

On Post**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 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 needed at ACS.

For more information, call 352-6816.

Child and Youth Services

The Central Registration office located at Bldg. 443 has changed operational hours. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information call 767-2312.

Join Toastmasters!

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

For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Jay Bowen at 767-0383, or email bowenja@stewart.army.mil, or call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903.

Active parenting

Each Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 14 through Feb. 18, parents of children ages 5 to 12 can learn styles of parenting, winning cooperation, responsibility and effective discipline techniques, communication skills and building courage, character and self-esteem in their children.

Childcare may be provided, but parents must sign up in advance.

For more information contact Becky Sellers at 767-5058 (Stewart), or Regina Mims at 352-6816 (Hunter).

Couple communication

Couples learn communication skills to enhance and strengthen their relationship, such as talking, listening and resolution practices. Participants will receive a certificate at completion of this four week course.

These sessions will be held at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., each Wednesday from Jan. 21 to Feb. 11.

For more information, call 767-5058.

Hunter library

The new facility will include DVDs, talking books, dial-a-story, several interesting Web sites, lots of books for all ages and more.

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 MILES (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 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Dorchester Academy

School stands as testimony to struggle, triumph of freed slaves

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

The year was 1868.

The Civil War had ended three years earlier; the slaves who had worked the plantations in what is now Liberty County were free and began making a life for themselves.

While a vast majority of them had technical and vocational skills from their work on the plantations, only a fraction had received some type of formal education.

That began to change when, in May of that year, American Missionaries Association representatives met with small bands of freed slaves. They gave the people clothing, Gospel and started a primary school three miles west of Midway Church.

Thus began the story of Dorchester Academy — a fragile sapling of learning that grew to become a mighty oak of education.

In November 1870, William A. Golding, a black member of the



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Dorchester Academy, originally consisting of 10 wooden structures, closed its doors in 1940 when Liberty County established public schooling for African Americans.

Georgia legislature wrote to the

AMA to request a teacher for the school. Two months later his request

was honored with the arrival of Eliza Ann Ward, a teacher from

Massachusetts.

The school had an average daily attendance of 28 children.

"It wasn't always easy for the children to make it to school," said

Lillie L. Gillard, site volunteer and former student at Dorchester Academy. "Some had to work the land and some just couldn't make it the 10 or 20 miles every day it took to get there."

Two years later, Reverend Floyd Snelson, a former slave, was hired to replace the departed Ward.

Unfortunately, irregular attendance, poor facilities and lack of funding hindered the growth of the school.

In November 1875, with an increase in the number of students and staff, a board of trustees was elected and a school charter was established.

Construction of a school building was completed in March 1877 at a location off of what is now U.S. Highway 84.

By the turn of the decade, another building was completed and enlarged to provide secondary education to older children.

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Not just a training ground ...



Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

A 19th-century toddler's grave bears silent witness to an era of poverty and high infant mortality following the Civil War.

History preserved at Stewart cemeteries

Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

Staff Writer

Off Georgia Highway 144, down a tank trail, miles and miles deep in the woods of Fort Stewart's training area stands an ancient oak tree, out of place yet firmly embedded among the scraggly pines, underbrush and unruly vines.

Chances are good it's a shade tree for a

church or home that is long gone but not forgotten. It stands next to a cemetery — all that remains of the towns and villages formerly located on land Fort Stewart now occupies.

In 1939, Congress created an anti-aircraft training center at Camp Stewart to train troops for World War II. The creation of the base displaced more than 1,500 families and 6,000 people by 1941.

Residents of the once-thriving and long-

standing communities had no choice but to move. Most settled in surrounding towns in the area. They brought their history, tradition and religion with them, but return to the cemeteries periodically to remember their past and make sure their children don't forget where they come from.

Most of Fort Stewart's cemeteries are located

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'Any Soldier' letter leads to 'happily ever after'

Spc. Shauna McRoberts

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — It was late November 1990 and the build-up of troops, equipment and supplies for the first Persian Gulf War had begun.

Capt. Mark Olinger, a logistics officer, was serving with the 528th Support Battalion, U.S. Army Special Operations Task Force, at the King Fahd International Airport in eastern Saudi Arabia.

During his time in Desert Storm, Olinger often visited Saudi Arabia's King Khalid Military City. During one visit for a planning conference, Olinger happened to grab a letter out of a stack of "Any Soldier Mail."

