

## LIFE &amp; TIMES

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## On Post

## International Day Slated

Army Community Services is looking for volunteers to participate in this year's International Day Celebration slated Sept. 15. Participants may present information, displays and entertainment depicting their heritage, culture and history at the celebration.

For more information contact Linda McKnight or Ethel Jemison at 767-5058.

## Swimming lessons

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

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

Call 767-2312 to sign up for swimming lessons.

## CYS Central Registration

The CYS Central Registration, Building 443 will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Friday by appointment only; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only and all day Wednesday for walk-in.

Pick up records from your child's program (SAS, CDC, FCC and YS) prior to update.

For more information, call 767-2312.

## Framing Class

Learn to professionally mat and frame your treasures and personal prints.

Free classes are open to the public.

Pre-registration is required to order necessary supplies.

Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until finished.

New mats and moldings available on special order. Prints available at great prices. Special introductory demonstrations and classes available for all types of groups — FRG, church groups, OSC, ESC and BOSS.

For more information, call RoseMary at 767-8609.

## Newcomers briefing

Newcomer orientations are held at FortStewart on the first thursday of every month at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Hunter holds their orientations on Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the education center.

## Volunteers needed

The ACS volunteer coordinator and the installation volunteer coordinator have information about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in the ACS center and at other agencies on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Volunteer orientation at Hunter ACS, first Thursday of every month at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Volunteers are always welcome and needed at ACS.

If interested, please call 352-686.

## Military One Source

Phone counseling now available for personal support and referrals to military and community resources.

For help call 800-655-4545.

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## Coastal Hospice

Volunteers needed patient care, office assistance, special events, public information and bereavement care. Please contact Jillian Bradshaw, Community Relations Director at 876-5220 or toll free at 877-876-5221.

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.

# 'No question too small — no issue too big'

## Military One Source provides phone counseling, information

Nancy Gould

DCAS

In July a new counseling/referral service, Military One Source, was launched for soldiers, their families, and activated National Guardsmen and Reservists at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The free, confidential, phone service supplements the support Army Community Services gives the military community.

Master level counselors give advice and support on issues regarding deployment, relocation, financial matters, education and school-

ing, health and wellness, family and relationship and more. As trained crisis intervention professionals, they counsel callers with depression, anxiety, or those who just need someone to talk to for immediate support.

Counselors can inform callers about resources worldwide or tell them what's available at their backdoor, such as childcare services at Fort Stewart and Hunter. They also refer callers to ACS staff at each installation for continued care and follow up counseling.

Counselors can also handle the simple, practical requests such as,

"Can you help me find a plumber in my area?"

Behind the scenes, a comprehensive staff of consultants — health professionals, certified public accountants, attorneys, and others — work to provide counselors with accurate, specialized information, in addition to "researchers" who tackle more time consuming questions.

The 24-hour, seven-day a week service is targeted to soldiers who need information or support during ACS staff's off-duty times - primarily nights and weekends.

"It's also targeted to soldiers living off the installation who cannot

or do not want to come on post during working hours," said Johnny Cusimano, the ACS Family Advocacy Program manager who oversees the program. "It gives them the opportunity to get help from home."

Cusimano said the Department of the Army began piloting the professional counseling service about two years ago, and pending Army approval, will set it up at Army installations worldwide over the next few years. The program was initiated at Fort McCoy, Fort

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Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Sgt. 1st Class Brent Cook from the 306th Training Support Bn. removes plywood from a roof during a Habit for Humanity project in Riceboro, Ga., Saturday.

# Soldiers, youth volunteer to lend a helping hand

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

Most Saturday's events involve people enjoying time off, sleeping late, fishing or spending time with their families. For many folks, it is a day of rest. Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity choose to spend their time off in a more constructive manner by helping those who are in need. Youth and adult volunteers from Fort Stewart spent their Saturday replacing an old, water-damaged roof on a home in Riceboro, Ga.

"I wanted to start doing stuff for Habitat, and I found out that my neighbor was involved in the program. I went to a meeting and said count me in. I just hate it that people have to live like that," said Sgt. 1st Class Brent Cook from the 306th Training Support Battalion.

