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Join Toastmasters!

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home-parent, or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your leadership and communication skills. The Dogfaced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets at noon every Friday of the month at Club Stewart. Open to everyone.

For more information contact Gary Hanney or Celso Backes @ 370-6100 or email Hanney at gary.j.hanney@se.amedd.army.mil.

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 other agencies at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Volunteer orientation at Hunter ACS is the first Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are always welcome and much-needed at ACS. For more information, call 352-6816.

Brown Bag Lunch

The American Red Cross is hosting weekly Brown Bag Lunches at their office in Building 623, every Monday from 12 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lunches provide military families with opportunities to network with other families and the Red Cross. No RSVP necessary, just show up with your lunch and get ready to socialize. For more information, call 767-2197.

Free baby layettes for OEF/OIF vets

Families who have had children since being deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, or have had them since their return, are eligible to receive a free layette offered by Spencer's Children's Clothing Company, Inc. A \$70 retail value, the gift set is a great chance to add to a family's baby supplies. Children must be under 18 months of age.

For specific guidelines and applications, contact the American Red Cross office at 767-2197.

Off Post

MILES Program

Don't buy a vehicle until you are armed with knowledge. This program is designed exclusively for active duty servicemembers who cannot obtain bank or credit financing when purchasing a vehicle.

For information, visit or qualify online at usmiles.com or call the Military Installment Loan and Education Services Assistance Center toll free at (866)-466-4537.

To publish a brief in *The Frontline*, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-4951. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Bailamos...



Spc. Robert Adams

Pablo Rodriguez (left) and Monica Caro dance to "Bayenato" in traditional Colombian wardrobe Saturday at the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at Woodruff Theater. Twenty-three hispanic countries displayed traditional dances, songs and wardrobes during the event.

TCl helps counselors teach military children

Nancy Gould

DMWR

The Fort Stewart School Liaison Office and the Military Child Education Coalition will conduct the third Transition Counselor Institute training workshop at Stewart.

The training, scheduled Oct. 18 and 19 at Club Stewart from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., targets school counselors, teachers and support staff who interact with military children in the public school systems and private schools.

Participants learn to identify and resolve problems that military students may encounter in their mobile lifestyle, including frequent separations from friends and family and numerous other adjustments required when relocating.

The training teaches participants how to advocate for a child's educational needs and informs them about the processes and tools that are already available to help them.

The training also gives public school counselors and support staff opportunities to network with other professionals and ideas with other professionals to develop new solutions to the types of problems mobile children face when transi-

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Around the world in a few hours

Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

Staff Writer

Eleven nations were represented Sept. 20 in Club Stewart's ballroom during the colorful and festive International Day celebration.

The event included diverse music, entertainment and, of course, lots of food.

Vivid displays for each of the represented nations lined the room, covered with items and tasty treats from their respective countries.

Before the event began, more than a hundred curious attendees milled around from display to display, learning about each nation's culture.

Representatives dressed in their country's style of clothing stood ready to explain their exhibit at each table.

Nations represented were Germany, Japan, Puerto Rico, Panama, India, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, the United States, the Philippines, Mexico and Egypt.

"International Day," said Linda McKnight, Army Community Service relocation program manager, "is an opportunity for different countries to come together, depicting their heritage through culture, dance, music and food tasting."

ACS has been putting together an International Day at Stewart for at least 25 years, said Lucia Braxton, ACS Chief.

"It's important because it depicts heritage and gives people a chance to expose the community to different cultures that are here," she said.

"It also gives foreign-born spouses a chance to interact with others from their native countries," McKnight said.

At the Germany table, Marina Weaver, Stewart family member, pointed out her German items to people, such as a cuckoo clock, German chocolate, and a large mug she called a beer stein. Weaver said she lived in Germany until she was in

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Stewart holds money seminar

Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

Staff Writer

The Money Counts seminar, a workshop aimed at helping people take charge of their finances, was held at Club Stewart Sept. 22.

