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Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Stacy Gray, cousin, and Jannsee Sanders, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Dan Sanders, hold up a sign welcoming their "Defender of the U.S.A." Tuesday, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery was the first 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) unit to be redeployed from Operation Iraqi Freedom. For story and photos, see Page 2A

Army removes 1/2 of MOSs from Stop-Loss

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has lifted "Stop Loss" for active-component units and for soldiers in about half of the specialties that had been required to stay on active duty.

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Reginald J. Brown approved the partial lifting of Stop Loss May 27.

This lifting of Stop Loss will allow about 16,000 active-component, 4,900 Army Reserve and 675 National Guard soldiers to leave active duty if they want between now and October, personnel officials said.

These soldiers, as they begin their transition from the Army, will be provided time to complete transition and career counseling, along with demobilization activities, officials said. They said the Army's Stop Loss exit strategy will normally allow 180 days to transition soldiers returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Personnel strength managers from all Army components will regulate separation dates to ensure no adverse impact on Army-wide readiness, officials said.

The Army lifted its "stop movement" order earlier this month to allow many OIF soldiers to report to their next assignments.

Soldiers in the following specialties are now no longer subject to Stop Loss:

Officers with specialties: 15C35 (Aviation Intelligence); Additional Skill Identifier (ASI) K4 (Special Operations Aviation), K5 (MH-60K Pilot), and/or K6 (H-47E Pilot); 18 (Special Forces); 38 (Civil Affairs); 39 (Psychological Operations).

Warrant Officers with specialties: 153E (MH-60 Pilot); 154E (MH-47 Pilot); 155E (C-12 Pilot); 155G (O-5A/EO-5B/RC-7 Pilot); Pilots with ASI K4 (Special Operations Aviation), K5 (MH-60K Pilot, and/or K6 H-47E Pilot); 180A (Special Forces); 350B (Intelligence Technician); 351C (Area Intelligence Technician); 352G (Voice Intercept Technician);

Enlisted soldiers with Military Occupational

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Meeting enlightens spouses

Spc. Jonathan Stack
Staff Writer

Spouses of deployed soldiers gathered at Woodruff Theatre for a meeting Tuesday with Col. (promotable) Jack Sterling, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) forward chief of staff, to be briefed on the situation in Iraq.

Sterling, who is on his way to his new assignment in Germany as the U.S. Army Europe, Engineer, addressed the spouses on several different topics such as quality of life and reasons for soldiers not redeploying and then opened the floor to questions that the spouses might have.

Many family members had concerns and were very emotional about their spouses' morale and stress and Sterling touched on these topics as well.

He stated, it took the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) 21 straight days to arrive at Baghdad and everyday the division fought.

"Soldiers knew that the road to Fort Stewart was through Baghdad," he said. "They knew the sooner they arrived there the closer to redeploying home."

The 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) achieved their goal a lot faster than anyone anticipated, he said.

He then went on to say, the current mission of the Marne Division soldiers is helping the Iraqi police patrol Baghdad, restore, power, water, trash cleanup and electricity.

"The U.S. Army are the only people for Iraqis to look to for help," he said.

Sterling then explained the appearance of Baghdad.

The markets are open, there is plenty of food, and children are going to school, he said. Day to day things look normal, there is very little damage due to war.

In an earlier statement to families, (Frontline, May 29 edition) Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) commanding general, said, the Department of Defense plans to keep a larger force than anticipated in Iraq for a period of time.

'This will mean that most of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) will stay through August," he said.

The 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) new mission is for the soldiers to travel to Al Fallujah, Iraq, to help out the units that are already

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There's no place like home

Soldiers from 3/160th return from deployment

Pfc. Emily Danial

David Hargitt, 3 (left) and brother Greg, 1 and 1/2, wait with their mom Jamie for the imminent return of their dad, Capt. David Hargitt May 23 at the 3/160th SOAR's hangar.

Pfc. Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Although they had to do a little more than click their heels together and chant to get here, soldiers in the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment landed safely at Hunter Army Airfield at about 10 p.m. May 22, after their deployment in Iraq lasting approximately four months.

While some of the 3/160th have already returned, this symbolic flight carrying only 12 of their soldiers, including battalion commander Lt. Col. Robert Welch, and is one of many flights that will return them directly back to Hunter. The unit deployed a total of 270 soldiers to Iraq.

The soldiers conducted infiltration and exfiltration missions, as well as resupplying other special operations forces in their region in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, according to Maj. James Bradley, the unit's operation's officer, who was in a group of 3/160th soldiers that returned to Hunter May 19.

"We did almost all of the missions that are within our standard set of things that we train for on a routine basis, nothing out of the ordinary for us," said Bradley.

The 3rd Battalion's main stage of operation was in Western Iraq, where they coordinated medium- and heavy-lift helicopter support to coalition special operations forces in that area.

The elite aviators and aviation support personnel have both MH-60 Black Hawks and MH-47 Chinooks, and it used those to complete its operations, Bradley said.

The aircraft he mentioned are "re-vamped" versions of the standard Black Hawks and Chinooks used by other units.

"The biggest difference (between the two version) is the ability to conduct aerial refueling," said Bradley. "We don't have to stop on the ground for gas ... we can coordinate with an Air Force C-130, meet at a certain place, fly up next to them, plug into the hose, and continue along our way. Basically, it gives us a range that greatly exceeds the conventional forces, to operate deep behind the lines, because we're not limited to where we can refuel on the ground."

Additionally, he said the aircraft were outfitted with radios with extended ranges that allowed them to out-fly the range of a standard Army radio, in order to keep in contact via satellites while conducting missions.

While most of the battalion has been busy in

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With open arms ...

Photos by Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Spc. Roger Dever, 1st Battaltion, 39th Field Artillery, is welcomed by his mother Debra at the Homecoming Ceremony, June 3.

Stewart welcomes home 1/39th FA, 3ID Band

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff Writer

They say that rain means good luck. This could not have proved truer for the families of 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery and the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Band. Despite the deluge, and high wind velocity, some family members braved the weather for as long as four hours to welcome home loved ones June 3.

1/39 was the first 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) unit to touch ground at Fort Stewart since the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

More than 400 soldiers arrived in two flights to Hunter Army Airfield, where after a sensitive items check (night-vision goggles, weapons) they departed by bus to Fort Stewart.

The first buses arrived at Cottrell Field around 10:30 p.m. and the second wave at close to 1 a.m., receiving deafening applause from the crowd, estimated at nearly 1,200 people. Banners and posters revealing the names of soldiers were displayed all along the field, some held up by proud relatives while the bigger ones were hung on special fences built for the ceremony.

Tammy Crosby's brother Spc. Jason Crump had been deployed for 10 months.

"I'm just excited to have him home! That's my only brother," she shouted.

Staff Sgt. Terry Middleton's wife, daughter, sister and nephew were all waiting impatiently for his return. Daughter Tara was speechless, but Lauren had many kind words to say.

"We all missed him!" she said. "We're really proud of him!"

Once dismounted from the buses, the soldiers formed up and marched into the center of the field. After a brief welcome from Col. Edwin Marrero, installation chief of staff, and a singing of the Army and "Dog Faced Soldier" songs, they were released to the warm arms of their loved ones.

"(As chief of staff) it complements my task of preparing and deploying (the soldiers) when (by being asked to be the official welcoming party), I am able to be a part of the event that receives them and welcomes them home to families and loved ones," he said. "It's so incredibly emotional!"

Returning soldiers had few words to say, many of them were just too happy being home to even say anything.

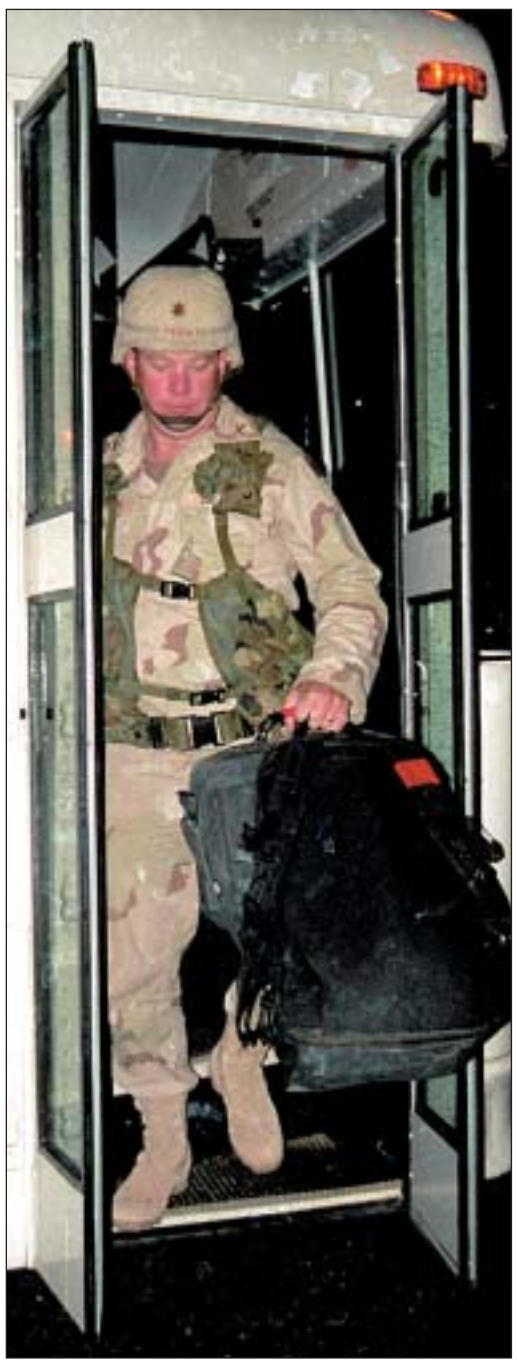
"It's just a great day to be here!" said Sgt. 1st Class William Wilson, 1/39 FA, who was among the first soldiers to arrive at Fort Stewart.

1/39 Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Craig Finley was swarmed by his wife and children after the dismissal of the formation.

"They did great!" he said referring to his battalion's performance in Iraq.

Commenting about being the first unit returning, thus leaving so many behind, Finley said, "It's bittersweet, but I think the rest of the division will be home soon."

"It's been murder on a mom," said



Maj. Robert Townsend, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery executive officer, is the first soldier to get off of the first bus.

Debra Dever, whose son Spc. Roger Dever was on the second flight. Unaware of which flight her son would be on, Dever showed up at 8:30 p.m.

She was forced to sit by patiently for nearly four hours waiting for him. After the first group left Cottrell Field, Dever picked up someone's discarded sign and using her lipstick, wrote a welcoming message on the reverse side.

It was all a surprise to Roger who didn't know she would be coming.

"I'm just so glad he's home," she said, "He's one of the lucky ones."

In spite of the reunion, family members were still unable to forget the fact that some families would not be welcoming home soldiers.

Tara Middleton thought about the 35 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice.

"They served their country. Their loss is our loss," she said.

Pfc. Emily Danial

Soldiers exit the aircraft at Hunter Army Airfield. The first flight carrying the 1/39th arrived at Hunter at 7:20 p.m. The second flight didn't land until well past 11 p.m.

Lt. Col. Craig Finley, Battalion commander, 1/39th, leads his battalion in the singing of the "Dog Faced Soldier Song." After singing that and the Army Song, the soldiers were released to their waiting loved ones.

Signing brings RCI one step closer to reality

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, installation commander, signs a letter of transmittal to forward the completed development plan to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, as Lt. Col. Gerald S. Davie, Hunter garrison commander, looks on.

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
Staff Writer

Fort Stewart is one step closer to receiving new housing and renovating some of their older ones.

Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, installation commander, signed a letter of transmittal Friday, to forward the completed Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Community Development and Management Plan to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The plan is to build and renovate homes on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, said Jeanne C. Adams, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Residential Communities Initiative program manager.

The purpose of the letter is to inform the OASA that the CDMP had been reviewed and approved by the installation command, she said. This brings Fort Stewart a significant step closer to realizing their vision of becoming the "Southern Living Station of Choice" for soldiers and families.

Once all the final steps are complete they hope that operations on the building and renovating will begin Jan. 1, 2004, Adams said.