"I was asked to volunteer in church, and after being in Iraq, I thought it would be cool to help out," said Spc. John D. Lee from the 703rd Medical Support Battalion.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian housing organization that has built more than 125,000 houses since 1976 in more than 87 countries, including 45,000 homes in the U.S., according to their website at [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

Three factors make habitat houses affordable to low-income people. Houses are sold at no profit, with no interest charged on the mortgage. Homeowners and volunteers build the houses under trained supervision. Individuals, corporations and faith groups provide additional financial support for home building, according to the habitat website.

"I figure we needed some extra hands, so I stood up in church and told everyone what I was doing on Saturday. I asked if anyone wanted to volunteer, and four guys put up their hands," said Cook.

Three other adult volunteers and three youth volunteers showed up to help. With the exception of Bee Wilson, a program assistant for the youth center, all of the adults went up on the roof and stripped away old shingles, plywood and rafters and threw them to the ground while Wilson and the three youths removed the debris. There was considerable water damage to the material being removed.

Thelma Wynn, the homeowner, stood in front of her house smiling while her niece took pictures and her son-in-law ran errands and brought building materials.

"I'm so excited. It's a real blessing. I have been trying to get help to fix my roof for over a year, then someone

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# Sand Gnats salute military

1st Lt. Amy Phillips

Hunter Deputy PAO

Savannah's very own, Sand Gnats, honored 3rd Infantry Division's (Mechanized) 38 fallen heroes and veterans from past wars during their Aug. 5 pre-game ceremony at the historic Grayson Stadium.

The Sand Gnats (20-23 as of Aug. 3), a minor league affiliate of the Montreal Expos, have honored local military in several other games but this time went all out.

"It's the right thing to do," said General Manager Ken Shepard.

The recently returned 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Band provided entertainment before the pre-game military salute. The ceremony honoring the soldiers who sacrificed their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom began with the posting of the Colors, an invocation by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) George Spencer, and the playing of the national anthem by the Rhythm of the Marne.

While an announcer read all 38 names of the fallen soldiers, three honorary individuals laid the ceremonial wreath. Annette Hale, stepmother of Capt. Korn of the 2nd Brigade Combat team who died in combat in April, Command Sgt. Maj. John Grove of Troop

Command and Sand Gnats representative Ken Shepard.

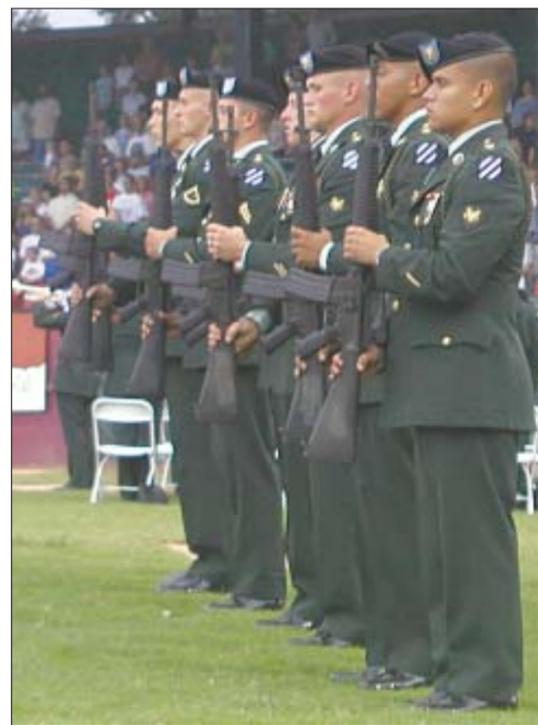
A somber 21-Gun Salute by soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Headquarters, Headquarters Company followed by the playing of "Taps" caused some spectators to cry, while others bowed their heads in respect.

"It's very nerve-racking when I first begin because it holds so much meaning to everyone," said bugler Pfc. Rafael Ramos. "As soon as the first note comes out, you know everyone is going to cry. I feel the utmost respect for the fallen."

The Colors then exited the infield and "America the Beautiful" was played by the band before the Sand Gnats' players in their camouflaged jerseys ran out to the field with garrison-sized flags. Pint-sized little leaguers also took the field with the Sand Gnats as Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" played over the stadium loudspeakers.

