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# Sports USA ups security

**Pfc. Katherine Robinson**  
Staff Writer

Every Saturday night at about midnight, as Hinesville alcohol sales come to a halt, hundreds of soldiers and civilians flock to Sports USA, the sports bar/dance club on post, not yet ready to call it a night.

And every Saturday night since early July, the post military police have been occupied trying to break up fights and disturbances, and often had to shut the crowded club down early, according to Capt. Joseph Rogish, Fort Stewart chief of Law Enforcement Operations.

"People in large numbers, drinking large amounts of alcohol are very brave," Rogish said. "They think they can get away with anything."



Pfc. Katherine Robinson

**A view from inside Sports USA. The club is implementing new security measures.**

Starting last weekend, Sports USA, in conjunction with the MPs and the shoppettes, are implementing a series of security measures and rules to

help make Sports USA a safer place to be.

The new rules will have a positive effect, according to club manager Yvette Shepherd. They will help keep the troublemakers out and make the club a positive environment for those who go there to have a good time.

The security measures start at the installation gates, where the Random Anti-terrorism Measures Program will increase checks between midnight and 3 a.m. to identify underage drinkers and drunk drivers. Gate guards will also not allow civilians heading to the club to enter Fort Stewart unless they are accompanied by a soldier, a Department of Defense employee, a retiree or other authorized personnel in the same car.

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## A Co 92nd Eng Bn returns safe and sound

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**  
Associate Editor

The "A Team" soldiers returned home to Fort Stewart Sunday afternoon to cheers, hugs and kisses after spending seven months in Afghanistan.

A Company, 92nd Engineer Battalion soldiers were deployed to the Kandahar region for seven months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"It went really well. We did a lot of construction upgrades for the area. We pretty much built the whole thing up from ground zero. There wasn't anything there when we got there. We built accommodations for the incoming soldiers to better their living conditions," said Staff Sgt. Vincent E. Bourket, construction supervisor, as he held his two daughters, 6-year-old Corey and 2-year-old Raven, and tried to kiss his wife Rachael, all at the same time.

The engineer soldiers built the base camp for soldiers in Kandahar, according to Capt. Robert Croke, assistant battalion S-3. "We assisted the 101st engineers doing runway repair. We built a lot of tents, electrical installation and earthwork. We put gravel down at all the life support areas to get soldiers out of the dust," he said.

Everybody had a specific role, all part of the same team, in the fight against terrorism. Sgt. James Lilly, a mechanic with the battalion, said, "Basically I fixed



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

**Staff Sgt. Vincent E. Bourket, construction supervisor, gets a warm welcome from his two daughters, Corey, 6, and Raven, 2. A Co., 92nd Eng. Bn. was deployed for seven months to the Kandahar region in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.**

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## 1/3 Avn returns from Operation Desert Spring

**Staff Sgt. Ranston V. Harvey**

Hunter Public Affairs

Approximately 85 soldiers from 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, returned to Hunter Army Airfield Sunday night following a six-month deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Spring.

Their mission in Operation Desert Spring was to help deter Iraqi aggression and defend Kuwait.

Lt. Col. Dan Williams, battalion commander of 1/3 Avn. Regt., said his unit performed well under very hot temperatures. "The operation went extremely well. We set all kinds of records," said Williams. "This was the first time the Longbow Apache was out in the field."

New to the 1/3 Avn.

Regt., Williams took command of the battalion June 24 and headed for Kuwait July 1. "That's what we train for," said Williams. "They call it the 'Marne Express.' There's nothing like that kind of an operation - that kind of environment to get to know your people. We have a fine group of soldiers."

After a 15-hour flight, the soldiers received a warm welcome from an awaiting crowd of family members, friends and coworkers.

"I'm excited - overjoyed. Six months is a long time when you're waiting for someone," said Nelisha Dukes, spouse of Staff Sgt. Brad Dukes, 1/3 Avn. Regt. Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical noncommissioned officer. "The time he spent over there was not in



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## 3ID Band marches to new commander's tune

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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Fred J. Catchings succeeded Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew C. Morse as the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) band commander in a change of command ceremony Friday at the Band Headquarters.

Catchings has already served the 3rd Inf. Div. as an oboe player in Wuerzburg, Germany, and joins us from the 1st Armored Division Band in Wiesbaden, Germany.

"Sherelle and I are privileged to take command of the Third Infantry Division Band. It is a blessing from God to be back home in Georgia. I will try to remember every day, that in the title Army band commander, band comes before commander. To the members of the band, if we can remember that Army comes before band, and that great morale and great families are the Army's biggest assets, we will be fine down here."

Col. John E. Sterling Jr., division chief of staff, said, "This is a change of command for a small unit, but a unit that provides an awfully big part of the Third Infantry Division. Normally my job is to talk about all the great things that the unit has done during the tenure of the outgoing commander, but I don't think I can do that today - there have been almost 1,500 events the Band has participated in



Don Telf

**Chief Warrant Officer 3 Fred J. Catchings, incoming 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) band commander, receives the guidon from Col. John E. Sterling Jr., division chief of staff, in a change of command Friday at the Band Headquarters.**

under Chief Morse - if I was going to do that we'd be here all day."

During Morse's three-and-a-half years as band master, the band has performed for three division change of commands, countless brigade and battalion change of commands, a deployment to Bosnia

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**Weather Forecast**

<b>FRI</b>	High 88°	Low 68°
<b>SAT</b>	High 86°	Low 70°
<b>SUN</b>	High 84°	Low 68°

# 'THEY CAME, THEY SAW

*They're ready should the call come*

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**

Associate Editor

The woods near Training Area 15 were taken over by Marines July 15 through 29.

Marine Guardsmen from B Company, 4th Light Armor Reconnaissance Battalion, Fort Detrick, Md., conducted their annual two-week training here.

"We came down here because Fort Stewart has a very desirable range complex for our particular mission," said Marine Staff Sgt. Jerel R. Rachael Jr., B Co. Peacetime Wartime Support Team noncommissioned officer in charge.

B Co. can normally train on ranges with one weapon at a time, but Fort Stewart affords them the opportunity to train their whole company on all their weapons and vehicles, according to B Co. Commander Marine Capt. Jon Lestor.

"The greatest benefit in coming here is we have everything we need. We have Motor Ranges, Tow Ranges, an MPRC, Scout Maneuver Ranges, and the close proximity — we had to drive 700 miles on the interstate to get here — make it a huge benefit.

"Normally we would have to go to California (to conduct similar training), which is a couple hundred thousand dollar flight out there and the equipment is not readily available. We brought our own equipment here — to be able to do that on the East Coast is a huge benefit. We don't get to do this on a drill weekend."

B Co.'s mission is, according to Rachael, "... reconnaissance, but we came down here to do some gunnery skills, training with the vehicles as well as with all the other indigenous parts of our unit."

As a Marine Guard company, B Co. has Marines with a wide base of civilian knowledge that aids their missions, according to Rachael. They have electricians, police officers, security guards, college students and heads of small corporations.

"At times it can show it is an advantage because we might not have an electrician MOS, but we've got someone who works as an electrician on the outside who can step up and suddenly we've got lighting or whatever we need we have taken care of without having to coordinate elsewhere," he said. "We tried to make sure that we had the ability to do training for our scouts and headquarters elements — all the way to our vehicle crews."

In addition to their vehicles, maneuvers and weapons training, B Co. Marines had the opportunity to hone their hand-to-hand fighting skills by earning the Tan Belt, which is given

to Marines when they learn the Marine Corps hand-to-hand combat training, on the last day of the training.

Marine Sgt. George Ash, Battalion Marine Corps Martial Arts training chief, described the hand-to-hand combat skills he was teaching.

"It's a combination of jujitsu, aikido, judo, boxing and grappling. This training builds on the warrior spirit of the Marine. There are three disciplines — mental, character and physical — needed to build the complete warrior. This training establishes a sense of confidence for a Marine, plus the ability to kill — the ability to fight in a close-combat situation.

"It is a perishable skill — if you do not train it will disappear. As long as the Marine Corps continues to use this type of training and continues to focus on the true mission of the Marine Corps — which is to kill the enemy — this training will stay with them.

Grappling and boxing are our main focus. Our kicks are mostly knee-to hip-high. If we're going to kick somebody in the head, usually he's already on the ground and then we'll start stomping them into the ground.

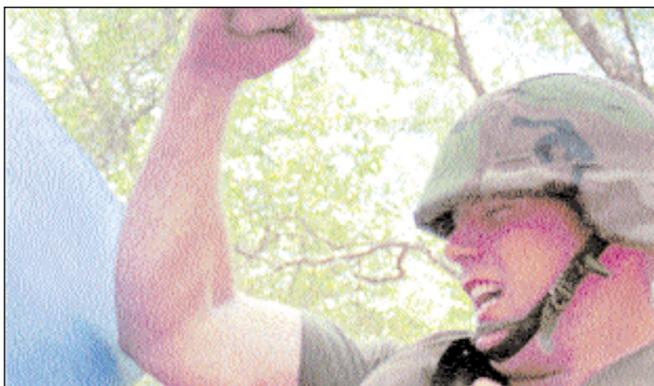
"They're not big, mechanical skills. You find some martial arts with 15 movements for one technique — the most amount of movements you'll see here is three. It's about — can that Marine swim 500 meters, get on the beach and lug in a 60-pound pack and then hook and jab. He can because of the fact that he needs to know only three movements in order to complete this technique. We might have to hump 18 miles for a 20-second fight," according to Ash.

The Marines trained to stress their bodies, and prepare for the physical demands of battle and be able to fight after, Ash said.

He said he wants them to have enough confidence in themselves to know they can go through anything, even a brick wall.

Marine Lance Cpl. Brent Davis earned his Tan Belt and said, "It's what every Marine looks forward to achieving. It's a lot of hard work — blood, sweat, tears — it's definitely worth it and something to be proud of."

The Marines suffered a few heat casualties, even a broken collarbone, but morale was high as they reached unit cohesion. "They have overcome a very tough, rigorous training schedule, and a harsh, humid environment that they may end up facing. They've risen to the challenge," Lestor said.



Marine Sgt. Joseph M. Tapp executes an uppercut during the Tan Belt martial arts qualification.



Sgt. Jeff Tanguay

B Co. Marines fire rounds from their LAV 25 at the MPRC.

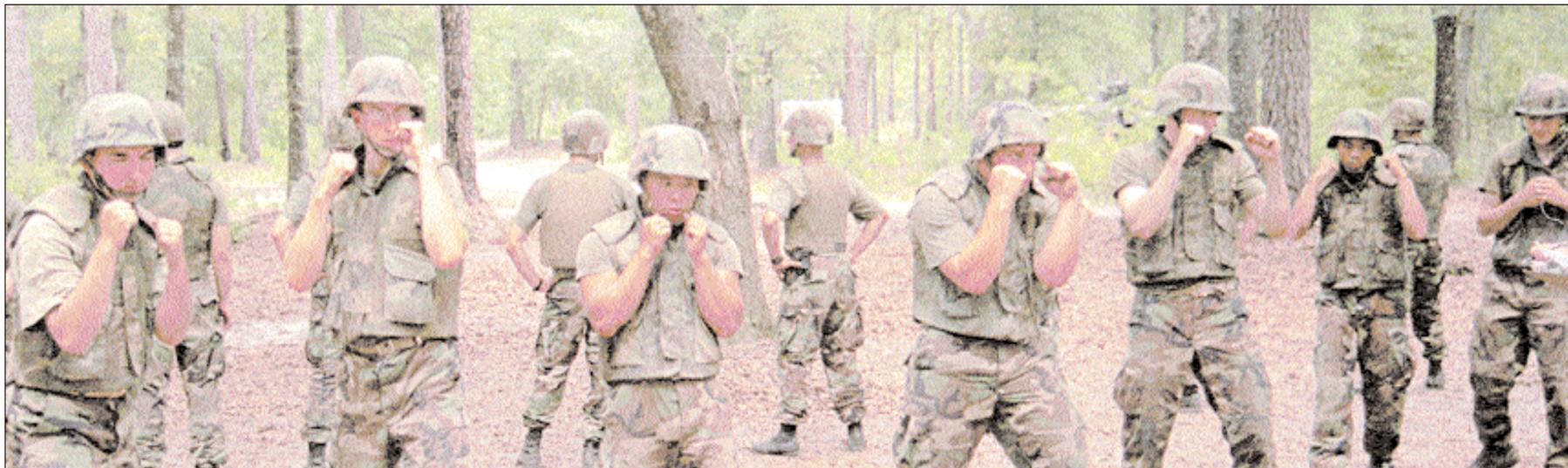


Marines line the gauntlet, waiting to punch, kick and elbow strike.



Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Marine Sgt. Jeffrey Alderdice executes a rear choke hold on Marine Lance Cpl. Joseph S. Chang.



B Co., 4th Light Armor Reconnaissance Battalion Marines wait in the basic warrior stance on the last day of their annual two-week training conducted here.

# Parents - don't let children be victims

*As child abductions enter nation's spotlight, parents can take precautions to ensure children's safety*

**Pfc. Katherine Robinson**

Staff Writer

**CHILD KIDNAPPED; SEVEN-YEAR-OLD TAKEN FROM HOME; MISSING CHILD STILL NOT FOUND; PARENTS PLEAD FOR CHILD'S SAFE RETURN.**

Headlines such as these are becoming more and more common. Abductions happen every day to children of all ages. While kidnappings can never be entirely prevented, there are many steps parents can take to protect their children from predators.

