Cost is \$12.95 for adults, half price for children ages 5-10 and free for children under 5.

Bring a church bulletin or a group of 20 or more and receive \$1 off each meal. No reservation is necessary for brunch at Fort Stewart. Call for reservations for brunch at Hunter. For more information, call 368-2212 at Stewart or 353-7923 at Hunter.

Locating lost-and-found items

To report an item lost or check on the status of one, check with the military police. Visit 354 East Bultman Avenue, building 280 on Stewart and check with William Hooks, 767-9596. The Hunter point of contact is James Westfall, at 197 South Lightning Road, Building 1240, 315-5374.

Stewart

Support The ESC at blood drive

The Enlisted Spouse Club is hosting a blood drive 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., tomorrow at the PX parking lot. For more information, call 332-3311.

Expect minor delays due to construction

As a portion of the MCA project to construct barracks and company operation facilities in the 4th BCT area, 6th Street will be widened to four lanes by adding two lanes from 15th Street to Crisp Avenue. Minor delays can be expected from now through July 15. The existing 6th Street will remain open through construction, with the exception of periodic lane closures for the installation of new turn lanes, median cuts, work at the Mill Creek bridge, installation of an added railroad crossing next to the existing crossing, and widening in front of the Auto Craft Shop, building #1503.

Send a Soldier a magazine

Stewart, Hunter is conducting a magazine drive for deployed Soldiers. Drop-off boxes are at several locations including the Army Community Services, Family Readiness Center, Main PX, Southern Oaks Community Center and the GMH Housing Office. Request that the magazines be appropriate in nature. All magazines will be screened. For more information, call ACS at 767-0505.

Review the Army's OCS opportunities

The next Department of the Army Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted Sept. 17-21. The Fort Stewart local OCS board will be conducted on Aug. 14 in bldg 253, room 1050. The deadline for packet submission to the Mower Personnel Processing Center, bldg 208, is Aug. 7. For more information, call 767-8894.

Jordan Gym closes

On June 8 Jordan closed in order to make the transition to a youth gym. It will re-open on July 18 as Jordan Youth Gym operating from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday - Saturday. Jordan will be open to youth in the 6th - 12th grades. Youth in 5th grade and under must be accompanied by a parent. Programs offered will include basketball, gymnastics, tumbling, start smart and triple play programs, fitness and nutrition classes and healthy choices programs.

Indoor skating and laser tag at Corkan

MWR will soon provide year round indoor skating and laser tag in Corkan Gym for youth. As a result, the youth programs housed in Corkan Gym will be displaced. In order to accommodate these programs, Jordan Fitness Center will be transitioned into a Youth Gym; Newman and Caro Fitness Centers will continue to service our adult patrons.

Youth summer basketball league offered

Child Youth Services is now hosting a free summer bas-

ketball league for middle school and high school youth through July 31. For more information, call 767-4493.

Shop at Shop of the Marne

Dont forget to shop over the summer, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month at Building 25 off McNeely Rd. behind the PX. Look for the OPEN flags outside.

Summer Nutrition Program offered

Diamond Elementary, Southern Oaks Community Center, Bryan Village Youth Center, and Corkan Recreation Center/Family Fun Park will offer free nutritional lunches to youth ages 18 and under from 11 a.m. to noon, now through July 13. For more information, call 408-3088.

Boss Talent Show II slated

Come watch talented singers and dancers tomorrow, 6 pm. at Rocky's. Doors open at 5 p.m. Talent show winners receive cash prizes; attendees can win door prizes. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Erica Gordon at 572-4486.

Register to 'Walk to Iraq and Back'

The Walk to Iraq and Back continues as an on-going program where teams will submit walked miles monthly towards the goal of 13,000 miles. Registration is also ongoing and forms are now available at the Family Readiness Center. For more information, contact Amy Lambert at 320-5400.

Come to Teen Night at Rocky's

Rocky's will be closed to Soldiers and open to Family members with military IDs from 5 to 11 p.m. every Thursday night through July 26. Teens, ages 13-18 can enjoy an evening of games, music, dancing, movies and snacks in a positive and fun environment that is close to home. For more information, call 368-2212.

Come to Teen Military Idol Show

Previously selected youth, ages 11-18 will compete for prizes Saturday at the Fort Stewart Youth Center with the talent contest 6-8 p.m., and 8-10 p.m. for the dance contest. Entrance fee is \$5. For more information, call 767-4491.

Boy scouts anyone?

Boy Scout Troop 454 is looking for scouts ages 10 1/2 - 18. For more information call Michelle Burkkard, scoutmaster, at 369-5589 or 230-2822.

Hunter

Join the free racquetball clinic

A free clinic will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Hunter Fitness Center by professional racquetball player, Brenda Kyzer, showcasing skills and products of the trade. For more information, call 315-2019.

Aqua aerobics class offered

An aqua aerobics class is available 9-10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Newman Fitness Center and the Hunter Gym.

