

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

Idol supports youths' decision to say 'no'

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

Over 200 Fort Stewart fifth graders received the opportunity to meet American Idol Stephanie Edwards here, Nov. 30. Having completed a 13-week substance abuse awareness program, and pledging to stay drug free, the students were congratulated by the Savannah native singing sensation at a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony held at Club Stewart.

The D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education, program, is a nation-wide initiative that originated in Los Angeles, Calif. in 1983. Fort Stewart embraced the program and fifth-grade students of Brittin, Diamond, and Kessler elementary schools learn the harmful affects of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, peer pressure and bullying.

Edwards, who made it to the top 12 out of 100,000 hopefuls on American Idol's season six, supported the

graduation as the guest speaker. A graduate of D.A.R.E. herself, Edwards told the children that she witnessed drug use and avoided under-age drinking during the American Idol competition.

"You have to stand strong in what you believe in," said Edwards.

"You should always do what is right, even if you are the only one. In Hollywood, everyone thinks it's so glamorous, but you have to really remember where you started, and the D.A.R.E. program really helped me."

Edwards can relate to Fort Stewart's youth as she was once a military dependent herself. Both her parents served in the Army, and her mother currently supports troops as she works at Tuttle Army Health Clinic on Hunter Army Airfield.

Now a celebrity, Edwards understands the importance of remaining a positive role model for children.

"They (the children) do look up to a lot of celebrities and artists and I want to make sure that if their parents come watch the video that it is something that they don't mind their child watching on TV. A lot of that stuff is promoting drugs, alcohol, sex and violence and a lot of things that kids shouldn't be looking at."

At the end of their 13-week session, the students were asked to compile their knowledge and write an essay based on what they learned. A winning essay was chosen from each of the elementary schools.

Essay winners are Kayla Asher of Brittin Elementary, Madison Fuller of Diamond Elementary, and Lauren Prox of Kessler Elementary, all of whom read their essays during the graduation ceremony.

Edwards handed each student who pledged to say no to drugs a D.A.R.E. graduation certificate and signed autographs for them as well.

For more information on the D.A.R.E. program, contact Sgt. Randall Thompson, Fort Stewart D.A.R.E. officer at 767-9634.

The winning D.A.R.E. essays can be read in this edition and the following two editions of the Frontline.



Photos by Sgt. Tanya Polk

Stephanie Edwards, American Idol Season 6, sings Mariah Carey's "Hero" to the D.A.R.E. graduates at Club Stewart, Nov. 30.



American Idol Stephanie Edwards awards Matthew Patterson, of Diamond Elementary, his certificate upon completing the D.A.R.E. program, Nov. 30.

Stewart congratulates DARE essay winner, Kayla Asher

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

The overall winners are Kayla Asher from Brittin Elementary, Madison Fuller from Diamond Elementary, and Lauren Prox from Kessler Elementary. The following essay is written by Kayla Asher. Check out the Dec. 13 issue of the Frontline to read Lauren Prox's winning essay, and the Dec. 20 issue to read Madison Fuller's essay.

Kayla Asher
Brittin Elementary

The D.A.R.E. program is a group where we learn about drugs. We will also learn about why we shouldn't use them. The D.A.R.E. program is important because it helps us know what will happen to us if we use drugs. You will

be reading facts about tobacco, marijuana and alcohol. You will also be reading about peer pressure and the D.A.R.E. decision making model.

Tobacco is a drug that people chew or smoke. It is illegal to sell it to anyone under the age of 18, and over 400,000 people die each year from tobacco related causes. It is in cigarettes and 3,000 non-smokers die each year from breathing other peoples smoke. Tobacco can cause death and can complicate pregnancy. It can also give you mouth cancer and upper respiratory problems. I will not use it because I know that a lot of bad things could happen to me.

Marijuana is a drug that people use. It is bad for people and it is illegal in the United States. It can cause short-term memory loss and affects the brain and body. People go to jail if



Kayla Asher

the have it and they might even die. They won't remember things and will go to the hospital. I won't use this because I don't want to go to jail, lose my memory or die.

Alcohol is something people drink and is something bars sell. It was once illegal in the U.S., but people made it anyway. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21, and it gets people drunk. People do crazy things because of alcohol and will go to jail. You can get hurt and get someone else hurt too. I won't drink alcohol because I don't want to die or go to jail.

Peer pressure is when someone wants you to do or try something. It can come from anyone that is your age. You could get bad grades, or you could get a lot of good grades. I will never give bad peer pressure because it is wrong.

The D.A.R.E. decision making model is a way to make a choice. It can help a lot of people make a good choice, and it can help them not go to jail. If you make a good choice then you won't do drugs. I will use it to make a good choice because I don't want anything bad to happen to me.

You read about tobacco, marijuana and alcohol. You read how they are bad for you and that you could die. You read the some peer pressure is good and that some is bad. You also read that the D.A.R.E. decision making model could help you make a good choice and you won't go to jail.