## **Communication**

Keeping an open dialogue with children is key to keeping them safe, said Investigator Marty Faulkner, Fort Stewart Provost Marshal's Office.

Parents should always know where their children are at all times, and should know their likes and dislikes as well as daily activities.

If parents know where their children like to be, they know where to search first if something should happen, Faulkner said. He also stressed that if a child's plans change, he or she should always notify the parents ahead of time.

It is also important to set boundaries for children as far as places they may go, people they may see, and things they may do, according to Personal Safety for Children — A Guide for Parents, found on the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Web site, [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).

Abductions can happen to children of all ages, not just young children, Faulkner pointed out. In fact, according to the Web site, 59 percent of "non-family" abductions in 1999 were children between the ages of 15 and 17.

## **Staying safe at school and outside the home**

There were approximately 58,200 abductions in 1999 that involved non-family members kidnapping a child, according to the Web site. Some of these might have been avoided with the use of a few extra safety measures.

Emphasizing the use of a "buddy system" while in public is important, the Web site said.

"Always be in numbers," agreed Faulkner. "Teach your children that there are people who are looking for them." Those people are usually looking for someone who is isolated, or easily approachable, he pointed out.

Parents should not drop children off alone at malls, movie theaters or other public places, stated the guide. They should also never leave their children unattended in vehicles. Children should never hitch-hike or approach cars with unfamiliar drivers.

The Web site suggested making a list of neighborhood boundaries with significant landmarks, and making sure children know whose homes they are allowed to visit. It also suggested walking the route to and from school with the child, pointing out landmarks and safe places.

In school, children should not display their names on their clothing, Faulkner said. "This could give a stranger the opportunity to approach the child on a personal basis, and set the child at ease."

Identifying what a "stranger" is can be a key point, Faulkner added. Children need to know that strangers are not always the way they may be portrayed in the movies or the child's imagination. They are rarely creepy-looking characters in trench coats. Instead, they almost always look like everyday normal people.

"Strangers often try to use things the child thinks would be safe," Faulkner said. "One way is to ask directions or ask for help finding an animal."

Parents should teach their children not to give out directions, and to see the request for them as an alert of possible danger. More often than not, adults know directions that children would not.

It is okay to say no, said the guide. Children should be taught to always trust their instincts.

If approached by a stranger for any reason, children should immediately get away from that person, and run toward the nearest adult or group of adults, Faulkner said.



*Pfc. Katherine Robinson*

**Children can be put in dangerous situations every day. Teaching them safety precautions and stranger-recognition could save a child's life.**

They should also always be aware of their surroundings, and where adults can be found. Adults should always be close to where children are.

## **Keeping safe in the home**

Children under the age of 12 should not be left at home, Faulkner stated. Nevertheless, children of all ages who are home unattended should be very careful.

Faulkner stressed the importance of always having a trusted neighbor to whom the children can turn in case of

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# VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

## Fixing financial follies faster

### Soldiers should be patient with pay problems

**Pfc. Natalie Schlotman**  
Staff Writer

**Commentary**

The "Army of One" is actually an Army of more than 500,000 soldiers, all of which get paid twice a month. That's about 12 million pay periods a year. It's no wonder why most active duty soldiers have had issues with their pay. The Army is like a big corporation, with an even bigger, more elaborate payroll.

The courageous group of soldiers who handle the Army's massive financial load should be looked upon with the same respect as infantrymen. I'm sure their jobs are equally frightening at times!

"I'm not getting enough housing allowance and I turned in this 4187 form 4187 different times!" or "Why is my \$700 car payment being deducted from one pay period?!" Well, soldiers could probably live a lot easier if they would

stop running off and buying over-priced cars from Billy Bob's Autos in Hinesville, but that's beside the point, and it's not the problem of the soldier at the finance desk.

I'm sure complaints are being rudely voiced right now to specialists and privates in personnel and finance offices Army-wide. But, it's not the finance soldier's fault that someones allotment isn't "allotting" the way he wants it to. And, being rude to the soldier is not a way to fix broken pay.

Many frustrated soldiers, who constantly complain about the Army Finance system, are quick to use the excuse "Well, when they pay me too much, they take it back right away. But, when I get payed too little, they take their sweet time to pay me back."

I can't prove or disprove that. But,

many finance soldiers will tell you that a sergeant who notices he is making E4 pay makes it to finance more promptly than a private who discovers he is "magically" getting E4 pay.

All the finance soldier wants to do is take your complaint, gather your paperwork and find a way to fix your problem. I'm sure the finance folks want to help everyone the first time, but they don't want to hear sob stories and monotonous complaining.

I'm also pretty sure that they will work hard to correct your problem the first time because they don't want any unsatisfied customers milling around their front desk making a scene about "how ate up the whole system is."

The only thing that's "ate up" is that we expect our pay to be perfect, and when it's not, we gripe to the first person we see. It's better to look at financial problems with patience.

Understand that you are not the only soldier with a complaint, and accept that when you walk into the finance office, the soldiers there are not going to freeze their entire operation and cut you a check for your back pay!



## Back off, crazy speed demons!

**Pfc. Katherine Robinson**  
Staff Writer

**Commentary**

So there I was, driving along, minding my own business, when I happened to glance into my rear view mirror. It came as no surprise to see an SUV roughly the size of the Goodyear Blimp just inches from my rear window, the driver peering impatiently over the steering wheel. Perhaps he was trying to inventory the contents of my back seat? Just to be polite, I slowed down to give him a better view.

It seems like everywhere I go, someone is trying to drive up my tailpipe (figuratively speaking). It happens whether I'm going 30 miles per hour (as is the speed limit on post, for those of you who hadn't noticed) or 112, which I only do during my midnight drag-races when ... er ... uh, what? never mind. Anyway, my automatic response back in my old, pre-military, irresponsible days, was to brake-check the offending driver, but I've found that

this can be dangerous for a couple of reasons: **A.** the driver (who is following too close, hence the reason for my rage to begin with) is prone to slam into the back of my car, which can be inconvenient, especially when it causes injury or death. **B.** The driver is prone to pull out a gun and shoot me, which can also be inconvenient, I'm told.

Another good method, on two-lane roads, was to speed up until I was side-by-side with another vehicle, (preferably a cement-mixer, but anything loaded with children and/or pulling a boat will do) and then stay with that vehicle, blocking both lanes. This, too, can put my life in peril, as the obviously-impatient driver is prone to slam into the back of my car, or pull out a gun and shoot me.

At some, I decided the best way to deal with tailgaters is to make a show of turning my rear view mirror away so that I can't see the driver, and the driver knows it. However, this too can be dangerous, because I can no longer see what's behind me. Also, it doesn't give me any

satisfaction. I just end up peering into my side mirrors to see if the car is still there.

So what options do I have? Well, I could always speed up, becoming that person's "wooden duck" so to speak, or decoy for you non-hunters, and subsequently watch the driver zip by while I sit on the shoulder of the road conversing with Sgt. G. I. Joe, Military Police. Or, I could go into a fit of rage, slamming my hands on the steering wheel, cursing and calling the driver names, which would probably annoy my passengers, but have little or no effect on Mr. F. U. Tailgate.

So it looks like I may have to just "suck it up and drive on." But seriously. What is up with you people? Not that I've never been guilty of tailgating. Yes, I too, know what it feels like

to be rushing across post to get to crime scene before I run out of photo opportunities and get stuck behind the driver who has picked just that moment to file her nails or knit a sweater. I also know it's difficult to drive 30 MPH after driving at 65 for an hour. I get on post, and my foot gains about 30 pounds and I can't seem to stay below 45.

But do you really think clipping the bumper of the car in front of you is going to inspire its driver to say to himself, "this fellow must want to go faster. Golly, how rude of me to drive only ten miles over the speed limit. I should speed up"? No. It's not. So back off already. And if there is an empty lane beside you, turn on your turn signal (controlled in most cars by a stalk behind the steering wheel), switch lanes, speed up and pass the person. Make sure to check your rear view mirror so as not to collide with the car that is probably following you way too close.

*Editor's note — Everybody be cool behind the wheel. The Frontline is strictly against road rage.*



## Pvt. Murphy's Law



## Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What activity do you participate in to give back to your community and the Army?

**"Donate to AER (Army Emergency Relief) or other charities."**

Spc. Paul Szcapaniak  
A Co., HQ CMD



**"I donate to Goodwill or to help sick or needy people. That's the nicest thing you can do."**

Pfc. Andrew Ellenburg  
3/15 Inf.



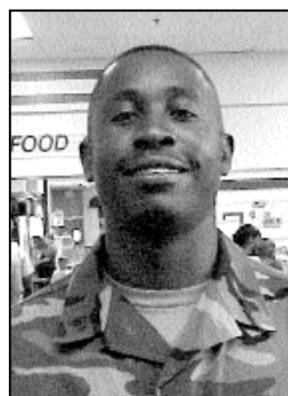
**"I give blood."**

Capt. Kevin Capra  
1/9 FA



**"I take care of children and organize activities for them. I work at the daycare on post."**

Berta Jimenex,  
Child Development Services



**"I try to help my soldiers' family members."**

Sgt. Devon Robinson  
HHC, 4/64 AR



**"I help with my husband's company and single soldier activities."**

Robin Simmons  
Family Member

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# Area's 'best kept secret' discovered

**Spc. Laurie Kemp**

Staff Writer

If you're stationed at Fort Stewart, then you've seen the vast expanse of forests and you've probably had a field exercise or two inside of it, but did you ever stop to think about what these forests have to offer?

One group realized Fort Stewart's wildlife potential and came through for a tour July 31 as part of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents' Professional Improvement Conference and National Meeting.

The NACAA is a nation-wide organization that meets annually to discuss and see new progress in environmental fields ranging from aquaculture to cotton farming. Each meeting is hosted in a different state, and this year it was Georgia's turn.

More than 2,000 people attended the meeting and participated in one of 30 tours spread out through Georgia and South Carolina.

Approximately 55 extension agents and their families got a hands-on look at prescribed burning, electro-shocking for fish, timber management and the lifestyle of the endangered red cockaded woodpecker.

"This tour was very important for us because we wanted to show folks the environmental aspects of Fort Stewart and the different wildlife protection activities that go on here," said Robert Bell, Liberty County extension agent.

Fort Stewart is home to approximately

280,000 acres, of which 450 acres are ponds. Fort Stewart also houses six endangered species and is one of the few areas to prescribe burning. But perhaps most unique to Fort Stewart that the NACAA wanted to observe is how the environment and soldiers get along.

According to Tom Hilliard, chief forester, soldiers and the environment exist in harmony. As a matter of fact, "What is good for one is good for the other," he said.

But to fully understand the ecological balance, it is necessary to first understand the role of prescribed burning.

Around 100,000 acres are burned yearly, Hilliard said, because "prescribed burning removes dangerous fuels, such as pine cones, so soldiers can train and not worry about wildfires." But, Fort Stewart also houses an environment in which the plants and animals are dependant on fire.

Animals, especially the endangered red cockaded woodpecker, depend on open ground and pine trees, Hilliard said. If not for the prescribed burns, hardwood trees, such as oaks and redwoods, would take over and clutter the forest, ruining the RCWs habitat.

To give the NACAA a better example of prescribed burning, they were walked through a demonstration.

The first step is to create a base-line burn around the designated burn area. The purpose, according to Hilliard, is to burn the area by roads or ditches to control and prevent fires from jumping across. To accomplish this, a

Terra Torch is used. The Terra Torch is mounted on a truck and shoots out a 20-foot flame. Once the base-line burn is created, the interior is ignited aerially, through the use of ping-pong ball type spheres filled with Potassium Permanganate. The chemical heats and melts the plastic spheres which then catch on fire. The whole ignition process takes around 15 seconds.

"This is really different - I've never seen anything like this before," said Denise Solt, a tour member from Pennsylvania, about the prescribed burn demonstration.

After learning about the ecological foundation, the tour went to Pineview Lake to learn about pond management and hopefully catch a glimpse of another of Fort Stewart's endangered species - the bald eagle.

Upon arrival at the lake, the group did spy an eagle, which has a nest in the area, said Tom Bryce, supervisory fisheries biologist.

The group ate lunch, talked shop and had an opportunity to electro-shock for fish.

The purpose of electro-shocking for fish is to check the population of fish in a lake, Bryce said.

The electro-shocking boat sends out a current that stuns fish and sends them floating to the surface belly-up where the fisheries biologist can scoop it in a net, identify the species, measure and weigh it before putting it back in the water.

All 22 ponds are open to sport fishermen, Bryce said. That is one reason why it is important to check on the fish population.

Fort Stewart ponds offer a variety of fish,

to include largemouth bass, crappie, channel catfish, bluegill sunfish and a few others.

Fish and bald eagles aren't all Fort Stewart got to show-off July 31. The tour members had an opportunity to see up-close and personal the day-to-day interactions of the RCW and soldiers on a range.

The 3rd Battalion, 15 Infantry was conducting a live-fire exercise July 31. For most of the people on the tour, it was the first time they had seen a real soldier, and they certainly didn't expect to see them by the RCWs nesting area.

"This is exciting!" said Greg Drake from Kentucky.

Also exciting is the fact that Fort Stewart makes the RCW nests, Bryce said.

It can take an RCW up to three years to build a nest to his liking. In order to help recover the population rates of the RCW, the forestry branch has followed suit in hand-crafting nests. When Hurricane Hugo hit the Frances Marion National Forest outside of Charleston, S.C., in 1989, it devastated the RCW population by leaving hundreds of birds homeless. According to Bryce, RCWs won't survive long without a home because they fall prey to owls and hawks. So, to help house the birds, the park personnel came up with implanting hand made nests. The idea worked so well that it has become a relatively common-place practice.