For more information, call Stewart at 767-3034 or Hunter at 315-2819.

Stewart

Enjoy water games

Enjoy water balloons, water guns, and much more 2-3:30 p.m., June 28 at the Southern Oaks Community Center.

Join neighborhood huddles

Be an active part of your community by attending your

huddle and sharing ideas, issues or concerns with GMH 10:30-11 a.m., June 19 at Liberty Woods and June 21 at Isenhower Village and June 28 at Isenhower Terrace.

Hunter

Enjoy water games

Enjoy water balloons, water guns, and much more 2-3:30 p.m., June 20 at the New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center. Don't forget to wear your swim suit.



Ask the Judge Family support guideline



What is AR 608-99?

Army Regulation 608-99 explains the Department of the Army's policy, guidance and procedures concerning non-support of Family members, paternity claims, and paternity-related adoption proceedings. A summary is provided below.

What is a Soldier's obligation under the regulation?

A Soldier's obligation includes:

- Providing adequate and continuous support for Family members.
- Complying with separation agreements, court orders and judicial orders or decrees.
- Meeting financial obligations promptly.

Who is responsible for enforcing and ensuring that Soldiers are informed of the Army policy on support of Family members?

Commanders are responsible for ensuring that Soldiers know about the policy and comply with it.

If a Soldier fails to meet the requirements outlined above, what can the commander do?

The commander can consider:

- Making it a part of the Soldier's permanent record.
- Denial of re-enlistment.
- Punitive or other administrative action including elimination from the service.
- A criminal charge under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

If the Soldier fails to meet the requirements, can the Army deduct money from the Soldier's pay?

No. The Army has no legal authority to deduct money from a Soldier's pay without his consent unless garnishment or involuntary allotment has been ordered by a civilian court.

How does the commander determine adequate support for Family members?

The Army prefers that a separated Soldier and spouse enter into a written separation agreement which specifies an agreed-upon level of support. If the parties cannot agree, they should resolve the matter in a civilian court and obtain a court order which specifies the amount of support. In this case, the amount of support is designated by the court controls.

In the absence of a court order or agreement, how is adequate support for Family members determined?

In the absence of a court order or agreement, and until such an order or agreement is obtained, the Army has established minimum support measures.

If I am the spouse of a Soldier in a single Family unit (husband and wife / husband, wife, and children) and living off post, what is the minimum support I can receive?

The Soldier will provide support of an amount equal to his/her Basic Allowance for Housing entitlements at the "with dependents" rate.

What is the minimum amount of support that I can receive if we live on post in government housing?

If the single Family unit lives on post, the Soldier will provide an amount equal to the difference between BAH at the "with dependents" and BAH at the "without dependents" rate.

What happens if the supported Family members move off post?

When the supported Family members move off post, support will be provided in an amount equal to BAH at the "with dependents" rate.

If the Soldier's rank increases and it results in an increased amount for BAH, will I receive an increase in support?

Yes. If the BAH entitlements increase so should your payments as long as the Soldier has not remarried or become duty obligated to support another Family member.

When a Soldier has separated and remarried and has to support multiple Family units (Two Families or sets of dependents) who live off post, how is the amount of support determined?

In multiple support situations, the amount of support due to each supported Family member is determined as follows:

Amount of Support — • BAH at the "with dependents" rate
 • Total number of supported Family members; However, the following conditions apply — First, any court ordered support will be paid as stated. Secondly, supported Families living off post will receive an amount equal to the difference between BAH at the "with dependents" rate and BAH at the

"without dependents" rate for the Soldier's rank. Lastly, any remaining Family members will receive a pro rate share of the BAH amount remaining.

If my spouse and I are servicemembers and there is not a court order or separation agreement, can I get minimum support under the new guidelines?

No. Any Army servicemember is not required to provide a minimum amount of support to a spouse on active duty in the armed services.

If I am a Soldier and I have custody of my children and live off post, will I receive a minimum amount of support for child support?

Yes. A Soldier, whether or not receiving BAH based on the marriage to another Soldier, will pay, at a minimum, prorated share of his or her own BAH at the "with dependents" rate to the Soldier having custody of the child(ren) of that marriage if the Family is residing off post.

What if the children are living in government housing on post?

If the children are living in government housing, the Soldier will pay, at a minimum, an amount equal to the difference between the Soldier's BAH at the with and without dependents rate.

Can the amounts of support provided by AR 608-99 be increased?

Yes. Remember these guidelines were established to ensure that some support is received for the Family members while you and your spouse obtain separation agreement, court order, or judicial decree stating the proper amount of support to be paid by the Soldier. Once an agreement, court order, or decree is obtained, it is the controlling document.

What if I have other questions or specific problems I want help in solving?

Consult the Legal Assistance Office at 767-8809/8819. Your lawyer can answer many questions and help you to make a fair and intelligent decision about your choices, options and alternatives.