I pledge not to do any kind of bad drugs for as long as I live. I promise not to give anyone drugs or tell them to take drugs.

This pledge is meaningful to me because I know that people get hurt from some drugs. I won't want to get hurt, die or go to jail. I promise not to use tobacco, marijuana or alcohol. I also promise not to use bad peer pressure and to use the D.A.R.E. decision making model instead.

3rd Inf Div Soldiers, Families get a dose of team training

Lina Satele
Frontline Staff

Third Infantry Division Rear Detachment Soldiers and Family Readiness Group leaders held Unit Readiness Team Training at Club Stewart, Nov. 29.

The purpose of the training was to establish and provide guidance on the Family Readiness Assistance Program.

"We've just hired our FRASAs", said Sarah Lynch, the 3rd Inf. Div. FRG leader. "What we're doing today is making sure that everyone works together as a team."

She also commented on the purpose of the FRSA training.

"We wanted to bring the whole division together so that everyone is on the same sheet of music," Lynch added.

The training included everyone from the division and brigade rear detachment commanders to each battalion FRG liaison noncommissioned officers and company FRG leaders. Two forces command FRSA officers gave a briefing on the training after a short welcome by the 3rd Inf. Div. Rear Detachment Commander Lt. Col. Paul Gale and a message from the 3rd Inf. Div. Commander, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch. They gave oversight on the roles

and responsibilities of the FRSA among other topics.

"There's nothing more important than our Families," Maj. Gen. Lynch stated in his message from the front.

When the program was first introduced in April 2004, the positions were contracted out. Two years later in 2006, it was determined that the program was a mission support element and belongs to the Army commands.

"This program is as successful as you make it", stated Gini Linder, FORSCOM G-1. "It is your program," she pointed out to the gathering. "It belongs to the commanders, the FRG leaders and FRASAs. Your roles are key into making it successful."

With the commanding general's approval and directive, these assistants are now hired as temporary hires but are considered Army civilians under the government service payroll and are supported by FORSCOM headquarters. Now, they are integrated into the system and chain to help continue the smooth flow of information and mission support for the leaders and commanders.

"Ultimately, what it comes down to is making sure that Families are informed and taken care of," Sarah Lynch said.

Christmas trees for troops

Molly O'Hearon
Special to the Frontline

The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation and FedEx Corp. are donating 450 Christmas trees to be distributed to Soldiers at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield as a part of the 2007 Trees for Troops program.

The trees will be given away from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Stewart Leisure Activities Center, Dec. 14, 15 and 17 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hunter Auto Crafts, Dec. 14 and 15.

Each military Family or single Soldier will be eligible to receive one tree. However, the trees will be given away on a first come, first serve basis.

The Christmas Tree Association members are donating the trees and FedEx Corp. is providing shipping and transportation to the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation, the philanthropic branch of NCTA.

"We are pleased to once again be a part of this worthwhile program that will benefit the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and their Families," said Douglas G.

Duncan, president and chief executive officer of FedEx Freight.

The Trees for Troops program began in 2005 and is expected to provide approximately 20,000 trees to more than 35 bases in the United States and overseas this year.

For more information on the Trees for Troops at Stewart-Hunter, call 767-6212.

Christmas Tree Lighting at Stewart-Hunter

Join us for a fun-filled holiday celebration!

The 2007 Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at 5:15 p.m., Dec. 6 at Club Stewart and 5:15 p.m., Dec. 10 at Hunter Club. The tree lighting will be held outdoors and will be followed by Santa's arrival.

MWR Briefs

Attend outdoor recreation classes

Education classes are available upon request for groups to learn about the unique environment in Southeastern Georgia. The program is designed for kids in grades 4 - 8. The curriculum uses materials from Project Wild, plus Wet and Learning Tree. Teachers and group leaders are encouraged to contact Outdoor Recreation at 767-8609 for further information and scheduling.

Mommy-and-Me Tumbling offered

Tumbling classes are offered every Wednesday at Jordan Gym from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., for ages 1 - 2, and from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., for ages 2 - 4. Sports physicals are required for all participants. Register by calling 767-6071.

Tumbling classes offered at CDC

Tumbling classes for children ages 2 and older are available at the Child Development Center, building 403, 9 to 9:45 a.m. every Tuesday. Children must be registered through Child and Youth Services. For more information about CYS classes, call 767-2312.

Basketball, cheerleading registration

Registration is underway for Child and Youth Services Youth Sports basketball and cheerleading. Registration is open to all CYS members living on or off post (ages 5-18) for basketball and (ages 6-13) for cheerleading. Tentative age divisions for basketball will be 5-6 (co-ed), 7-8 (co-ed), 9-10 (boys), 8-10 (girls), 11-12 (boys), 11-14 (girls), 13-14 (boys),

and 15-18 (co-ed). Age divisions for cheerleading will be determined by number of participants registered. Register at the Fort Stewart CYS, building 443. Special discounts may apply for children of deployed Soldiers. For more information, call CYS at 767-2312 or Jordan Gym at 767-4371. Volunteer coaches are needed. If interested, please call 767-2312.