The forestry branch takes a solid cedar box, drills a hole into the center, attaches a

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Spc. Laurie Kemp

**Wendall Wasdin operates the Terra Torch July 31 for the NACAA tour. The Terra Torch is used for prescribed burning and shoots a 20-foot flame.**

## Did you know?

**Dirk J. Stevenson**

Fish and Wildlife Branch

What 4 inch long, protected amphibian seldom leaves its burrow except to stroll about on rainy nights in November? If you answered the flatwoods salamander, you are correct.

Federally listed under the Endangered Species Act as a Threatened Species in 1999, the flatwoods salamander (*Ambystoma cingulatum*) can be found at several sites on Fort Stewart. The flatwoods salamander is native to the "low country" or Coastal Plain of the southeastern United States and is found in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and Alabama. The name reflects where it lives: poorly-drained pine flatwoods habitats. The pine flatwoods, favored by the species, have scattered longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*) and a ground cover of bunchgrasses - a habitat maintained by frequent fires. Even the wetlands that this salamander trav-

els to for breeding require occasional fires to keep them suitable for the salamander. This species prefers cypress ponds that are open-canopied, with various sedges and grasses carpeting the pond bottom. Fort Stewart's history of prescribed burning has helped the salamander population by maintaining ideal habitat conditions.

Flatwoods salamanders spend most of their lives underground in moist burrows, and seldom crawl on the surface. However, cool autumn weather marks the breeding season, and following ground-soaking rains in October-November, the salamanders move to small, isolated wetlands called cypress ponds. In the dry basins of these ponds, females lay small clusters of eggs which later hatch when flooded by winter rains. The tadpole-like aquatic larvae have feathery gills and are handsomely marked with yellow and black. They undergo metamorphosis and turn into small land-dwelling animals in March-April.



3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) outgoing Band Commander Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew C. Morse leads the band's performance during the division change of command ceremony Oct. 19, 2001 at Cottrell Field.

(Right) The 3rd Inf. Div. Band performs for veterans at the VA Medical Center in Dublin, Ga., Dec. 13, 2001. Fort Stewart soldiers, including Brig. Gen. (then colonel) Lloyd P. Austin, assistant division commander (maneuver), brought the veterans holiday fruit baskets and listened to their stories.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

## Band before commander

Spc. Mason T. Lowery  
Associate Editor

He joined the Army for the same reasons a lot of us do — money for college and to do what you love to do, which in his case is make music.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew C. Morse handed over command of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) Band to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Fred J. Catchings Friday and will soon travel to his next duty assignment as commander of the 1st Armored Division Band, Wiesbaden, Germany.

Long before he first donned combat boots and a uniform, his life-long love of music began.

"I started taking piano lessons when I was in second grade. I took that for about three years. I stopped because I got sick of practicing — I wish I had kept on."

He stopped playing the piano, but his love for music didn't die, just changed focus.

"I started with band in fifth grade. I was a flute player, I did the band and chorus thing. When I was in junior high school I became a euphonium player and carried that through to high school, and did the marching band thing."

He joined the Army right after high school to serve his country and play music. A musician has to audition prior to enlisting in the Army. There has to be a certain level of proficiency, according to Morse. Band MOSs are covered under civilian-acquired skills, and each different instrument has a different MOS.

"I auditioned and came in as an 02C (euphonium player) in 1986. I did that for 11 years — two tours at Fort Carson and two tours in Japan.

"I went to the warrant officer course in 1997. I got my W1 later that year, graduated in June of 1998 from the Warrant Officer Band Master Basic Course and came to Fort Stewart in January 1999 to take over command of the band. I've been commander for the last three-and-a-half years."

He said administrative duties took up a lot of his time as the band company commander on the Marne Express, but made it a point to keep music as his main priority. The band is authorized 40 soldiers, and right now they have about 30. In addition to the almost 1,500 performances his soldiers

executed during his tenure, they also had to perform the administrative and training duties of a separate company, he said.

The difference between the band and a lot of other Stewart companies is the band isn't here training for its mission, according to Morse. It's here executing its mission on a daily basis. Its mission is threefold — support soldiers musically in garrison and war, portray the Army in a positive image, and recruit.

"I've got 14 MOSs and some are one-deep. A lot of people don't realize the massive amount of training time associated with anything we do. Individual skills are extremely perishable — if we don't work them all the time they start to go away. It's not just the individual music skills — the band has to work together to maintain proficiency as an ensemble. Like any team, it has to work together to function as a team."

On top of high visibility ceremonies associated with the band — changes of command, parades, etc. — they are also "able to put together a 10-piece show band doing current R&B, rock and roll and country and western music. We can put together an 18-piece stage band doing big band type of music — from the swing era of the 40s to the more modern kind of music for that type of ensemble. We can put a brass quintet together, a chamber ensemble for luncheons and ceremonies where we can't fit the whole band, also a jazz combo for balls and dinners. And of course I've got buglers going out almost every day doing military funerals in the Coastal Empire and Florida," he said.

He couldn't say enough about his soldiers. "The band has superb soldiers assigned to it. It's been my privilege to work with them. They are capable of so much."

The feeling is mutual, according to Sgt. Alan J. Rutherford, guitar and bass drum. "It's been great working with him. It's a hard job. He's a warrant officer in command — which very few MOSs have. It takes a special person to be a band commander and he does an excellent job."

Spc. Kelly J. Caldwell, trumpet, agreed. "As soon as I got here I could tell he runs a pretty tight ship. As a trumpet player I have a lot of jobs that I do in addition to all the jobs the band performs. He goes out of his way to try to help us out by letting us off cer-

tain things, because we've got to give up weekends for bugle jobs and stuff like that, so he's very compensating. He's a very emotional person, he genuinely cares about this unit and he's tried his best."

Col. John E. Sterling Jr., division chief of staff, said, "We may not have the newest motor pools here at Fort Stewart. And I think it's fair to say we don't have the shiniest headquarters building in the Army, but nobody does the daily business of recognizing our soldiers and celebrating the big events in the life of the division better than the Third Infantry Division does, and it's because in a big part of everything this band does here, led by Chief Morse these past three-and-a-half years."

"I really want to tell this group here, and particularly Chief Morse, that you really do make life here in the Third Infantry Division a special thing by the touch that you give to each and every one of our ceremonies."

Morse summed up his philosophy on his career, "Music is what it's all about. I've been in for 16 years. As long as I'm enjoying what I'm doing I'll stay in. And I am enjoying it. I hope over the past three-and-a-half years we have produced a quality product to those we've supported. I think we have."

"My command here validated my decision to become a warrant officer."



# 3rd ID: Behind the music



(Left) Sgt. (then Cpl.) Alan J. Rutherford plays the guitar in one of the band's almost 1,500 performances during the last three-and-a-half years under Morse's command.

(Right) Sgt. 1st Class Frank Chapman plays the trumpet during the division change of command.

(Below) Staff Sgt. David Bonorato plays the tuba during the division change of command ceremony.

File photos



Morse, who is heading to Wiesbaden, Germany to command the 1st Armored Division Band, leads the 3rd Inf. Div. band during his third division change of command ceremony.



# 100 Days of Summer

## Beach blunders: Staying safe in the surf during the summer season

Pfc. Katherine Robinson

Staff Writer

In the midst of summer heat, many soldiers who are not passed out in dark barracks rooms or nursing hangovers, spend their weekends taking advantage of Georgia's islands and beaches.

But before packing up and heading out to catch some sun, soldiers need to be aware of the dangers of their environment. Several things can become safety concerns if beachgoers don't use common sense and caution.

**Don't get carried away** – A rip tide, is a narrow, river-like current caused by waves returning toward the sea after breaking on the shore, according to the United States Lifesaving Association on the Web site, [www.flfsp.org/sahs/riptides.html](http://www.flfsp.org/sahs/riptides.html).

Riptides are often caused, or contributed to, by longshore currents, inshore holes, sandbars and other bottom conditions. About 80 percent of rescues by lifeguards at America's surf beaches are due to people being caught in rip currents, the Web site said.

Rip currents are one of the major problems that occur at some of Georgia's beaches, said Capt. Craig Harden, Jekyll Island Fire Department Emergency Medical Services.

"(Jekyll Island) has a sandbar," Harden said. The sandbar, which is about 450 yards out from the shore, is exposed for about an hour and a half at low tide, and tends to attract swimmers.

"When the tide comes back in, it can be deceptive," Harden continued. By the time swimmers get to the shoreline, the water is sometimes out of control. He said the average person does not understand that the ocean is constantly changing, and just

because the water is ankle-depth one minute, does not mean it will be the next. He emphasized the use of caution and vigilance with children at the beach.

If swimmers are caught in a rip tide, they should try to relax, and tread water if possible. Swimming against a current is very difficult and should not be attempted, the Web site stated. Instead, people should wave or call for assistance.

"Most of the problem is tourists who are unfamiliar with the waters," said Lt. Allen Keller, Glenn County Fire Department. He said low tide tends to be the most dangerous time, since swimmers wander out farther.

"Speak to the lifeguards, and ask where it is safe and where it is not safe," Keller said. "Usually the locals will tell swimmers not to go out to the sandbar.

**Don't let jellyfish put you in a jam** – Jellyfish stings are a very common problem at the beaches, Harden said.

"We see 50 to 75 stings a year," Keller agreed. He said most are not serious, but they can be very painful.

People with a history of allergic reaction to insect bites should be especially cautious, Harden added.

Jellyfish, according to [www.aloha.com](http://www.aloha.com), are common in all bodies of water. The Web site said the best way to prevent jellyfish

stings is to avoid areas where they are sighted, or where dead ones are found on the shore.

Sometimes, stings cannot be avoided, but there are many recommended treatments for them.

At St. Simon's Island, the lifeguards and the fire department carry an antidote made up of meat tenderizer, ammonia, water and baking soda to help alleviate pain, Keller said. Lifeguards are on duty until about 5 p.m. throughout the summer.

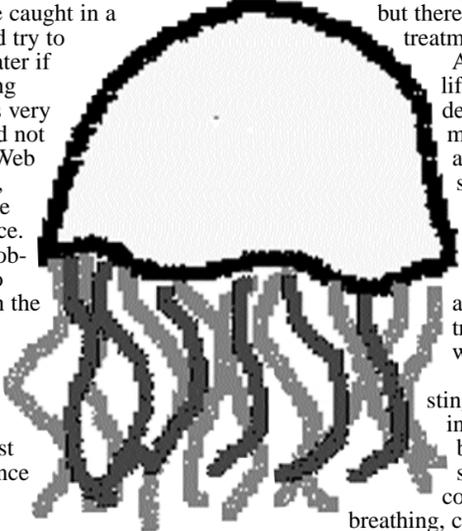
When no lifeguard is available, stings can be treated with vinegar and water, Harden said.

Symptoms of a jellyfish sting, the Web site said, include a stinging sensation, burning redness and swelling. Severe reactions could include difficulty with breathing, cardiac arrest and occasional long welt lines.

While severe reactions are rare, medical help should be sought immediately if they occur.

**Watch for fins** – Keller said the largest shark breeding ground on the East coast is in Coastal Georgia. However, no shark bites have occurred so far this year.

**Overall safety** – Beachgoers should use caution no matter what the situation. Remembering to use sunscreen to avoid burns, refraining from drinking before swimming, boating or driving, monitoring the weather and keeping an eye out for dangerous sea life are only some of the ways people can help keep themselves safe.



### Tips for staying safe:

- Don't drink alcohol before swimming, boating or driving
- Ask the lifeguards or the locals where it's safe to swim
- Be cautious of low tide and sandbars
- Check out the water before you go in. Look for dangerous creatures
- If you have a severe reaction to a jellyfish sting, ask for help immediately

## Look Before You Leap...

Observe swimming safety, year-round!



# 4th Bde soldiers trade tactics with guardsmen

**Pfc. Natalie Schlotman**

Staff writer

A division of Fort Stewart soldiers delivered some active duty insight and dog-faced training when they traveled to Pennsylvania to help prepare a group of National Guardsmen for a deployment.

Fort Stewart's 4th Brigade, 87th Division deployed to Fort Indiantown Gap May through July to help train elements of the 28th Infantry Division for their mobilization to Bosnia in support of Stabilization Forces 12.

The 28th Inf. Div. will serve as a security force and play an important role in force protection. To refresh the guardsmen on the tactics needed to fulfill their duties, 4th Brigade operated ranges and mentored the guardsmen as they maneuvered through live-fire battle drills, according to Capt. William Schaffer, team chief, 4th Brigade, 87th Division.

Held at individual, squad and platoon levels, the drills were a ramp-up process in light infantry tactics, Schaffer explained.

The train-up began with rifle individual marks-manship, and it advanced to tactical training. Squad-level exercises included breaching Concertina wire and mine obstacles and knocking down bunkers. Following was the platoon-level phase, which was the most challenging, according to Schaffer. "It's like the final exam. The soldiers are supported by live fire as they breach the obstacles. Each squad is simultaneously doing its part, so the training gets very complex at this point."

The 28th Inf. Div. train-up was an unconventional mission for 4th Brigade, according to Schaffer, because National Guard units typically travel to Fort Stewart and fall in on a set of ranges. "This was the first time this year that we've had a brigade-level deployment to another state to train a guard unit," he said.