"There will be 825 new homes built, to eliminate the housing deficit as reported in the Housing Market Analysis," she said. "The HMA provides a comprehensive analysis of housing requirements and housing market."

All new homes and replacement homes will be built during the first eight years, Adams said. All homes in the existing housing inventory will be renovated during the first eight years as well.

"It will improve the quality of life for soldiers and their families," she said. "Additionally, it will ease the stress from soldiers knowing their families are living in comfortable, safe, attractive homes and communities, especially when soldiers must leave their families behind during deployments."

Not only will it benefit the soldiers but it will benefit the commanders as well; knowing their soldiers and family members are being taken care of, enabling the leadership to focus more on mission accomplishments, Adams said.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield is slowly improving and becoming more and more the duty station of choice.

Helping to build a monument ...

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

P.J. Schneider, employment marketing representative, gives Col. Edwin R. Marrero, chief of staff, two checks for a total of $425. The checks were donated to the Operation Iraqi Freedom Memorial monument fund from the International Association of Professionals in Employment Securities, Georgia chapter. Marrero will then give the checks to David Anderson, mayor pro tem of the city of Hinesville, who is in charge of raising the funds for the monument.

3/160th

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Iraq over the past few months, some of its soldiers were also assisting special operation forces in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In fact, right before their deployment to Iraq, some soldiers from the 3/160th had just returned from Afghanistan, leaving almost immediately after their return.

Still, said Bradley, "They did an outstanding job. We didn't do anything that we hadn't been trained to do in the past, and returning recently from Afghanistan, the unit was at a high level of readiness, although a little bit tired. It was a new environment for them, because even though Afghanistan is also a desert, it has more mountains (than Iraq). So there was a slightly different environment, and there were also some new supported ground elements that we had to work with, and that gave our guys some work to do."

Good work is apparently well rewarded, because after all its labors, the unit is returning home, little by little.

Even after several consecutive months of deployment, Bradley said the soldiers in his unit did not drag their feet in the least bit.

"All in all, we knew we had an important mission to do," he said, "and down to the lowest level, they understood the magnitude of that mission, and so they worked hard to accomplish that."

"And now they get to come home," Bradley concluded with a smile.

If you accidentally discover an archaeological site on Fort Stewart:

1. Cease what you are doing immediately.
2. Notify Range Control at 767-8777.
3. Do not attempt to unearth the object or remove it.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

CG meets the press

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, commanding general 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) declared that the Marne soldiers, still deployed in Iraq, will not have to face any more combat there during a telecommunications interview with reporters Tuesday.

"The mission they are deploying on will be very similar to what they've been doing here in Baghdad," Blount said. "There is not going to be any combat – there are no enemy elements out there, no tanks to fight – we haven't fired on a tank in almost eight weeks."

Blount told reporters he didn't anticipate anything changing. He said the new mission is to support 4th Infantry Division to the north in tightening up security. Saying he is not sure whether the missions will last two or three weeks, Blount reported that his first priority is to "keep our soldiers safe. That's my number one priority. And then second – to get soldiers back home as soon as we possibly can. Though, we can't leave until our mission is over."

Blount says that now that the soldiers know what their new mission is they are focused and are preparing to complete it.

Blount assured the families that the leaders are doing everything they can to make life for their deployed soldiers as good as possible. He says telecommunications with the families will improve, the soldiers are getting enough to eat and drink and morale is on the upbeat in anticipation of an end in sight.

Q Some time last week I read that the troops would remain there through August. I know you don't want put a timeline on anything but with these new missions that's been coming on — has that been pushed back at all?

A I hate to comment on that, but it's a changing situation. The new mission drives us through the August date right now, so it does not push the August date back. I'm trying to get most of the units back before then if at all possible but I would envision the last unit redeploying by The first of September. That's the plan — as you know, plans change. The situation over here changes on a weekly basis, but, right now that is what we are looking at for a time line.

Q How would you characterize the morale of your troops right now. We keep reading these things back home: you mentioned some of the specifics having to do with food and water and the condition of some of their vehicles, but, what all this leads back into is their morale. We keep reading that they just keep asking "when do we get to go home — we thought we'd be on our way. What are they doing with us right now."

A Well, last week when they (soldiers) found out they weren't going home; and we hadn't gotten our new mission yet; the morale dipped. I think even back at Fort Stewart and at Hunter, clearly — a lot of disappointed people. Our soldiers are great, they got a new mission now — they're focused on that. They are getting ready for it and we have seen a real upsurge in the morale now that they know they've got a mission to go do and they're going to go do that. And plus, some of them are aware that we are getting ready to send some equipment back to Kuwait so that helps to show that there is an end in sight. The morale is getting better everyday as they move toward this new mission.

Q Why 3ID for this mission and not Fort Carson and the 1st AD. Why do they need the 3ID to stay?

A Well, most everyone is fairly committed right now. It had been our expectations and our hopes that when the 1st Armored Division got here, that things would be stabilized enough in the city and the country that we would be able to deploy back home and that was the expectations ... The 3ID could have stayed in Baghdad and the 1st Armored Division could have gone out to do these other missions but then, that would have tied us to Baghdad. I think the quickest way to extract us from Baghdad was to go ahead and turn Baghdad over to the 1st Armored Division, and we then go out and help the other units finalize the stabilization in their areas. And with this extra manpower that they're getting (in country) now, hopefully we will be able to push on the next couple of months and get things stabilized and be able to extract 3ID. We'll be looking at it zone by zone. And, it's not our decision (when to redeploy), it goes all they way up to the Secretary of Defense for redeployment of the 3rd Infantry Division. It is something that we are good at and they did not want to release us until things were more stabilized.

Q How are you getting the soldiers adjusted to a new mission, assuming that they had the mind set that they were going home, and now they got to go back out to a hot zone. And I know you've got to stay mentally focus over there if you don't know where the bad guys are. So how are you guys handling that with the troops?

A Its not that big a change in our mission, we're just doing it in a different location. We've had the same mission here in Baghdad — they have been doing patrol and security operations; the soldiers have been helping in the hospitals; the schools; they've been guarding gas stations. We are going to do the same thing just in a different location. We have been able to give them a few days off; they've rested and are doing maintenance on their equipment as 1st Armored Division takes over the mission here. So we have been able to give them some time off — get them rested and refocused on moving out to these new locations.

Q How many bottles of water do soldiers get a day.

A We have an issue of two 1-1/2 liters of water per soldier per day. That's three liters of bottled water that you are familiar with. And base use of the unleaded water out of the buffaloes. And that's cool water, its good water. We never had problems with water before at any of our training events at Fort Stewart or NTC. For the soldiers in Kuwait we did not have the water to run through the reverse osmosis water purification units ... so we had to use bottled water all the time and they got used to that. Here we have plenty of water processed through the ROWPUs. That is pure water verses the mineral water out of the bottles — they've got a combination. Sometimes, the bottled water is easier to carry or to keep in a cooler and so the soldiers get two new bottles every day and they can refill those as often as they want to out of the water buffaloes. And then they've got water for washing with. The ROWPUs water is unlimited and the water out of the water buffaloes can be replenished so there is plenty of water.

Q A lot of the spouses were worry about communications so will the extra telephones you were talking about help them with that.

A Yes, it will help. We have some satellite phones and we have got about 30 more on order that should be here in the next day or two. Then we're going to distribute just for MWR causes. So that will help greatly. We've also sent military phones to the units for free phone calls back to Fort Stewart. Unfortunately, you've got 20,000 people trying to call back through limited phone lines so they get a lot of busy signals. But, each of the battalions has a phone set up like that now that they can use it to call back home. So between the satellite phones and the military phones — we are also working with AT&T to put in some phone banks and they will be in this week so we expect communications to get a lot better. As I said earlier — the infrastructure here is not well developed. Iraqis still don't have any kind of telephone system working. The power is getting a lot better but it's still a little sporadic ... on a lot of previous exercises we've been able to do video conferences with the families where they have been able to hook up computers — we'll get to that in the next couple of months here but right now, its coming — hopefully, we won't be here when it gets set up — we'll be back at Fort Stewart But, it's coming and it will be at the same level that you had in Bosnia or Kosovo.

Editor's note: *The second part of the press conference will run in the June 12 edition of* ***The Frontline.***

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

Why is quality on-post housing important ?

"When on post you feel more comfortable."

Annetta White
Family Member

"Married soldiers need privacy."

Pfc. L'salle Harvey
94th Maintenance

"Soldiers who are serving the country want to know their families are living in adequate housing."

Sgt. Aaron Ivie
A Co., 841st Eng. Bn.

"It helps the overall morale."

Staff Sgt. Eddie Broughton
Jacksonville West Recruiting station

"It gives easy access to post and great living conditions."

Sue Osterlund
Family Member

"It keeps the family happy and makes for a better soldier."

Randy Varela
Retired Navy

Message to spouses of 3ID soldiers

Dear Army spouses,

I realize that everyone, soldiers and spouses alike, are disappointed that all of the 3rd Infantry Division will not be returning home, as soon as expected. The division, however, has been given a new mission. I join you in hoping the mission will be completed quickly and that our soldiers will soon be allowed to return to Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, and Fort Benning.

Presently, however, some of our units are being assigned to remain in Baghdad, some will help 4th Infantry Division north of Baghdad, and some will go to Fallujah.

Third Infantry Division spouses have been absolutely wonderful through the entire deployment - strong, courageous, and supportive and I know you are tired (to put it mildly). We all are. But we have to take care of things on the home front a little longer. We just don't have another good choice. We can go to pieces or dig down deep to find our last reserves of courage.

Our soldiers have performed magnificently and can be proud of what they have accomplished, for the rest of their lives. We can also be proud of what we have done to support the war effort. It hasn't been easy and isn't quite over.

America is proud of the Third Infantry Division and our brave families. We must cling to our pride and not give in to the disappointment of a later than expected return of our soldiers. America is watching us and we have the opportunity to show them what we're really made of. We've passed a difficult test. America will be watching to see if we pass the course.

We want our soldiers to continue to receive the praise they deserve, untainted by negative reactions to the recent development. Our soldiers are disappointed, as are we, and need our continued support, and reassurance that we're OK here at home.

I hope this information helps ease some of your fears. Please convey your concerns to your rear detachment personnel and/or your family readiness group leader.

I ask the family readiness group leaders to send any issues up the chain, as well as to Susan Wilder at ACS and we will attempt to get answers back to you.

Anita Blount

Corrections

In the May 29 edition, the incorrect caption was used with the Task Force Neighborhood story on page 1A. The caption should of read, "*Pfc Ramarcus Ogan, a metalworker with the 535th Engineer Company, braces a steel door while grinding off the rough spots. Ogan welded hinges and repaired doors at an elementary school in al-Hurriyah, Baghdad.*"

In the May 22 edition, Col. Glenn L. Burch was misidentified as Col. Glen L. Burke.

In the May 22 Marne Voice, an 1137th MP made a joking comment that was not true but went to print.

The Frontline staff regrets the errors.