Take the Family orientation post tour

Come take a tour of the installation and learn about a variety of helpful programs for new Families. Meeting on the second floor of the Soldier Services Center, building 253 at 9 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Orientation is held from 9 a.m. to noon and breaks for an hour lunch. The tour of the installation is from 1 to 2 p.m. Free child care is available upon request. For more information, call ACS at 767-5058.

One-Pot-Cooking class offered

Come warm up next to a warm fire, as you learn how to fix a meal using only one pot. The class will be held 6 p.m., Dec. 10 at Holbrook Pond Outdoor Recreation. This is a great class for anyone who loves camping. The cost is \$10. For more information, call 435-8205/8209.

Take an evening hike at Holbrook

Join us as the woods come to life 5 p.m., Dec. 10 at the Holbrook Pond Screened Pavilion. Come learn about wildlife and vegetation in the Goshen Swamp. There is no charge to attend. For more information, call 435-8205/8209.

Come to Gingerbread House Day

Come learn how to construct a gingerbread

house 3:30 p.m., Dec. 12 at the Stewart and Hunter Libraries. There is no fee to participate. For more information, call 767-2828 at Stewart and 315-2403 at Hunter.

Turkey Shoot scheduled

Come and test your skills against other skeet shooters at 1 p.m., Dec. 13 at Fort Stewart Pass and Permit Pistol Range. The best shooter at pistol and rifle (hard sights only) will win a turkey. Cost is \$3 per round. For more information, call 435-8061.

Take a Holiday Hayride

Enjoy all the seasons' festivities with the ones you love. The holiday hayride will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Dec. 14 at the Corkan Family Recreation Area and the Hunter ACS at Hunter Army Airfield. There will be caroling on a hayride to see the season's lights, playing mini golf in a festive holiday park, and Santa. All activities are on a first come-first serve basis. \$5 per Family. Sign up deadline is Dec. 10. Call 767-4273 or 315-9554 for more information.

GC Golf Scramble held

The GC Golf Scramble will be held at 8 a.m., Dec. 7 at Hunter Golf Course. The early bird registration deadline is Dec. 6.

At Stewart the event will be 8 a.m., Dec. 14 at Taylors Creek Golf Course with a Dec. 13 early bird registration deadline.

The cost for each event is \$25 for members or \$30 for non-members for early birds. The cost for the day of event is \$35 for members or \$40 for non-members. First 25 teams only. For more information, call 315-9115.

Holiday teen dance coming

Come dance the evening away at the

Keystone Club dance. The dance will be held from 7 to 11 p.m., Dec. 8 at the Youth Center. The dance is open to ages 13-18, cost is \$4 for members, \$5 for non-members. Members may bring one guest. Military ID or Youth Center card must be shown at the door. Bring a canned good and get \$1 off admission. Free drinks and food. For more information, call 767-4491.

Middle-School Family Night slated

Come enjoy fun for the whole Family from 5 to 7 p.m., Dec. 13 at the Youth Center. The event will include kids activities, mini workshops, massage services for parents, and dinner. Reserve space for you and your Family. Free child care. For more information, call 767-4494.

Employment Workshop slated

Come learn what the Family Readiness Employment Program has to offer and get an employment overview within a 50 mile radius.

You will also be able to view current job vacancies. The workshop will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Dec. 13. For more information, call 767-1257.

Teen Council Meeting scheduled

Get involved improving the teen quality of life. The teen council meeting will be held at 5 p.m., Dec. 20 at the Youth Center. For more information, call 767-4491.

Library offers story time

Christmas and New Year's story time, crafts and activities will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Dec. 20 at the Hunter Library. For more information, call 315-2403.



AAFES PRESENTS

DEC 6 THROUGH 12



Gone Baby Gone

Today — 7 p.m.

(Morgan Freeman, Ed Harris)

Two young private detectives are hired to take a closer look at the mysterious disappearance of a little girl and soon discover that nothing is what it seems. Ultimately, they will have to risk everything -- their relationship, their sanity, and even their lives -- to find a little girl-lost. *Rated R (violence,*

drug content, pervasive language) 115 min

American Gangster

Saturday, Sunday — 7 p.m.

(Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe)

Based on the life of drug-kingpin-turned-informant, Frank Lucas, who grew up in segregated North Carolina where he watched as his cousin was shot by the Klan for looking at a white girl. He eventually made his way to Harlem where he became a heroin kingpin by traveling to Asia's Golden Triangle to make connections, shipping heroin back to the US in the coffins of soldiers killed in Vietnam. He soon made upwards of one million dollars a day in drug sales. Lucas was shadowed by lawman, Richie Roberts, who finally helped bring the kingpin to justice. The two then worked together to expose the crooked cops and foreign nationals who made importing heroin so easy.