Third baseman Brian Ellerson said the ceremony and wearing of the camouflaged jerseys meant a lot to him. "As I look at these soldiers here, I realized they are probably my age. I give them all the credit in the world because what they do is a lot harder than what we do!"

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1st Lt. Amy Phillips

Soldiers present arms as the 3rd Inf. Div. band plays "The Star Spangled Banner".

The wheels on the bus go round and round ...

# Schools on Stewart reopen for learning



Photos by Spc. Casandra Bolton

Regina Hess, kindergarten teacher at Brittin Elementary School, reads a book to her new class of kindergartners on the first day of school.



Children are being given instructions on seating by having their names on a placard at the table they are assigned. Most of the children recognized their names and had no problem finding their seats.



Hess makes sure her children are listening to her by putting her hands over her head and seeing who follows.

**Spc. Casandra Bolton**

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

It was approximately 7:30 a.m. Aug. 7, when parents and children started heading towards Brittin Elementary School in hopes of a successful first day of school. Children were dressed in new clothes and shoes and had a twinkle of ambition in their eyes. When the children approached their peers, they started talking, on their own level, about what they saw and did over their summer vacations. The first day of school at Brittin Elementary School was one of mixed emotions.

Hugs and kisses were exchanged as parents left their children in the care of their new teachers. Shouts of "good-bye" and "I love you" could be heard all around the campus of Brittin.

Classroom assignments were posted on the front door to assist everyone with finding their way. The night before, there were orientations so the parents and the children could get acquainted with their teacher.

Some parents attended the orientation but still brought their children to school on the first day.

Staff Sgt. Larry Hill, communications sergeant, 123rd Signal Bn. has a first and second grader attending Brittin Elementary School.

"Orientation just wasn't enough," said Hill.

The bell rang at 8:15 a.m. The first day had officially started.

This was also the first day for some of the supervisors as well. Mr. Noel Tillman, the new principal at Brittin, was just as ecstatic as some of the new and returning students.

Kathy Jones, Parent Teacher Organization President, has been volunteering at Brittin for the past seven years.

The goals of the PTO are to ensure the parents have the opportunity to be involved in their child's education.

"Kids are so excited on the first day of school," said Jones.

People can volunteer in their student's classroom or specifically with the PTO.

The PTO also provides childcare for up to 20 hours for those who choose to volunteer.

The beginning of the school year is a time when PTO is a popular word.

"People interested in volunteering can ask for a volunteer packet at the school," said Jones. They can start volunteering as soon as they turn their packets in.

There are resources available for dependants of deployed soldiers. They can talk to counselors at any time.

"The teachers walk the children to the doors when they are released in the afternoon," said Jones. "They make sure the parents are here."

Along with the students and the staff, there are other resources that help to make Brittin safe for all who attend. One of those people is a resource officer that patrols the halls.

Cpl. Michael Winters, military police school resource officer at Brittin, has been patrolling the halls of Brittin since last February.

"I love it," said Winters. "It gives the students positive interaction with the law enforcement officers."

Along with patrolling, Winters gives different safety classes that benefit the children. He offers classes such as firearm safety as well as drug prevention.

"I make sure that there is no one hanging around the campus who shouldn't be here," said Winters.

Since Winters has direct communication with the MP desk, it makes it easier to get help if needed.

On the first day of school, Tillman held assemblies that welcomed all of the children to the school and also went over the rules. He also introduced the children to Winters.

Some of the kindergartners were a little hesitant about mom or dad leaving them on their first day; others were welcoming it with wide smiles and bright eyes.

The first day of school can be a big hurdle especially for those children who are brand new to the school and those who are just starting school.



Hess' class lines up in the corridor to proceed into the assembly hall where all the new and returning children will be welcomed to the school and rules will be explained.

# County celebrates summer



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Freda McKnight, outreach director for the YMCA barbecues ribs and chicken Saturday.

## Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

School may have started but it's still summer and the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the season with Summerfest 2003.

"This is a chance to celebrate summer with a day of fun in the sun," said Anne Cordeiro, committee chair of the event. "This is the first time we have held the event, but we hope it will grow."

The day's events began in the cooler hours of the morning with a 5K road race and a one-mile fun walk through historic Liberty County.

The festival ran from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and featured a wide variety of entertainment.