Our legal assistance office stands ready, willing and able to assist you in these matters.

Keep an eye open,



Report Suspicious activity

Recycling Spotlight

Community members are reminded to recycle paper including newspaper, typing/officer paper, envelopes, junk mail, computer printouts, magazines, catalogs, etc.

Paper Recycling facts:

- Secure paper in clear plastic bag to prevent contamination.
- 40 percent of garbage dumped annually is paper.
- Each ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees and 7000 gallons of water.
- Every year enough paper is thrown away to make a 12-foot wall from New York to California.

The Army wants your suggestions

The world keeps moving, ideas help us stay ahead.

Send your idea to:

<https://ARMYSUGGESTIONS.ARMY.MIL>.

For more information, contact Joyce Bailey at BaileyJM2@stewart.army.mil or by phone at 767-6300.

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DUI offenses explained, step by step

Special to the Frontline

"We can't be a society where all of a sudden we've had some alcohol, and we have the keys in our hand, and we think, 'Now what?'"

Driving under the influence is one of the major causes of fatalities and injuries on Georgia roadways. When you take a look at the number of people who are killed and hurt in Georgia in relation to driving under the influence incidents, we had 1,308 deaths and 31,800 alcohol-related injuries in 2005. We have far too many people who are killed or injured because someone makes a choice to drink and then drive. That's a choice that doesn't have to be made.

One of the things to keep in perspective is that when you are driving, driving should be your only task. You are in this huge piece of metal hurtling along at tremendous speeds, and you need every attribute that you possess in order to keep this vehicle operating in a safe manner.

When you are in that car, driving that car is your only job. That is the only thing that you should be doing. You should be paying attention; you should have all your facilities; and you should be focusing on your task at hand - driving.

People do have a choice! They make the choice to drink and then get behind the wheel of a vehicle. That choice is one of the easiest things to prevent, yet it's still the largest cause of fatalities. Imagine making just one poor decision and then spending the rest of your life in prison for killing an innocent person. The penalties for making the wrong decision are strictly enforced. Here are some of these penalties:

First DUI offense

- Imprisonment not less than 10 days nor more than 12 months
- Probation, 12 months less any time served in jail
- Fine not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000
- Not less than 40 hours of community service
- Attend and complete Drug and Alcohol Risk Reduction School
- 12-month suspension of drivers license; however, after 30 days following the effective date of the suspension, the individual may apply for a reinstatement. Must have completed the Drug and Alcohol Risk Reduction School, and pay a reinstatement fee of \$210 if reinstatement is applied for in person or \$200 by mail.

Second offense

- Second DUI offense within five years of the last DUI measured from the date of last arrest:
- Imprisonment not less than 90 days nor more than 12 months
 - Judge may suspend all but 48 hours of imprisonment
 - Probation, 12 months less any time served in jail
 - Fine not less than \$600 nor more than \$1,000
 - Not less than 80 hours of community service
 - Attend and complete Drug and Alcohol Risk Reduction School
 - Clinical evaluation and treatment if indicated
 - 3-year suspension of drivers license; however, after 120 days following the effective date of the suspension, the individual may apply for a reinstatement. Must have completed the Drug and Alcohol Risk Reduction School, and

pay a reinstatement fee of \$210 if reinstatement is applied for in person or \$200 by mail.

Third Offense

- Third DUI offense within five years of the last DUI measured from the date of last arrest:
- Considered a high or aggravated misdemeanor
 - Imprisonment not less than 120 days nor more than 12 months
 - Judge may suspend all but 10 days of imprisonment
 - Probation, 12 months less any time served in jail
 - Fine not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000
 - Not less than 20 days of community service
 - Attend and complete Drug and Alcohol Risk Reduction School
 - 12-month suspension of drivers license; however, 10 months following the effective date of the suspension, the individual may apply for a probationary drivers license. Must have completed the Drug and Alcohol Risk Reduction School, and pay a reinstatement fee of \$210 if reinstatement is applied for in person or \$200 by mail.

We are all key personnel in this effort and each small thing we do helps in the long run. Drunken driving is easily prevented and it starts with each of us taking responsibility for our actions. The decision to not drink and drive is the key ingredient for success. Just like Mothers Against Drunk Driving, we need to get mad and do something about this epidemic. It has the potential to decrease military readiness and the ability to leave you in prison for life.

Even worse, it can leave you dead.

DES Spotlight
Director of Emergency Services



Gregory Odden

Odden was a military policeman for 21 years in the United States Army. During his distinguished career with the military, he worked in the following positions; patrol officer, patrol supervisor, military police investigator, drug suppression team supervisor, desk sergeant, NCOIC of the Special Reaction Team, duty officer, physical security inspector, and operations NCO.

He has worked in the Fort Stewart Community since 1992 while stationed here as a military policeman. In 2004, he retired from the United States Army. He came to work at the Directorate of Emergency services in May 2004 as the operations officer for the Hunter Army Airfield Police Station.