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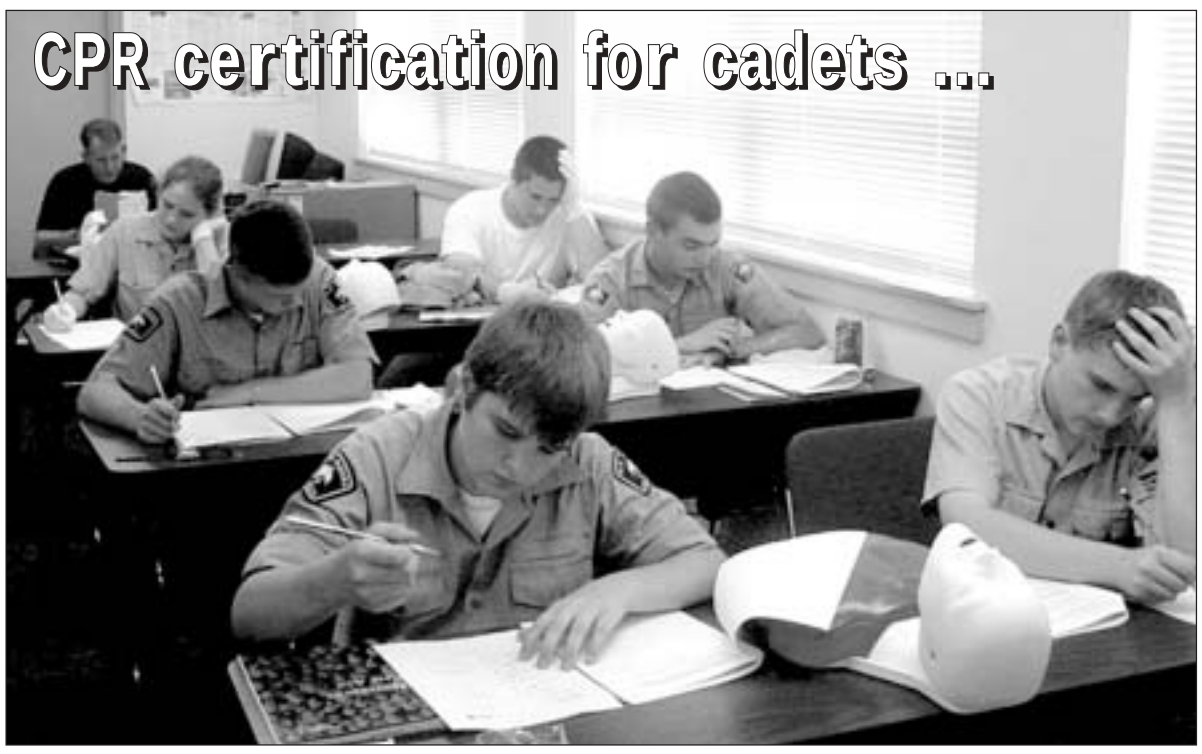

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Winn Army Community Hospital's Emergency Medical Service staff certified nine youth members of the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets in cardiopulmonary resuscitation May 17 at Hunter Army Airfield. The class consisted of many parts, to include adult CPR, first aid, allergic reactions and how to identify signs of a heart attack. CPR classes are available upon request through the EMS and fire department. For more information, call 352-5119.

STOP-LOSS

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Specialties: 00Z (Command Sergeant Major with Special Forces (SF) background); 18B (SF Weapons Sergeant); 18C (SF Engineer Sergeant); 18D (SF Medical Sergeant); 18E (SF Communications Sergeant); 18F (SF Operations and Intelligence Sergeant); 18Z (SF Senior Sergeant); 37F (Psychological Operations Specialist); 38A (Civil Affairs Specialist); 67U (CH-47 Helicopter Repairer); 98C (Signals Intelligence Analyst).

The Stop Loss policy was initiated in four separate increments to allow the Army to retain soldiers — who were determined to be essential to the national security of the United States — on active duty beyond their date of retirement or separation for an open-ended period. It began with Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom Nov. 30, 2001. The fourth and last increment, announced Feb. 14, was for units supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Stop Loss does not affect most involuntary separations or retirements, officials said, nor does it generally limit laws, regulations, or policies that lead to involuntary separations, retirements, or releases from active duty.

Reserve-component Unit Stop Loss, which affects Reserve soldiers assigned to alerted or mobilized RC units, remains in effect.

The following skills for all components remain affected by the Army's 12-Month, Skill-Based Stop Loss Program:

Officers designated: 30 Information Operations, 31 Military Police, 34 Strategic Intelligence, 35 Military Intelligence, 45A Comptroller, 48G FAO (Mideast/N Africa), 51C Contract & Industrial Management, 53 Information Systems Management.

Warrant Officers: 152C OH-6 Scout Pilot, 153D UH-60 Pilot, 154C CH-47D Pilot, 311A CID Special Agent, 351B Counter Intelligence Technician, 351E Human Intelligence Collection Technician.

Enlisted: 52E Prime Power Production Specialist, 55D EOD Specialist, 74B Information Systems Operator, 92M Mortuary Affairs Specialist, 95B Military Police, 95C Correctional Specialist, 95D CID Special Agent, 96B Intelligence Analyst, 96U UAV Operator, 97B Counter Intelligence Agent, 97E Human Intelligence Collector, 97L Translator (Minus Russian and Spanish), 98G Voice Interceptor (Language Specific).

DRINKING & DRIVING DON'T MIX

Four Star dining at the NCOA

Spc. Bradley A. Staggs
107th MPAD

The Fort Stewart military community has met one more accomplishment that they can be proud of ... an award-winning dining facility!

The dining facility located at the Fort Stewart Noncommissioned Officers Academy was chosen as the winner of the Philip A. Connelly Award at the Army Forces Command level in recognition of their contribution toward improving the Army's food service program, and for their superior efforts in enhancing the quality of food service provided to our Army's soldiers.

"I'm retired military so I've been in food service all my life," said James L. Johnson, manager of the NCOA dining facility.

"I enjoy serving soldiers because I think they deserve it and (the award) means a lot to me," he said.

Johnson has been manager of the NCOA dining facility for about six months and started working there more than three years ago. He couldn't be happier with the award and attributes the high standards his facility keeps to the pride which the staff shows toward their work everyday.

"Our goal on a daily basis is to provide the best quality, nutritionally adequate meal that we can." Johnson said. "We try to provide the best service to anybody who walks through those doors."

Johnson was overjoyed but surprised when the dining facility won the Connelly award. "Throughout my 21 years in the Army, the facilities that I worked in were never selected. To be selected as a civilian, it's kind of like a long time coming."

The NCOA dining facility, as well as all eight facilities at Fort Stewart, is managed by Wolf Management Services, Incorporated, a civilian contractor. This award marks the first time that a civilian contractor has won the Philip A. Connelly Award at any level and speaks to the professionalism of the management staff and dining facility employees.

Academy Pride

The award is not just appreciated by Wolf Management and the dining facility personnel, though. Fort Stewart and especially the NCO Academy staff look on this award with a great deal of pride.

"We're proud!" said 1st Sgt. Wayne L. Williams, deputy commandant of the NCOA. "We are here to actually train soldiers, but the dining facility is a support mechanism, and we cannot fail in a support mechanism."

The Fort Stewart NCOA normally has an attendance of just under 200 soldiers at all times and the dining facility is responsible for the feeding of all soldiers, instructional cadre and guests each day, whether they are in garrison or in the field. While soldiers are conducting field training exercises during the final week of the Primary Leadership Development Course, the dining facility delivers two hot meals per day to the training area, complete with utensils, drinks and desert.

Still in the Running

The next step for the dining facility at the NCOA is the Army-wide Philip A. Connelly Award. They must go through yet another inspection and checks to make sure that their standards are higher than anybody else's, but Williams knows that they are up to the task.

"Just making it is not good enough." Williams said. "We need to be excellent in that area and this just shows the excellence of the support to the Primary Leadership Development Course."

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there, Sterling said.

"There's not going to be any enemy combat. There's not going to be enemy tanks," Blount said.

Next, Sterling went over the quality of life for the soldiers in Iraq. Every three days soldiers will receive a meal that is freshly cooked by food service personnel, he said. Once a day, they will receive a hot meal and for the rest of the times they will receive Meals Ready to Eat.

There is plenty of food and water, he said. Soldiers are given three liters of bottled water per day and there is plenty of purified water.

Soldiers are now given more of an opportunity to call home to talk to their loved ones, Sterling said.

Sterling then opened the floor to questions from family members. The first question that was asked was what is the command doing about the morale and stress of the soldiers.

Sterling replied, that the troops were stressed because they did not know what was going on, now that they have a mission and know what is going on their stress is down and morale on the rise.

Another question asked was what are spouses supposed to do when things like power of attorneys expire.

There are legal services being provided to soldiers in Iraq, he said. The soldiers can have power attorneys done up and mailed home.

The subject of missions in Syria was brought up and Sterling quickly cleared up any confusion and said there is no mission-taking place in Syria and it is just a rumor.

Any additional questions concerning the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) should be e-mailed to **Susan.Wilder@stewart.army.mil,** which will be forwarded to the division headquarters. With the answers expected in less than 48-hours.

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Selfless-service remembered ...

Marne Division honors 35th soldier

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
Staff Writer

Fort Stewart held a memorial ceremony at Cottrell Field May 28 to honor the 35th soldier from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) killed in action, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The ceremony began with the National Anthem being sung and then an invocation given by Chaplain (Col.) Neil A. Dennington, installation chaplain. Afterwards, Col. Edwin R. Marrero, chief of staff, spoke to an audience of family members, friends and fellow soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.).

"We pay our respects to Pfc. Marlon Rockhold, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized)," Marrero said. "We added another tree to "Warrior's Walk" to commemorate his commitment to his nation, his unit and his fellow soldiers."

During the ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Carl T. Smith, installation command sergeant major, read Rockhold's name. After the name was called a soldier guarding Rockhold's marker removed a vail of courage, made of desert camouflage material with his rank and the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) patch sewn on it.

Since 1917, the "Rock of the Marne" division has had many soldiers pay with their lives for the country's liberty, Marrero said. The division has suffered more than 35,000 casualties in five wars and many battles.

The 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) was called to the Middle East in January and throughout the fight the values of Marne Division soldiers and our nation were on display, Morrero said. The soldiers fought for freedom and showed compassion to the vanquished.

"They showed they were American soldiers, representing what their nation stands for — liberty and the right to pursue life and religious beliefs without persecution," he said.

Rockhold made a sacrifice for the Marne Division, his fellow soldiers and this great country — the United States of America, Marrero said. On behalf of a grateful Army and nation a heartfelt gratitude goes out to the families and friends of all the soldiers remembered here on "Warrior's Walk."

Photos by Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

(Above) Pfc. Subaltern Hall, 3/7 Inf., hands Davonna Rockhold, wife of Pfc. Marlon Rockhold, the vail of courage.
(Right) Hall kneels down to fold the vail of courage to give to Rockhold's wife at the close of the ceremony.

Simulator teaches value of wearing seatbelt

Spc. Casandra Bolton

Children of Brittin Elementary School look on as the simulator truck demonstrates what would happen if they did not wear their seatbelts while in a vehicle.

Spc Casandra Bolton
Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

The Jesup Police Department and the Fort Stewart's Military Police demonstrated the "rollover truck simulator" to students at Brittin Elementary Friday.

The rollover truck simulator demonstrates what happens to children and passengers when they don't wear their seatbelts.

Police Lt. William Hires, Jesup Police Department, was one of the main speakers at the showing along with his daughter Linda.

"In 28 years, I have never unbuckled a dead person," said Hires.

As the truck rolled over, the children watched with their mouths wide open as the unbuckled dummies fell out of the windows and the cab of the truck.

"I am not saying seatbelts will (always) save your life," said Hires. "But, it will lessen the injury."

The strongest points for the seatbelt are the hip and the shoulder. Wherever the seatbelt is, that is wear the force is going to impact.

"If you take your body weight and multiply it by the speed you are going, that is the force of the impact when you hitting the ground," said Hires.

"In the state of Georgia, children 17 and under must be buckled at all times," said Hires.

Children ages birth to one year old and those that are 20 pounds and under, must be in a rear-facing car seat. Children one through five must be in a forward facing car seat. At the age of five the child should be in a booster seat.

"The best booster seats have five hitches," said Hires. "The five hitches are for safety. They allow you to adjust the placing of the seatbelt on the child."

The click it or ticket safety program ended on June 1. But, even though the program is over, it is very important that anyone traveling in a vehicle buckle his or her seatbelts.

Infantrymen, medics receive CIB/CMB awards in Iraq

SPC. KATHERINE ROBINSON
50th PAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Nearly 200 soldiers received the most coveted awards in their professions at a ceremony Sunday at 4th Battalion, 64th Armor.

The combat infantry badge and the combat medical badge are the highest honors infantrymen and medics can achieve. One hundred and fifty one soldiers in Task Force 4-64 earned the CIB and 28 soldiers earned the CMB.

"As you wear this badge, wear it with honor," Lt. Col. Philip deCamp, 4/64 commander admonished. "You need to recollect those of us — our comrades — who (earned) these badges, who are not with us.

"You join an elite few who own these badges," he continued, "and some people have paid the ultimate sacrifice for these badges. You have a large burden to bear, because you represent them."