Children's activities included the Coca-Cola Activity House, a dunk tank, face painting and basketball hoops. Habitat for Humanity St. John's Parish held a Summer Fun Raffle with a grand prize for a Jekyll Island Get-Away Package. While selling raffle tickets, they provided information about the Habitat for Humanity program.

There were a variety of ven-

dors providing everything from arts and crafts to information about local organizations. Paul Spence, president for the Chapter 789 of Vietnam War Veterans, set up his own booth to raise awareness of his organization.

The 3rd Infantry Division Band and jazz bassist, Ben Tucker, provided musical entertainment during the day. Tucker was born a native of Nashville, Tenn., and relocated to Savannah, Georgia in 1972 and purchased radio station WSOK with Dr. Bill Taylor, jazz pianist.

The cornerstone of the event was the barbecue competition between local organizations and businesses. Eight teams competed to see who had the best barbecue in Liberty County. They competed in three categories: beef and pork ribs, pork and chicken.

"Barbecue is a big food around here so we put a lot of emphasis on the competition," Cordeiro said.

Spence said, "It (the event) is a good idea and I hope they continue to run it every year. It's good for fellowshipping."

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George G. Meade and Fort Dix during the pilot phase, along with Fort Bragg this past January. Due to 3rd Inf. Div. deployment, an amendment to the original pilot project added Fort Stewart and Hunter to the program to extend additional help to active duty soldiers and their families with redeployment issues.

More than 10,000 companies have adopted the program during its 30-year existence, including other military branches of service and reputable private companies, according to Kurt Kampfschulte, deputy program manager for Ceridian, the counseling service that operates Military One Source.

Counselors get on-going updates from Cusimano about resources at Fort Stewart and Hunter, and data banks are reviews periodically by Kampfschulte, who also works closely with Cusimano to ensure follow up care for callers. Unless a caller prefers to remain anonymous to a counselor, they're contacted within seven days of their original call, or at a mutually agreed time, to check the problem's status.

Another feature of Military One Source is its on-line service. Anyone can get free resource information without contacting a counselor by visiting [www.militaryone.com](http://www.militaryone.com).

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The Military One Source phone number in the United States is 800-655-4545; outside the United States, 800-237-42374 (please dial all 11 digits) or 484-530-5908 collect. The TTY/TDD number is 800-346-9188 and en Espanol, 888-732-9020.

Since Military One Source's activation, the Family Assistance Center, FAC, which was established last March to assist families of deployed soldiers, has shortened its hours, according to Cusimano. The FAC was originally set up to answer phone calls and support family members with questions. The service extended after normal working hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

"We expect Military One Source to catch the calls when the FAC is down during the evening, late night, and weekend hours," Cusimano said. "The new FAC hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays."

If you have questions about Military One Source, or would like to give Cusimano feedback about your experience with the Military One Source program, contact him at 912-767-4046.

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The action then began with Hale throwing the ceremonial first pitch.

"I've been practicing but I feel like such a girl when I throw! But as Jason always said, 'Oh Mom, you are girl!'"

While everything was going on inside the stadium, the 3rd Military Police Battalion provided an armored HMMVV for display and a team of soldiers to meet and greet the ballgame participants. Many excited children and their parents crowded around the vehicle asking the DCU-clad soldiers if they were in the war and what the vehicle is capable of. Many proud veterans also enjoyed trading war stories with the young soldiers.

The Savannah Recruiting Company provided the GI Johnny display and recruiters to talk to participants.

In attendance were Lt. Col. Jeffrey Goble (Hunter Garrison Commander) and Col. Bernadette Peters (Troop Commander). "It was a very impressive ceremony," said Goble.

Post game activities included the auctioning of the players' jerseys, a tribute to the veterans of past wars, and an impressive 15-minute fireworks display. Proceeds from auction went to the American Heart Association.

Even though the Sand Gnats lost the game to the Greensboro Bats (6-3), the night was still a success with all the players' jerseys being auctioned off to fans and a class-act tribute to America's heroes.

## HABITAT

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told me about the Habitat for Humanity program," said Wynn.

Wilson arrived at 8:30 a.m. with Tiffany Lejeune, 15, Jeff Ashman, 15, and Darius Holloway, 16, from the Brian Village Youth Center.