The seminar was hosted by Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox, and included what she termed "breakout sessions," which covered a variety of specific financial needs.

The topics for the breakout sessions included money management basics, creating a budget, safe investing, retirement planning, women and investing and stockbroker basics.

"This is probably the first seminar you have attended which will be commercial-free," Cox began the evening by saying to the crowd. "Our objective is to make sure you leave here tonight with the information and knowledge you need."

Many types of individuals gathered to attend the seminar, young and old, military and civilian.

"I need money counseling," said Pfc. Jennifer Keefe, Winn Army Community Hospital lab technician. "That's why I'm here."

"I came because of the women and investing class," said Lisa Bergdahl, an Army Community Service volunteer. "It's important to know how to manage your money and invest wisely, especially with the deployment coming up. Women need to know how to manage money themselves."

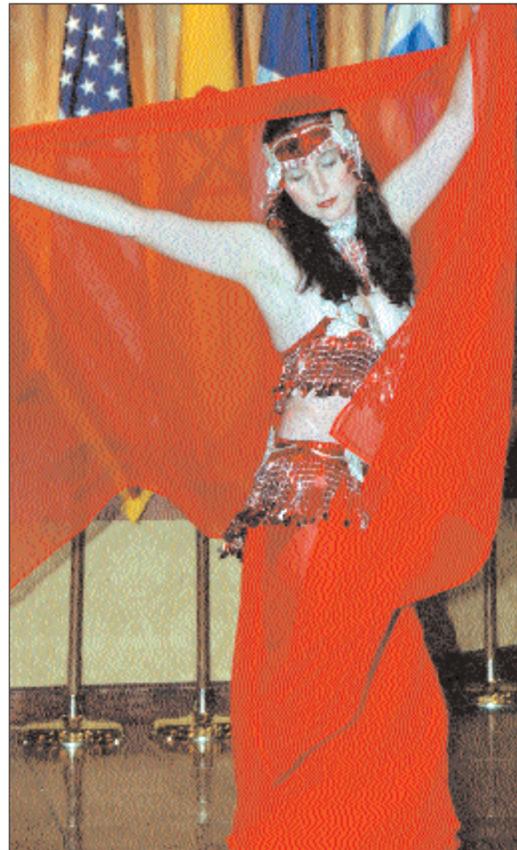
"We came to learn money management techniques, and also to find out if there's anything new concerning identity theft and credit," said Jackie Corpening, who came to the seminar with his wife, Tammy. They both work for the Directorate of Information Management at Stewart.

There was a large emphasis during the seminar not only on managing personal finances, but also on being aware of financial fraud and identity theft.

"In addition to having to protect our families from the threat of crime, we also have to protect them from financial crime," said Col. John Kidd, garrison commander.

"It seems that every time we turn on the TV, there's another corporate executive who has been

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Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

To the mysterious beats of Egyptian music, the performing artist Ayishah belly dances at the International Day celebration Sept. 20.



Photos by Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

Boys and girls from the Stewart Child Development Center sing the Spanish and English song, "Hola," at the International Day celebration Sept. 20.

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Kindergarten.

A couple of tables away, Megumi McKinney, an Army spouse, proudly showed off the Japanese cuisine she had on display. Laid out on her table was a type of sushi called chirashi-zushi, along with a bowl of seasoned soybeans in the pod.

At the Puerto Rico table, steaming dishes were the centerpiece. Ana Montero, an Army spouse, was serving guineos en escabeche, which is a fried banana main course.

Karis Stuart, an Army spouse, was the host of the Panama display and was clad in the country's fancy, aristocratic type dress. Her friend, Gina Vanderzyl, was dressed in the bright native clothing of Panama's Guaymi Indians, clothing that was made entirely by hand, she said.

Clothing was the main attraction at the Dominican Republic table. Nikea Peyton, an Army spouse, displayed a tiny suit made in the country.