Traveling to another installation meant constructing the proper ranges and firing lanes, explained Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Boatwright, who was the acting training and operations officer for the firing lanes during the deployment.

"The area was very rocky. There was a lot of debris that needed to be cleared out to prevent ricochet from the live fires," said Boatwright, who is a mortar section sergeant with 1st Battalion, 306th Infantry here.

Once the firing lanes were created, 4th Brigade soldiers and noncommissioned offi-

cers certified them by doing live fires before the Guard soldiers began training.

Working with active duty soldiers before a deployment was a good refresher for the Guard unit, Boatwright said.

"They are in a role where they train one weekend a month, and two weeks a year. On active duty, we are soldiers 24 hours a day," Boatwright said. "We focused on going over the little things that they don't have to do each day, but we do all the time as active duty soldiers," he explained.

He added that soldiers were motivated throughout the entire train-up.

Camaraderie and competence on the battlefield were some benefits of the exercise, Schaffer said.

"In the after-action review, soldiers expressed that it was the best training they've had while in the Guard. I feel that is because of the reality of it. In the maneuvers and live fires, it was the first time in a while that they were advancing toward a target with bullets coming back toward them," he said.

He added that the quality training made the Guardsmen confident and eager to take on their roles as soldiers. "Getting people from all walks of life to come together and put on the uniform was great to see," Schaffer said.

Schaffer further explained that the 28th Inf. Div. soldiers approached the training with focus. "They trained with a serious demeanor because they know they're deploying together. They were very eager to get refreshed and to expand on their previous Army training," he said.

Schaffer said that tactical training wasn't the only focus of the train-up. The soldiers of 4th Bde. stressed the importance of teamwork and trust. "I think they worked up a lot of camaraderie after the three months. The closeness of a unit, and how the unit works together are vital. It's important for soldiers to know that we are a team and everyone does everything together," he said.

Trust and tactical know-how, according to Schaffer, will be key for the Guardsmen while working in Bosnia.

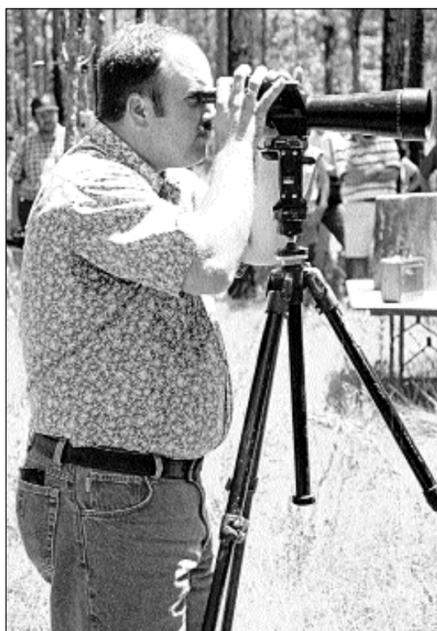
"When you're in the field, the only person who's important to you is the guy on your left. Whoever is on your side is the most important person in your life when something happens," he said.

The 28th Inf. Div. deployed last month with the battle skills and the confidence needed to have a successful, safe tour, Schaffer said.

Soldiers of 4th Bde. were awarded for their efforts in preparing the Guardsmen during a ceremony Friday.

## Secret

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Spc. Laurie Kemp

**Greg Drake, NACAA tour member from Kentucky, observes a red cockaded woodpecker nest from a distance through a high-powered telescope called Spotting Scopes.**

stainless steel face plate so woodpeckers won't be tempted to make the entry hole bigger and then coats the box with resin. The resin coating is added to help keep sap from entering the homemade nest after it's placed in the tree.

To insert the nest, a hole is cut in a pine tree, at about 20 to 30 feet high, using a chain saw. Once the area is hollowed out, the box is inserted with the hope of catching the attention of a RCW.

While the nest won't feel like home for the RCW right away, Bryce said, it has helped bring the population up. Fort Stewart's RCW population has doubled in the past nine years.

The group had the opportunity to look inside a nest 20 or 30 feet up, through the adjustable Peeper Pole. The Peeper Pole is a small battery-operated video camera attached to an adjustable rod used by forestry employees to informally check-in on the nests. The group also watched a demonstration of how the nests are made and inserted.

If you are interested in learning more about Fort Stewart's natural environment, check-out the Fish and Wildlife Branch's website at [www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/wildlife/default.htm](http://www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/wildlife/default.htm) or [www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/fish/default.htm](http://www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/fish/default.htm).

Playing home to six endangered species, numerous sport fishing ponds, prescribed burning technology and soldiers, "Fort Stewart is a well-kept secret," Bryce said.

## Army Family Team Building

The Directorate of Community Activities and Army Community Services will begin Fall classes for Army Family Team Building in August. The classes are geared toward personal development, independence, and self-reliance for soldier family members. They also inform attendees of military and civilian resources available, explain the military chain of command and the chain of concern, and teach problem solving and effective leadership. Other classes include stress management, effective listening skills and more.

Family members volunteer their time to teach classes and operate the AFTB program, which is additionally supported by the garrison commander, director of Community Activities and Services, and the Army Community Service.

Grouped into three progressive levels, students should complete Level I prior to enrolling in Levels II and III. Besides regularly scheduled post-wide classes, units or others may schedule additional classes separately. All classes are free and open to the public.

To register for an AFTB class or for information, call 767-AFTB (2382).

### The Fall schedule follows:

*Day Classes, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hunter Army Airfield*

August 20, Level II/III  
September 24, Level I  
October 3, Level II/III  
December 3, Level II/III

*Evening Classes, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Hunter Army Airfield*

September 5, Level I

*Day Classes, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fort Stewart*

August 15, Level I  
October 17, Level I  
August 29, Level II/III  
September 26, Level II/III  
October 29, Level II/III

*Evening Classes, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Fort Stewart*

September 5, Level I  
November 6, Level II/III  
December 11, Level II/III

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guests' actions, I think we'll see soldiers looking out for their civilian friends," Rogish said.

But the extra measures don't stop at the gate. At Sports USA, identification card holders will be asked to sign in their guests, and the 463-person occupancy capacity will be strictly enforced. Beer will be served in plastic cups, which are much less dangerous than glass bottles when smashed over peoples heads, and the brigade shoppette will no longer sell alcohol between 1 and 5 a.m. Parking and loitering will not be allowed in the Sports USA parking lot, and MPs will regularly make rounds to enforce this.

Any incidents that do occur will be captured on closed-circuit television or handheld video cameras.

"It should be a good thing," Shepherd said. "If (club guests) work with us, we'll work with them. A lot of people are speaking negatively of it, but it's really for their own good. I think we should have done it a long time ago."

Rogish said once people get adjusted to the rules, he expects to still see the club at maximum occupancy, but safer.

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everything that it took to keep these guys going."

The soldiers will take a couple of days off to get over jet lag, will come to work to inprocess and will then take a hard-earned block leave until after Labor Day weekend, according to Croke.

Bourket said, "It's just great to be back — it's been a long seven months. It's great to see the family again, great to see some civilization."

Lilly added, "I'm going to spend a lot of quality time with my family catching up." Lilly's wife Rachael said, "I'm really happy he's back. I'm glad; it's great."

And Capt. Croke said, "I'm going to see Lenny Kravitz and Pink in Atlanta Thursday."

## Band

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during Christmas 2000 as part of Stabilization Force 8, played in the St. Patrick's Day celebration every year, played for President George W. Bush when he visited in February 2001, as well as hundreds of ceremonies, dinners and funerals.

Morse said, "When I started with the Third Infantry Division Band I was a green warrant officer one, with significant experience as an Army Band musician, but no experience as a Band commander.

"The real reason for my success in this job is the soldiers standing here and the ones who have gone before them. They have performed in locations throughout the coastal empire, Florida and South Carolina, and as far away as Arizona, Louisiana, New York and Bosnia-Herzegovina. As well as musically supporting our soldiers in various venues, they have been one of the most visible and valuable community relations representatives the division has, and immeasurably enhanced the image of the division and the Army in the eyes of the general public.

"These soldiers have also occasionally provided security augmentation support to the division main command post, and civilians on the battlefield support and other support during Marne Focus.

"Besides all this, they were responsible for carrying out the administrative, supply and training requirements vital to the daily operations of this separate company.

"These soldiers have surpassed all expectations that I had of them, both musically and tactically ... Soldiers of the Third Infantry Division Band, I thank you — it has been a privilege. You have made my first band command a truly rewarding experience.

"The Third Infantry Division Band will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will always be a Dog Face Soldier."

In a tribute to Morse, Catchings closed the ceremony with, "All policies remain in effect until further notice. The Rhythm of the Marne — Rock of the Marne!"

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vain, but I'm glad he can come back home. He served his country, now he can be back with his family."

Dukes literally ran and jumped into her spouse's arms as soon as he walked off the bus, which transferred the soldiers from the plane to the assembly area.

The scene was the same all around the assembly area as soldiers reunited with their loved ones.

Velma McNeal, spouse of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sean McNeal, 1/3 Avn. Regt. Apache pilot, said she was absolutely thrilled to have her husband back. "I've been looking forward to this moment," said McNeal. "This is the second time we've been apart like this."

Chief Warrant Officer 3 McNeal said that he's just glad to be home. "I can't describe what I'm feeling right now," he said. "The 180 days were long. I didn't think I'd see the day of stepping foot back in Savannah — but it's here and I'm very happy."

The 1/3 Avn. Regt. will hold a welcome ceremony for the redeployed soldiers Aug. 12.



Staff Sgt. Ranston V. Harvey

**Brittney, Candace, and Christina await the return of their father, Sgt. Frank Aponte, as he returns from a six-month deployment to Kuwait Sunday night.**

## Children

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an emergency.

It is important for children to know their full names, home phone numbers and how to use the phone, the Web site explained. Parents should always have contact information such as location, office, cellular phone and pager numbers easily available to the child.

"Never open the door for anyone," Faulkner said. Even if the police show up, the child should still be careful. "People will try to use an authority-type approach. Never open the door if unsupervised."

"Answering the phone is also an issue," he added. Children should never tell anyone that their parents are not at home, the Web site said. Instead, say their parents are unavailable and offer to take a message.

Other safety measures older children can

take when they know they will be home alone, according to the Web site, include checking out the house before entering, locking the door, and calling parents to let them know the child arrived home safely.

Another concern is finding a babysitter,

Faulkner explained.

"Choosing a babysitter is always scary for a parent, especially with small children," he said. That's why references are very important.

The Web site suggested dropping in on

the babysitter unexpectedly, and asking children about the babysitter.

### Do your part to save lives

If a responsible adult notices something strange, such as an individual hanging around parks, school and church playgrounds, or any other areas populated by children, that person should call 911, Faulkner said.

The police can send an officer to interview the person, he said. "A lot of times it might play out where they are waiting for someone. It's better to be safe."

"The public is our eyes and ears," Faulkner went on. "Without their cooperation, we're lost. So we really need people who are willing to come forward when they see something suspicious."

"It's the price of a quarter, the dial of a cell phone, and it's well worth a child's life."

For more information and advice on child-safety, parents can visit [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).

## Do's and Don'ts of Child-Safety

### DO:

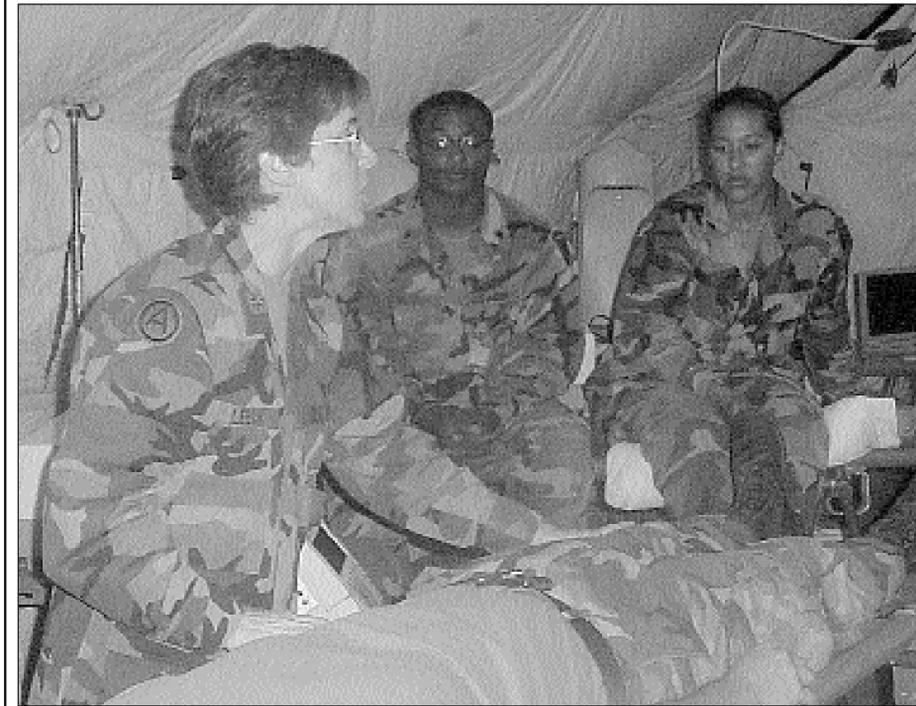
- ✓Talk to your kids. Go over safety, boundaries and what to do in dangerous situations very carefully.
- ✓Teach your kids about strangers and how to recognize them.
- ✓Teach your kids to trust their instincts.
- ✓Listen to your kids. Keep the channels of communication open.
- ✓Know where your kids are, what they like, and if their plans are going to change.

