

**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.

**Horsback riding**

Child and Youth Services offers free horseback riding lessons for 6th through 12th grade CYS members at Dixie Stables.

The van departs the Fort Stewart Youth Center at 4 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m.

Call 767-4491 or 4493 for more information.

**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](mailto: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).

**Babysitting class**

Youth at Hunter Army Airfield age 13 or older may take babysitting classes Feb. 7 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$10. CYS membership is required.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**Division names Soldier, NCO of quarter****Spc. Jacob Boyer**

Staff Writer

A pair of Cottonbalers were honored as the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter Jan. 13 at a luncheon in the Redlegs Raiders Dining Facility at Fort Stewart.

Sgt. Roberto Lambert, prescribed load list NCO in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, was named the division NCO of the Quarter, and Pfc. Joshua Meinke, a Bradley gunner with B Co., 3/7 Inf., was named the Soldier of the Quarter.

The two were chosen from NCOs and Soldiers throughout the division, 24th Corps Support Group and the NCO Academy, all of whom

attended the luncheon.

"You stood above the rest," said Col. Robert Caslen, assistant division commander (maneuver). "I commend and applaud you for leading by example. When I look at the Soldiers and NCOs of the Quarter from each organization, I see people who have passion for being a Soldier."

Both Lambert and Meinke were awarded Army Achievement Medals for their accomplishment, and they received numerous prizes from local businesses and Army agencies, including Wal-Mart, the Army/Air Force

Exchange Service, the Department of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the NCO Academy and the

Association of the United States Army. The awards and prizes were presented by Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman, division command sergeant major.

"These Soldiers are representative of the rest of our Soldiers in the battalion, primarily because they represent the two groups of Soldiers that make up the backbone of the unit: the private and the sergeant," said Command Sgt. Maj. Louis M. Torres, Sr., 3/7 Inf. "This is what the Army is all about:

taking responsibility and striving for more. In our unit there is no second place."

Meinke said being chosen as the Soldier of the quarter was a tribute to his leaders.

"It's a great honor to be selected to represent all of the (junior enlisted) Soldiers here," Meinke said. "I never expected this. It proves the leadership I have is up to the task of training and leading Soldiers. This is something I will always remember."

Lambert was also complimentary of his leaders.

"It's an honor and privilege to represent the NCO Corps," he said. "This will be a stepping stone for me to go on and get promoted. It's a tribute to the senior leadership from Command Sgt. Maj. Torres that actually pushed me to excel."

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Command Sgt. Maj.  
Louis M. Torres  
3/7 Inf.

**Celebrating a man who changed lives**

Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

The 3rd Inf. Div. Color Guard marches in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration parade in Savannah Monday on MLK Blvd. The color guard members are Pfc. Jamie Beavers, Sgt. Erik Hermansen, Pfc. Shaun Vanderlinde, Pfc. Antius Wilson, Pfc. Charles Pegran and Sgt. Anthony Reybrock. See page 2C.

**NCO of quarter: Soldiers come first****Spc. Jacob Boyer**

Staff Writer

If the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter has learned anything in his 14 years in the Army, it is that a good NCO has to put Soldiers first.

"You've got to take care of their personal needs," said Sgt. Roberto V. Lambert, prescribed load list NCO in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. "As long as you do that, there shouldn't be any problems..."

Lambert entered the Army as an infantryman in

June 1988. After serving in Operation Just Cause in Panama in 1989 and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1991, he decided to join the reserves and made his way as a trucker. After six years, he decided to come back to the active Army as a quartermaster.

"I just liked the order of life," he said. "It's a lot more structured than the civilian world. When I got out, things were chaotic. I made a lot of money as a truck driver, but I started missing the camaraderie of the military."

After a year in Korea, Lambert arrived at Fort

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**Soldier of quarter has learned fast in 20 months of Army service****Spc. Jacob Boyer**

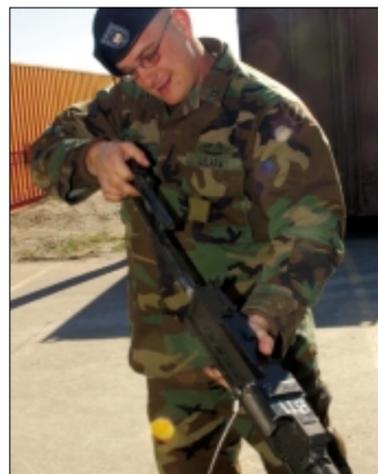
Staff Writer

Like many of the junior enlisted Soldiers in the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Pfc. Joshua Meinke had to learn his job quickly after arriving at Fort Stewart.