Rated R (violence, pervasive drug content, language, nudity, sexuality) 157 min

Dan in Real Life

Dec. 12 — 7 p.m.

(Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche)

Advice columnist Dan Burns is an expert on relationships, but somehow struggles to succeed as a brother, a son and a single parent. *Rated PG-13 (innuendo) 98 min*



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

Pets of the Week



Ammy the kitten and Evander the puppy 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.

HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

TRICARE beneficiary Web enrollment

Special to the Frontline

TRICARE recently completed testing of the new Beneficiary Web Enrollment system.

You can now enroll in TRICARE Prime and manage your enrollment profile 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The site is safe, secure and easy. At this new Web site you can:

- Enroll in (or disenroll from) TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote or TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members.
- Make an initial enrollment fee payment (retirees and others)—ongoing fee payments are billed separately.
- Select a primary care manager.
- Transfer TRICARE Prime enrollment

when moving to another TRICARE region (if TRICARE Prime is available).

- Select a primary care manager and change your PCM—except active duty servicemember PCM changes within a military treatment facility.
- Update personal contact information, such as phone number, mailing and e-mail addresses in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.
- Request an enrollment card.
- Add other health insurance information.

To use BWE, log on to www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/bwe/indexAction.do with your Common Access Card, Family Member Account password or Defense Financial and Accounting Services PIN (myPay).

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

October 2

• **Petra Jane Mooney**, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Capt. John G. Mooney and Robin B. Mooney.

November 11

• **Julianna Abigail Courtney**, a girl, 9 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Robert Courtney and Melissa Courtney.

November 12

• **Madison JoAnne Andrews**, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Capt. Tommie Andrews and Brienne Andrews.

• **Gabriel Patrick Sulentic**, a boy, 8 pounds, born to 1st Lt. Christine Sulentic.

• **Jonathan Jan Vazquez**, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Jan Pierre Vazquez and

Sandy Vazquez.

November 13

• **Noah Alexander Hartigan**, a boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Shawn Hartigan and Bok Suk Hartigan.

• **Jasmin Ashley Lange**, a girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Jay Brooks Lange and Jungmin Lange.

• **Joseph Henry Scullion**, a boy, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Capt. James Scullion and Maren Scullion.

November 14

• **Linnea Marian Margret Browder**, a girl, 9 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Michael Browder and Kira Browder.



Winn Briefs

Winn/Tuttle observing Federal holiday

Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 are MEDDAC training holidays. Dec. 25 is Christmas day, and Jan. 1 is New Year's Day, Federal holidays. Dec. 24- 25, services at **Winn Army Community Hospital** will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations will resume Dec. 26. Dec. 31- Jan. 1 services at Winn will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations will resume Jan. 2.

All services at **Tuttle Army Health Clinic** and the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. Full operations will resume Dec. 26. Both clinics will also be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Full operations will resume Jan. 2. For more information, call 435-6965.

Assistance offered to Soldiers

Charles McClain, ombudsman, is here at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield to assist Warriors in Transition and their Families regardless of whether the issue is related to medical matters.

Please contact McClain at his office 435-5415 or cell 980-8143, email: mac.mcclain2@amedd.army.mil or visit his office in the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic 192 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, Room 104.

Blood drive slated

Winn Army Community Hospital is hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 8. ID is required to donate. All blood types are needed. Give the gift of life-give blood. Present to donate and enter to win one of two \$500 gift cards. www.redcrossblood.org.

Let's hear from you

We need you, our customer, to take our Winn Survey. Please stop by the Patient Service on the first floor of the hospital, suite CH32, to take our 5 minute computer survey about your visit at Winn on the day of your visit.

New walk-in hours for ASAP

Effective Nov. 19 the Army Substance Abuse Program Counseling Center will have new hours for walk-ins (i.e. Soldiers who are being referred for the first time for screening and Soldier with prior enrollments being referred for screening.) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Thursday 12:30 to 3 p.m. For more information, call Mrs. Graham at 767-5265 or 767-5267.

Get your flu vaccine

With the influenza season upon us, here are the times and locations to receive your flu vaccine.

Winn's Immunization Clinic: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 to 11 a.m.; Tues., Thurs., 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuttle's Immunization Clinic every Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m. Make sure to bring your valid military ID card. For more information, call Army Public Health Nursing at 435-5071.

Behavioral Health Clinic's new location

As of Oct. 9, Winn Army Community Hospital's Behavioral Health Clinic is now located at 1083 Worcester Ave., Building. 9242 Fort Stewart, across the street from Winn. For more information, please call 767-1647.

Family strategies for staying healthy class

This class offers strategies for staying healthy. Upon completion of the class, individuals will be given an over-the-counter pharmacy card for use at Winn. The class is held the second Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. To register, call 435-5071.