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) assistant division commander (maneuver), pinned the CIB and CMB awards on the soldiers one by one, thanking them for a job well done.

After the ceremony, Austin spoke to the soldiers as a group for the first time since leaving Kuwait in March.

"I asked you to go hard and go fast when you got the call to go forward," Austin said. "And that, indeed, you did ... I also asked you to do the things you were trained to do ... not once did I see a soldier hesitate in the face of danger, not once did I have to see somebody dragged to do their job."

He said the soldiers would be given a great deal of credit in the future for having started what will someday be the world's youngest democracy — Iraq.

"The third and final thing I asked you to do was to take care of each other; take care of your wingman." Austin said the soldiers did just that during the war, and that focus kept them alive.

"You finished the fight on one day and were helping the citizens of Iraq the next day," he said. "Only you can do that. Only well-trained and highly disciplined soldiers can do that."

"You combat infantrymen and combat medics have done an extraordinary job in liberating the people of Iraq," deCamp agreed. "We're extremely proud of your performance during Operation Iraqi Freedom. America is extremely proud of your heroism and bravery under fire during Operation Iraqi Freedom."

The soldiers stood proudly at attention as they listened to the history of both badges, and waited for Austin to pin the awards on them.

Pvt. 2 Adam Considder, an A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment soldier from Middletown, Rhode Island, was the youngest soldier to receive the CIB.

At 19 years old, Considder has been in the Army only eight months including basic training, and is now the owner of the infantryman's crowning achievement.

"I'm proud of it. I did my job," Considder said. "I was nervous, but I was pretty well-trained."

Austin congratulated the soldiers, then told them their job is not done, and to keep their heads in the game despite the pause in action.

"We still have some work to do and we are aware of that," he said. "We're going to finish the fight, whatever that may be, all the way to the end.

"If there is fighting to be done, we will fight."

Spc. Katherine Robinson

Soldiers wait to receive their combat infantry badges and combat medical badges at a ceremony at 4/64 Armor Sunday.

DRINKING & DRIVING DON'T MIX

Cooking fires #1 cause of house fires

Spc Casandra Bolton
Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

Every day Americans experience the horror of fire. Each year more than 4,000 Americans die and more than 25,000 are injured in fires, many of which could be prevented.

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries, especially here at Fort Stewart.

The majority of cooking equipment fires start with the ignition of common household items, such as wall coverings, paper or plastic bags and curtains.

"Some type of negligence is a reason for most kitchen fires," said Firefighter Lt. George M. Gregory, Fort Stewart Fire and Emergencies Services Division.

In the past two months, the firefighters on Fort Stewart have responded to six kitchen fires.

A fire's heat alone can kill. Room temperatures in a fire can be 100 degrees at floor level and rise to 600 degrees at eye level. Inhaling this super hot air will scorch your lungs. This heat can melt clothes to your skin. In five minutes a room can get so hot that everything in it ignites at once.

Fire starts bright, but quickly produces black smoke and complete darkness. If you wake up to a fire you may be blinded, disoriented and unable to find your way around the home you've lived in for years.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.

Worldwide, three in every 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home.

Fire Safety Tips

• Never leave cooking food on the stove-top unattended, and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven.
• Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging)
• Keep children and pets away from cooking areas by creating a three-foot (one meter) "kid free zone" around the stove.
• Turn pot handles inward so they cannot be bumped and children can't grab them.
• Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.
• Never use a wet oven mitt, as it presents a scald danger if the moisture in the mitt is heated.
• Always keep a potholder, oven mitt and lid handy. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan.
• Never discharge a fire extinguisher onto a pan fire, as it can spray or shoot burning grease around the kitchen, actually spreading the fire.
• If there is an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed and unplug the oven, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you and your clothing.
• If there is a microwave fire, keep the door closed and unplug it. Call the fire department and make sure to have the microwave serviced before you plug it in again. Food cooked in a microwave can be dangerously hot. Remove the lids or other coverings from micro waved food carefully to prevent steam burns.

"Be attentive and just think about what you are doing," said Gregory.

Another problem that the firefighters come across a lot is when people lock their keys in their house.

"A lot of people lock their keys in their house when they have food cooking," said John L. Bradley, Assistant Fire Chief.

"When you have food cooking don't lock the door when you are going to go outside," said Bradley. "Actually you should just finish your cooking, turn the stove off and then go and tend to other activities you might have to do."

Remember to turn off the stove when you are not using it and be attentive when you are.

"If you are going to cook … cook," said Gregory "Don't take your attention off of what you are doing."

Courtesy photo

The remains of a microwave and kitchen area after a grease fire on the stove.

Stay aware while spouses away

Special to the Frontline

Many soldiers are deployed to various places throughout the world. Spouses and love ones are left with many responsibilities and decisions involving day-to-day activities. No one wants to become the victim of a crime. Victims of crimes are often violated and left feeling vulnerable. Here are a few tips that may prevent or reduce the chances of you becoming a victim of a crime.

While at Home:

• Do not advertise that your spouse is away. Only share this precious information with people who need to know.
• Educate your kids about safety issues
• If you own more than one vehicle, alternate driving them
• Keep emergency numbers handy
• Secure all outdoor items at all times
• Secure all doors and windows at all times
• If your house is equipped with an alarm system, activate it
• When feasible use wooden dowels to add extra security to windows and sliding doors
• Do not allow unexpected visitors to enter your home
• Mark and record serial numbers of all valuables
• At least weekly trim the hedges and mow the lawn
• Keep a flashlight handy
• Implement a hurricane evacuation plan and kit
• If you are out for an extended period of time have a neighbor collect the mail

While out:

• Have a friend keep and eye on the house
• Do not flash large sums of money while out shopping. If possible use debit cards or write checks
• Use an ATM from your vehicle or in stores and be aware of your surroundings
• Park in well lighted areas of the parking lot. If possible park within eyesight of the main entrance door.
• Always be aware of your surroundings
• Have your vehicle keys ready before you enter your vehicle at night
• Check for possible intruders before entering your vehicle
• Separate your vehicle keys from your house keys. Therefore, if your vehicles keys are lost or stolen you can at least account for your house keys
• If you have a cell phone, make sure the battery is charged
• Lock all the doors once you enter your vehicle
• Keep the gas tank half full at all time

Additionally, report all crimes to the local authorities or military police as soon as possible and dial 911 for all emergencies.

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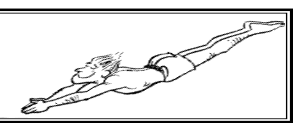

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Holbrook Pond Road

The intersection of Hwy. 144 to FS 48 (tank trail crossing) will be closed to through traffic until 2 p.m. June 6. Subject closure is necessary to accomplish paving of the roadway.

Personnel needing access during this closure can do so by accessing FS 48 (detour via tank trial) Motorists are requested to use caution when utilizing detours.

General Stewart Way

General Stewart Way between the Memorial Drive Intersection east to Button Gwinett School will be closed to traffic until June 10. Subject closure is necessary to accomplish tie-in paving and grading at a new street that will clear the area for the construction of the New Education Center near the main gate.

Detour signage has been installed and traffic will be re-directed. Traffic going westbound on General Stewart Way will be diverted to Main Street and then west onto Memorial Drive. Traffic going eastbound on Memorial Drive will be diverted to Main Street North onto General Stewart Way.

Restoration Advisory Board

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are conducting a community interest survey to determine whether a Restoration Advisory Board would be supported by the local communities.

The RAB would serve as a focal point for the exchange of information between representatives of the installations and the community regarding restoration activities.

If you are interested in completing the survey, have any specific questions about the survey, or need more information concerning environmental investigations and cleanup activities at Fort Stewart/Hunter, please contact Tressa Rutland at (912) 767-2010 (phone) or (912) 767-9779 (fax).

Gulick and Bultman Avenues

The tank trail adjacent to Gulick Avenue and Bultman Avenue intersection west to Frank Cochran Drive will be closed to through traffic until June 15.

Subject closure is urgent and necessary to accomplish construction of an earth berm around the peak shaving gas distribution facility near this intersection.

Family Assistance Center

Effective Tuesday, May 27, the Army Community Service at Fort Stewart will scale back its Family Assistance Center hours of operation. New hours will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekends will be handled with an on call roster and phones forwarded to EOC.

Officer Candidate School

The next HQDA Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted at PERSCOM, July 21 to 25. The Fort Stewart local OCS Board will be conducted on June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at TBD. Packets will be accepted at Bldg. 9126. Deadline for packets to be turned in to the Personnel Action Section, B Co, 3rd SSB is June 10.

Point of contact for this action is Sgt. 1st Class Clark or Sgt. Elkins at 767-5817/1452.

Vacation Bible School

Fort Stewart Son Harvest County Fair will be held 9 a.m. to noon, June 16 to 20 at Brittin Elementary School. Ages 2 to 12 are invited.

Register during Sunday School hour from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. at Diamond Elementary or at Marne Chapel until 280 vacancies are filled. For more information contact Evon Roberts 863-7678 or Marne Chapel 767-8801.

15th Street temporary change

Effective Monday, the traffic at the 15th Street Gate will be temporarily restricted to a single inbound lane. Outbound traffic must exit the installation through any of the other open gates. This restriction will last until first week in June.

Learning center hours

The Main Education and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 respectively, will expand their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours. Two temporary changes are in effect until further notice.Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, will be available 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.

Learning Center, Building 1237 will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Childcare Needed

Military wives in counties surrounding Fort Stewart are needed to provide childcare in their homes.

Free training and assistance offered through Youth Services' Family Childcare program. Why not consider this excellent opportunity to make money?

For more information call 767-2311.

Hunter

Savannah Sand Gnats

Friday's game between the South Georgia Waves (minor league affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers) and the Savannah Sand Gnats at Savannah's Grayson Stadium is Military Appreciation Night. Military ID card holders in attendance will receive a discounted ticket ($1 off regular $5 ticket) and a hot dog and drink.

Transportation to the game is provided by Chatham Area Transit. Buses depart Hunter ACS at 6 p.m. The Sand Gnats are Savannah's only professional sports team. They are a minor league affiliate of the Montreal Expos. The game starts at 7 p.m.

U.S. Army Show

The theme of this year's show is "Legacy", scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m., at the Savannah Civic Center's Johnny Mercer Theatre. The show is a fast-paced 90-minute family-friendly musical medley featuring 17 soldiers performing a variety of music styles including pop, patriotic, country, rhythm and blues, contemporary Latin, and nostalgic rock and roll.

Military personnel and civilians are invited to see this free, top-notched performance. Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis and doors are open one hour prior to performance time. Free transportation to the Civic Center is also available for Hunter soldiers and family members.

Trolleys will leave from the Hunter Club parking lot at 5:30 pm and return at approximately 9 pm. For additional information call 767-2697.

Red Cross Dinner and Movie

The Red Cross will host a free dinner and movie Saturday, June 14 from 4 to 8 pm at the Hunter Club. There will be food, swimming at the pool and a movie! Event is for families of deployed soldiers only – please RSVP by contacting FRG leaders.

Vacation Bible School

The Hunter Chapel will have a Vacation Bible School class from June 9-12, with games, music, arts and crafts. Transportation will be provided for Wilson Acres and Gannam Heights housing areas. Pre-register at the Chapel as seats are limited. Call for more information: 352-5515/5111.

After-school Program

The Hunter Youth Center is now signing up students in the 6th grade level and higher for a free After-School Program. First through 5th graders may also sign up, however, space is limited. Those who are interested can register at Building 1286.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. For reservations call 912-269-0277.

First Steps Program

The First Steps Program needs volunteers. This is a program that provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter. Volunteers make home visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call follow up. Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours. For more information, call 756-6516.

Wilson Avenue

Widening and resurfacing from approximately 800 feet west of the Stephenson Gate to the intersection of Lightening Road is scheduled to commence Monday until July 3, tentatively. Traffic will be maintained to one lane.

Softball

Intramural Softball registration is still open – sign up today! Semi-pro baseball is also available. All sports open to active duty, reserve component soldiers and family members. For more information call Art Lewis, Hunter Sports Office at 352-6749.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290. For more information, call 352-6130.

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 352-6130.