Odden has been working as the Assistant Chief of Police for the past year at Hunter Army Airfield and as of April 1 was transferred to the Fort Stewart Police Station.

The Fort Stewart Police can be contacted at 767-4895 and the Hunter police at 315-6133. In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

PROMOTON

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At the time of his enlistment, O'Farrell needed his mother's permission to join the Army. The minimum age to join the Army is 17-years-old with parental consent according to Army regulation.

"She was nervous," O'Farrell said, "especially when they handed her the paperwork allowing me to go into combat."

Although he wanted to be a combat engineer like his stepfather, who served in that skill for six years, O'Farrell said the job wasn't available. He also liked working with computers, but a job in communications was also unavailable to him. Finally, after evaluating his choices, O'Farrell enlisted to become a fire support specialist.

O'Farrell was assigned to the 1/15 Inf., 3rd BCT immediately following basic training and advanced individual training. He has been with the "Sledgehammers" for all three of his years of service.

The unit left for Iraq January 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III, putting O'Farrell approximately 7,000 miles away from his home and his family. He said it was the first time he had ever been away from home for such an extended period of time.

"I felt homesick," said O'Farrell, who was the youngest 3rd BCT Soldier in Iraq during OIF III. "I was given a hard time about my age. It was jokingly, but it was still a hard time."

New to the brigade and the Army, O'Farrell was given the nickname "Pvt. Joe Snuffy" by one of his fellow Soldiers, Spc. Scott Andrews.

"(Andrews) took me under his wing," said O'Farrell. "He would stick up for me when people joked about my age and then turn right around and make jokes," he continued laughing. "We still keep in touch."

Being young and impressionable and without his mother's influence, O'Farrell succumbed to peer pressure and picked up a smoking habit.

"One of my (leaders) found out that I started smoking and

made me report to him and do 20 push-ups every time I picked up a cigarette," he said laughing.

On the positive side, O'Farrell said many of his leaders found his young age an advantage. He said, according to them, his mind was fresh and could be easily molded by his superiors. He was also a quick learner.

O'Farrell said his first combat experience was beneficial. It gave him confidence, maturity and discipline, and he feels it made him a better person.

"The experience was a wake-up for me," he said. "It made me grow up fast, and it made the relationship with my mother stronger. My parents were proud, and it felt good knowing I was doing something for my country."

Currently, at age 20, O'Farrell is deployed again with 1/15 Inf., in support of OIF V. In addition to his fire support specialist duties, O'Farrell is now a team leader responsible for leading and training the two Soldiers who serve under him.

"It's difficult because I am younger than the guys that work for me," O'Farrell said. "Sometimes it's hard for them to respect me."

Although his leaders are pushing for him to attend the promotion board and become a non-commissioned officer, O'Farrell feels he needs more job experience to effectively fulfill the duties of a sergeant.

"When I am promoted, I want to be more confident that I earned my rank because I know my job," he explained. "I want my Soldiers to be confident in me."

O'Farrell, who said he enjoys his job and finds gratification from the Army, does not want to make it a career. He



Sgt. Natalie Rostek

Spc. Shawn O'Farrell, 1/15 Inf., 3rd HBCT, talks with Sgt. 1st Class Ken Reedze, a fire support noncommissioned officer who works with O'Farrell.

plans to get out of the Army, to move to Canada where his girlfriend lives, and go to college to earn a computer-related degree.

Until then, O'Farrell said he will continue to gain military occupational skill knowledge to better serve his Soldiers.

Education Matters

Tuition assistance deadline

All course enrollments with start dates through Sept 30 must be requested in GoArmyEd before Sept 24. This is necessary due to year-end close-out and fiscal year "change-over". Attempts to enroll in courses after Sept 24 will not be approved. This policy applies to all Soldiers applying in the GoArmyEd system for LOI schools, not EArmyU schools. This does not apply to schools where tuition is reimbursable. For more information or clarification, call the Sgt. 1st. Class Paul R. Smith Education Center at 767-8331.

Georgia HOPE Grant offered

The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial need to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Army Education Center to speak with a counselor. More than 130 Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division signed up for the HOPE grant between Oct.1, 2006 and March 30, with more than half using the grant. In addition, nearly 200 Family members have signed up and used the grant.

Spouses get more MGIB benefits

The Secretary of the Army has approved the transfer of up to 18 months of MGIB benefits to spouses as a pilot program. This program became effective July 21, 2006. The program is bound by law to the retention of critical skills. Eligible Soldiers must have enrolled in MGIB on Department of Defense Form 2366 upon entry to active duty. If you cannot locate your DD Form 2366, check your official Military Personnel File or go online to Army Knowledge Online for details. Your education counselor can assist you with information about your MGIB benefits. Please contact your unit retention career counselor for details.