I'm pregnant. Now what?

Congratulations on your pregnancy. Prenatal care is available at both Winn Army Community Hospital at Fort Stewart and Tuttle Army Health Clinic at Hunter Army Airfield. Pregnancy tests are available. Active duty Soldiers need a documented pregnancy from the laboratory. Civilian spouses may confirm pregnancy with a home test or by a hospital urine test. Please call 435-6633 to schedule a new OB nurse interview and an OB physical appointment at Winn or Tuttle. You can also make appointments in person. The Women's Health Center One Heart...One Purpose...One Team.

Fix DEERS to receive healthcare

Beneficiaries must keep their DEERS information up-to-date or they may not be able to receive healthcare referrals, schedule appointments or access TRICARE Online.

DEERS information can be updated by calling 1-800-538-9552, or visiting their Web site online at www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm, or stopping by building 253 on Fort Stewart.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic hours

Tuttle Army Health Clinic is open Monday- Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Pharmacy, Laboratory, Radiology and Medical Records are also open Monday- Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The clinic is closed the fourth Thursday of every month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for training. For more information, call 315-6500/6811.

Book appointments online

Want an alternative to calling the appointment line? TRICARE online could be your answer. You can book your appointments online at the TRICARE Web site, www.tricareonline.com. This link is also available through the Winn Web site homepage, www.winn.amedd.army.mil.

Warriors in Transition Hotline designed to help Soldiers, Families

Elizabeth M. Lorge
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - The Army's Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline has received and answered more than 8,000 calls from Soldiers, veterans, Families and concerned citizens, and about 85 percent of callers have received favorable responses, according to the hotline's deputy director.

The Army implemented the WSFH March 19 to give wounded, injured or ill Soldiers and their Families a way to share concerns about the quality of their care. It does not circumvent the chain of command, but gives Soldiers additional means to resolve medical-related issues.

The WSFH also provides senior Army leaders with visibility of medical-related issues so they can appropriately allocate resources.

In fact, according to Deputy Director Col. Bob Clark, senior Army leaders receive daily reports outlining the number of calls the hotline receives, issues raised, the time it takes to resolve them and the resolution.

"Army leadership is very, very aware of what is going on, and what the issues are that are facing our Soldiers today," said Clark.

The hotline, he said, receives three types of calls: inquiries, requests for information and issues. Responding to an inquiry can be as simple as proving directions to Walter Reed, while requests for information, such as the best time to go to Walter Reed, usually require some research and may take about 24 hours.

Issue-related calls, of which the WSFH has received about 2,100, are more complicated. For example, a Soldier doesn't have a vehicle and

can't get to Walter Reed. In this case, Clark said, he would call the medical community and tell them the Soldier needs transportation.

The majority of calls are about medical issues, but the hotline also receives calls about personnel, legal, financial and other issues. Most of the other issues end up falling under the Department of Veterans Affairs' authority, and hotline workers make sure they get to the right place.

Clark described the hotline as a "clearing house" that pushes the issue to the appropriate agency, including Forces Command, Central Command, Medical Command, Training and Doctrine Command, the National Guard Bureau and Army Reserve Command, to ensure Soldiers and their Families get answers.

Even if the answer isn't one the Soldier and his or her spouse wants, Clark said, they always get an answer, and their chain of command often tries to be as accommodating as possible. For example, one Soldier's wife wanted her husband to come back from Germany but his command couldn't reassign him due to mission requirements. They did immediately send him home on leave, however.

According to Clark, the WSFH has success stories every day. One Vietnam veteran had been trying to get his VA benefits for seven years, but the local VA wasn't giving him credit for combat time.

The WSFH forwarded his call to the VA's executive level, and three weeks later the veteran not only had his benefits, he had five years of back pay.

The WSFH can be reached at 1-800-984-9523 or Defense Switched Network at 312-328-0002, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

2007 Winter Special Olympics
8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 14
Marne Lanes

Volunteers are needed to assist athletes as buddies, huggers, event officials, score sheet runners and most importantly, the audience and cheering section. To volunteer for the event call 767-1257/1297. For more information call ACS, EFMP at 767-5058.

Hanukkah, history's first battle for religious freedom



**CHAPLAIN'S
CORNER**

Sgt. 1st Class Harold Crowther
Jewish Distinguished Faith Group Leader

Twenty-two centuries ago King Antiochus, the Syrian-Greek tyrant, had outlawed the practice of Judaism and made observance of the Torah a capital offense. He defiled the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, erecting pagan statues and slaughtering unclean animals at the altar. Judah ("The Hammer") Maccabee and his band of loyal Jewish fighters, rose up to defeat Antiochus; they restored and rededicated the Temple. When the Jews sought to rekindle the Temple menorah, only one flask of uncon-

aminated oil could be found. But a miracle ensued: that oil, sufficient for only one day, burned for eight days.