Meinke, a Bradley gunner with B Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, entered the Army in May 2002 and arrived at 3/7 in November of that year, he said. Just two months later, the battalion, along with the rest of the division, was deployed to Kuwait in the buildup to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Within months, he'd find himself on one of the first boats across the Euphrates River at Objective Peach, the division's crossing site just south of Baghdad.

B Co., which was attached to Task Force 3-69 Armor, sent dismounts along

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Spc. Jacob Boyer

Pfc. Joshua Meinke, B Co., 3/7 Inf., reassembles an M-240B machine gun during training.

# Celebrating Dr. King's life, legend

**Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.**

Staff Writer

The City of Hinesville and representatives of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) honored the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a parade Monday for the civil rights leader's birthday.

King, who's dream of a non-violent approach to accomplish drastic change in our society, has inspired millions of people during his life and since his assassination on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tenn.

"We are here today to commemorate Dr. King, the civil rights movement he started, and to keep the idea of equality before us," said Reverend Alvin Jackson, President of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Liberty County and Pastor of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. "We are hoping to promote equality in our community and bring us together as a community in unity."

The parade started at the Bradwell Institute and included bands from Liberty County High School and Bradwell, as well as the Hinesville Police Department Color Guard and the 3rd Inf. Div. Color Guard and Band. Most of the churches in Liberty County were represented as well as fire departments and motorcycle clubs. Command Sgt. Maj. William M. Grant of the 1st Brigade Combat team also rode in the parade to represent the 3rd Inf. Div.

"Dr. King was a great man," Grant said. "He stood under pressure and still accomplished what he wanted to do. His non-violent approach to his strategies inspired me. He also inspired me by helping

me stay focused in reaching my goals. I didn't know I would be a sergeant major; I had many hurdles on the way. Yet my adversaries weren't near what Dr. King faced on his path, and still he accomplished his goals though peace.

Dr. King came to Liberty County in 1965. He visited the Dorchester Academy, what is now the Dorchester Improvement Association, said Arthur Simpson, vice president of the association. "Before Dr. King's march in Selma, Ala., he visited (DIA) because at the academy people were training to protect themselves non-violently from violence that they might have encountered at the hands of the police in Alabama, such as dog bites."

"I believe that if history is not remembered it is prone to repeat itself," Grant said. "An observance like this lets people know that it is important what people have sacrificed to achieve equality. Dr. King's dreams went into what we have now. So many people were affected by his dream, and it has brought our country a long way."

"We've come a long way, but there are still spots of injustice we need to do away with," Jackson said. "The struggle is not over."

"Today we bask in the successful dreams of one man that has affected the entire nation," Grant said. "He was focused, dedicated, and committed to the fulfillment of his appointed mission. When we speak of terms such as dedication and commitment, we truly have an icon to emulate, and today it's Dr. Martin Luther King. Therefore, get committed and you'll find that with the right attitude you'll have more of an impact on the world around you than you think."



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

The 3rd Inf. Div. Color Guard marches in downtown Hinesville Monday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. From left to right, Spc. Telecia Smalling, Sgt. Jerel Coles, Spc. Nicholas Jackson, Sgt. Torrence Slater and Pfc. Sasha Henry. Behind is Staff Sgt. Charles Wooten.



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Command Sgt. Maj. William Grant greets Hinesville Mayor Thomas J. Ratcliffe Jr. at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service at Bradwell Institute Monday.



Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

The parade celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday passes onlookers on MLK Blvd. in Savannah Monday.

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One-year-old Germaine Jenkins waves a flag as the parade passes by in Hinesville.



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

The 3rd Inf. Div. Band marches through downtown Hinesville Monday.



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

The Georgia National Guard regional training site and maintenance donated a six-ton tractor trailer for the parade to the 1st Calvary Baptist church.