\$4500 tuition available for Soldiers

All active duty members have \$4500 per fiscal year for edu-

cation. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, during a one hour brief at the education center, room 223. The www.goarmyed.com Web site provides 24-hours, 7-days-a-week virtual access for Soldiers. Our education counselors are available to assist in educational goal setting and advising.

College testing offered

Columbia College is now providing our college testing services. More than 70 CLEPs and DSSTs are computer based for immediate results. CLEP/DSST testing is free to Soldiers and costs vary from \$80 to \$100 per test for civilians. Columbia will also be the test proctor for all college distance learning tests. There is a \$20 fee for registration. Please call 767-7558 or 877-3406 for more information.

College term dates announced

Central Texas College, Aug. 13 - Oct. 6, 767-2070 at Stewart, 315-4090 at Hunter. Columbia College, now - July 25, Aug. 13 - Oct. 6, 767-5336 at Stewart, 352-8635 at Hunter. Embry Riddle, Aug. 6 - Oct. 7, 767-3930 at Stewart, 352-5252 at Hunter. Savannah Tech, July 9 - Sept. 19, 408-2430 at Stewart. Webster University, Aug. 13 - Oct. 11.

Savannah Tech offers child care

Child care is available at the Airport Road Hinesville campus. Please contact Natasha Brown at 408-3024 ext 6026 for more details.

Free college tutoring offered

Savannah Technical College is offering tutoring in math, English, computers, reading, etc. The service is available at the Hinesville Liberty campus. Math and tutoring in the other subjects is offered Monday - Friday and is available some evenings. Service at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center that includes math tutoring is offered at 3:10-5:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday of each week. You don't have to be enrolled in Savannah Tech to participate. Call 408-3024 for more information.

Take GED refresher classes

These courses will prepare you to take the GED or refresh your skills in basic education subjects. Courses are free of charge on a space available basis. The Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith

Education Center hours are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. in rooms 225 - 228. Call 368-7322 or 368-7329 for more information.

Computerized certification exams available

Hundreds of different certification exams, including many information technology, emergency medical technician, paramedic, IBM exams, etc. are now being administered on computer in room 165, at the education center. Because the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center has become an official Pearson Virtual User Environment center, many Soldiers and Family members have access to a broader variety of tests. For more information, call the test administrator, at 767-9569, or, visit www.pearsonVUE.com.

Central Texas College offers scholarships

The Central Texas College Foundation office has more than 100 scholarships available to students. These scholarships are not just for students at the Central Campus, but many of these scholarships are available for students attending one of Central Texas College's World Wide Campus. Filling out a single application will give students the opportunity to be considered for all of their available scholarships. The application process is simple. Visit www.ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net, and set up an account.

English as a Second Language courses

ESL classes are available. The beginning courses are offered 8 - 10 a.m., Monday and Wednesday. Intermediate courses are offered 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday, building 100, room 227. Please call 368-7322 for more information.

Troops, Spouses to Teachers rep visits Stewart

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program and Georgia Spouses to Teachers Program will be available at 11 a.m., June 20 and July 25. He will answer questions regarding the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program. It provides eligible servicemembers up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers.

Under the Spouses to Teachers Programs, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. Call 1-800-745-0709 or 767-8331 for more information.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Jordan Youth Gym

Fitness Center will be closed from 8 June to 18 July in order to make the transition into Youth Gym.

Center will re-open on 18 July as Jordan Youth Gym operating from 11am to 7pm (Mon-Sat). Gym will be open to Youth (grades 6-12). 5th grade & under must be accompanied by a parent. Activities will include Basketball, TKD, Gymnastics, Tumbling, Smart Start Programs, Triple Play Program, Fitness & Nutrition, and Healthy Choice Programs.

767-1402

Fathers Day Brunch @ FS & HAAF

17 June - FS: 10:30am to 1:30pm Club Stewart

HAAF: 10:30, 12:30, 1:30 Hunter Club

Whether your father is home or deployed, come and celebrate him at Father's Day Brunch! Menu will feature a variety of breakfast items and luncheon Family favorites along with an omelet station, salad bar, assorted breads and desserts. Cost is \$12.95 for adults, half price for children ages 5-10 and free for children under 5. Bring a Church bulletin or a group of 20 or more and receive \$1 off each meal.

368-2212 (FS), 353-7923 (HAAF)

Ballroom Dancing @ HAAF

20 June - 7:15 to 9:00pm, Hunter Fitness Center

Learn to foxtrot, waltz, tango, rumba, cha, meringue, & swing.

No partner necessary!

315-5078/6749

Self Defense Class for Women @ FS

23 June - 9am to 12pm, Newman Fitness Center

Participants will learn psychological & physical training against assault. Open to all women from teenagers to seniors.

767-9336

July 4th Celebrations @ FS

4 July - 8:30am to 9:30pm @ Newman Field,

Corlan Rec Areas, & 6th Street

Festivities will include Walk to Iraq, Recreation & Water activities,

50 Gun Salute, Youth activities, BMX/Skateboard/Motorcycle

Demos, Main Stage entertainment, Food Booths, and Fireworks!