A bad guy, some good guys, and a miracle; throw in some candles, gelt, dreidels and latkes, and you pretty much have the popular tradition of Hanukkah. Candles? The lights of Hanukkah shine to remind us of the miracle of the oil and of the battlefield victory of a small Jewish army. Gelt? A gift to children of gold-wrapped chocolate coins so they should know learning Torah is sweet. Dreidels? These four-sided tops have a Hebrew letter on each side: nun, gimmel, hey, shin - an acronym for the phrase Nes gadol haya sham,

"A great miracle happened there."

Some say most Jewish holidays boil down to this: they tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat. So what do we eat on Hanukkah? Latkes! Potato pancakes fried in oil, served with applesauce and sour cream. The real miracle may be avoiding clogged arteries afterwards!

Look closer, and you'll find a powerful message of spirit, hope and light triumphant over wickedness and darkness. That's what Hanukkah is all about: history's first battle for religious freedom.

Happy Hanukkah, and may this Festival of Lights bring blessings upon you and all your loved ones, amen!

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	.9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Main Post Chapel	.5 p.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	.11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post Chapel	.11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	.9 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		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	.1:30 p.m.
Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.		
Jewish		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.		
Friday	Marne	.11:30 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic	Chapel	.11 a.m.
Protestant		
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

Exciting Bible Lessons

with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to Noon, Sunday at Stewart School at Services or at Hunter, 9:15 a.m. Sunday, at the Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall.

For all kids Grade K-6

Stewart Bus Schedule

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. - Victory Chapel

For more information, call 767-6831 at Stewart or at Hunter call, 315-315-5934.



Fort Stewart-Hunter Youth Ministries

Fort Stewart

Junior and Senior High School Students!

6:30 to 8 p.m., Sunday

at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.

For more information call 877-7207

Hunter

Join us for Motivating Fun!

1 to 3 p.m.

the first and third Sunday of each month at the Religious Education Center, building 129, next to Hunter Chapel

For more information call 315-5934

A Stage Play *"Christmas In Iraq"*
Christmas Production 2007
December 15 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Woodruff Theater
For more information, call Oneeka Ware at 876-7977 or 767-7028



Marne Chapel

December 7 • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Crowther at 980-9295

Christmas Potluck and Music Fest

Sunday, Dec. 9

Main Post Chapel - 3:30

There will be a Nativity Scene presented by members of Kids Church

All worship services participating and everyone is invited to attend

Candlelight Services

Monday, Dec. 24

Main Post Chapel and Hunter Post Chapel

Both services begin at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend

HANDEL'S MESSIAH Concert

December 16
4 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Hinesville, Georgia

320 East Washington Avenue
(912) 876-3670



Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Savannah Cultural Events

Activities sponsored by the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs include these ongoing events:

Every first Friday of the month

Folk Music by Savannah Folk Music Society, 7:30 p.m., free, at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

The Arts at City Market Center, upstairs, Jefferson and West St. Julian Streets, free, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 232-7731.

Every first Saturday of the month

Adult and youth basic ballroom dance classes, by Moon River Dancers: 1 to 3 p.m. at the West Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May Street. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 925-7416 or visit www.savannahsabda.org.

Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - sign up at 7:45 p.m., Gallery Espresso, 6 East Liberty St. Call 233-5348 for more information.

Saturdays and Sundays

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation tours 1 to 5 p.m. every Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Located at 207 E. Charlton St. on Lafayette Square.

Born in Savannah in 1925, writer, Mary Flannery O'Connor, lived in a Charlton Street house until 1938.

Today, it is maintained partly as a memorial to her and partly as a literary center for Savannah. Call 233-6014.

Every Sunday

Oldie Goldies Sunday at the American Legion Post 500, 1716 Montgomery St., 4 to 8 p.m. Call 925-7116. The Reel Savannah Film Group presentations, 7 p.m., Sunday evenings at the Lucas Theatre. Tickets cost \$6 and are available an hour prior.

Explore the performing arts in Savannah

The Savannah Sinfonietta and the City of Savannah encourage community members to learn more about the arts. For more information on this and other concerts by Savannah's own professional orchestra, visit www.savannahorchestra.org or call 800-414-3849.

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, please feel free to contact Holly Stevens-Brown, chapter president, at 876-3564.

Explore Oatland Island Wildlife Center

Oatland Island Wildlife Center of Savannah invites community members to explore the facility and learn more about the native wildlife. The Center encompasses a total of 175 acres of salt marsh, freshwater wetlands, and maritime forest habitats, and has a two-mile long "Native Animal Nature Trail." To learn more about oatland, visit online at www.oatlandisland.org or call the center at 898-3980.