"I grabbed it because I liked the handwriting," said Olinger, now a lieutenant colonel serving in Iraq as the 1st Armored Division's logistics officer. "And it was different; it was addressed with purple ink."

The letter was from Sandy Martin, a middle school choir teacher from Quilan, Texas. Little



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Mark Olinger, 1st AD logistics officer, and his wife Sandy pose for a picture in April 2003, before Olinger deployed to Iraq. The couple met through "Any Soldier Mail" during the first Persian Gulf War.

did Olinger know that this particular letter would change the rest of his life.

"My dad was in the Army and my mom's dad

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Olinger poses inside a UH-60 Blackhawk, in Baghdad, Iraq.

Take a walk through the

cemetery

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in training areas. In order to eliminate the potential of people being hit by artillery, family members wishing to visit their family's graves must contact Gail Aldridge, cemetery access, visit coordinator, Public Communications Branch, to set up a visit. (See contact information at the end of this article.) The Fort Stewart Department of Public Works supervisory special agent coordinates a cease-fire with range control.

On one such visit, Phillip Lightfoot visited the Little-Creek Cemetery with a funeral home representative to determine if it was possible to exhume his father's body. Lightfoot's mother recently passed on, and it was her wish to have her husband, Roan Lightfoot, buried next to her in New Hope Cemetery in Emanuel County.

Phillip said his mother didn't want to be buried at Little Creek Cemetery because she wanted her family to have unrestricted access to her grave. He said he didn't mind exhuming his father because he thought he would be happy as long as he was buried next to his leg ...

Roan was a 2nd Division, 6th Infantry Soldier during WW I. He was wounded in battle, had his leg amputated, and according to Phillip, "somehow got his leg shipped home from France."

He bought a plot and tombstone at Little Creek, had his foot buried there, and was later buried there himself, Phillip said.

Editor's note: People wishing to visit Fort Stewart cemeteries should contact Gail Aldridge at (912) 767-5687.



Photos by Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

Infants who died at the turn of the century rest beneath cedar boughs at Stewart's Trinity Cemetery.



An unmarked stone marks a peaceful resting place.



Near the continual stillness of Trinity Cemetery, blackwater slowly drifts through the vast wilderness of Fort Stewart's nearly 280,000 acres of land.



Spanish moss flutters in the afternoon light above an old grave at Trinity.

Reservist rides in Tournament of Roses Parade

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Dillon's Bar in Loganville, Ga., erupted into cheers and applause when the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve float flashed across the television screen shortly before 10 a.m. during the Tournament of Roses Parade on Jan. 1.

A crowd of about 50 revelers at the bar cheered on Capt. Kris Marshall, their friend and coworker, as he rode by on the rose-covered "Orchestrating Freedom" float.

Marshall, his wife, Jennie, and employer, Dan Weidmann, won an all-expenses-paid trip to the event after Marshall's mother, Lynn Kaley, wrote an award-winning essay in an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve contest.

Air Force Reserve Maj. Tami Rougeau also won a seat on the float.

Marshall arrived just in time to ride the float along Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, Calif. He had left Afghanistan four days earlier, landing in four different countries and getting stranded in Kyrgyzstan awaiting a flight. But Marshall arrived in California Dec. 31, spending New Year's Eve with his wife, who traveled from Georgia to see him.

Weidmann, a partner at Weidmann Remodeling-Renovation and Marshall's employer since 1998, called the opportunity



Courtesy photo by Dan Weidmann

(Left to Right) Air Force majors Thom and Tami Rougeau, Jennie Marshall and Capt. Chris Marshall pose for a photo at the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve float for this year's Tournament of Roses Parade.

to ride in the Rose Bowl Parade an experience of a lifetime. "It was unbelievable when we turned the corner along the route and saw so many people looking at the 14 of us on the float," he said.

Weidmann said he was moved to see an estimated one million people in the stands

arise as the float passed them, saluting, waving and giving the "thumbs up."

He acknowledged that having a member of his small business called to active duty for the past year hasn't been easy, but said he's reorganized the company until Marshall's return.

"He knows that his job is here and that we're anxious for him to come back," Weidmann said.

Weidmann called the float "a great starting point for spreading the message" about the importance of the reserve components and the vital role employers play in supporting their Guard and Reserve employees.

Marshall's mother, who also has professional ties to Weidmann Remodeling-Renovation, said she never realized what a stir her essay about her son and his unit would create in the "Heroes Among Us" contest.