767-6212

Soldier follows grandfather's footsteps

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Following in your parents footsteps takes on new meaning for a 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Soldier.

Pfc. Stephanie McCulley, a combat medic with 3rd HBCT, followed the steps of her grandfather, who raised her. They both served in the Army. They both served in combat, and they both earned a Bronze Star Medal as a private first class.

"My grandfather raised me," said McCulley. "He was more of a dad than a grandfather. I lived with him and my grandmother from the age of two until I graduated high school."

Ronald Jobes instilled a strong sense of patriotism in McCulley at a young age.

"He would always put up a flag for my grandmother on her birthday because it was the same day as Flag Day," said McCulley. "I remember that he fell and broke some ribs twice, but he still did it. It was very important to him."

The man who McCulley affectionately called "Pap Pap" is much more than a patriotic father figure, however.

During World War II, Jobes fought with the 398th Infantry Division in France. From January 1945 to March 1945, Jobes routinely volunteered for dangerous night patrols to hinder the Nazi defensive preparations in his sector. Jobes went out an average of three nights a week for three months. His service and commitment did not go unnoticed by his

superiors. As a private first class, Jobes was awarded the Bronze Star for his exemplary performance in Eastern France.

"I didn't even know I had been awarded the thing until I re-enlisted for my second tour," said Jobes. "We didn't have a formation or anything like that. We just did our duty as best we could. Every patrol was pretty much the same. I don't recall any one time that I earned it, but they gave it to me."

Sixty-two years later, Jobes' granddaughter would earn the same award for her service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For McCulley, receiving the same award as her grandfather was a special moment.

"I think it is interesting that we both received our awards as privates first class," said McCulley. "Col. (Wayne) Grigsby told me my grandfather would be proud after he pinned it on me. I couldn't help but smile after that."

While on a combat patrol with her platoon, the lead convoy vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. McCulley reacted instantaneously.

Leaving the safety of her humvee, she ran through the thick smoke with her section sergeant, Staff Sgt. Michael Henderson, to the disabled.

"I felt the IED before I heard it," explained McCulley. "They train us to wait and let Soldier's bring the casualties to us, but I knew if anyone was alive in that truck; they were barely alive. I didn't have time to wait. I didn't feel much at the time. I just hopped out of our truck and ran to the truck."

Henderson was not surprised to make it to the vehicle with McCulley by his side.

"She did what she was trained to do and then some," said Henderson. "I knew she wouldn't stay in the truck. That's just the type of Soldier she is."

Two of the three Soldiers in the vehicle were dead, but the third was alive.

Henderson and McCulley quickly freed the Soldier from the wreckage and went to work stabilizing the seriously wounded troop.

"It's important to remember that neither of them knew what was on the other side of that cloud," said Capt. Steven Hemman. "Both of them could have run into small-arms fire or a secondary IED, but they didn't think about that. Their only thought was getting to that vehicle and taking care of their battle buddies. I think that says something about them both."

Hemman, who was there and nominated both Soldiers for the Bronze Star, was impressed with McCulley's performance.

"I can't say enough about how she performed," he said. "I know without a doubt that if she had not performed how she did we would have lost three Soldiers that day. We were all scared. It is how your body responds to a stressful situation, but she held it together and did her job. She did what she was trained to do. I think it says a lot about her and what kind of Soldier she is. Being brave isn't about not being scared. It's about controlling the fear you do have and performing through it. She did exactly that."

The qualities Henderson and Hemman admire about their combat medic were

instilled in her at a young age.

"All of my Family is military," explained McCulley. "I was three or four when my grandfather taught me the pledge of allegiance. We said it every morning. He is very patriotic and loves his country. I loved to hear his war stories growing up. He never mentioned that he had won an award, though."

But McCulley always knew he was a hero. Jobes' military awards were discovered by his family in January. He downplayed them, but his granddaughter is very proud of him.

"He is very humble about it," she explained. "He didn't join the Army to win awards. He did it because he loved his country. He was 16 when he volunteered to become an infantryman. He lied about his age to join the Army and do what he thought was right. I think that says a lot about him."

Jobes is equally as proud of his granddaughter.

"I wasn't thrilled when she joined the Army," he admits. "She had a family, and I wanted her to be safe, but I've always been proud of her. I knew she would do well. She was always smart."

After the incident, she was offered another position that would have kept her on FOB Hammer.

"She refused," laughed Henderson. "She said if her team was going outside the gate, so was she. She wasn't going to leave us."

Hemman is glad she didn't.

"I think she is the best combat medic in the 3rd HBCT," said Hemman. "I'm glad she's with us. She is an important part of our team."

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Sgt. 1st Class James Mahurin, the platoon sergeant for the awardees, had high praise for both of his Soldiers.