Youth Services

Youth Services is offering tae kwon do classes, golf lessons, weight training, basketball, cheerleading, soccer clinics and much more. For more information call Youth Services at 352-5708 or 352-6075.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Parking Limited Monday

Parking at the front entrance of the hospital will be limited 7 to 10 a.m. Monday. Other hospital parking areas will not be affected.

Family Reunion Support

Family reunion support is available for families having difficulty adjusting after a deployment.

Support is available by appointment or on a walk-in basis. For more information, call 370-6100 or 370-6111.

Preventive Medicine

The Department of Preventive Medicine has relocated to buildings PB473 and PB474, across from Army Community Services. For more information, call 370-5085.

Tobacco Cessation

Tobacco Cessations classes will be available at Winn 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday starting June 26. To register for the class, call 370-5071. The class will be available at Tuttle 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays starting July 2. To register for the class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Bereavement Support Group

The next Sunrise Bereavement Support Group meeting will be held 7 to 8 p.m. June 10 in Winn's chapel. The group is open to any beneficiary who has lost a loved one.

For more information, call 370-6661 or 370-6779.

Coping Support Groups

The Coping Support Group is for adults having difficulty dealing with the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday.

The Coping Support Group for Children meets 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.every Monday for children ages 6 to 9 and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100.

TRICARE Hours of Operation

The TRICARE Service Center will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 370-6015.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions. These questions will be about what healthcare services are available to you - from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments.

For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

Intervention Services

Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments.

For more information, call 370-6349.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependant family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis.

ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

Patients more than 20 weeks pregnant who have questions between their regularly scheduled appointments can call the direct nurse line at 370-6550.

Mental Status Exams

The Behavioral Health Clinic will conduct Active-duty Mental Status Exams 1 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All patients with a completed FL92-R who sign in by 1:30 p.m. will be seen. This exam is not a treatment evaluation.

All soldiers E4 and below must be accompanied by an E5 or higher. For more information, call 370-6100.

CALL 876-0156 TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Civilian, 28-year-old female
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old female
• **Charges:** Transfer of license plate
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 43-year-old male
• **Charges:** Following too closely
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 57-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 24-year-old male, Third Battalion
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 80/40
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Wrongful appropriation of funds
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Civilian, 42-year-old male
• **Charges:** Depositing prohibited matter in U.S. Mail, larceny of government (Iraq) property
• **Location:** Iraq

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 31-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Traffic fatality
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 51-year-old male
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male,, Third Battalion
• **Charges:** Failure to appear
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 55-year-old male
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, Third Battalion
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 45/30
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 37-year-old female
• **Charges:** Aggravated assault, damage to private property, damage to government property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 45-year-old male, 703rd Support Battalion
• **Charges:** Simple assault
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 37-year-old female
• **Charges:** Aggravated assault
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 52-year-old female
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-old female
• **Charges:** Larceny of AAFES property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 34-year-old male, Third Battalion
• **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 28-year-old female
• **Charges:** Driving on suspended license
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 30-year-old male
• **Charges:** Indecent assault
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 38-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeeding 82/55
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Petty Officer 2, 37-year-old male, USN
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Pooler

• **Subject:** Specialist, 33-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Attempted murder, sabotage of U.S. government property
• **Location:** Starke, Fl.

• **Subject:** Specialist, 34-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to wear safety belt
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 33-year-old male
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, 87th Command Support Battalion
• **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 47-year-old male
• **Charges:** Receiving stolen property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, 87th Command Support Battalion
• **Charges:** Simple battery
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 39-year-old female
• **Charges:** Cruelty to children
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Third Battalion
• **Charges:** Weapons violations — carrying a concealed pistol/revolver, failure to obey lawful regulation and/or order
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, 703rd Support Battalion
• **Charges:** Murder
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old female, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Failure to stop at a posted sign, no insurance, driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Headquarters Command
• **Charges:** Simple assault — consummated by battery
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, Headquarters Command
• **Charges:** Simple assault
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, improper lane usage, no proof of insurance
• **Location:** Savannah

Courts-Martial

The following cases were tried by special courts-martial or general courts martial at Fort Stewart with the following results:

Special Courts-Martial

United States v. Pvt. Marcus F. Clark, 1st Battlion, 9th Field Artillery, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On April 16, the military judge found Pvt. Clark guilty of Conspiracy and larceny. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Clark to: be confined for 3 months and a dishonorable discharge.

United States v. Pvt. Christopher G. Abrams 202nd Quartermaster Detachment, 559th Quartermaster Battlaion, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On May 13, the military judge found Pvt. Abrams guilty of Failure to repair and wrongful use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Abrams to: be confined for 5 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pfc. Courtney J. Johnson, Company D, 3rd Forward Support Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On May 15, the military judge found Pfc Johnson guilty of AWOL, failure to repair, disrespect to NCO, disobey order by NCO, aggravated assault, and communicating a threat to NCO's. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Johnson to: be reduced to the grade of E-1, forfiet $776 pay per month for 7 months, confinement for 7 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

General Courts-Martial

United States v. Capt. Kevin W. Church, Headquarters Support Command, 224th Military Intelligence Battlaion, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On May 16, the military judge found Capt. Church guilty of violating a general regulation, false official statement, larceny, make/present false claim, (2 counts), conduct unbecoming an officer, and failure to pay debt. The military judge sentenced Capt. Church to: be confined for one year and a dismissal.

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Fort Stewart McGruff Safe House Program

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Monument to recognize fallen soldiers

Spc. Casandra Bolton
372nd MPAD

The Hinesville Military Affairs Coordinating Committee is sponsoring a memorial addition to Marne Gardens.

The tribute will have a plaque that will recognize the 35 soldiers and four foreign journalist who were killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Donations are being accepted to help with the funding of the memorial.

"Anyone wishing to make a donation can make their checks out to the 'City of Hinesville, Military Affairs Coordinating Committee,'" said David Anderson, chairman of Military Affairs Committee.

The address that donations can be mailed to is 115 M. L. King Dr., Hinesville, GA, 31313.

"Col. (Edwin) Marrero and our Mayor Thomas Ratcliffe had talked about the idea of the memorial," Anderson said.

"At our last meeting, Col. Marrero was present and he presented the plan to the committee,." he said.

After the plan was presented, the committee voted and accepted the challenge of sponsoring the Operation Iraqi Freedom memorial monument.

The addition to Marne Gardens is going to add another walkway that leads up to a memorial in honor of the 34 fallen soldiers.

"It is important that we remember those who gave their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom," Anderson said.

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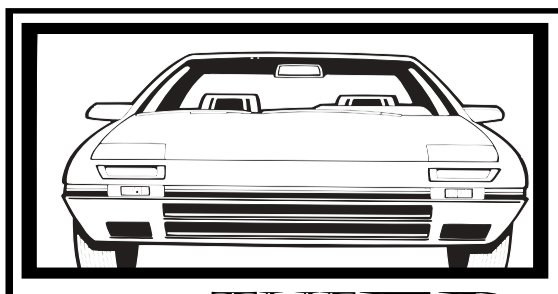

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3rd FSB visits orphanges in Baghdad

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
50th PAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The people of Iraq have endured decades of oppression, poverty and loss. The elder countrymen, in the years leading up the regime of Saddam Hussein, had lived in a time of greater opportunity and less fear.

For the children of this tattered country, oppression, poverty and loss are all they've known.

Soldiers of the 3rd Forward Support Battalion visited some of these children at three orphanages in Baghdad May 24.

Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Heninger, 3rd FSB chaplain, said the reason for the visit is simple.

"We are helping to rebuild the community by reaching out to those in need – the kids," he said. "We want to share the resources we've received from home."

A physician's assistant, a dentist and roughly a dozen soldiers from the 3rd FSB accompanied Heninger. They brought with them humanitarian rations, school and personal supplies, and various treats for the children who ranged in age from 7 months to 17 years.

The first home visited that morning was a Catholic orphanage for girls under the age of 13. Shortly after arriving, Capt. Joseph Bonaville, 3rd FSB dentist, gave each of the 17 girls a dental checkup and toothbrush, while Capt. William Crawford, 3rd FSB physician's assistant, handed out bubbles, toys, candy and temporary tattoos.

The story of one of the girls, a ten year old who was wearing a blue floral dress and a constant smile, was heartbreaking to the 3rd FSB executive officer, Maj. Derrick Norman.

"(The girl) was abandoned in Basra by her parents just days before the war," he said. "One of the nuns found her and brought her up to Baghdad to live in the home."

The youngest girl in the home, an eight year old, also touched his heart.

"She reminded me so much of my daughter," Norman said. "I would love to call my wife and tell her to set a fourth plate on the table."

Before the soldiers departed the home, the girls handed their guests prayer cards and sang them a Christian song in their native tongue.

The next stop was a Missionaries of Charity orphanage, one of many in the world operated by the sisters of Mother Theresa. The orphanage is home to 22 children, boys and girls, who suffer from a variety of physical and mental debilitations.

Pfc. Sara Aderholt, A Company, 3rd FSB, spent most of her time playing with an infant girl, dressing her in a hat and sunglasses, while the other soldiers entertained the children with games of patty cake and peek-a-boo.

"These kids were great," Aderholt said. "Their faces were lit up when we were there. I'm glad I was able to come."

The soldiers having the opportunity to get out and interact with the local populace was another motivating factor for making these visits, according to Heninger.

"(The soldiers) should be given the chance to reach out and help these people," he said. "To lift others up – it opens the door to emotions that have been closed for a while."

The final destination for the soldiers was a home for girls in their teens, operated by a Catholic priest, nuns and other women.

"The home prepares the young women, as they get older, to move on to other homes and build communities," Heninger said.

The soldiers were treated to cookies and juice, and interacted with the girls through a translator while Crawford performed an optometric exam of the priest, who was found to have glaucoma.

"We've spent so much time making this place safe," Heninger said. "We now want to improve the quality of life for these people who have been impoverished for far too long."

As the day drew to a close, spirits were mainly high.

"I've got mixed emotions," Norman said. "What we're doing is great, but I can't help wondering what type of future some of these kids have - I would love for all of them to have the opportunities that children in the (United States) have."

Cpt. William Crawford, 3rd FSB physician's assistant, blows up a balloon for children at an orphanage in Baghdad May 24.

The children from the orphanages, and all of Iraq, are living in a time of uncertainty and change, but according to Heninger, they're going to be all right.

"These kids have the chance to live a life that they could only dream of a year ago – that's a blessing," he said. "They are proof that our presence here has been for the good of the people."

Girl Scouts in Georgia help girls' school in Baghdad

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
50th PAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Girl Scouts of America is an organization that has made contributions to communities in the United States for decades.

One Girl Scout troop in particular, Troop 186 in Vidalia, Ga., has continued that tradition and made a donation to a community half a world away, to girls they've never met.

They raised $1,000 dollars to purchase school supplies for a girls' school in Baghdad, which were hand-delivered to the school by Col. William Grimsley, 1st Brigade Combat Team commander, and other soldiers of the 1st BCT May 28.

"When we first got (to Baghdad), everyone wanted to send stuff," Grimsley said. "We got the message out to send school supplies, not candy or other stuff that would go to waste."

Grimsley's niece, Ari Hodges, a resident of Hagan, Ga., was one of the people who got the message. Hodges, a member of Troop 186, got together with her troop leader and five other girls in the troop to begin a fund-raising drive.

"She's a great kid," Grimsley said. "She's home schooled, helps her parents at their sandwich shop, watches her two-year-old brother and sister, and is active in the community."

The school, which Saddam Hussein took from a Christian church 12 years ago, has more than 150 high-school aged students.

"This is kids helping kids," Grimsley said. "(The Girl Scouts of America) is a great organization that is living up to its values."

Additionally, Troop 186 has given the girls from the school their mailing address to begin a pen pal correspondence.

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Nordstrom, 1st BCT chaplain, helped organize the school-supply effort in the 1st BCT zone.

"This tells me the people in Vidalia not only have patriotic feelings, but have convictions about what (the U.S. Army) is doing here," he said. "And they're willing to back it up with time, money and effort."

Time, money and effort from Americans as well as soldiers have made it possible for school supply donations throughout Baghdad. "This is only the opening shot of the campaign to get supplies to the schools," Grimsley said.