Kaley said she wrote of her son's dedication to the Georgia Army National Guard and about how he and Soldiers of the 221st Military Intelligence Battalion's A Company had adopted the village of Jarchi in Afghanistan. Twice a month, Marshall and his troops deliver 15 to 30 boxes of food, medicine and clothing to the village.

In her winning essay, she described her son as "full of boundless love, embracing all who are fortunate enough to enter his life."

"I'm so proud of him and his unit, and simply wrote what I felt," Kaley said.

In mid-December, she said she learned her essay had been selected as a winner, and that the military would fly her son home from Afghanistan to ride in the parade. "We were so thrilled," she said. "We jumped around here and hooted and hollered."

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The trustees named the school Dorchester Academy — for the community's ancestors who originally settled in Dorchester, Mass.

"The school prospered," said Ezekiel Walthour, site manager and caretaker. "Children were receiving a quality education at a very low cost."

Tuition and board for students in grades kindergarten through eighth was seventy cents, payable in coin or provisions.

The only requirement for boarders was that they work for one hour at the school.

Dorchester Academy had more than 360 students, a 30-acre campus, and 10 buildings by the end of the century.

In 1901, a fire destroyed five buildings — the teacher's home, girl's hall, dining room, kitchen and laundry room.

The disheartening incident did not crush the spirits of students, staff or community and two years later, 450 students joined in the

celebration of Dorchester Academy's 13th anniversary celebration.

The academy continued to grow until 1940, when Liberty County established a public school for African Americans.

"I had just graduated from eighth grade at Dorchester when it closed," Gillard said. "(Dorchester Academy) closed its doors when the county opened their school."

After the closing, AMA turned the school over to the community.

The Dorchester Academy is now a work in progress.

Because of Walthour and several other volunteers, the process of preserving the heritage, history and memory of the hundreds of people who attended Dorchester Academy will be carried on.

All that stands now are remnants of what once was a thriving center for education in the community — the roots of the mighty oak.

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was in the Army," Sandy said. "It was just our patriotic duty to be supportive (of the troops)."

Olinger called it a "standard, patriotic" letter and said he wrote back a few days later with "the normal response: thank you for your support."

Within the next few weeks, Olinger had received another letter from Sandy and the two continued to correspond throughout the rest of the deployment.

"Her letters were nice and upbeat," Olinger said. "But there wasn't really a special connection."

However, when Olinger redeployed to Fort Bragg, N.C., in March 1991, Sandy extended an invitation for Olinger to visit her in Texas.

"Something intrigued me, probably something in one of her letters," said Olinger, who took her up on the offer to visit.

"I was excited to meet him," Sandy said. "But not because there

had ever been anything romantic in our letters. We were a little too mature for that."

"I was looking forward to seeing her," Olinger said. "I even sent her flowers at school."

The two met in early May 1991. Olinger, on block leave, drove from North Carolina to Texas to see Sandy before flying to his home state of California.

"It was love at first sight, however silly that sounds," Sandy said. "It was just a chemical reaction. It struck me that I was just so comfortable to be around him from the start, and knowing already from our letters that we shared so many of the same beliefs and priorities in life made everything so easy."

"Right away we clicked," added Olinger.

The two spent several days together, dining at restaurants, visiting the Dallas fairgrounds and meeting Sandy's parents.

"The days were very fun and very relaxing," Olinger said. "They were good times."

Eventually, Olinger headed to California, but the two kept in touch by telephone while he was home on leave.

"I couldn't eat a thing the whole two weeks he was gone," Sandy said.

When Olinger returned to Sandy's house he proposed. "I felt like she was the one," he said.

Sandy accepted the proposal and six months later they were married. The Olingers celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary in December.

"During Desert Storm I wrote 12 letters and ended up with six pen pals and one husband," Sandy joked.

"We'd barely known each other a year and most of that time together was spent apart, but I have no regrets," Olinger said. "The two best things I've done in my life is join the Army and marry Sandy."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sleeping with anger

Chaplain (Capt.) Steve Hommel

Special to The Frontline

The root cause of many of the problems facing families today is a failure to resolve anger and bitterness.

Seventeen years ago, as newlyweds the best piece of advice that my wife, Naomi, and I received from an older couple was "Do not go to bed angry." Working my way through Bible College doing part time construction work, I distinctly remember my crusty old foremen, Bob, imparting that particular bit of wisdom to me. Bob had been married nearly 40 years. Aside from the fact that anyone who has been married that long must be doing something right, what intrigued me about Bob's piece of advice was that he was paraphrasing Scripture without realizing it.