The Nutcracker performed in Richmond Hill

The Nutcracker will be performed by the Richmond Hill Dance Theater, 7 p.m., Dec. 13 at the Speirs-Brogdon Building, at the Crossroads Center, Highway 17 in Richmond Hill. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

See the Winter Muster, Battle of Fort McAllister

McAllister will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday. Throughout the day guests will be able to witness the final preparations of the Confederate garrison in anticipation of the attack of the Union Army. The short yet fierce final battle of Sherman's March to the Sea will be re-enacted at 4:30 p.m. Following the battle, a Candle Light tour will be led at 5 p.m. In addition to the Civil War program, there will be a Christmas boat parade. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will pass by the Fort McAllister State Historic Park.

Admission for this event is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Call 727-2339 for tour information. Georgia's State Historic Sites are operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Explore the Live Oak public library programs

Find out a fun way to learn and check out the Live Oak Public Libraries Programs at the Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch Libraries. The program sponsors regular events for children of various age including preschool story time; Tree Tots story time; gingerbread decorating; computer classes; and intermediate word. Learn more about what is happening at the library, call

368-4003. The next preschool story times are 10:30 a.m. Dec. 10 and 17; Tree Tots Story time for children 1 to 2 years old is Dec. 11 and 18; gingerbread decorating Dec. 11, 12 and 15. The next computer class is 7 p.m., Dec. 11 at the Liberty Branch.

New job Web site announced for Veterans

The American Legion and Avue Technologies have launched a joint Web site, www.vetjobs.us, to substantially increase employment opportunities in the federal government for America's returning veterans. The new site will be free to all users and will not contain advertising of any kind.

Legion Post hosts Christmas Dance

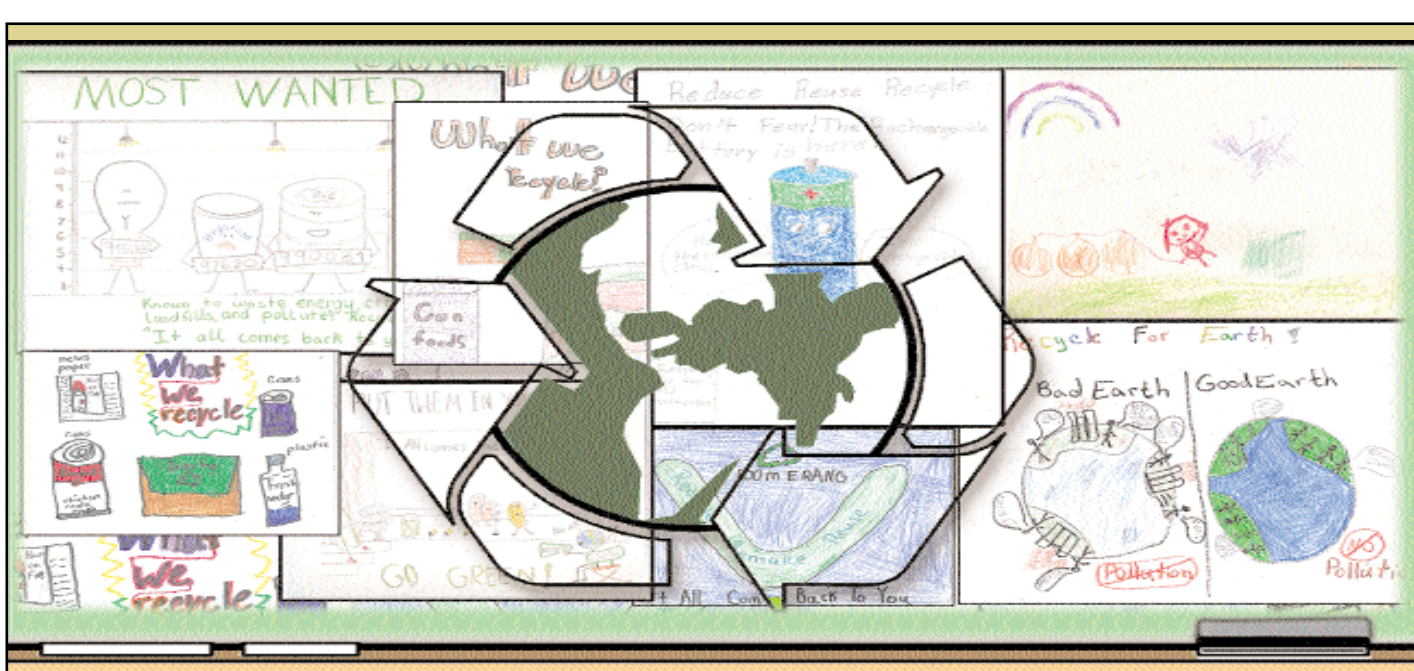
The American Legion Post 135 Ladies Auxiliary will host a dance at 8 p.m., Saturday, at 1108 Bull Street. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Music is by Night Rhythm. For more information, call 748-0320 or 233-9277.