- ✓Make sure your kids have another trusted adult to turn to in your absence.
- ✓Make sure your kids know where you are, and how to reach you.

### DON'T:

- ✓Leave young kids alone at home.
- ✓Drop kids off alone in public places.
- ✓Send co-workers or people your kids don't know to pick them up from school.
- ✓Ignore the signs if you see something suspicious. Better safe than sorry.

# 240th FST, MEDDAC practice life-saving techniques



Photos by Laurie Dunlop

Maj. Christine Leech, head nurse, 3rd Infantry Division, demonstrates a medical exam for an injured soldier in the field. This training was part of a week-long exercise for soldiers assigned to the 240th Forward Surgical Team and MEDDAC soldiers assigned to Winn Army Community Hospital. The soldiers trained July 22-26 in the setup and operation of all equipment in their deployable hospital on the grounds of Winn "I am proud of the soldiers' behavior and their accomplishments during the week's exercise," said Leech. Also pictured left to right are Spc. Carlous Green and 1st Lt. Kim Gresham.



Spc. Yadira Rodriguez practices using a draw-over anesthesia machine on Sgt. Donna Baugh during a week-long exercise for soldiers assigned to the 240th Forward Surgical Team and MEDDAC soldiers assigned to Winn Army Community Hospital. According to Capt. Laure Kline, CRNA, much of the equipment they trained on during the exercise, like the draw-over anesthesia machine, is small, portable, and far better suited for use in a deployable hospital.

# BOSS gives facility head start

Special to The Frontline

Instead of talking about civic duty, 28 Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield soldiers with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, put their words into action at a Head Start school recently. The off-duty soldiers spent a hot, July Saturday demonstrating their concern for those beyond the installation gates.

Besides major landscaping, the hard-working group of young soldiers spent nine hours

cleaning, painting, repairing and performing minor construction, such as new fencing, around the Liberty County Head Start facility, a nonprofit organization that prepares children, ages 3-5, for kindergarten.

"We felt honored to help out," said Sgt. Norma Kline, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, president, who wasted no time rallying soldiers and making



logistical plans after Vicky Hanes, the Head Start program manager asked for her help.

Besides the Special Olympics program held each November and April, this was the first community project in her nine month tenure of the program.

Kline said the soldiers impressed

themselves with the amount of work they accomplished in only one day. And she heard many of them comment about the good feeling that comes from helping.

"This project gave soldiers a chance to feel what it's like to volunteer," she said.

"It also gave a part of the community a chance to see soldiers in a different light instead of how they're sometimes seen — as a bunch of troublemakers in town. These guys are an asset to both the Army and the community."

## POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, unregistered weapon  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old female, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private first class, 19-year-old female, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Larceny of private property, driving while license suspended, driving on post suspension  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Engineer Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, driving on post suspension  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, Division Artillery  
 • **Charges:** Improper backing  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Improper parking  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 70-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Failure to yield the right of way  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 16-year-old

male  
 • **Charges:** Prowling and loitering, disorderly conduct  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 30-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Failure to supervise children  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, improper lane usage  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old female, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Assault consummated by battery  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private first class, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Duty upon striking, reckless driving  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Possession of tools for commission of crime, possession of drug related object for use  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Failure to yield the right of way  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 34-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Speeding 52/20  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Improper passing, drunken driving, under age drinking  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 37-year-old male

• **Charges:** Following too closely  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Pre-trial confinement  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old female, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** larceny of government property, false official statement  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of dangerous drugs, wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of hallucinogens  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private first class, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of dangerous drugs, wrongful use of hallucinogens  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of dangerous drugs, wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of hallucinogens  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 28-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Failure to use due care  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Civilian, 37-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Accidental damage  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade

• **Charges:** Terroristic threats and acts  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Simple battery  
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 41-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Unlawful possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Failure to pay fines, failure to report to probation officer  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private, 28-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Post trial/pre-sentencing confinement  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old female, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Failure to control pet  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private first class, 26-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private first class, 24-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private first class, 21-

year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group  
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Deposit account fraud  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Deposit Account Fraud  
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Robbery  
 • **Location:** Smoaks, SC

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Too fast for conditions, must obtain tag in 30 days, failure to appear  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Defective equipment, failure to obey order or regulation, driving on a post suspension, driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Speeding 53/30  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 20-year-old male, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Following too closely  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 57-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, possession of a firearm during commission of a crime, possession of a knife during commission of a crime, possession of drug related objects  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 41-year-old female

• **Charges:** Driving under the influence  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Following too closely  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Too fast for conditions  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery  
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 45-year-old female, separate battalion  
 • **Charges:** Failure to stop at a posted stop sign  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Criminal trespassing, failure to wear a safety belt  
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 38-year-old male  
 • **Charges:** Carrying a concealed weapon  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old female  
 • **Charges:** Driving on a suspended drivers license  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 26-year-old male, Division Support Command  
 • **Charges:** Driving on a suspended license  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade  
 • **Charges:** Driving on a suspended license, no seat belt, failure to register vehicle, expired temp tag, no proof of insurance  
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

HAVE A NICE DAY!

## 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

**Patriot's Day**

The Veterans Council of Chatham County takes great pride in presenting what will be an annual celebration of Patriot's Day.

The celebration will be held at 6 p.m., Sept. 11, at Grayson Stadium, Savannah. There will be several local dignitaries present, as well as representatives of the local and county police and fire departments, all branches of the armed forces, veteran's groups, guest speakers, choir singing, color guards and bands playing patriotic songs. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

**Guardfist II**

The Guardfist II call for fire facility located in Building 1805 is offering night land navigation classes. Soldiers will receive hands-on training on navigating from point to point during the hours of darkness. This training is especially geared toward soldiers who will be attending PLDC. The facility also offers classes in map reading as well as call for fire.

For more information, call Randy Scales, facility manager, at 767-6467/6384.

**Officer Candidate School**

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield soldiers interested in applying for Officer Candidate School must turn in their packets by Aug. 21 to the Personnel Actions Section, Room 236, B Company, 3rd Soldier Support Battalion, Building 621.

The uniform for the local board is Class A with all awards and decorations. OCS packets must be complete with all necessary documentation prior to submission to the 3rd SSB.

Incomplete packets will not be accepted. NOTE: The 3rd SSB is currently in the process of moving packets turned in prior to Saturday. The Fort Stewart local OCS board will be conducted on Sept. 4 at

8 a.m. in the Club Stewart Headlight Room.

The next Headquarters Department of the Army OCS Selection Board will be conducted at PER-SCOM Oct. 7 through 11. For information, call Sgt. Clayton at 767-1452 or Sgt. 1st Class Clark at 767-5817.

**Golf Tournament**

The Society of the Third Infantry Division presents the Marne Association Golf Tournament Four-Man Scramble at Taylors Creek Golf Course, Aug. 21. There are two shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Entry fees include greens fee, cart, range balls and lunch. 3ID Society members pay \$27.50 and non-members pay \$37.50. You can bring your own team. A \$20 cash fee is required for team registration by Aug. 19. There is a limited number of teams for this event. To register or for more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Wise at 767-0019 or [wisejf@stewart.army.mil](mailto:wisejf@stewart.army.mil), 1st Lt. Thomas at 767-2791, [thomasba@stewart.army.mil](mailto:thomasba@stewart.army.mil).

**Retiree representative**

Jake Umholtz has been appointed as the retiree representative to the Club Stewart Council. In an effort to properly represent the Retiree Community, please advise the military retirees within your directorate of his appointment, and pass to them an invitation to advise him of their concerns and ideas to improve the club system which includes services and activities available.

For more information, call 370-7525 or e-mail [jake.umholtz@stewart.army.mil](mailto:jake.umholtz@stewart.army.mil).

**NCO and Officer Calls**

Club Stewart Officer Call is in the Liberty Room Lounge and NCO Call in the Rockets Lounge. Both are from 5 to 9 p.m., Fridays, except training holidays. Free snacks; hot dogs for sale. Bring your spouse.

## Hunter

**Human Resources degree**

MBA and Masters in Human Resources Management degrees are available through Webster University.

The Hunter Army Education Center will offer courses at Hunter Monday. Start earning your degree today by calling your Army Education Counselor, 352-6130 or go to [www.webster.edu](http://www.webster.edu).

**Troops to Teachers**

Troops to Teachers is a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and are now seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

The Georgia Troops to Teachers program manager will be at the Fort Stewart Main Education Center, Building 130 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Aug. 21.

For more information, call 767-8331.

**Recruiter Briefings**

The Army's Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief soldiers interested in becoming recruiters Aug. 22, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Building 1290, Room 26.

For more information, call 767-3563.

**Army Concert tour**

Live in concert - STYX featuring Dishwalla and Cowboy Mouth at the Savannah Civic Center, Aug. 23. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now: \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Hunter personnel can purchase tickets at Hunter Lanes and Savannah Civic Center outlets.

**Women's Equality Day**

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) will celebrate Women's Equality Day Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Club Stewart. Contact your Equal Opportunity Advisor for lunch tickets.

**Automotive service exams**

The Automotive Service Exam is here again. Servicemembers must register for the ASE by Sept. 5 for both Fort Stewart and Hunter sites. There is absolutely no late registration, so make sure you leave plenty of time to sign up. There is a \$28 registration fee for each soldier, but three tests are free once the registration has been paid.

For more information, call 767-8331 or 352-6130.

**Chapter counseling**

The Staff Judge Advocate is changing the hours for Chapter counseling.

The new hours are: Article 15 counseling — Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Chapter/Elimination counseling — Mondays and Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; Courts-martial (all levels) — Monday through Wednesday and Friday by appointment only; Suspect Rights advice — Monday through Wednesday and Friday, appointments or walk-ins accepted.

**Hunter Outdoor Recreation**

All facilities at Lott's Island Recreation Area are now open to the general public, to include campground, picnic areas and shelters, the tackle shop, boat hoist, and private berthing for boats. For more information, call 767-5722.

**Hunter Recycling Center**

The Hunter Recycling Center is temporarily closed. Housing residents are encouraged to place cardboard to be recycled in or next to their recycling bin.

## Winn

**Training calendar change**

Since the training holiday for Friday was cancelled, all Soldier Family Health Clinics are open for regular business hours.

**Holiday hours**

Monday, Sept. 2 is Labor Day, a federal holiday. Friday, Aug. 30 is a MEDDAC training holiday. Services at Winn will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies on these two days. On Friday, sick call will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. at Soldier Family Health Clinic No. 2, Building 612. For information, call hospital information at 370-6837 or 370-6965. Or, call SFHC No. 2 at 767-7669.

**Family Practice Clinic hours**

The Family Practice Clinic has changed its hours to reflect the times that patients keep their scheduled appointments. Those hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Access to care at Winn is based upon the needs of our beneficiaries. Those needs prompted the change in hours.

**Labor and delivery video**

Expectant moms and partners unable to attend a scheduled labor and delivery tour at Winn can now borrow a video tape that contains a 15-minute "video tour". This video gives families a sneak peek at what to expect during and after delivery at Winn. Copies are available in the OB-GYN Clinic on the fourth floor or at the public affairs office on the first floor at Winn.

**TRICARE moves**

The TRICARE Service Center is open for business in Building T-301, the old Behavioral Health Building, next to the ER and adjacent to the Outpatient Clinic entrance. The TRICARE Service Center telephone number remained the same, 368-

3048. They joined the Health Benefits Branch, already in that building.

If you have any questions for the Health Benefits Branch call 370-6230.

**Red Cross volunteers**

An orientation briefing will be held for American Red Cross volunteers from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 6 in the hospital conference room, 2nd Floor. For more information, call 370-6903 or e-mail [Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil).

**Obstetrics registration**

Obstetrics registration classes are held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, except the third Thursday of each month, at the Well Women's Center, Room 417, fourth floor. If you have had a positive pregnancy test, call 370-5620 to register for the class. Patients are scheduled to attend the class during or after their eighth week of pregnancy. At the registration class, an appointment for your first OB visit/physical will be made. This appointment should be scheduled by the 12th week of pregnancy. For more information or to register for the class, call 370-5620.

**TRICARE questions**

Do you have questions about TRICARE — general or specific? There is an e-mail address where you can go to get assistance: [TRICARE\\_help@amedd.army.mil](mailto:TRICARE_help@amedd.army.mil). If you would prefer to ask your questions to someone in the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield area, you may contact a health benefits advisor/beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator. If you have soldiers who are deployed, they can access information and get assistance from one of the health benefits advisors at Winn, 370-6015 or Tuttle Army Health Clinic, 352-5062.



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# SPORTS & FITNESS

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## On Post

### Football and cheerleading

Register your child for the Fall Fort Stewart Child and Youth Services football and cheerleading, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, Building 443, located on the corner of Gulick Ave and Lindquist Rd, behind Corkan Pool. Football is open to youth ages 7 to 13. Cheerleading is open to youth ages 6 to 13. For more information, contact CYS at 767-2312.

### Women's Outdoor Class

Women can learn to fish, hunt, canoe and shoot in a no-pressure environment at Holbrook Pond Saturday. Registration cost has been reduced from \$50 to \$35 for female military personnel, dependant wives of active male personnel and dependant daughters 14 and older. For information, and to register, call 767-8609.

### Golf Course

Taylor's 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.

### Jordan Gym renovations

Jordan Gym is closed for renovation until January.

### Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers free 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.

### 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. Cash prizes will be awarded. The tournament is sponsored by the Fort Stewart Women's Bowling Association. For more information, call 767-4866.