*Spc. Jacob Boyer*

Sgt. Roberto V. Lambert, HHC, 3/7 Inf., inputs information concerning the maintenance needs for his battalion's vehicles. He was selected as the 3rd Inf. Div.'s first NCO of the quarter for 2004.

## NCO

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Stewart in December 2001. He was assigned to HHC, 3/7 Inf. When 2nd Brigade went to Kuwait for Operation Desert Spring in 2002, he went with Task Force 4-64 Armor. When the division moved forward to Iraq, he went with the unit he deployed with.

Since redeploying, Lambert has returned to his home unit, and his work has not stopped. His section is responsible for making sure all of the battalion's vehicles get the parts they need.

"We input all the data for the dead-lined vehicles and research where the parts they need are available," he said. "Whatever they need, it's our job to find it and pick it up for them."

Lambert said the best part about being in the Army is working with Soldiers from all over the country.

"I've got Soldiers here from Puerto Rico and California," he said. "They all bring different mindsets with them and different perspectives on life in general. But we all come together to make a team."

Lambert's Soldiers said he is a good NCO who knows when to be tough on them.

"He's rigid and strict some times, but that's what upholds the military," said Spc. Garrett Ralston, a PLL clerk with HHC, 3/7 Inf. "Sometimes you have to instill discipline, but he also takes care of us. If we tell him we need something, he doesn't put us off."

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**Sgt. Roberto B. Lambert**  
HHC, 3/7 Inf.

Pfc Eliud Cordero, a native of Puerto Rico, had many things to figure out when he first arrived at Stewart, and he said Lambert made sure his issues were ironed out.

"When I first got here, I really didn't know much," said Cordero, who had to move his family to Stewart after he arrived. "But he told me where to go to get help and took care of me."

Lambert's first sergeant considers him "sergeant major material."

"He is the most professional NCO I have ever seen in my life," said 1st Sgt. Edwin Garcia. "He does everything on a serious note. He knows how to smile when it's funny, but he's been conditioned as a true pro. He takes care of himself, but he takes care of his Soldiers most of

all. This is one Soldier we need to keep in the Army."

Lambert said his job is hard at times, but he knows its importance, especially in a unit that won the Department of Defense's highest maintenance award, the Phoenix Award, last year.

"Sometimes we work long hours," he said. "Being in a support military operational speciality, we usually come to work before the mechanics and leave after they're gone. But we're a mainstay. If we don't get the parts, our mechanics can't do the maintenance that earned us that award."

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with combat engineers from 11th Engineer Battalion across the river in Zodiac boats to ensure that the bridge, which was rigged with explosives, would not be destroyed. Republican Guard elements had already set off some explosives under the bridge, which had caused the northbound lane to buckle.

"He was in the second boat to leave the shore," said his roommate, Spc. Rico Vlastelic, another gunner in the company. "He was a dismount then, and he was the point man. He helped others do their jobs in the mission and played a vital role himself."

"We never imagined we'd be doing waterborne operations as a mechanized unit," said 1st Sgt. Frazier Harris, B Co., 3/7 Inf. first sergeant. "We had time when we were in the assembly area in Kuwait to practice with the boats, but it was intense for them going across and looking for explosives on the bridge."

Meinke was awarded an Army Commendation Medal with a "V" device for his actions at Objective Peach.

Meinke, 23, said the friendships he has built since entering the Army are the most important thing to him.

"The respect we have for each other will last a lifetime," he said. "Knowing the men on the left and right of me are willing to die for me is something I'll always cherish."

Meinke's section leader said he has shown a knack for quick learning since arriving at the company.

"He has a really good knack of picking things up quickly," said Staff Sgt. Robert Gasman, Meinke's Bradley commander. "He was one of the first Soldiers I wanted to send (to a board). I knew he'd handle it. I wanted to send him to set the standard for the rest of the Soldiers."

"We sent Meinke to the battalion board based on his work performance and overall attitude," Harris said. "He's a great Soldier. He's very sharp in knowledge and appearance and speaks with a lot of maturity. He went and won that board and showed the other guys it wasn't that bad."

Vlastelic, who has known Meinke since he joined B Co., said he was one of the best Soldiers in the unit.