"The Dominican Republic has beautiful children's clothes," she said. "And we also love to eat." Peyton had bowls of red beans and rice, sunshine rice with pineapple, coconut and chicken, and curry chicken.

To kick off the International Day celebration, several different types of dances from many nations were demonstrated. Stuart and Montero's son, Joel, began by presenting a cultural dance from Panama, set to the country's festive music.

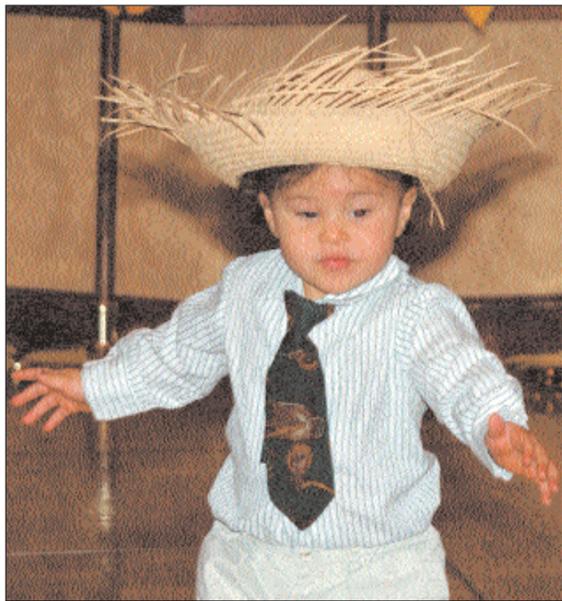
Next up was an artist known as Ayishah. She was dressed in a traditional red ornamental outfit as she presented an Egyptian belly dance to the crowd.

The children from the Stewart Child Development Center then took the stage, singing "Hola," a song in both Spanish and English.

Food, song, dance and getting to know other cultures were what International Day was all about. ACS intends to do it again next year, and encourages people from Stewart and Hunter to represent the nations of their heritage.



Algenesh Gredy, Trufat Lemma and Tibelesh Tekalisu prepare Ethiopian food at their display.



Dancing to the festive music, Alexander Justin Burgos, 2, celebrates cultural heritage.



Megumi McKinney stands proudly at her table with her colorful Japanese creations: a variety of folded origami figures and different types of Japanese cuisine.



Representing her native Panama, Karis Stuart, an Army spouse, prepares to dance to the song, "El Punto," while wearing the historical aristocratic Panama dress.



Indian dancers show off their exotic performance to the beats of cultural music at Stewart's International Day.

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tioning from one school system to another.

"School counselors, on post and off, are committed to helping military children and are seeking better ways to support them during times of transitioning and deployment," said David Smith, Fort Stewart's school liaison officer who spearheads TCI training.

Smith said counselors who took Phase I and II TCI training last year took introductory courses such as: Challenges for K-12 Student in Transition; Understanding Differences in School Requirements; and Informing, Involving and Supporting Military Parents. These same courses will be offered in Phase I and Phase II TCI training again this year.

Smith said the Phase III TCI training at the two-day workshop focuses on understanding social and emotional needs of military families at a deeper level.

Trainers from the Military Child Education Coalition who will teach the workshop, will concentrate primarily on: Mobility — Past, Present and Future;

Deployment; Separation; and School and Family Support Systems.

As experts in the educational field, MCEC published the Department of the Army's Secondary Education Transition Study for mobile military children. A set of guiding principles were derived from the study and more than 140 school systems in the United States and overseas have embraced them.

Other mobile students — including those of National Guard and Reserve components, and those who move state-to-state or city-to-city because of corporate moves, new industries, better quality of life, transient work, etc. — encounter similar transitional obstacles that students from active duty families face.

Smith said school personnel who take the training are better prepared to help mobile children — military and civilians. If you are interested in the workshop, contact Smith, 912-767-6533, before Oct. 8 to pay the \$50 workshop registration fee or for additional information about the training.



Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

At "Money Counts," a money and investment seminar that was held Sept. 22 at Club Stewart, Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox welcomes the attendees.

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hauled into court to account for his financial wrongdoings," Cox said. "Around the country, investor confidence has been shaken."

Cox also stressed the importance of individuals making prudent decisions with the financial dollars they earn.

"To meet our financial goals, we almost certainly cannot meet them without investing wisely," she said.

In order to do this, one of the things people must focus on are spotting scams, which can keep one's family from making expensive mistakes, Cox continued.

"Take time to think of your financial needs, goals, time horizon and any obstacles you might face in securing your financial future," she instructed.

The seminar and its breakout sessions, Cox said, were designed to assist people in financial areas such as having a budget, taking stock of personal spending habits, having savings set aside for an emergency, and having credit that is as

good as it should be.

She said the sessions would also focus on high-interest credit cards, recognizing how much timing affects financial decisions, and understanding how powerful the "magic" of compounding can be.

Each attendee received a packet of information to help him on his journey to taking charge of his finances.

Out of the six breakout sessions, each person could choose two to attend. However, all the information for each session was also included on an available compact disc, she said.

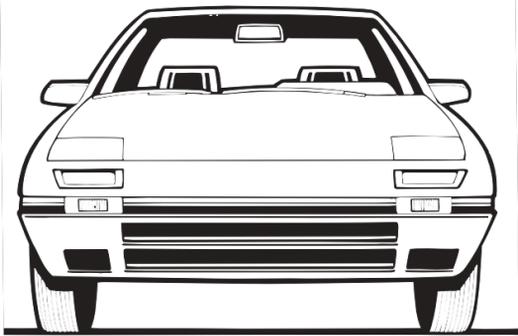
"The journey toward financial self-awareness can't be finished in a day, but this is a good place to start," Cox said.

Money Counts seminars are held twice monthly all over the state of Georgia. To find out more information, contact the office of secretary of state toll-free at (888) 733-7427, or visit the Web site at www.georgiainvests.org.

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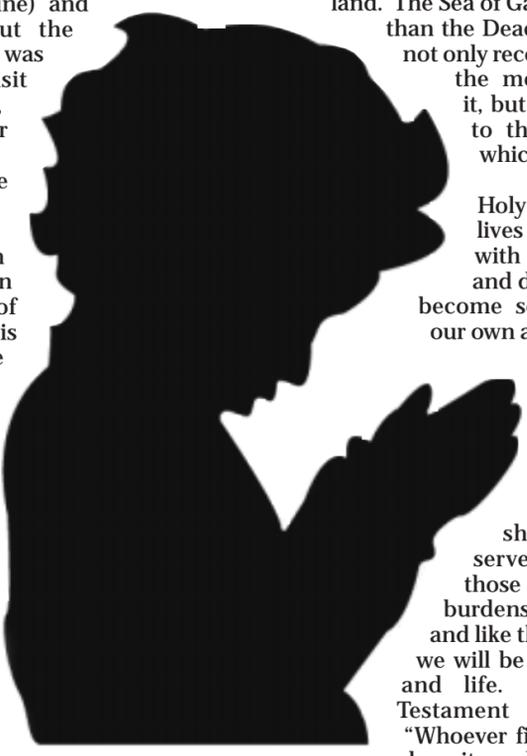
Becoming a light to others

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Lee Harms
4/64 TF, 4th Bde.

A few years ago I took a trip to the Holy Land (Israel/Palestine) and traveled throughout the land of the Bible. It was thrilling to visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem and other historical cities.

One day I had the opportunity to drive from the Dead Sea north along the Jordan River to the Sea of Galilee. During this two hour drive, the landscape changed from an absolute desert around the Dead Sea to a living and thriving community of farm land surrounding the Sea of Galilee.