A scotch double tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. Cash prizes will be awarded.

### Boating program

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-2 will offer a basic boating program, Boating Skill and Seamanship Educational Program.

Classes will be held at the Coast Guard Air Station located on Hunter Army Airfield. Classes will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday and Thursday nights for three weeks. A final test is required. An optional class on piloting is also offered. Cost for materials is \$25.

The Basic Coastal Navigation program will be offered beginning Sept. 17. The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays for 10 weeks. Cost for materials is \$35.

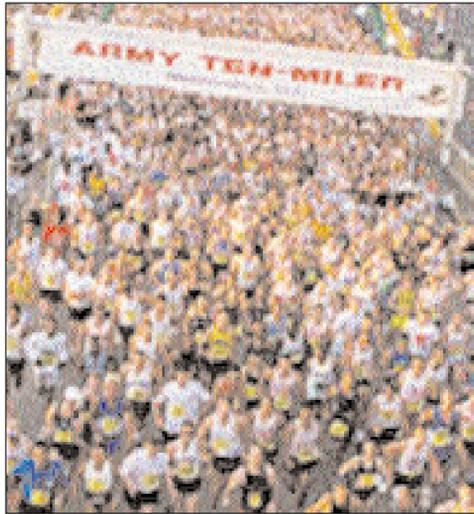
For more information, call Kent Shockey at 897-7656, Dick Luettich at 598-9375 or Bill Jackson at 356-3536.

### Newman opens for PT

Newman Physical Fitness Center now opens at 5 a.m. Monday through Friday for soldier physical fitness training.

*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.*

# Wanted: Army Ten-Milers



Courtesy photo

Runners from the 2000 Army Ten-Miler take off at the start of the race. Last year's race was cancelled due to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

## 133rd MP's capture championship

Spc. Robin M. Tenney

Staff Writer

Strike! Strike! Strike! Only the crashing of pins could be heard at Marne Lanes July 30 as the 133rd Military Police Company crushed A Co., 603rd Aviation Support Battalion in the Intramural Bowling Championship Finals.

The two teams went head-to-head in six games of bowling action.

The 133rd MP's, a reserve unit from South Carolina, took the early lead within the first couple of frames. They had a lead of 52 pins in the third frame. John Springer helped make the lead even greater by throwing four strikes in the last two frames. The 603rd was down by 116 pins by the end of the first game.

The 603rd gave their best to make a comeback in the second game. Much of the effort is owed to Robert Ogier who boasted a high score of 199. However, due to the low score of 128 by teammate Sean Pyne, the 603rd lost another 36 pins.

Due to technical difficulties, the third game was restarted early in the third frame. Once play resumed, it was turkey fever for both teams. Both J.B. Little and Springer racked up three in a row for the 133rd, as did Ogier and Pyne. Springer bowled his way to the high score of the series at a 212. At the end of the third game, the 133rd gained another 41 pin advantage.

The fourth game did not bring much relief for 603rd. Both Tracy Tadlock and Pyne helped their team by throwing a turkey and a double, respectively. Izell Simon and Drew Hobbs each threw a double for the 133rd. The 603rd was 324 pins down by the end of the game. Unwilling to give up, the 603rd forged ahead.

Unfortunately, the fifth and sixth games proved unfruitful for the 603rd. Even though the 133rd had some of their lowest scores, the 603rd was unable to make a comeback. They ended the fifth game 364 pins down and the sixth 428 pins down.

## Basketball teams prepare for new season

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

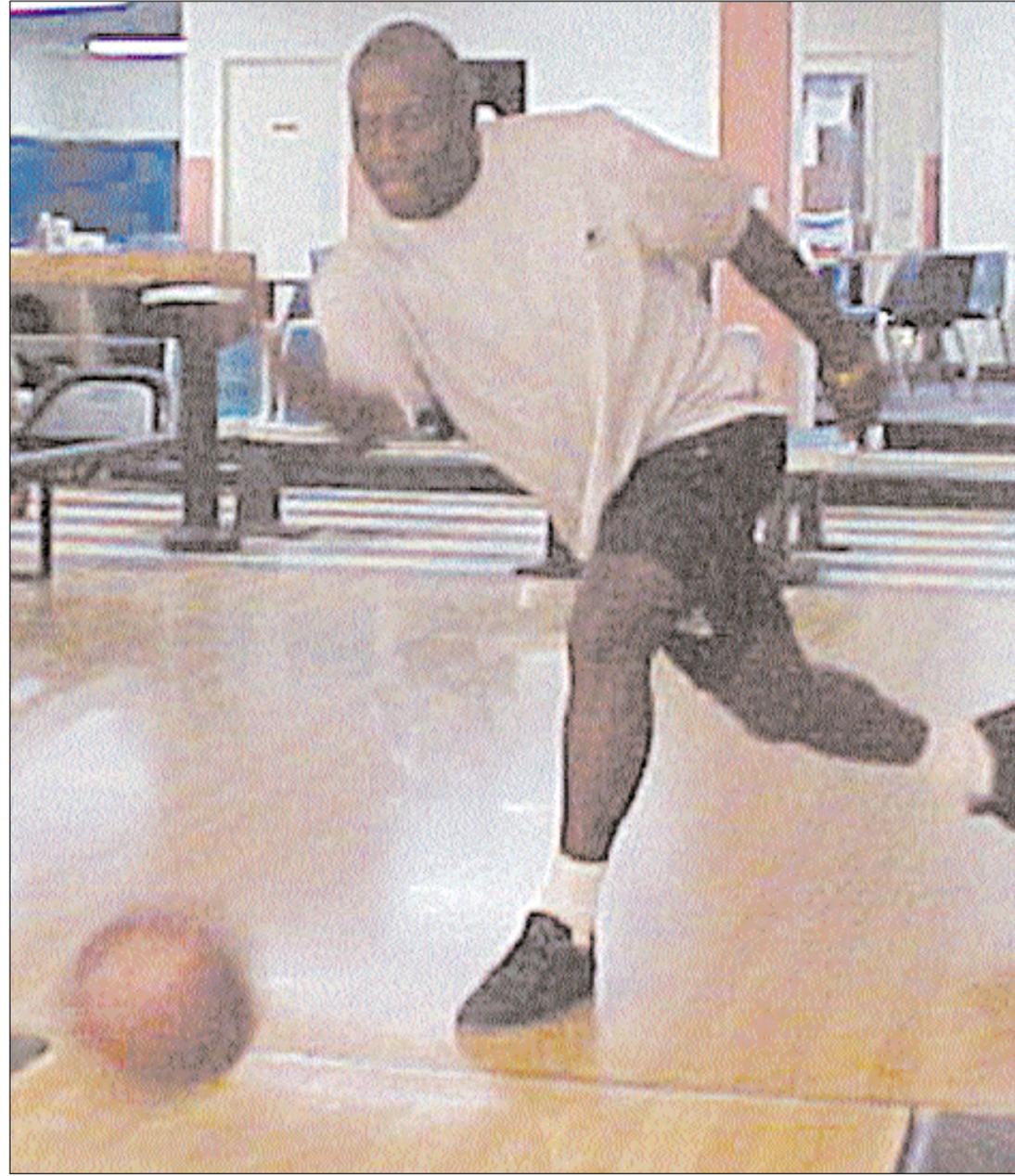
The Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield men's and women's basketball teams will be holding tryouts for the 2002-2003 season Aug. 27-28 at Cairo Gym.

Active duty and reserve soldiers and their dependents are eligible to try out for the teams, said Leon Green, the coach of the women's team.

The teams play against colleges and other military posts in the region.

"The colleges we play against are on a Division II level," Green said.

The tryouts will be held from 7-9 p.m. each day, Green said. The teams are looking for between 15 and 20 players each.



Spc. Robin M. Tenney

Izell Simon, 133rd MP Co., bowls for a strike July 30 at Marne Lanes in the Intramural Bowling Championship Finals. The 133rd defeated A Co., 603rd ASB in six games of play.

The basketball teams are returning about six players from last year's squads, and Green expects the tryout to be an opportunity for soldiers who haven't been on the team before.

"This year's teams will probably have a lot of fairly new players," Green said.

The teams play about 30 games, starting with their opener Oct. 1, Green said.

The season will end with the state tournament March 15.

Once the teams are set, they will practice twice a week, Green said. Games are almost all played on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. There are weekend tournaments that take place on Saturday and Sunday as well.

"We try to schedule for those

days because they are the best time for soldiers to get off," Green said.

The teams typically finish with records somewhere around 20-10 said Green, who has coached teams at Fort Stewart since 1994.

Green started off coaching unit-level teams in intramurals before moving up to coach the post women's team.

The importance of teamwork is one of Green's favorite things about the game.

"The team concept of basketball is really different from other sports," Green said. "You can have one good player, or several great players, but all five people on the court have to play as a unit to be successful."

The teams typically play regional colleges, such as Denmark Tech,

the post tryouts will make the team, Lewis said. Each team member will receive a uniform to wear in the race, and will get an expenses-paid trip to Washington for the event.

More than 700 teams regularly participate in the competition, and the top teams in each division will receive awards, according to the registration forms for the event. The four fastest members' times from each team will be added together to determine the teams' times.

The mostly flat course begins and ends at the Pentagon. It leads runners toward Arlington National Cemetery before taking them across the Potomac River on Arlington Memorial Bridge. From there, it passes the Lincoln Memorial and races down Independence Avenue the full length of the mall. It then passes in front of the Capitol and towards Union Station before turning back toward Independence Avenue. The final leg of the race will take place in the HOV lanes of the Interstate 395 Bridge, taking runners back to the Pentagon.

Water stations and medical assistance will be available all along the route, according to the registration form.

Anyone needing further information can contact the sports office at 767-8326 or 352-6749.

# Marne Scoreboard

## Softball

Shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
 Entry Fee: 27.50 for Society of the Third Infantry Division members, \$37.50 for nonmembers \$20 cash fee required by Aug. 19 for team registration.  
 Call 767-0019 or 767-2791 for more information or to register.

Ages 3-4 \$20 YMCA members  
 \$35 program members  
 Ages 5-6 \$40 YMCA members  
 \$55 program members  
 Ages 7-8 \$50 YMCA members  
 \$65 program members  
 Register at the YMCA, 201 Mary Lou Drive or call 368-5311 for more information.

## Basketball

**Basketball Season**  
 Entry Deadline: Nov. 14  
 Company level, active-duty level league, battalion level women's active-duty league and the battalion level 35 and over league start Nov. 25.  
 The family member women's league starts Nov. 26

## Soccer

**Fall Six-Man Soccer League**  
 Begins Sept. 23  
 Entry Deadline: Sept. 16  
 15 players per team  
 20-team field  
 Contact Arthur Lewis at 767-6572 or 352-6749.

## Football

**2002 Fort Stewart/HAAF Intramural Flag Football**

**Preseason Tournament**  
 Aug. 26-29  
 Single Elimination  
 Entry Deadline: Aug. 21  
 Fee: \$75 per team  
 15 players per team  
 20-team field  
 Contact Arthur Lewis at 767-6572 or 352-6749.

## Bowling

**2002 Fort Stewart/HAAF Intramural Bowling Championship**

Results from July 30

High Series Scratch	
133rd MP: John Springer	1127
603rd ASB: Robert Ogier	971
High Game Scratch	
133rd MP: John Springer	212
603rd ASB: Robert Ogier	199
High Average	
133rd MP: John Springer	188
603rd ASB: Robert Ogier	162
Final Score	
133rd MP	4037
603rd MP	3615

**Regular Season**  
 Company level, active-duty level league, battalion level women's active-duty league, battalion level 35 and over active-duty league, and family member women's league begin Sept. 9  
 Entry Deadline: Aug. 16

**Company Level Football Tournaments**  
 The company level top two preseason teams from each conference will compete Feb. 18-21.  
 The 2001 battalion level women's active-duty league's top two teams will compete Feb. 18-21.  
 The battalion level 35 and over top two teams will compete Feb. 18-21.  
 The top two family member women's league will compete Feb. 18-21.