"He's always eager to learn, and he has a very positive attitude," he said. "During his time as a dismount, he was just as good or better as a Soldier. I'd go back to war with him any time."

Meinke said the division and his fellow Soldiers have "taught me life lessons I couldn't learn anywhere else."

"The Army taught me to be a Soldier, but my NCOs taught me to be a man"



*Spc. Jacob Boyer*

Pfc. Joshua Meinke, B Co., 3/7 Inf., checks the components of an M-240B machine gun while reassembling it.

**DRINKING**  **& DRIVING**  **DON'T MIX** 

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

# Spared another year

**Chaplain (Capt.) Artie Maxwell**  
Special to The Frontline

Traditionally, the New Year is a time of new beginnings and new resolutions. It is a time when we make a commitment to do better this year than we did on last year! However, all too often, we find ourselves making promises that we do not keep, and resolutions that are not as firm as we would like them to be.

In spite of this, God is patient with us, for the record says, "The Lord . . . is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9)

The fact that we are still here is evidence that God is merciful and gracious. I would be the first to admit that the reason I am here is not because of my goodness to God, but because of God's goodness to me. It is not because I am better than any one of those who did not make it over into another year. No! By the grace of God, I have come thus far! By His grace, I have been spared another year! Yes! The Lord has been good to all of us!

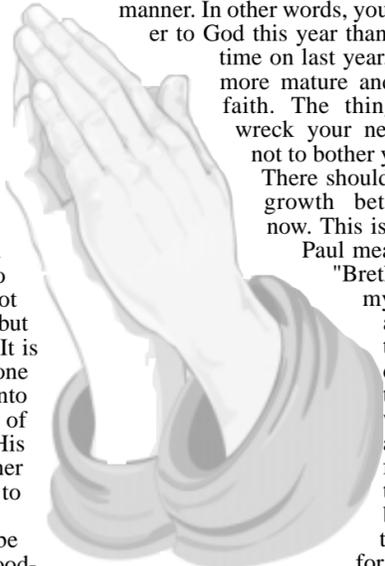
However, I think we need to be reminded of the fact that God's goodness is for a reason: There is a purpose for God's amazing grace. God is a God of Reason, A God of Order, and A God of Purpose. Before we were born, God had a reason and a purpose for your birth and existence. God has something for you to do, something for you to contribute, something for you to share and if you do not do it, if you don't contribute it, if you don't share it, then we all suffer the loss because of your failure

to fulfill your purpose.

One of the sad realities of life is that many people die and leave this world without knowing their reason for coming here. However, before we get too comfortable with our inadequacies, before we become too snug in our imperfections, and too complacent in our complacency, we need to remember that life is to be lived in a progressive manner. In other words, you ought to be closer to God this year than you were at this time on last year. You ought to be more mature and stronger in the faith. The things that used to wreck your nerves then, ought not to bother you so much now.

There should have been some growth between then and now. This is what the apostle Paul meant when he said, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus!" (Phil 3:13, 14).

The basic law of life and nature demands growth and progress. When we fail to grow or progress, the result is death. For anything that has life and is not growing or maturing is dying. Let us remember that we have been spared another year and we must live and live life to its fullest. May God bless you and make this is prosperous year.



## Pet of the Week

Jack is a one-year-old Jack Russell Terrier. He is playful and full of energy and good with children. He is house- and leash-trained, but it is recommended that he have a big yard.

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

# 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



**Monica Mitchell**



Monica Mitchell volunteers as a preschool arts and crafts teacher for Army Community Service.

Mitchell is a native of Bardstown, Ky., and said she volunteers because she enjoys teaching children. "It's a way for me to give back to my community," she said.

According to Mitchell, her favorite part of volunteering is, "watching the children learn and grow and knowing that I may have made a difference in a child's life."