"I appreciate the time that people in the (United States) have taken. The feedback from local residents has been nothing but positive."

During the visit, Grimsley addressed the concerns of the school's staff.

"Their primary concern is security and safety in the area," he said. "(Baghdad) is as safe and secure as any major city in the world."

Before Grimsley and the other soldiers of 1st BCT departed, the headmistress, teachers and students of the school thanked them and the girls of Troop 186 for the much-needed donation.

"My prayers are that these children have the same opportunities and freedoms that my children do," Nordstrom said. "(Troop 186) is doing their part to give the children these gifts."

On Saturday, the 1st BCT will continue the school-supply effort by delivering supplies to 105 schools in their zone.

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LIFE & TIMES

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On Post

Spouses' night out

A Spouses' Night Out will be held 6 to 10 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart's Patriot Corner. There will be line dancing and ballroom dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be board games, music, snacks, cards and a beverage station. Child care is available, call CYS at 767-3203 for child care requirements.

Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills.

The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone.

For more information, call 767-0383 or email at **Bowenja@stewart.army. mil**.

Education Center hours

The Main Education Center and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 have expanded their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours until no longer needed.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Center, Building 1237, will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Swimming lessons

Classes are open to military adults and children, DoD civilians, retirees, National Guardsmen and Army Reservists.

The two-week sessions will be held at Corkan Gym and Bryan Village Pool during June and July. the cost is $25 for youth and adults, $15 for infants and toddlers.

Call 767-2312 to sign up for swimming lessons.

Prayer service

The installation commander announces a weekly prayer service, noon to 12:20 p.m., Thursdays at Marne Chapel. It is a prayer time for Remembrance and Hope.

CYS Central Registration

The CYS Central Registration, Building 443 will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Friday by appointment only; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only and all day Wednesday for walk-in. Pick up records from your child's program (SAS, CDC, FCC and YS) prior to update. For more information, call 767-2312.

Fathers Day BBQ

A Fathers Day Sunday Brunch will be held June 15 at the Stewart Club. There will be a variety of different grilled foods offered. Adults $11.95 — children ages 9-12 eat for half price, ages 8 and under eat FREE! Bring 20 or more people and get $1 off.

Off Post

Parent's night out

Enjoy a night out while your kids have fun at the YMCA 5 to 10 p.m., Fridays and every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Rates per child, per hour are E-1 through E-4, $1; E-5 through E-6, $1.25 and all others, $1.50. Children may bring swimsuits. Registration is required and may be completed when children are dropped off.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Four generations come, pay their respects

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff Writer

Fort Stewart traces its roots back to 1940 when Congress authorized the acquisition of land to build an anti-aircraft artillery training center. Those first 5,000 acres were named Camp Stewart after Brig. Gen Daniel Stewart, Revolutionary War hero, Liberty County native and great-grandfather of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Five thousand acres became 280,000.

To make room for the growing post, communities had to be displaced. Generations were forced to move from the land that their ancestors had homesteaded.

In an effort to maintain the dignity of those who once occupied the land that is now Fort Stewart, cemeteries and burial grounds are preserved ... but not forgotten.

For more than 60 years, every year on the first Sunday in June, ancestors and former residents of the farming community known as Sand Hill congregate at the old Sand Hill cemetery to honor and remember their heritage and preserve the history of the now extinct Sand Hill society.

June 1 was no exception. The nearly 40 visitors were warmly welcomed by Maj. Dan Conklin, Division Artillery rear detachment commander. He explained to them what the mission of Fort Stewart is, and how garrison command is helping to keep Sand Hill cemetery a living piece of the past.

Jimmy Smith's family grew up in Sand Hill. His parents were displaced when the government bought the land for Fort Stewart around 1940. All of his grandparents are buried here.

"Because of Fort Stewart I wasn't able to come here often," he said tearfully, "(But) I understand the reasons, and I support it."

Four generations of Smiths were present. His aunt Madell Robinson, Smith's son Jamey and grandson Tripp come every year to soak up the family's past.

Training prohibits visiting the resting ancestors except for the first Sunday in June, and sometimes upon special request Fort Stewart will grant a call.

Robinson, who is 94 years old, recounted her youth in Sand Hill.

Gazing at a grave marker, she descried the name of an uncle who was stricken down by a rattlesnake at age 16, in 1908.

She laughed about a time, at 10 or 12 years old, she was playing with her friends and slipped off of a log on the dam somewhere behind the cemetery.

"I ruined my patent-leather shoes," giggled Robinson.

The government paid as little as two dollars per acre to the families of Sand Hill, not enough money even in those days to buy the land needed to start a new farm. Many were forced to move to nearby Claxton or Jesup in an attempt to eek out living.

With all of this, Robinson only holds a few negative feelings.

"The only thing I don't like is that they moved us," she said. "I'm very thankful we have a military."

Jamey finds himself in reverie when he comes to the cemetery.

He would like to be buried there when the time comes, but his family is against it, because of the limited opportunity to visit this hallowed ground.

"I love it out here," he said.

Jamey understands the importance of empowering his young son with his legacy, by bringing him here every year.

"This is my roots ... I want (Tripp) to see that," he said.

As the Smith family walked through the rows of antique graves, Conklin said he was honored to be a part of the occasion.

"This community was forced to move from this land in 1942. It's very important to them to come and remember," Conklin said.

DIVARTY is in charge of community relations in Tattnall County.

Fort Stewart shepherds five counties in all: Liberty, Evans, Bryan, Long and Tattnall County.

"The military appreciates their sacrifice," he said, "They're as much patriots as we are."

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Jimmy Smith stands at the grave of his grandparents with his aunt Madell Robinson, son Jamey and grandson Tripp.

There are some 60 cemeteries from the pre-Stewart period scattered around post, and not all of those are visited as frequently as Sand Hill.

Years pass, and the elderly find it more difficult to make the exhausting journey out here. Few are the number of people left who even recall the days of Sand Hill.

"There used to be about 200 people here. There are fewer and fewer every year ... it's sad," lamented Jamey.

Compensation starting for disabled retirees

Laura Paul
Army Retirement Services

Certain disabled military retirees may be eligible for Combat-Related Special Compensation enacted by Congress in the Fiscal Year 2003 Defense Authorization Act effective May 31.

To be eligible, the military retiree must have at least 20 years of active duty or a combination of active duty and Reserve points equaling 20 years of full-time active duty (7200 points) and either a disability rating of 10 percent or higher associated with award of a Purple Heart; or a disability rating of 60 percent or higher for other illnesses or injuries attributed to combat situations, combat-oriented training, hazardous duty or instrumentality of war.

CRSC is not granted automatically. Retirees who believe they are eligible must apply for the benefit. CRSC payments will equal the amount of Veterans Administration compensation received for Purple Heart-related disabilities or combat-related disabilities described previously minus any additional compensation received for dependents. CRSC is separate from a special compensation program enacted several years ago, known as "Severely Disabled Special Compensation." Eligible retirees cannot receive both benefits; they must choose either CRSC or SDSC.

Once the retiree applies for the benefit, a team from the retiree's military service will review the application and documentation submitted by the retiree and determine which disabilities, if any, are combat-related.

Retirees will be informed of the outcome of the service's review. If denied, they may reapply later if they can provide additional, clarifying or new documentation; or appeal the decision if they believe their disabilities were combat-related, but were denied compensation by their service.

Payments for qualified retirees will accrue beginning June 1 with first payments possible on July 1. Members must apply to their own uniformed service using DD Form 2860. The application form and instructions (including the service-specific address to which to send the application) are available at **www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/**, **www.dior.whs.mil/forms/DD2860.PDF** or **http://web1.whs.osd.mil/icdhome/DD2500-.htm** or through Army Installation Retirement Services Officers. Retirees who want to apply for CRSC should read the form and instructions carefully to determine if they might be eligible.

Army retirees with questions about the form or benefit can call 1-866-281-3254 after June 2 to leave a message for the office that is reviewing the applications.

Scholarships for Military Children program hits new highs

Pfc. Emily Danial

Jeremy R. Friedman, Hunter recipient of DeCA's Scholarships for Military Children, poses with Command Sgt. Maj. Mittie Smith, Hunter garrison command sergeant major and Lt. Col. Gerald Davie, Hunter garrison commander.

DeCA press release

FORT LEE, Va. – The number of students receiving a $1,500 scholarship from the Scholarships for Military Children program hit an all-time high in 2003 — and so did the number of applicants.

"We're excited to announce a record number of awards for 2003," said Defense Commissary Agency Director Maj. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer. "At least 550 students will each receive a $1,500 scholarship. It's also evident that word is spreading about this great program as over 6,500 applications were received this year. That represents a 28-percent increase over 2002."

"We're pleased with the response here at Fort Stewart," said Fort Stewart Commissary Store Director Don Snelsire. Recipients at Fort Stewart are Chad Humphrey, Alisha Hunter and Lucretia Portwine. The recipient at Hunter Army Airfield is Jeremy R. Friedman.

The full list of 2003 awardees and the sponsoring business partners are available through a link on **www.commissaries.com**. Each recipient received a notification letter.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that provide support for commissaries worldwide and administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building 31 comfort homes near military medical centers. The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every dollar donated goes for scholarships.

The program awarded 400 scholarships in its first year and 520 in 2002 and the number of awards is solely based on funding.

"Several commissary business partners who had not participated in the past donated to this year's program," said Ken Fisher, Vice Chairman, Fisher House Foundation. "We are encouraged that we can expand the program as more vendors become involved."

"The scholarship program exemplifies just one way DeCA, industry and the military community partner to create a win-win situation for everyone," said Snelsire.

Awards in the Scholarships for Military Children program are based on academics, activities, and the quality of essays written by applicants.

GPTV brings Share a Story to Stewart kids

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff Writer

Public Broadcasting Service has been a part of almost everybody's life for a number of years. When we were young, we got to watch Mister Rogers change into his slippers.

Those with children surely look forward to finding out what the next letter and number of the day will be on Sesame Street. "Channel 13" was immortalized by the legendary Billy Joel in the hit song "Pressure," and before there was a Food Network, the Frugal Gourmet cooked up a scandal as well as delicacies.

Georgia Public Broadcasting partnered with PBS has taken educational programming to the next level by bringing PBS' national Share a Story initiative to Fort Stewart's Bryan Youth Center May 30.

From 9 a.m. to noon, kids ages five to eight participated in "literacy-focused activities" such as a story reading, face painting and the creation of their own story.

The face painting and book reading were mostly centered on popular PBS shows like "Arthur," "Clifford the Big Red Dog" and "Dragon Tales," which can be seen on WVAN, channel 9, Savannah's PBS station.

"It's fun reading to the kids," said Carmen Marrero, volunteer.

The heart of the program was the "Share a Story template," said Mandy Wilson, GPTV publicist.

The template, designed much like the popular party game "Mad Libs," encourages children's' creativity by letting them fill in the important blank spaces while the story is outlined for them. Room for illustrations in the booklet further enhances creativity, she said.

A decision was made to have the story be about a strong male presence in their lives, probably their father, because so many of them are now in Iraq, Wilson said.

Seven-year-old Jasmine Coles' father is in Iraq. Her spirits were high as she wrote her story and drew pictures about him.

"I think it's wonderful writing this story, because our daddy misses us," she said cheerfully.

Scores of excited children also had a chance to have their picture taken with characters from the television program "Arthur." They laughed and shouted and tried to be first in line at this event.

GPTV brings educational content to thousands of families, providing more than 3,000 hours, of commercial-free children's shows every year, said James M. Lyle, executive director, GPTV.

"Each one of our programs is commercial free and violence free ... programming that parents can trust," he said.

GBP is comprised of three components and covers the entire state with public broadcasting. GPTV brings PBS stations on television, Georgia Public Radio and National Public Radio affiliates and PeachStar Education Services, which provides scholastic curriculum supplements.

According to Lyle, the move to bring Share a Story to Fort Stewart in order to expose military children to a hands-on, enjoyable learning experience was a conscious one. GPTV wanted to target an installation that had a large number of soldiers in Iraq.

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Carmen Marrero reads a story about "Arthur," who watchs on as children cheer.