**YMCA Youth Flag Football**  
 Registration ongoing and ends Sept. 1.

## Running

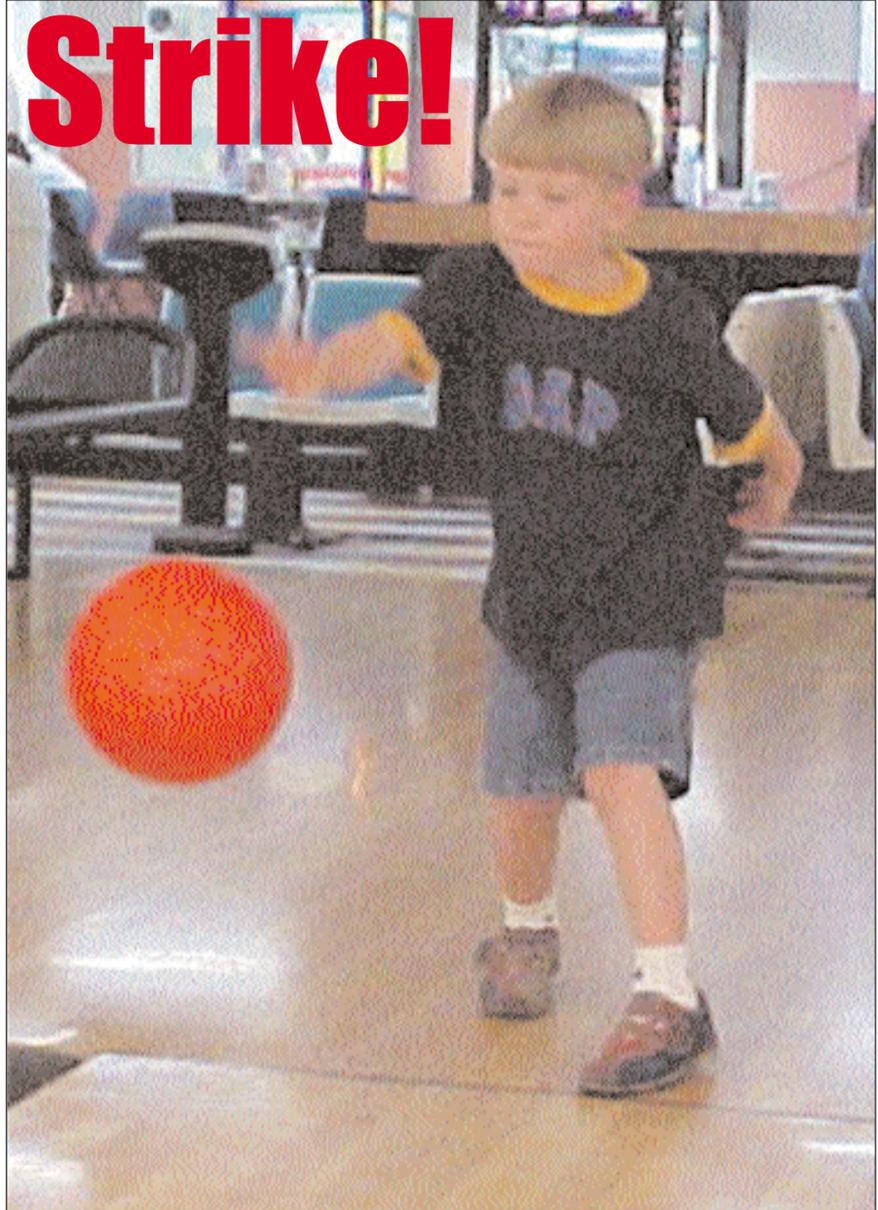
**"Top of the Rock" Run**  
 Sept. 7  
 Race starts 9 a.m. at Newman Physical Fitness Center  
 5K Individual, 10K Individual, male and female 5K, team 10K (10 runners minimum)  
 Entry fee: \$10-\$12, or \$18 day of race 10 age groups  
 Entry deadline: Individuals can register the day of the race, teams must be registered by Sept. 4

## Golf

**2002 Fort Stewart Intramural Golf Tournament**  
 Aug. 21-22  
 Taylors Creek Golf Course, 1 p.m. each day  
 Format: Four-man scramble  
 Entry Deadline: Aug. 9

**The Marne Association Golf Tournament**  
 Aug. 21

**Got Scores? Contact the Frontline staff at 767-3440.**



*Spc. Robin M. Tenney*

**Schuyler Shuck, 4, tries to get a strike at Marne Lanes July 30. Marne Lanes offers bowling fun for people of all ages. Lanes with bumpers are also available.**

# They're only games

**Sp. Jacob Boyer**  
Staff Writer

Our culture is immersed in sport. It seems like nowadays you can't go anywhere without running into some athlete hawking a product, some company wanting to paste their name across a stadium or some person raving about that game they watched last night.

From early childhood, many children are exposed to sports both through participation and observation. Community leagues keep adults rekindling their high school glories long past the days when they actually could throw the perfect spiral, shoot the sweetest jumper or smack the ball past the fence.

Some people (like me) eat, breathe and sleep sports. Their televisions are always tuned to SportsCenter in the morning, and they will always bleed (insert your favorite team's colors here).

But are sports really as important as we, as a society, have built them up to be? I won't argue the intrinsic value of children participating in sports, and I would never argue the fitness value of someone being involved in some kind of sport throughout his life.

But I know people who go into raging fits when the Tennessee Volunteers lose to Florida, something that used to be (that's a pick, folks) a yearly tradition. Being in Georgia, we all probably know folks who fall into a dour mood every year when the Atlanta Braves fail to win the World Series (another pick).

There's a time to enjoy sports and competition, but there's also a time to remember that they are only games.

You know our nationwide obsession with athletics is getting a little out of hand when a news show dedicated to sports is celebrating its 25,000th episode, as the aforementioned SportsCenter is in the midst of doing.

Even those who cover sports have become

— **Commentary** —



famous nowadays. Craig Kilborn? He has a late night talk show. Keith Olberman? Well, things aren't great right now, but he is a celebrity in his own right. Jim Rome?

Okay, I may not like him much, but

he's at least infamous. Bob Costas? Marv Albert?

The list of sports celebrities WHO DON'T EVEN PLAY goes on and on. And we just eat it up.

People can wager their life savings on a horse, if they choose. How's that for out of hand? In some towns, people wait years for a chance to maybe get one ticket to one game featuring their favorite team. They'll do anything for one glimpse of Shane Matthews from behind a Port-A-John in the nosebleed seats.

Folks, our teams are important to us. My teams are definitely important to me. But will I get even mildly upset if the Redskins suffer through another losing season? No, but then again I'm pretty well used to it at this point.

I'm not saying sports are not important. I'm not even saying they are bad things, but a line should be drawn somewhere in the name of good taste if nothing else.

All I'm trying to say is take it all in stride. Remember the good sportsmanship you were taught in little league before you go off the handle over the results of your kid's high school football game. Have fun with sports, whether you're watching or playing. Because in the end, that's what it's all about.

Now I'm going to go paint myself in orange and white and scream like an idiot for the Vols.

# — JAKE'S BODY SHOP — More power to you:

*Energy bar differences and what they mean*

Get the most out of your exercise routine by planning ahead. What you eat before and during your workout can play a large role in how you perform.

Lots of foods will stick to your stomach, hampering your comfort. Many athletes have turned to energy bars to give them the nutrients they need without the side effects.

Yet not all energy bars are the same. When you go to the store, you will find a variety of choices. Now you can discover the differences between the two main types of energy bars.

**Carb-packed**

The first kind of energy bar is high in carbohydrates and low in protein and fat. The makers of these bars believe that eating lots of carbohydrates will give you a better fuel source when you are going to exercise intensely.

Also, they claim it is best to avoid as many fat calories as possible before working out. These bars have up to 90 percent carbohydrates and as little as two to five percent fat and are used successfully by many athletes.

**A balanced approach**

Many nutritionists recommend an energy bar which is more balanced in its approach.

The makers of these energy bars believe that if you eat too many carbohydrates, your body's ability to use stored fats will be inhibited and you might suffer fatigue sooner.

With a more evenly proportioned amount of carbohydrates, protein and fat, they claim you can use more fat while exercising, saving your carbohydrates for the end of your workout to give you that extra boost of energy.

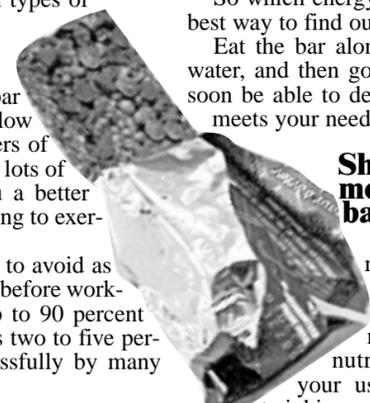
**Which to choose?**

So which energy bar is right for you? The best way to find out is to try them both.

Eat the bar along with a glass or two of water, and then go for your workout. You'll soon be able to determine which energy bar meets your needs.

**Should I replace a meal with an energy bar?**

Many nutritionists do not recommend eating energy bars to replace an entire meal. They assume the meal replaced is both nutritious and balanced. If your usual fare is fast food or twinkies, you're probably better off with one of the more balanced energy bars. However, you're still not getting the fiber and other nutrients your body needs.





**Practice Safe Biking...  
Always Wear a Helmet!**

**On Post****Stewart School Delayed**

Due to the ongoing renovation project at Brittin Elementary School, the start date for the 2002-03 school year has been postponed.

Tentative return dates for students is Aug. 19 and teachers and educational aides is Aug. 12.

**Officers' Spouses' Club**

The Fort Stewart Officers' Spouses Club cordially invites you to the Fall Sign Up from 7 to 9 p.m., Aug. 15, at Club Stewart.

There will be information from vendors, food and fellowship.

Information tables are available for private military and non-military vendors. Tables are for information only, no sales are allowed. The fee is \$10 for profit organizations and free for non-profit organizations.

For more information, call Kimberly Mullen, 727-9909 or Heather Knapp, 877-0193.

**Styx concert**

Tickets are now on sale for the Aug. 23 Styx concert. Prices are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the concert for the public. Tickets are on sale at Mame Lanes, Stewart Lanes, Sports USA, Leisure Activities Center and Hunter Lanes. For more information, go to [www.fortstewartmwr.com](http://www.fortstewartmwr.com).

**Mystery Bowl**

Visit your local bowling center every week from now until Aug. 31 to enter the drawing for the Mystery Prize. There are still several weeks of prizes for bowling center patrons. Stop by your bowling center for details on how to win or log on to [www.army-mwr.com](http://www.army-mwr.com).

**Summer Reading**

Let your child "Go on a Reading Safari" at the Main Post Library. Children ages 2 to 15, are eligible but must register.

For more information, call 767-2828 or 767-5722.

**Volunteering**

Do you have a few hours each day, each week or each month to work with new people and learn new skills?

The Installation Volunteer Coordinator Program needs military spouses and others who are interested in helping others. Child care may be provided. For more information, call IVC at 767-5058, or stop by 76 Lindquist Avenue.

**Off Post****Pet first aid course**

The Savannah Chapter of the Red Cross is offering a Pet First Aid Course from 8 a.m. to noon, Aug. 10, at the Richmond Hill Library. The fee is \$25 and includes course fee and book. For more information and to register, call 651-5320.

**Cannon demonstrations**

Historic Fort James Jackson in Savannah is having live cannon firing demonstrations daily, at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m., through Aug. 15. Everyone is invited out to learn more about Georgia's oldest standing fortification. There are military, senior and student discounts. Children 5 and under are free.

**Museum**

Journey through an adventure of sights and sounds with exhibits, aircraft, artifacts at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 748-8888.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

# Lending a helping hand:



Timothy L. Hale

**Air Force Airman Ben Williams, 15th ASOS, helps spread cement during the Habitat for Humanity project the week of July 29. Twenty-one Airmen from Hunter Army Airfield volunteered to help renovate two homes in Savannah.**

## Hunter airmen show spirit of volunteerism by helping with Habitat for Humanity project

**Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke**

Hunter Public Affairs Office

Digging ditches, pouring concrete and putting up sheetrock may not seem like the most glamorous job in the world to some, but 21 airmen from Hunter Army Airfield did that and more while volunteering with Habitat for Humanity during the week of July 29.

The group assisted in the major renovation of two homes in the Northside Savannah area. The initial idea to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity originated with Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Gilbert, plans and programs non-commissioned officer in charge, 15th Air Support Operations Squadron.

"I was just trying to think of some ideas of how we could help the community. I spoke to my supervisor, and after researching a few organizations like the United Way and the American Red Cross, we came across Habitat for Humanity," he said. "I invited some of the people from my squadron to participate, and we had about 21 people volunteer to help."

Laboring under the hot summer sun was tedious, Gilbert said, but the sacrifice was worth it.

"I really like what Habitat for Humanity stands for," he explained. "You get to help someone help themselves. Right now, it seems like we're just spreading dirt around - but we're trying to raise the backyard up about six inches. There's also a main beam inside the house that we're going to try to

straighten later on. The others are pouring concrete and putting up sheetrock. When we get finished, we'll actually be able to see the results of what we did."

Gilbert went on to point out that although many volunteers have little or no knowledge of construction work, anyone can do the job with a little direction.

"The organization usually has someone here overseeing you - like for the people pouring concrete, there is someone with them directing them on what they should do. But if you have knowledge in a certain area, like carpentry, it really helps," he said.

**Making it happen**

Mike Zehe, a construction supervisor with Habitat for Humanity, explained how the program works.

"We help people who, under normal circumstances, may have trouble getting a house. They go through a qualification process, and after they are qualified, they have to contribute what we call sweat equity - 350 hours of their own time to the construction of the house," he said. "When we're finished with the house, it is appraised, and they get an interest-free loan for the appraisal value. So for a \$50,000 house, their note would be about \$300 a month."

Zehe went on to say that without the assistance of the volunteers, the program could not be as successful at it is.

"It's good for the community to come together like this. If it wasn't

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# Family reconnects with roots

**Sp. Laurie Kemp**

Staff Writer

Fort Stewart not only boasts a history of great soldiering, but a history of remembering the families who once lived on the land before Camp Stewart was established in 1940-41.

Approximately 60 cemeteries are housed in the estimated 450,000 acres that make up Fort Stewart. And Saturday, the Bacon family visited Jerusalem Church Cemetery to lay a wreath of remembrance as part of their family reunion.

According to Arvon L. Bacon Jr., the family member who coordinated the visit, laying the wreath wasn't the only reason the family came out.

"We came out to record the history of who is buried out here," Bacon said. Bacon said 25 percent of the grave sites are unmarked, and he hopes to be able to drop that number down to less than 12 percent.

According to Jennifer Grover, cultural resource management specialist,

grave sites are unmarked a majority of times for one of two reasons - the families couldn't afford a headstone or a wooden headstone was placed and the lapse of time has deteriorated them.