"There is no one else I can imagine doing Sergeant Henderson's job," explained Mahurin. "When he's out on

patrol, he's 'switched on' and definitely knows what he's doing. He is a well-liked leader among his Soldiers. They follow his orders immediately. I can always count on him." Mahurin was as complimentary of McCulley.

"She is a great asset to our team," he said.

"She operates at a level much higher than her rank would indicate. When things need to get done, she always finds a way. She provides an excellent example for everyone around her."

Spc. Ben Hutto

Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., commander of the 3rd HBCT, pins the Bronze Star Medal on Staff Sgt. Michael Henderson, a section sergeant for HHT, 3rd HBCT, during a ceremony held June 1 in Iraq.



HANGAR

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"Each of these men loved their country and they were willing to put their lives on the line not only for each other but for the special operations ground forces they supported," said Little. "They unselfishly sacrificed their lives in the hope that others might live. These men were heroes in the truest sense of the word."

Little told the audience of Soldiers, Families and friends that the Army's best facilities, aircraft and equipment are unique to the 160th, but those technologies are not what truly makes the 160th special. It's the Night Stalker Soldier.

"The 160th has been blessed since its

inception to attract the best pilots, crew chiefs medics and support personnel that our country and our Army has to offer," he said. "This is particularly true of our heroes that we are here to honor today."

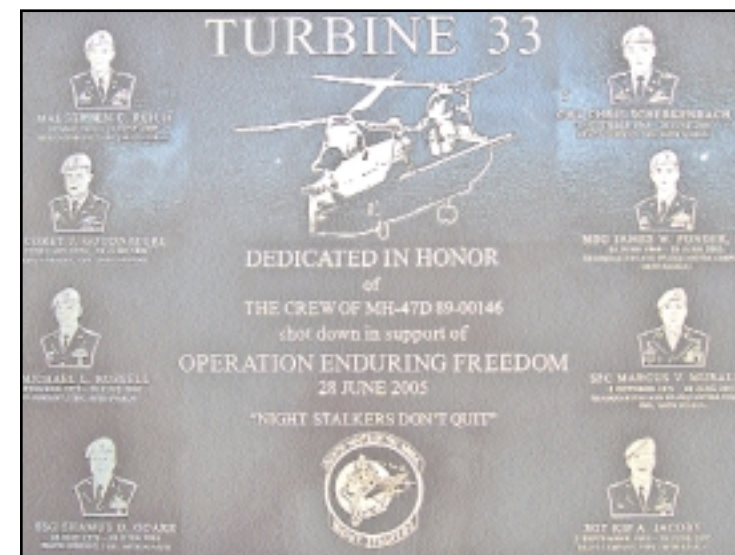
Their names, likeness and assignment, along with the circumstances of their death, are engraved on a plaque prominently displayed near the hangar entrance. The visual will serve as a reminder of sacrifice and living the Night Stalker Creed for this and future generations of Night Stalkers.

"Thousands of Soldiers will come and go through this hangar through the years to come," Little told his battalion.

"Whenever you enter it or drive by, remember the valor, the service and the ultimate sacrifice our fallen heroes made for this nation."

Building Turbine 33 will house the battalion's Chinook helicopter companies. The hangar has been entered into the National Archives as an Army memorial and the call sign 'Turbine 33' has been retired from operational use.

The 3/160th SOAR hangar, formerly named Building 7902, is now named Turbine 33 after the aircraft crew's call sign. It was formally dedicated in a ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield, on June 7.



Marne Television Schedule

Channel 7 at Hunter Army Airfield
Channel 16 at Fort Stewart

Time

6:30 a.m.	National Anthem/ DogFace Soldier
6:35 a.m.	Daily Devotional
6:40 a.m.	Audience
6:55 a.m.	Daily Devotional
7 a.m.	Marne Report
8 a.m.	Marne Chat
8:30 a.m.	AUDIENCE
9 a.m.	Pentagon Channel Iraq briefings
10 a.m.	Audience
10:30 a.m.	Education Matters
11 a.m.	3rd ID in Iraq- DVIDS
11:55 a.m.	Daily Devotional
Noon	Marne Chat
12:30 a.m.	Marne Report
1 p.m.	CG Stand Up
1:30 a.m.	CGs NewComers Brief
2 p.m.	Pentagon Channel Iraq briefings
3 p.m.	SMS video
4 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
5 p.m.	Marne Chat
5:30 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
5:55 p.m.	Daily Devotional
6 p.m.	Marne Report
6:30 p.m.	Education Matters
7 p.m.	Marne Report
7:30 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
8 p.m.	Safety Concerns
8:30 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
9 p.m.	Marne Report
9:30 p.m.	Audience
10 p.m.	Audience
10:30 p.m.	Marne Report
11 p.m.	Marne Report
11:30 p.m.	Education Matters



SOAR changes command

Jimmy McSalters

Lt. Col. Walter Rugen, commander 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (left front), accepts the unit colors from Col. Kevin Mangum, commander 160th SOAR (right front), during a change of command ceremony with outgoing commander Lt. Col. Manfred Little at Hunter Army Airfield.