Bob echoed **Ephesians 4:26-27**, "Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity." When we repeatedly go to bed angry we do give the devil an opportunity because in the morning we will probably forget what we were angry about but we do not forget our anger.

When couples go ballistic over what should be minor annoyances like the proper place to squeeze a tube of toothpaste or whether the toilet paper rolls from the top or bottom or the male habit of leaving the toilet seat up, (On a personal note, I have never understood why women just don't look before they sit down.), the root problem is not poor bathroom etiquette. It is unresolved anger that lingers simmering just below the surface.

In his excellent book, *Making Love Last Forever*, Dr. Gary Smalley said, "The average person has little or no idea how damaging forgotten or ignored anger can be — alienating loved ones, sabotaging relationships. Worse yet, most people don't even know how much destructive anger they're carrying around — and from past experiences, everyone has some degree of buried anger ... This anger causes more pain, drowns more marriages, sinks more children than any other power I know."

Anger is a not a primary emotion. It comes from hurt, frustration or fear. For example, if someone says something mean or cutting to us, we feel hurt first and then anger. Of course, we also use anger to overcome and deal with fear. God gave us anger to prepare for action and to deal with life's challenges. When we get angry, adrenaline pumps through our bodies and we feel powerful. It is part of the fight or flight

response.

The Bible does not say "Do not get angry." There are many examples of when Jesus became angry; it's called righteous anger. There are certain things that should set you off righteously. The important thing is to control the emotion to do what is right. Anger becomes destructive when it is expressed inappropriately or when we hold on to it, nurse it, bury it, and use it to harm ourselves and others.

Unresolved anger provides a very tempting excuse to play the "Blame Game." In the blame game you win by blaming someone else for everything that is wrong in your life.

Americans are great at playing the blame game because we are a whole nation full of victims. It's kind of refreshing to hear someone actually take some personal responsibility for his actions. But on the individual level, the way a person expresses anger is behavior that is usually learned in childhood. Angry, bitter parents usually go on to produce angry, bitter children.

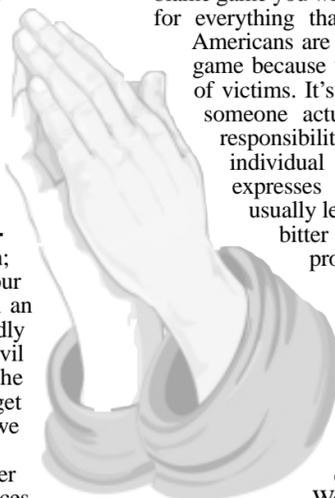
It is a vicious cycle that can go on in families for generations.

Where do you go from here? There is hope, but you must start with the man (or woman) in the mirror. You cannot change other people.

Waiting for your "oh so irritating wife" or your "good for nothing husband" to change before you start facing up to your own faults is nothing but a cop out.

You know, it never ceases to amaze me how accurately I can pick out all of my wife's faults, while at the same time have such a difficult time perceiving my own. The first step toward real change starts with learning to take personal responsibility. It was a process for me, but when I stepped back and took a good objective look at me, it suddenly became much easier to forgive other people. Amazing, huh? Be encouraged. Even small personal changes in this area can have an enormous positive influence upon your life and marriage.

For help in dealing with anger I would strongly recommend reading Smalley's book. It is the best book I have ever seen on the subject. However, as you start to come to terms with your unresolved anger, you will most likely start to become painfully aware of how you have hurt others and your own need for forgiveness. I have just the thing for you. It is a recording made by yours truly entitled, "The Four Essential Truths of the Gospel." For a free (Yes, free! No strings attached) copy simply e-mail me at stevhommel@yahoo.com. God bless you!



Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Victory	5 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>Muslim</u>		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 9182	5:30 a.m.
<u>Lutheran</u>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
<u>Contemporary Worship Service</u>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
<u>Jewish</u>		
Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

<u>Protestant</u>		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	ACS Building, 1286	11 a.m.
<u>Catholic</u>		
Sunday Mass	ACS Building, 1286	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education center	11 a.m.

Volunteer Spotlight



Cathy G. Mclemore



Cathy G. Mclemore, a native of Quebec, Canada, is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Mclemore volunteers to "meet new people, help others and to gain experience in the field of my study."