Jewish Women of the Landings extend help

Kaytrina Curtis

Hunter Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Sampleton, and Garrison Commander Col. Daniel Whitney, display a donation of more than \$500 in phone cards presented by Argentina Grader, Carolee Getz and Joanne Hochman, of the Jewish Women of the Landings in Savannah to wounded warriors for holiday communications to their families.



Frontline, DPW to present youth artwork from contest

Special to the Frontline

In recognition of America Recycles Day, the Frontline newspaper and the Directorate of Public Works is "re-running" the artwork published in the Nov. 22 edition of The Frontline, and congratulating the students for their wonderful ideas.

Forty-five posters were received from Fort Stewart Elementary School students in grades K-6 on the theme, "Why Recycling is Important to You and Your Community."

The seven winning students

are: Alexander Almendarez, Brittin Elementary 4th grade; Cameron Maggio, Brittin Elementary, 4th grade; Daemon Castillo, Brittin Elementary 4th grade; James Kaserman, Diamond Elementary 5th grade; Jerzi Johnson, Diamond Elementary Kindergarten; Kelcey Davenport, Brittin Elementary 4th grade; Nautica Peden, Brittin Elementary 4th grade; and Reed Kaserman, Diamond Elementary 3rd grade.

AE Eastern Promises keeps its promises to entertain

Commentary by:
Sasha McBrayer
Fort Stewart Museum

David Cronenberg, of Canada, directed 2005's "A History of Violence" starring the ruggedly charming Viggo Mortensen. The trailer made us believe the piece was a thriller mystery.

It unravels as simple country man (Viggo), living the idyllic, peaceful, small town life, is forced to combat gangsters passing through and violently interrupting a peaceful scene within a town diner. He becomes the town hero, but those close to him are forced to ask themselves how in the world he was so adept at violence. Where'd he get those reflexes? How'd he know how to handle that gun?

What follows reminds you the story was actually derived from a graphic novel, in much less a subtle manner as extraordinary story "Road to Perdition" does, for example. In its over-zealous way, it shrinks from mystery and becomes the portrait of a real scumbag who has possibly changed his ways, or is possibly

just hiding out and acting like somebody else to save his own skin. Heroic, meek Viggo transforms into dumb-lucky, but altogether skilled slimy criminal Viggo.

It wasn't a bad movie, but it was lightly deceptive. It reminded me of when I believed "A Beautiful Mind" was a spy thriller only to discover it was actually a bio-pic full of psychology. Still, I can't fail to mention William Hurt's phenomenal Oscar-winning scene in "...Violence." Now there is an actor! You can see him shine in similar a capacity in murder thriller "Mr. Brooks" as well.

The real story this week is that Cronenberg has teamed up with Mortensen once more for crime drama, "Eastern Promises."

I've always been very interested in intimate portraits of gangsters. "Casino" showed us the effects of mafia life on a female spouse; "Heat" reveals the professional thief's grapple to decide over functional relationships or getting



away with it all. "Donny Brasco" and "Departed" uncover the torture which befalls those undercover in the underworld.

"Eastern Promises" does not set out to teach the world the ways of the Russian mob in Europe. Instead it delicately and thoughtfully spins a story full of interesting characters. In the process we get more than just a glimpse, down to the most realistic finger tattoo painted onto Viggo Mortensen's pinky. So real was this mob inking, that when Viggo tested them by entering a bar in make-up...everyone was frightened of him.

"...Promises" happens when a London-dwelling Naomi Watts, lightly removed from her Russian heritage, delivers the baby of a girl possibly raped by Russian mobsters.

A card found on the girl's person leads Watts on an innocent quest to discover the baby's next of kin. Before she can correct the situation, she has revealed too much and is in mortal danger.

In "A History of Violence", Cronenberg fails to keep the audience guessing. He tips his cards too early and the mystery dies. The mistake is not made twice. The wondering about Mortensen's flawlessly delivered Russian character doesn't end until the film starts to finish. It makes for a satisfying revelation that will drop your jaw.

"Eastern Promises" is a fabulous film, but very much R-rated. There is one scene, however, that stands out as a total marvel that should be talked about for years to come.

Adam Nayman of "Eye Weekly" said it best, when in reference to this amazing sequence he said, it "should rank not only in his [Cronenberg's] personal pantheon of spectacularly deployed gore but among the most exhilaratingly visceral patches of cinema, period, full stop." I'll say that the scene in question is a fight scene, but I won't give away much else.

Cronenberg has also directed "The Fly", "eXistenZ", "Crash", and "Spider". I expect nothing more than powerful thrillers from him in the future.



Meet Dr. (Capt.) Ryan Plank

Specialty: Orthopedics
Medical Degree: Indiana University School of Medicine



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Volunteer Spotlight

Misty Garner of Midland, Texas, is an American Red Cross volunteer working in the Emergency Department at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Garner volunteers because she enjoys giving back to her community. She wants to gain experience as an Emergency Medical Technician. Her interests and hobbies include helping people, traveling, spending time with friends and family.

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