What makes these two bodies of water and their surrounding terrain so drastically different? For one thing, the Dead Sea only receives water from the Jordan River and has no rivers that flow from it. Because of this, the water is full of salt and minerals. Fish and other animals cannot survive in the dense



water, making the sea truly a dead one. The Sea of Galilee, on the other hand, is filled with all types of fish. It provides fresh water to irrigate large areas of farm land. The Sea of Galilee is different than the Dead Sea because it not only receives water from the mountains above it, but it also gives life to the Jordan River which flows from it.

Like the Holy Land today, our lives are often filled with conflicts, trials, and difficulties. If we become self-absorbed in our own adversity, we will become like the Dead Sea, barren and lifeless. However, if we find ways to give, help, share, uplift, serve, and pray for those around us, our burdens become light, and like the Sea of Galilee we will be filled with light and life. In the New Testament we learn that "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39). Service to God, country, community, and family provide us an escape route from the toxic waters of self-pity and selfishness. May we be blessed as we serve!



Pet of the Week

Bruce, a 7-week-old male neutered kitten, loves to bat around his toy mouse. He also enjoys nuzzling up to his human friends with his lovable purr. Bruce has all his shots and wants to be part of your life.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Bruce for your home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842. The clinic is located on W. Bultman Avenue.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 610	12:30 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 610	9 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Jewish		
Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant	Location	Time
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

Volunteer Spotlight



D.J. FISHER



DJ. Fisher, a native of Colorado Springs, Co., is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. She volunteers in the Patient Care Unit. Fisher and her husband Neal have one son, 8-year-old Gunnar.

In her free time, she enjoys party planning and bargain shopping.

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.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Sept. 30 - Oct. 6

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (R)

Starring: Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews
Tonight at 7 p.m.
Princess Mia is ready to begin her duties as princess of Genovia alongside Queen Clarisse, but she soon learns that Clarisse needs her to take over as queen. The catch — Genovian law states that all queens must be married.
Run Time: 130 minutes

Alien vs. Predator (PG-13)

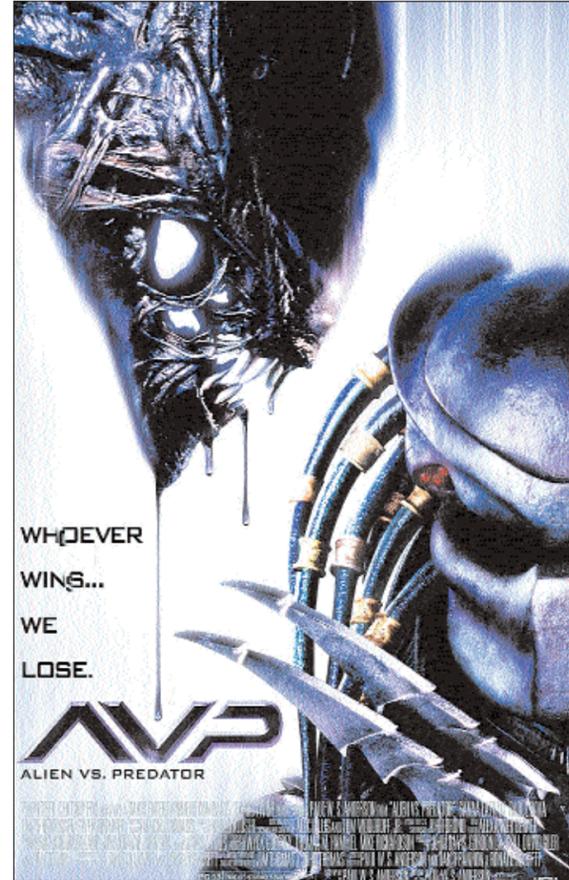
Starring: Lance Henriksen, Sanaa Lathan
Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.
An ancient pyramid is discovered buried in the ice of Antarctica, and scientists investigating the structure discover something worse: two races of aliens battling for domination.
Run Time: 100 minutes

Open Water (R)