"One of the things we wanted to do is recognize these children," he said. "We wanted to do this on behalf of our soldiers over there. It's our way of saying thank you."

State Rep. Al Williams whose district covers Fort Stewart said he feels that proper education is very important to the success of children's future, and thinks that public broadcasting should be a part of it.

He was on hand to watch this exhilarating learning experience and groundbreaking program brought on post.

"I'm a great supporter of public television ... I like to think that we have one of the finest public broadcasting centers in the nation," he said.

Williams was very happy to see GPTV honoring military families.

"We realize as members of the legislature, that Fort Stewart is such an integral part of the Liberty County community ... we thought it would be a great time to cheer everybody up," he said.

Children were not the only ones cheered up by the Share a Story program.

Lizzie Marrero, wife of Col. Edwin Marrero, installation chief of staff, wanted her grandson to be a part of this special opportunity.

She said,"I brought my grandson Eddie. It's really a pleasure being out here!"

What's in the water you are drinking?

DPW
Special to the Frontline

The Directorate of Public Works is pleased to present Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's annual Water Quality Report. This report provides you with a detailed account of all the water monitoring and testing results gathered during 2002. As always, DPW's constant goal is to provide our patrons with safe and dependable drinking water. Additional copies of this report will be available by calling 767-2010

Where Does My Water Come From?

Fort Stewart's main water supply comes from five municipal groundwater wells that are approximately 500-feet deep, while Hunter residents are serviced by two 500-feet deep wells. Groundwater is stored in permeable rock layers called aquifers, which are like underground lakes. Our groundwater is supplied by the Upper Floridan Aquifer. Before the water is distributed, the water is chlorinated to kill disease-causing organisms and fluoridated to promote dental health.

Protecting Water Sources

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the land or through the ground, water dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. Therefore, water can pick up substances as by-products from both the presence of animals and human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

• Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

• Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial and domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, or mining and farming activities.

• Pesticides or herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban runoff, and residential uses.

• Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals , which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and they can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

• Radioactive contaminants, which can be either naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same public health protection. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment

A source water assessment has been performed on the source of your drinking water (the Upper Floridan Aquifer). The Wellhead Protection Plans at Fort Stewart and Hunter were developed to determine the susceptibility of contaminants entering our drinking water supply and to better identify ways for protecting our water source. For further information, a copy of these Wellhead Protection Plans may be reviewed at the Environmental Office, 1550 Frank Cochran Dr. (Bldg. 1137), Fort Stewart, GA 31314-4927. Point of contact is Tressa Rutland, 912-767-2010.

Vulnerability

Both MEDDAC'S Preventive Medicine and the DPW continually monitor the drinking water for contaminants. Our water is safe to drink; however, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

As mentioned, Fort Stewart and Hunter monitor constantly for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. The table lists only those contaminants that had some level of detection. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Many other contaminants have been analyzed also, but were either not present or were below the detection of the laboratory equipment.

Conserving Our Water Supply

Every day throughout the world, nations are facing water problems in terms of both quantity and quality. Between 1950 and 1970, global water demand tripled and is expected to double within 35 years. Although 75 percent of the earth is covered by water, only one percent is available as renewable fresh water, and only about one-third of all precipitation that falls on the land goes back to the oceans by rivers and runoff. We are a nation whose water needs are rapidly rising while available supplies are shrinking; regional water crises are becoming increasingly frequent as water tables are falling and stream flow is decreasing. We can no longer take our drinking water for granted. This means that individuals, municipalities, industries, and governments must be proactive in conserving and protecting our water supplies. As Georgia continues to experience the after effects of the previous years conditions, we must realize that the consequences of such little rainfall are far-reaching, affecting humans, wildlife, and vegetation. Additionally, the severity of its impact on society is often exacerbated by the demand that people place on the water supply. Water is the most precious commodity we have on this planet; we ought not to treat it as if it were an unlimited resource. By shifting our priorities for water usage, we can prevent water scarcity. The well has run dry in many places — let's not make our community next!

Georgia Water Restrictions

Over the last four years, much of Georgia has suffered through drought conditions. As a result, the Coastal Empire had been under strict water usage restrictions for the past year. However, due to long overdue rainfall and people adhering to restrictions, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has been able to revise the water restrictions for most of the State of Georgia that were mandated and originally put into effect in June 2000.

In March, the Board of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources approved alternate day outdoor watering restrictions. Currently, homes and businesses with odd-numbered addresses may water on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Likewise, homes and businesses with even-numbered or unnumbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays while all outdoor watering will be prohibited on Fridays. Although the water usage restriction situation for our area has changed, the need to manage and maintain our limited water supplies has not.

Everyone at Fort Stewart and Hunter must continue to do their part by conserving water. Changing our water use habits in ways that will help the resource sustain itself is important not only for ourselves and for the animals and plants upon which we depend for food, but also for future generations. Compared to a year ago, the outlook is brighter for our water supply but we need to continue conserving to help eliminate drought conditions for the State and to help us all in the future.

Water Quality Data

Detected Contaminants[1]

Parameter	MCL	MCLG	Fort Stewart Detected	Fort Stewart Range of Detection	Fort Stewart Sample Date[2]	Hunter Detected	Hunter Range of Detection	Hunter Sample Date[2]	Violation	Source of Contaminants
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.11	0.59-2.1	Jan-Dec2002	1.14*	0.26-1.44	Jan-Dec 2002	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which pro motes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	0	2.5**	0-2.8	Aug 2002	2.5**	0-3	Aug 2002	NO	Corrosion on household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppb)	AL=1300	0	56**	0-94	Aug 2002	50**	0-99	Aug 2002	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

1–The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk as some contaminants naturally occur in drinking water systems.

2–Based on most recent sampling requirement

*Average of all detections.

*Value represents 90th percentile value of most recent sampling, see frequency below.

Terms and Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: Level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level: Highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ppm: Parts per million; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in $10,000.

ppb: Parts per billion; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in $10,000,000.

TTHM: Total Trihalomethanes; by-products of drinking water disinfection.

Range: The range of the highest and lowest analytical values of a reported contaminant. For example, the range of an unregulated contaminant may be 10.1 (lowest value) to 13.4 (highest value). EPA requires the range to be reported for certain analytes.

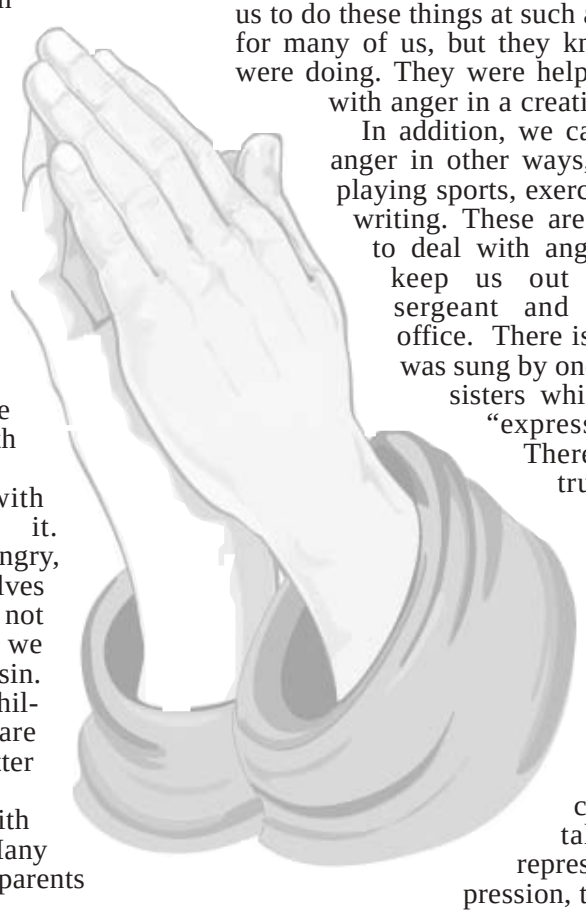
n/d- Not Detected.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dealing with anger

Chaplain (Maj.) Calvin G. Dixon
Special to The Frontline

Anger is an emotion. From the beginning of time, humans have expressed their anger, sometimes in healthy ways and sometimes in unhealthy ways. Of all the four emotions, anger seems to be the one emotion which causes more problems for the military community.



Even though anger is an emotion created by our creator, anger can affect one's physical, emotional, mental, social, financial and spiritual well-being. In this series, I will discuss two of the four ways of dealing with anger.

First, we can deal with anger by confessing it. Sometimes when we are angry, we fail to admit to ourselves that we are angry. This is not healthy. Jesus said that we could be angry, but not to sin. Soldiers, spouses, and children, confess that you are angry; you will feel better within.

Second, we can deal with anger by expressing it. Many of our parents and grandparents were good psychologists. They knew when we were angry and what to do with our anger. Grandmother would say "Boy! Go cut some wood for the fireplace or go and put that rug across the clothes lines and beat it with that broom over there."

We did not know why our parents told us to do these things at such a time of crisis for many of us, but they knew what they were doing. They were helping us to deal with anger in a creative manner.

In addition, we can express our anger in other ways, for example: playing sports, exercising, singing, writing. These are healthy ways to deal with anger which will keep us out of the first sergeant and commander's office. There is a song which was sung by one of the stapler sisters which is entitled, "express yourself." There is a lot of truth in this song.

We can express ourselves using the anger which is within us to help us stay healthy. In our next discussion, I shall talk about repression and suppression, two other ways

Pet of the Week

Snowball is a 2-year-old male cat that was left on the door step of the Veterinary Clinic. He is very friendly and gets along well with other pets.

If interested in adopting a cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday "Protestant Worship"	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Jewish		
Friday Shabbos Service	Marne	6 p.m.
Weekday Kaddish	Marne	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Contemporary Service		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

CALL 876-0156 TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts opened

The Hunter gym's basketball courts are newly renovated and now open.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

Classes are held 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults, Tuesday and Thursday at Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Road in Bryan Village next to the shoppette.

The cost is $30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is $15 per person.

A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is $20 per couple. For more information, call 767-4866.

Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only.

Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Golf course

Taylors Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

- **Troops Tune Up**, a soldiers free clinic, is held every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **A Ladies Free Clinic** is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- **A "Junior Golf Academy"** is scheduled be held during the summer.

Anyone who wants to schedule a fundraising event for Family Support Groups, Unit Activities or a private organization is asked to contact Charlie Dobbertin at 767-2370.

Pool passes

Pool passes will be available May 23. Call Andy Arrington, DCAS Aquatic Director, at 767-3034 for more information.

Picnic areas

Picnic areas are available at Fort Stewart and Hunter. To reserve the picnic areas, call Outdoor Recreation Center at 767-8609.

The center also rents boats, trailers and kayaks, as well as small items such as cookers, pots and pans.

Off Post

Firecracker 5000

The Island Packet Firecracker 5000 Road Race and Fun Walk will be held 8 a.m. July 4 at the Mall at Shelter cove.

Runners from all over the United States participate in this Independence Day Event. It is the largest road race in Beaufort County and will be limited to the first 1,000 participants registered.

For more information or to register, contact Bear Foot Sports at (843)379-3440 or register online at **www.bearfootsports.com**.

10K & 5K Road Race

Second Annual Army Hooah Road Race to be held 7:30 (5K) and 7:45 (10K) a.m., Saturday, June 7. Registration fee is $10.

For more information call 770-920-2881, 404-464-8119, or visit **Margaret.Bozgoz.@usarc-emh2.army.mil**

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Running and readiness

File photo

Excessive or improper physical training causes the greatest number of lower-extremity overuse injuries due to an unreasonable volume of ground-impact force without adequate and progressive conditioning or recovery time.

Musculoskeletal injuries leading health problem in Army

Maj. Steven H. Bullock
Physical Therapy Consultant, USACHPPM

Overcoming rigorous physical challenges helps develop the essential qualities of character and mental toughness in our soldiers. However, blind pursuit of these goals may jeopardize other important combat readiness requirements such as physical performance and health.

Military medical research and surveillance show that musculoskeletal injuries are the leading health problem of today's Army and are the single most significant peacetime threat to military medical readiness. Excessive or improper physical training causes the greatest number of lower-extremity overuse injuries due to an unreasonable volume of ground-impact force without adequate and progressive conditioning or recovery time.