"I thought I would come out and help the kids since some of the other people couldn't make it," said Wilson. "These are great kids, they volunteer for everything. They were at the last project we did in Americus, Ga."

Recipients of Habitat's services are chosen according to their needs, being their ability to repay the non-profit, no interest mortgage and their willingness to work with the program, according to the website.

Habitat for Humanity has current projects in more than 3,000 towns, cities and villages in more than 80 countries worldwide. Local Habitat representatives coordinate home building projects and select families to receive their services, according to the website.

"People volunteer for projects such as this because they see a need in the community. Youth volunteers learn new skills and get a chance to work with professionals. Adults volunteer in the spirit of community outreach, to help people who cannot help themselves. Habitat has a mission to provide for the needy and for people who don't have the means to do these things for themselves," said Linda Schumm, the Training and Activities Specialist at the Bryan Village Youth Center.

— CHAPLAIN'S CORNER —

The difference

# Heaven and Hell

Chaplain (Lt. Col.)  
George F. Spencer

Special to The Frontline

A man spoke with the Lord about Heaven and Hell. "I will show you Hell," said the Lord. And they went into a room, which had a large pot of stew in the middle. The smell was delicious and around the pot sat people who were famished and desperate. All were holding spoons with very long handles that reached to the pot, but because the handles of the spoons were longer than their arms, it was impossible to get the stew into their mouths. Their suffering was terrible.

"Now I will show you Heaven," said the Lord, and they went into an identical room. There was a similar pot of stew and the people had the same identical spoons, but they were well nourished, talking and happy.

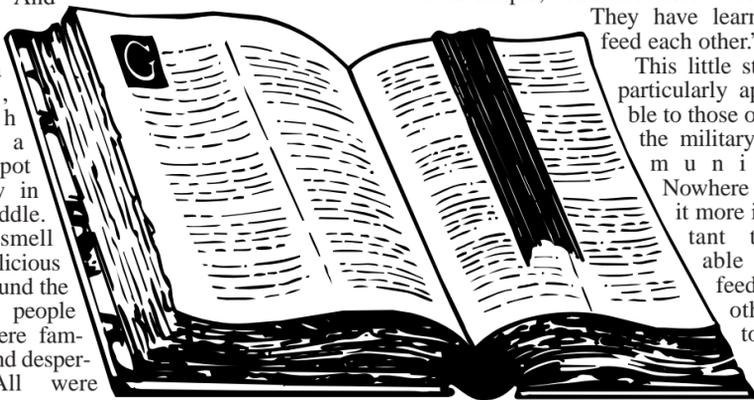
At first the man did not understand.

"It is simple," said the Lord. "You see. They have learned to feed each other."

This little story is particularly applicable to those of us in the military community.

Nowhere else is it more important to be able "to feed each other" - to help your

neighbor. We count on our "neighbors" to help us every day. By helping our "neighbor" we can make a miserable situation better and we can make a good situation great. Help your neighbor. He or she will help you.



## Pet of the Week

Samuel is approximately 3 years old. He is neutered, declawed and definitely an indoor cat. He does well with other animals and very affectionate.

If considering adopting Samuel or another pet, please contact the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic, located on W. Bultman Ave.

# Worship Opportunities

## Fort Stewart

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday "Protestant Worship"	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
<u>American Samoan</u>		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
<u>Jewish</u>		
Friday Shabbos Service	Marne	6 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>Lutheran</u>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
<u>Contemporary Service</u>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.

## Hunter Army Airfield

<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

DRINKING



& DRIVING



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# Volunteer Spotlight



Anna L. Spurgeon



Anna L. Spurgeon, a native of Hinesville, is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. She volunteers in the pharmacy.

Spurgeon, a music lover, said she “volunteers between college semesters to gain work experience.”

If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to [Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil).



# WOODRUFF THEATER



Aug 14 — Aug 20

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

General admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

**\$1 Showings**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

## 28 Days Later (R)

Starring: Cillian Murphy, Naomi Harris  
Tonight at 7 p.m.