Starring: Blanchard Ryan, Daniel Travis
Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Based on true events Susan and Daniel have just been abandoned by their suba-diving boat in the Caribbean. As the tension escalates between the troubled twosome, a current sweeps them far from where the boat left them and deep dark clouds pass menacingly overhead.
Run Time: 79 minutes

Without a Paddle (PG-13)

Starring: Seth Green, Matthew Lillard
Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Three lifelong friends from Philadelphia go into the Oregon wilderness in search of lost treasure. They find themselves hunted by two backwood farmers, tree-hugging hippie chicks and a crazy old mountain man.
Run Time: 99 minutes



Birth Announcements

July 23
Nathan Tobias Mayo, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael W. Mayo and Jessica D. Mayo.

Sept. 13
Leah Rae Ingleston, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Nicholes C. Ingleston and Lindsay Diana Ingleston.

Jacob Everett Scott, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Christopher Everett Scott and Pfc. Amber Carlene Scott.

Kristen Lee Flack, a girl, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to SGT Gene Flack and Cheryl Flack.

Sept. 14
Amani Yvonne Willis, a girl, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Justin L. Willis and Olivia Renee Willis.

Tucker Lee Matthew Waits, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Oliver R. Waits and Anna L. Waits.

Mackenzie rae Linson, a girl, 11 pounds, 12

ounces, born to Capt. Marvin Linson and Christy Linson.

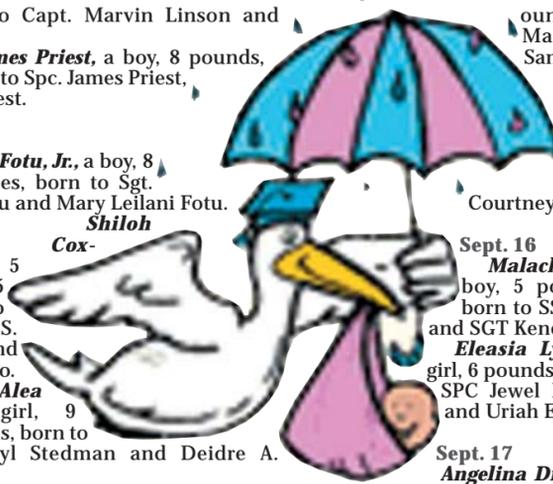
Cameron James Priest, a boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. James Priest, II and Alexis Priest.

Sept. 15
Kekoa Willie Fotu, Jr., a boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Kekoa Willie Fotu and Mary Leilani Fotu.

Khamani Shiloh Emmanuela Romano, a girl, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Kimbily S. Cox-Romano and Bevan S. Romano.

Celeste Alea Stedman, a girl, 9 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Darryl Stedman and Deidre A. Stedman.

Rori Elizabeth Hanna, a boy, 6 pounds, 4



ounces, born to SGT Matthew Hanna and Samantha Hanna.

Jose Otoniel Cardenas, III, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pvt. 2 Jose Hernandez and Courtney Cardenas.

Sept. 16
Malachi Calvin Dascent, a boy, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to SSG Mitchel Dascent and SGT Kenda Capri Ramie.

Eleasia Lynee Woolridge, a girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to SPC Jewel Kenneth Woolridge and Uriah Eleasa Woolridge.

Sept. 17
Angelina Diamond Grandia, a

girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to SGT Dallas

Grandia and SPC Tamara Grandia.

Emma Knowles Judge, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to CPT Paul C. Judge and Sarah G. Judge.

Ileana Lorena Fernandez, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to SSG Nelson John Fernandez and Isis Lorena Fernandez.

Ashley Claire Taberski, a girl, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to SGT Thomas Tabeski and Amy Taberski.

Charity Savannah Richardson, a girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to CPT Derrick Lamont Richardson and Devara Anetta Richardson.

Sept. 18
Katelynn Ann Wood, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to SPC Walter Wood and Erinne Wood.

Sept. 19
Andrew Bailey Cook, a boy, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to CPT Buford Cook, III and Melissa A. Nelms-Cook.