According to data from the Defense Medical Surveillance System (**http://amsa.army.mil/**), musculoskeletal injury was the single leading cause of hospitalizations and outpatient visits during 2001, resulting in more than 900,000 clinic visits (more than one third of all visits).

Many of these visits were for serious injuries — 29,000 visits for upper-extremity fractures, 28,000 visits for lower-extremity fractures, and another 29,000 visits for ruptured knee ligaments and torn cartilage. These and other less serious injuries result in more than 400,000 medical profiles annually that negatively impact force readiness.

While Army operations are risky and it is unlikely that we will ever completely eradicate all musculoskeletal injuries, much can be done to prevent them, especially PT-related injuries such as stress fractures, overuse knee pain and tendonitis.

Overtraining of soldiers who are at the highest risk (those of average and below average fitness level) is the primary cause of high injury rates. Units that have high injury rates and declining Army Physical Fitness Test scores are exhibiting two key signs of overtraining. Paradoxically, for trainees who are overtrained, decreasing the amount of running miles will not only reduce their injury risk and lead to reduced attrition risk, but also will increase their physical performance.

Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, commander of U.S. Army Accessions Command, expressed similar sentiments to all initial entry training commandants:

"Far too often we underestimate the liabilities of excessive running and write off the training injuries as acceptable losses — they are not," he said.

Enough evidence exists to show that reducing the volume of distance running will reduce injuries. Over the last 10 years, well-controlled studies show that injury rates decrease by reducing the number of miles run while simultaneously improving physical fitness and performance.

In a study published in 1994, Army researchers showed that a battalion of infantry basic trainees who ran 56 miles during a 12-week training period had 24 percent fewer injuries and improved their two-mile run time compared to a battalion that ran 130 miles during the same period.

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Since then, more studies in the Australian Army, the U.S. Marines, and initial entry trainees at Fort Jackson, Fort Sam Houston, and Aberdeen Proving Ground have reinforced this finding.

So why does the Army continue to run long distances when it could realize better gains in aerobic physical fitness with much fewer injuries by running less?

The answer seems to be a misplaced trust in the "more is better" approach to training. The national running craze of the late 1970's and the competitive model of pushing individuals to their limits for maximum improvement inspired the Army's running culture.

By the 1980's, the Army eventually gravitated toward distance running as the centerpiece of its PT program. Army PT evolved into something far different from the battle-focused intent of FM 21-20 (Physical Fitness Training). Today the most common training error from basic combat training to airborne operational units is overtraining, resulting from excessive distance running.

Top military fitness professionals and researchers (as well as civilian strength and conditioning experts of the professional and elite sports world) advocate fitness programs based on gradual progression of volume and intensity, precise movement skills, varied musculoskeletal stresses, and adequate recovery time.

Running should still be an important part of some Army PT sessions but should be done in lower volume — balancing longer runs with shorter, faster interval training and more adequate recovery between runs. Units would do well to replace much of their long-slow distance runs with weekly interval training sessions and ability group running.

Biomechanical stress is reduced and training effect is enhanced when sustained short-fast type running (traditional AGRs), fartleks, and last-man-up are performed in ability groups.

Constantly pushing soldiers to run farther in training with the misguided thought that it will improve two-mile run scores on the Army Physical Fitness Test or to meet a unit's "traditional requirement" of running five miles under a certain time is counterproductive.

The result of such excessive running negatively impacts combat readiness by increasing injuries without any appreciable net gain in physical fitness or performance. The practice of unit competition for the highest average APFT scores should be discouraged as it promotes achievement of high scores without regard to the health of the unit as a whole.

Since physical readiness is a function of both injury and performance, units should instead be encouraged to compete for the highest pass rate with the fewest number of injuries and leaders rated as such on their evaluation reports.

By following the principles of smarter physical training, individuals and units can achieve greater physical-fitness success in a shorter period of time while losing fewer soldiers to attrition, thereby improving readiness and reducing the burden of injury to the health-care system.

Distance running must be de-emphasized and valuable PT time maximized to achieve an optimal balance of strength, speed, coordination, agility, power, and stamina in the Army's greatest asset — the soldier.

Stewart, Hunter offer variety of summer sports

Spc. Lisa Lotter
107th MPAD

Are you and your family ready to take on the heat?

As the month of June begins, the summer's heat blazes wickedly reminding all of us that it is primetime to get out of the house and get involved in some fun outdoor sports.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield sports facilities are working hard this year to offer a variety of activities to military members and their family: activities such as swimming, tennis, basketball, baseball and softball.

The first challenge this season is the Tennis Tournament that will take place June 10 to 12 at Newman Gym on Fort Stewart, and at Pinwheel Barracks on Hunter Army Airfield.

There will be five divisions; the men's single, women's single, men's doubles, women's doubles, and men's "B". Those eligible to participate are Active Duty Military, National Guard, Reserves, Family Members, Retiree and Civilians. The deadline to enter is Friday.

For more information regarding the Tennis tournament or other upcoming events call Fort Stewart Sports Office at 767-8326 or 352-6749.

So pick up the phone and get the family involved in the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's summer challenge. Just don't forget the mosquito repellent or the sun block!

Marne Scoreboard

Aerobics

Newman Fitness Center
Aerobics schedule

Mondays	
Latino Rhythm	7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Busy Feet Workout	9 to 10 a.m.
	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays	
Butts and Gutts	7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Basic Training Workout	9 to 10 a.m.
Cardio-Stepping	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays	
Caliente	7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Cardio Kick-boxing	9 to 10 a.m.
Step-kicking	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Thursday	
Basic Training Workout	9 to 10 a.m.
	4:30 to 5:30
Fridays	
"Master C" Workout	7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
"Killer Friday"	9 to 10 a.m.
	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays	
"Pick Your Poison"	9 to 10 a.m.

Hunter Fitness Center
Aerobics schedule

Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Cardio-Stepping
Cardio-Kicking
Buns/Thighs Weights
AB Work Stretch

Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.
Cardio-Stepping
Low Impact
Jump Rope
Weights
AB Work Stretch

Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

Spring Schedule

Spring schedule for softball, racquetball and tennis
Call 767-8326 to sign up.

Softball League	May 3-June 26
Softball Tournament	July 7-10
Racquetball Tournament	June 14 & 15
Tennis League	June 9-26

Got Scores? Contact the *Frontline* staff at 767-3440 or e-mail Frontline@stewart.army.mil.

Volunteer Spotlight

Jennifer Collins

Jennifer Collins is a volunteer for the Family Advocacy Program at ACS. Her home town is Geneva, Ind., and her husband is attached to 632nd Maintenace.

She receives gratification by sharing her story with others who may have domestic violence or child abuse in their lives.

Jennifer said "by being a volunteer I try to bring awareness to others who may be in a situation of violence and abuse and I am happy to help them."

If you would like more information about becoming an ACS volunteer, visit ACS at Building 470 on Fort Stewart, Building 1286 on Hunter Army Airfield or for more information, call Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058.

WOODRUFF THEATER

Jun 6 — Jun 11

Admission for all shows is $3 for adults, $1.50 for children.

Anger Management (PG-13)

Starring: Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson
Free Showing Tonight
A young mild-mannered businessman is wrongly accused of a crime and sentenced to an anger management program. His instructor is a crazed psycho with his own anger problems capable of making his new student blow his lid.
Run Time: 101 minutes

Holes (PG)

Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Sigourney Weaver
Free Showing Friday and Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m.
A teenager sent to a detention camp is forced by a warden, who paints her fingernails with snake venom, to dig a hole five feet deep every day to build character.
Run Time: 117 minutes

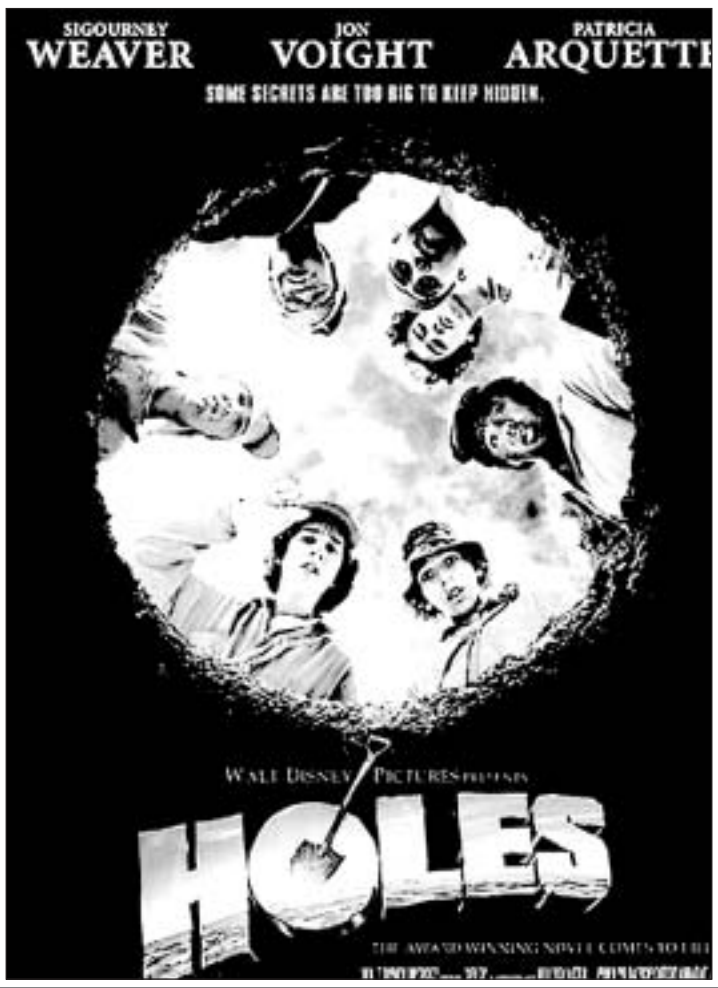
Bulletproof Monk (PG-13)

Starring: Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.
A mysterious monk has protected a sacred scroll for 60 years and now must find a new scrollkeeper. Kar inadvertently saves the monk from capture and the two become partners in a scheme to save the world from the scroll's most avid pursuer.
Run Time: 104 minutes

Confidence (R)

Starring: Edward Burns, Paul Giamatti
Wednesday at 7 p.m.
A swindling job stealing money goes wrong. Corpses start popping up, and it's only a matter of time until Jake and his gang's number is called.
Run Time: 98 minutes

Free Showing
Friday and Saturday – Holes



Birth announcements

May 19

Jacob Scott Reynolds, a boy, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Travis Reynolds and Rebecca Reynolds.

May 20

Gabriel Thomas Robinson, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Robert T. Robinson Jr., and Traci Rathburn Robinson.

Alliah Taylor-Rena Brown, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Kevin D. Burke and Pfc. Charletta Brown.

May 22

Tostadas Daitwan Pouncey, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Sgt. Ignacio Javier Pouncey and Spc. Pamela Sheneka Pouncey.

Breanna Aaliyha Ball, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Michael Ball and Spc. Regina Ball.

Ashley Lauren Morris, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Capt. Shane Austin Morris and Stephanie Lynn Morris.

Serenity Alaysia Smith,, a girl, 5 pounds, 5 ounces, born Sgt. Derrick Dacy Smith and Ketura Larissa Smith.

Justin Reese Crawley, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Richard Crawley and Sgt. Brandi Crawley.

May 23

Malik Duane Gates, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Duane Carl Gates and Kisha Gates.

Aija Sierra Simmons, a girl, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Derman B. Simmons Jr., and Claudia Simmons.

May 24

Damauri Abdul Jamal Edwards, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Danny Edwards and Beyneska Edwards.

May 25

Emily Grace Candelaria-Alvarez, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pvt. 2 David Candelaria-Alvarez and Pfc. Kate A. Eserjose.

Austin Jeffrey Brown, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Pfc. Jenna Nicole Brown.

De'Sean Marquis Raines, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Raines and Natasha Raines.

May 26

Logan Michael Seth Hearld, Jr., a boy, 11 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Seth Evan Timothy Hearld.

May 27

Lacey Aryn Myers, a girl, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Barry E. Myers and Rebecca A. Myers.

Drinking & Driving Don't Mix