She enjoys learning new things and helping others, but her greatest joy is in being a mother.

She and her husband Danard have two children, 13-year-old Joey and 9-year-old Danard.

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

Jan 15 — Jan 21

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



Timeline (PG-13)

Starring: Paul Walker, Frances O'Connor

Today at 7 p.m.

A professor and archeology students working on a 14th century ruin find a bifocal lens which leads to a wormhole. The professor becomes trapped in the history of the 14th century and it is up to the students to find a way to return him to the present.

Run time: 116 minutes

The Haunted Mansion (PG)

Starring: Eddie Murphy, Terrence Stamp

Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

When a man and his family encounter a ghost while visiting a haunted house during a job interview, he learns the value of family, and the lesson that he should make sure he never neglects them.

Run time: 100 minutes

Love Don't Cost a Thing (PG-13)

Starring: Nick Cannon, Steve Harvey

Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

An unpopular but super-intelligent teenage boy hires a cheerleader (by paying to fix her mother's car which she has recently wrecked to pose as his girlfriend so that he can improve his reputation in school, which leads to high jinks and shenanigans that are both romantic and comedic.

Run time: 105 minutes

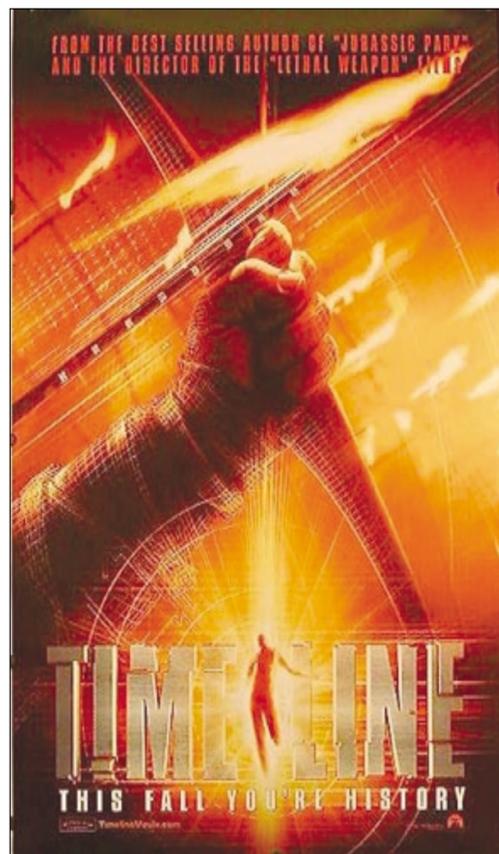
Honey (PG-13)

Starring: Jessica Alba, Mekhi Phifer

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Honey, a dancer from the city who becomes a successful music video choreographer, has her career threatened when her mentor makes her either sleep with him ... or get blacklisted within the industry.

Run time: 94 minutes



Birth announcements

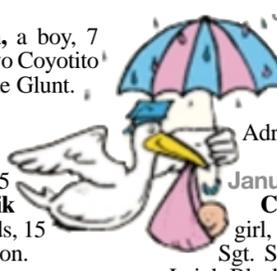
December 31

Errol Corwynn Anderson, a boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Etoyo Coyotito Anderson and Pfc. Sylvia Denae Glunt.

January 2

TWINS

Maya Elizabeth, a girl, 5 pounds, 3 ounces, and **Malik Donald Parson**, a boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Kizzy Parson.



January 5

Thalia Janice Smith, a girl, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Marine Lance Cpl. Donnell Lamar Smith and Pvt. 2 Martha Adriana Smith.

January 7

Caleigh Elizabeth Blackston, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Stuart Thomas Blackston and Amy Leigh Blackston.



Pet of the Week

Charlie is a six-month-old male black lab mix. He is in dire need of a loving home. Charlie is housebroken, very playful and loves people. He also loves rolling around on the ground.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Charlie who needs a good home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842. The clinic is located on W. Bultman Ave.

Adopt-A-Manatee

You can't take one home, but you can get to know your new manatee friend through the photo, biography and membership handbook

Save the Manatee Club sends to you. You can also read updates on your manatee in the Club newsletter. Your contribution funds programs that are working to protect endangered manatees and their habitat.

For more information, contact:



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One Environment.
One Simple Way
To Care For It.



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One gift helps protect and preserve clean air and water, animals, parks, and more.

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