Recycling made easy: help make a difference

Commentary provided by:
Directorate of Public Works

We live in an age where convenience is a necessity for most, whether retrieving money from an ATM machine instead of going inside your local bank, opting for the drive-thru of a fast food restaurant as an alternative to standing in line, or even purchasing clothing, electronics, and jewelry without ever leaving the comfort of your home. So is it with recycling at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield - convenient.

But how many of us are exercising our power to incorporate recycling into our daily routines?

In order to encourage full participation in the Recycling Program, the Directorate of Public Works has implemented several approaches over the years to make recycling effortless; and most importantly, to keep recyclable items out of the landfills, thus extending the life of our landfills.

The program includes both curbside and central collection points for recyclables. Each Family housing unit and building on

the installation has been issued a blue cart or recycling container for depositing their recyclable materials.

Col. Todd Buchs, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander emphasized the ease of recycling at the most recent environmental quality control committee meeting.

Rather than sorting aluminum cans, plastic bottles, newspaper and magazines at our homes and offices, all recyclables can be mixed together and placed inside the blue containers.

Additionally, blue recycling dumpsters are placed beside brown trash dumpsters throughout Stewart and Hunter for collecting "co-mingled" recyclable items, which are then transported to a centralized collection facility for sorting.

Recycling is nothing new to our Soldiers. They've been assessed quarterly using the Marne recycling inspection checklist. One of the incentives provides a unit a recycling award. The award recipients receive a \$500 check and a plaque presented by the garrison commander. The second quarter fiscal year 2007 award was presented to Stewart's

226th Quartermaster Company and Hunter's C Company 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Company at the May 16 meeting.

Buchs commended the units for their recycling efforts while emphasizing the command's commitment to sustainability.

One of the focus areas that Stewart and Hunter's Sustainability Management System addresses is solid waste.

Specifically, the objective of Solid Waste Management is to increase the diversion of solid waste through recycling, which is tracked through the installation's optimizing resources quality management board.

Further emphasizing its commitment, 3rd Infantry Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, endorsed the command recycling policy memorandum in February.

This document provides recycling policies and procedures for all military units, civilian personnel, tenant organizations, contractors and anyone living and/or working at Stewart and Hunter.

Most recently, an email blast along with a link to the command recycling policy, posted on the installation's Intranet, was distrib-

uted regarding a post-wide assessment by the DPW environmental division.

The goal of the assessment is to establish a baseline regarding the installation's overall compliance with the CRP. It also identifies areas where the directorate can provide assistance and improve the installation's qualified recycling program.

During the assessment, the facility's designated recycling compliance person will be identified and training status verified. Additionally, confirmation that the facility has developed an activity specific standard operating procedure will be made.

The internal assessments are scheduled to be completed no later than June 22, in advance of an external environmental performance assessment survey team's to evaluation of the installation's solid waste and pollution prevention initiatives.

Consequently, the directorate requires the participation and support from everyone. If you are interested in registering for RCP training or need assistance in completing an activity specific SOP, contact Jim Blankenship at 767-6273 or email james.blankenship@stewart.army.mil.



Pfc. Amanda McBride

Children in the Vacation Bible School music class learn sign language for different songs June 7 at Brittin Elementary School. The children learned the hand signs to show Family members at the closing ceremony following the week-long course.

Camp students learn song, sign, scripture

Pfc. Amanda McBride
4th BCT Public Affairs

The Vacation Bible School Camp was held June 4 thru Friday at Brittin Elementary School.

The week-long camp was open for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

"The camp offers the chance to bring children into a week of fun events and Bible study classes," said Michael Iliff, an administrator.

Children in the camp went through different stations throughout the day including music and art classes.

The music class featured various songs and included sign language accompaniment.

"With the kids in the camp, we hope to teach the children to cooperate with each other and to care for one another," said Iliff.

At the completion of the camp, the children got the chance to get onstage and sing for their parents.

"For the last day, children made invites for their parents," said Iliff. "They get to show their parents the songs that they have learned throughout the week."

Stewart hosts community update meeting



Representatives from Liberty County and surrounding communities held the Regional Information Sharing Forum May 29 at Club Stewart. The forum shared information on upcoming events that are scheduled to be held in and around coastal Georgia. Pfc. Amanda McBride

HOPE Grant available

Use the HOPE Grant to further your education!

The HOPE grant is available to Georgia residents and military identification card holders who are attending a Georgia public technical college to earn a certificate or diploma, regardless of high school graduation date or grade average.

The HOPE Grant covers tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance of up to \$100 per quarter.

You can apply online at www.gsfc.org. For more information, call 767-8331 at Stewart or Hunter at 315-6130.