Part of Grover's job is to photo-document all of the headstones and epitaphs, and take headstone measurements in case something should happen to the original. If something should happen, an exact duplicate would be made and placed on site to uphold the history.

Two Bacon family members, Martha and Odell, found a site they knew. It was the grave of Maggie Hammacy, the wife of Willie L. Bacon, who was buried in 1913. Maggie was Martha's mother-in-law and Odell's great grandmother.

Like the other land acquired by the Army, the church had nearly 80 years of history before it was taken over. The church was founded in 1867 and thrives on today as the Jerusalem Chapel Baptist Church in Bryan County.



Sp. Laurie Kemp

**Odell Bacon (left), and Martha Bacon examine the tombstone of Maggie Hammacy, Martha's mother-in-law and Odell's great grandmother. The Bacon's held a reunion at Jerusalem Church Cemetery Saturday.**

## Children complete medical screenings for school

**Laurie Dunlop**

Winn Army Community Hospital Public Affairs

More than 50 MEDDAC, DENTAC, and Winn Army Community Hospital staff and nine Red Cross volunteers gave their time Saturday to assist more than 540 children



Laurie Dunlop

**Col. Bruce Cushman, DENTAC, checks Hope Hessel's teeth during a Mass School Health Screening Saturday at Winn Army Community Hospital.**

complete their school health screenings and sports physicals for the new school year.

Each child entering the Georgia school system for the first time

must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form, and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed and signed by the appropriate health-

care providers. Parents who missed the mass screening Saturday can still have the required forms completed by visiting the following clinics: EENT Clinic, Immunization Clinic and the sponsor's assigned dental clinic. Bring medical records, military I.D. and shot records to the screenings.

Vision-Hearing school screenings are conducted Monday through Friday from 7:15 to 8 a.m. in the Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat Clinic, located on the first floor of Winn Army Community Hospital. Pick up the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form at the EENT Clinic. To make an appointment for a hearing-vision screening, call 767-6633. Appointment slots are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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# Habitat for Humanity



(Below) Air Force Airman Ben Williams, 15th ASOS, does his part for the community during the Habitat for Humanity project. He and other members of his squadron donated their time for the week to help renovate two Savannah homes.

(Right) Bob Longueira, a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, puts the finishing touches on the deck.

*Photos by Timothy L. Hale*



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for the people who do come out and help, these houses wouldn't be built," he said. "It isn't the greatest work in the world to do, but I haven't heard one negative word about it - we certainly appreciate the help."

### A fresh start

Future homeowner Shirley Chester has invested a lot of her own time in the renovation of her future residence.

"You have to come out and put your blood, sweat, tears and time into this, but when it's over, you know it's yours and you appreciate it more," she said.

Chester and her friend, Linda Singleton, have spent a number of hours assisting the contractors working at the site.

"It is really a lot of sweat equity hours," Chester said. "We've put on siding, installed installation, busted out walls - but it is all worth it, because it is an opportunity of a lifetime to own your home."

Singleton went on to say that Habitat for Humanity was a good organization, because "it helps people with low income own their homes. But I truly believe that without the volunteers, this couldn't be done. We really owe it to the volunteers; I think it's a great thing that they donate their time and effort to help us," she said. "For everything that's going on that's wrong in the world, we finally have something that's right."



Air Force Staff Sgt. Melanie Hurst, 15th ASOS, lends a hand and a shovel to help add six inches to the backyard of a Habitat for Humanity project.



Air Force Capt. Jack Evans, 15th ASOS, loads up a wheel barrow with dirt so it can be used in leveling the backyard.



Air Force Airman 1st Class Nick Taylor, 15th ASOS, helps by smoothing out the concrete during the project.

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## Spiritual training for the soul

**Chap. (Capt.) John F. Jensen**  
10th Engineer Battalion Chaplain

Physical training, or PT, is a given in the Army. However, when I am on leave, at a conference or performing Temporary Duty, I generally do not do PT on my own. This is partly because I like to get a little extra rest (i.e., sleep in a little longer). But the primary reason that I do not do PT at these times is because it is not required of me.

The truth of the matter is, however, that in those weeks when I do not do regular PT, I find that at the end of the week I actually have less energy. Consequently, when I resume PT, it is more difficult to get back into the swing of it.

I believe the same principles apply for spiritual training, or ST. The reason most people do not do ST regularly is because no one requires it of them. Even those of us who by profession are responsible for promoting and fostering spirituality in others lapse in our own ST at times.

In the military or in civilian life, no one makes another individual pray, read the Bible, go to church, walk in repentance or sing praises to God. Yet at the same time many people recognize and would admit that some form of ST is or would be personally beneficial to them.

In: 1 Timothy 4:7-8, the Apostle Paul tells his young protege, Timothy, "Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things,

holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

It is interesting to note that the Greek word that is translated as train, or training, is gymnasium from which we get our English word gymnasium. ST is just like physical training. ST, like PT, is a discipline that requires effort and persistence.

The difference, as the Apostle Paul notes, is that ST offers eternal rewards as well as value in the present life.

As regular PT produces increased physical energy, so too does ST produce increased spiritual energy.

As you read this article, you have most likely done PT this morning. Have you done ST today?



*Spc. Mason T. Lowery*

**The Minuteman Chapel, serving the Georgia Army National Guard, is one of the many Fort Stewart chapels available to minister to soldiers.**

### Birth announcements

**July 17**  
**Jayda Aneeq Fleming**, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Elaine P. Banks and Tavarus Fleming.

**July 24**  
**Trent Michael Holmes**, a boy, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, born to 2nd Lt. Gregory M. Holmes and Marquita Holmes.

**July 25**  
**Jordan Eunee Hood**, a girl, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Zandra Hood and LaRoy Hood.

**July 27**  
**Thomas Jacob Cochrane**, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Jason Cochrane and Darlene Cochrane.

**Carson Quiano Garcia**, a boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Capt. Carlos A. Garcia and Cynthia Simmons Garcia.

**July 28**  
**Sh'Voda Maurice Gregory Jr.**, a boy, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Sh'Voda M. Gregory and Pfc. Latoya R. Gregory.

**July 29**  
**Katelyn Lissette Hernandez**, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Hector D. Hernandez and Pfc. Mandy R. Hein.

**July 30**  
**Brooke Ellen Albright**, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Maj. Todd S. Albright and Bobbi J. Albright.

**Angel Ann Hicks**, a girl, 5 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Cpl. Walter R. Hicks and Mary J. Hicks.

# Worship Opportunities

## Fort Stewart

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Daily Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Saturday Mass (2nd, 4th, 5th)	Victory	5 p.m.
Spanish Mass (1st & 3rd)	Victory	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Wednesday Mass	WACH	11:45 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Service	Heritage	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Liturgical	Heritage	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Matters	Vale	11 a.m.
Sunday Contemporary	Marne	6 p.m.
<u>American Samoan</u>		
Sunday Service	Heritage	1 p.m.
<u>Muslim</u>		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
<u>Seventh Day Adventist</u>		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
<u>Healing Service</u>		
Tuesday Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
<u>Lutheran</u>		
Sunday Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
<u>Contemporary Service</u>		
Sunday	Marne	6 p.m.

## Hunter Army Airfield

<u>Catholic</u>		
Sunday Mass	Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.



Laurie Dunlop

Rachel Heath, 12, raises her hand to indicate to Sgt. Uriah Popp she hears the tone during her hearing screening during Saturday's Mass School Health Screening at Winn Army Community Hospital. She and her 14-year-old sister, Sabrina, joined more than 530 other children in completing health screenings for the upcoming school year.

## Screenings

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Children can be seen on a walk-in basis at their sponsor's assigned dental clinic for the dental portion of the School Health Screening. Dental clinic hours are as follows:

Dental Clinic #2, Winn Hospital, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information, call 370-6248.

Dental Clinic #3, Hunter Army Airfield, 12:15-1:15 p.m. For more information, call 352-6590.

Dental Clinic #4, on Gulick Ave., 12:15-1 p.m. For more information, call 767-8930.

Bring your children's shot records to Winn's Immunization Clinic for review to ensure they are up-to-date. The Immunization Clinic is open 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (3rd Thursday clinic closed for training until 1 p.m.). If your child's immunization record is incomplete, the child can be immunized at that time. Then, the Georgia Certificate of Immunization form, which can be obtained at the Winn Immunization Clinic and the child's personal immunization record, can be updated readying the child for school entrance.

Each of the services described above can also be obtained at the Liberty County Health Department for a fee. Call them at 876-2173.

## Cancer Treatment Research Foundation

3455 Salt Creek Lane, Suite 200, Arlington Heights, IL 60005  
(847) 342-7450 <http://www.ctrf.org>  
a CFC participant

## Book Review

# Stewart captain makes road to OCS easier

**Spc. Robin M. Tenney**

Staff Writer

Simple and concise are the two best words used to describe "The Road to Officer Candidate School" written by Capt. Fidelis Agbor, 24th Command Support Group chemical officer.

Agbor's first published work offers a wealth of information regarding the

OCS application process and essential knowledge needed to become a commissioned officer.

The book, compiled through Agbor's research and personal experiences as a former candidate, as well as his stint as a cadre in OCS, is 55 pages of usable information.

Agbor begins with a brief history of OCS, outlining the changes the school has undergone since its birth.

Immediately following, he gets right to the heart of the matter.

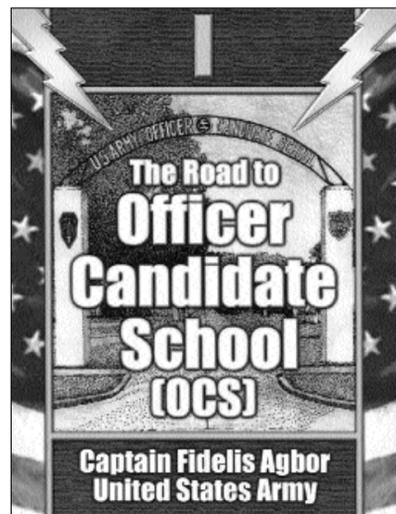
The text clearly states who is eligible for OCS and the forms necessary to complete the candidate school packet. For those who are "Department of the Army form illiterate," Agbor provides both the DA form number and its title. At a later point in the book, each requirement for the OCS packet is detailed.

Next, a recommended packing list is given. This allows for candidates to properly prepare themselves prior to their arrival at OCS. Furthermore, it may save some candidates from spending exorbitant amounts of money on unnecessary equipment.

The selection process is completely outlined both in the text and with graphics. Agbor spares little detail.

The latter portion of the book is devoted to succeeding in OCS.

Agbor begins with physical training and transitions through class activities.



Again, he leaves nothing to chance and details each step of the course.

The last eight pages of the work feature forms that prospective candidates may find useful in their quest.

The major flaw in this work is the lack of consistency in the use of text and layout. Font and indent changes, or lack thereof, disrupt the flow of text.

In all, however, this work is clearly a must-have for those considering, or who will soon be attending, OCS.

The book is available at the Military Clothing and Sales store.



**Capt. Fidelis Agbor, 24th CSG, at his first book-signing Aug. 1 at the Military Clothing and Sales store.**

## Teaching the next generation ...



**Spc. David Clark, 92nd Chemical Company, assists children from the Red Gate Farms Day Camp in learning more about a humvee. The company supported "Patriotic Day" at KAMP KIDS July 3, by providing a "FOX-Recon vehicle," along with the humvee, as a static display and helping kids learn about them.**

Nicole Ransford

# Volunteer Spotlight



**Barbara Miles**



**B**arbara Miles volunteers for the Red Cross at Winn Army Community Hospital in the third party insurance office.

She likes to help out and it gets her out of the house.

"I like volunteering at Winn because of the people I work with," she said.

Her husband Winston is assigned to Medical Department Activities.

They have one son, Brantley, age 3.

If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903.

# Pets of the Week

I have my paws full. Make one of my babies yours. You can choose between two males and one female. Better yet, love them all.



All adoption fees at the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic cover the first series of shots. If interested in adopting these kittens or any other dog or cat, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180.



# Star Wars Episode 2: Attack of the Clones



*Stop Overpopulation, Spay or Neuter Your Pet Today!!*

# Lost your pet?

Check out the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic. All stray pets found on post are taken to the facility.



**Reunite with your loved one.**

# WOODRUFF THEATER

August 8-August 14

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

## Juwanna Man (PG-13)

Starring: Miguel Nuez, Vivica Fox  
Tonight at 7 p.m.

When a bad-boy ballplayer gets booed out of professional basketball, he wants so much to return to the game that he disguises himself as female all-star, "Juwanna Man," and joins the Women's National Basketball League.  
Run time: 91 minutes

## Star Wars Episode 2: Attack of the Clones (PG)

Starring: Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman  
Friday through Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The galaxy has undergone significant change, Anakin has grown into the accomplished Jedi apprentice of Obi-Wan, who himself has transitioned from student to teacher. As the two Jedi are assigned to protect Padme, they face choices that will impact not only their own fates, but the destiny of the Republic.  
Run time: 142 minutes

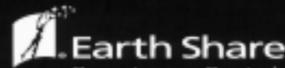
## Powerpuff Girls (PG)

Animated  
Saturday at 2 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

When Professor Utonium first cooked up the girls in his laboratory, he wasn't trying to give them superpowers — he just wanted to create the perfect little girls. But when the professor's mischievous monkey lab assistant Jojo knocked a dose of chemical X into the mix, the Powerpuff Girls — Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup were born!  
Run time: 80 minutes

For more information, call The Woodruff Theater at 767-3069.

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One environment. One simple way to care for it.