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



# WOODRUFF THEATER

Jan 22 — Jan 28

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



## Honey (PG-13)

Starring: Jessica Alba, Mekhi Phifer

**Tonight 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. Honey goes back to the inner-city of her youth with plans of starting a dance school.  
Run time: 94 minutes

## The Last Samurai (R)

Starring: Tom Cruise, Billy Connolly

**Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m.**

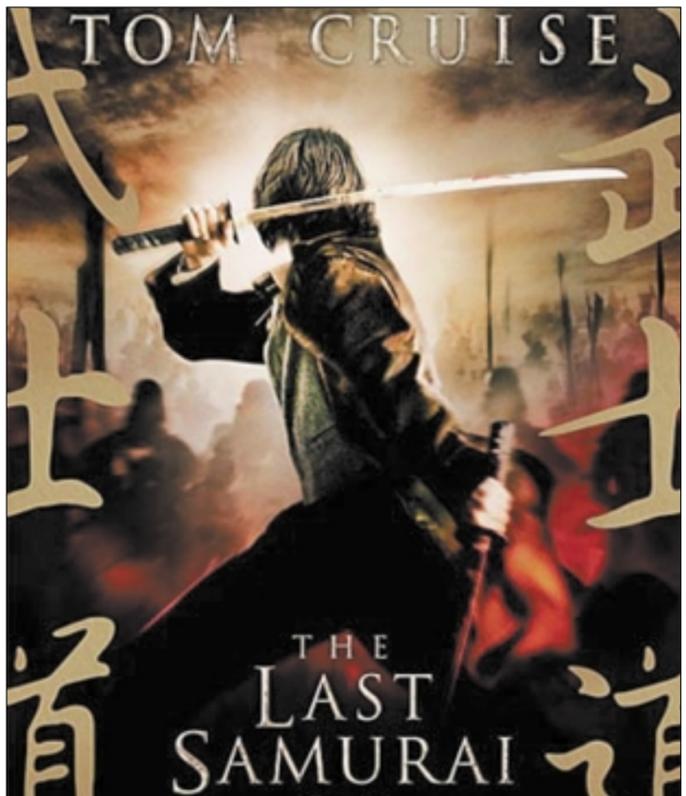
A 19th century American military officer travels to Japan to help organize and teach the emperor's troops during a time of feudal conflict on the island. The longer he teaches the more he comes to understand and appreciate the complicated system of honor under which they live.  
Run time: 154 minutes

## Stuck On You (PG-13)

Starring: Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7 p.m.**

Walt and Bob are conjoined twins, one of whom has dreams of making it big in Hollywood. When they arrive in town, they're cast on a television show starring Cher. She's bummed about being relegated to TV until her new show becomes a hit.  
Run time: 119 minutes



## Birth announcements

### December 21

**Michael D. Merles III**, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael D. Merles Jr., and Katina M. Merles.

**Jayce Cairi Jenkins**, a girl, 4 pounds, 10 ounces, and **Gia Kaylise Jenkins**, a girl, 5 pounds, 2 ounces, born to James Clifton Jenkins and Sgt. Gwendolyn Katrina Jenkins.

### December 22

**Caleb Julio Mouser Tavares**, a boy, 9 pounds, born to Capt. Diogo Pitta Ferraz Tavares and

Jacqueline Ann Mouser Tavares.

### December 24

**Brooklynn Elizabeth Doss**, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Andrew P. Doss and Deana M. Doss.

### December 27

**Merasia Marie Johnson**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer Alfred L. Johnson, Jr. and Theresa Johnson.

**Matthew Tyler Mankin**, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to

Spc. James Brian Mankin and Spc. Tammy Janie Mankins.

### December 28

**Lily Grace Lugar**, a girl, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Maj. Peter Lugar and Lisa Lugar.

### December 29

**Sean Michael Wright**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Benjamin Wright and Rachel Wright.

### December 30

**Carli Mattison Clark**, a girl,

8 pounds, born to Spc. Matthew R. Clark and Allison M. Clark.

### December 31

**Robert Thomas Savage**, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Sara G. Savage.

### January 1

**Emma Grace Armes**, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Spc. Kristin Armes.

**Cassie Elizabeth Stanley**, a girl, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Pfc. Cameron Stanley and Jamie Stanley.

### January 2

**Laurie Karlin Melicks**, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pfc. Alan George Melicks and Jere Landis Melicks.

### January 3

**Harrison Carter Ashlock**, a boy, 7 pounds, born to Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Phillip T. Ashlock II and Jillian S. Ashlock.

**Brayden James Fleischman**, a boy, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Mark Fleischman and Capt. Yvonne Fleischman.