A group of people in London turn into zombie-like creatures by being exposed to a virus that has wiped out most of the Earth's population.  
Run time: 113 minutes

## Terminator 3 (R)

Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl  
Friday, Saturday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

A cyborg from the future once again becoming involved in the affairs of twentysomething John Connor and his first battles with the Skynet machine network.  
Run time: 109 minutes

## Sinbad-Legend of the 7 Seas (PG)

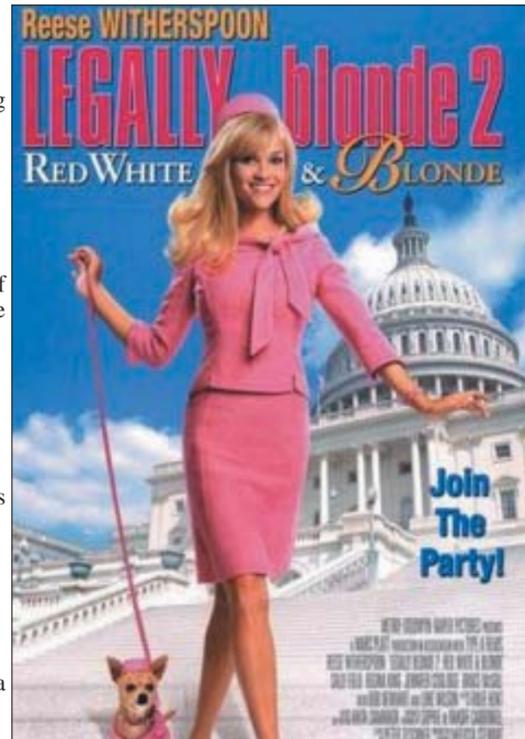
Starring: Animated  
Saturday at 2 p.m.

Setting out to prove his innocence Sinbad travels to the realm that Eris resides in, where he is challenged by terrifying monsters.  
Run time: 86 minutes

## Legally Blond 2 (PG-13)

Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson  
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Ellen Woods turns her legal and fashion savvy know-how towards getting a bill passed through Congress.  
Run time: 94 minutes



# Birth announcements

July 29

**Jayden Michael Green**, a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Justin Michael Green and Amanda Ellen Green.

**Krista Marie Wingard**, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Timothy Wingard and Amber Wingard.

July 30

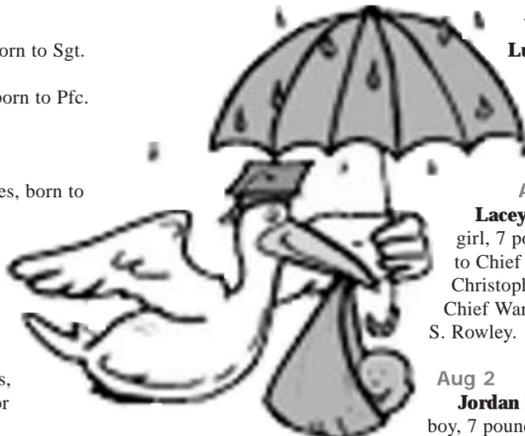
**Kiersten Adria McKenzie**, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Curtis LaRue McKenzie and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Terry Cassandra.

**Jacob Micheal Henry**, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Joshua Henry and Katie Henry.

**Darius Marcel Walker**, a boy, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Capt. Anthony Walker and Lisa Walker.

July 31

**Christian Isaiah Lagrimas**, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Justin Benjamin Lagrimas and Aubrey Taylor Lagrimas.



**Violet Wu-Chiang Lustiano**, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Paul Lustiano and Doris Lustiano.

Aug 1

**Lacey Sunshine Rowley**, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher T. Rowley and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Heather S. Rowley.

Aug 2

**Jordan Nathaniel Jones**, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to

Sgt. Warren Thomas Jones and Jeri Lavinne Jones.

Aug 4

**Buster Benjamin Brown V**, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Buster Benjamin Brown IV and Darice Chantal McKenzie Brown.

**Caitlin Wyona Carr**, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Robert Lyn Carr and Wendy Wyona Carr.

**Mckale Nicholas Yumul**, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Lemuel C. Yumul and Leah Yumul.

Aug 5

**Logan Anthony Raycraft**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to (MA3/E4) Anthony H. Raycraft II and Sgt. Tara M. Raycraft.

**Emery Elijah Berry**, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. William Lewis Berry Jr., and Stacey Renee Berry.

**Aniya Mae Brown**, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Jack Brown and Christy Brown.