

On Post

Scholarships

The Hunter Army Airfield Thrift Shop and officer's spouses club offer several college scholarships for the 2004-2005 year. Recipients must be Army family members and sponsor must be stationed at Hunter or Fort Stewart. Dependents of retirees may also apply. Deadline for all materials is April 9. Applications are available at the Education Center, ACS, the Thrift Shop or local colleges and high schools. For more information call Sherrie Lewis at 352-0376.

EXPRESS lunch

Express lunch is now served at the Hunter Club and Club Stewart Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Prices range from \$4.75 to \$6.50.

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 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.

Red Cross Cafe

The Red Cross Cafe will open at the Hunter ACS Building at 9 a.m. today.

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.

Travel Fair

Explore new directions at the MWR Travel Fair, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., March 16 at Club Stewart. Participants get the opportunity to talk with and gather information from vendors from attractions, theme parks, hotels and cruise lines. Plenty of specials and door prizes. No charge. Get a head start on planning your next vacation.

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

Hunter celebrates women's history

Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

About 300 members of the Hunter Army Airfield community gathered for a luncheon at the Hunter Club Friday to celebrate Women's History Month.

Brig. Gen. Gina S. Farrissee, adjutant general of the Army, was the guest speaker at the event, which was hosted by the Aviation Brigade.

She started her speech with a history of women supporting America's wars. Women weren't allowed to join the armed services until the second half of last century, but they found ways to support the cause anyway. She told stories of women taking over as cannon firers when their husbands died in the American Revolution.

"The world has changed, and the Army is changing with it," Farrissee said, noting that women represented only two percent of the force that deployed to Grenada, but made up nine percent of the force in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Women participated in combat in Iraq more than in any previous war. Female Soldiers in Iraq have killed Iraqi Soldiers with bombs and bullets," she said.

Female servicemembers make up 15 of the more than 500 American servicemember deaths in Iraq, according to Farrissee. "An IED or bullet knows no gender."

She read off the names of the female servicemembers who died in OIF. "Day in and day out, we have unsung heroes, those who said they were only doing their jobs. These women are wives, daughters and grand daughters, but what they all have in common is that they are Soldiers."

Farrissee asked the men at the luncheon to look to their left and right at the female Soldiers in the audience. She told them to treat them with the same dignity and respect as every Soldier, "Nothing more, but certainly nothing less."

She then addressed the female Soldiers in the audience. "You owe (other Soldiers) your best effort every day. If you want to Soldier—then Soldier."



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Avn. Bde. Commander Col. Curtis D. Potts, and Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Parker, Avn. Bde. equal opportunity advisor, present Brig. Gen. Gina S. Farrissee, adjutant general of the Army, guest speaker at the Women's History Luncheon at the Hunter Club Friday, with a picture depicting female servicemembers.

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin J. Parker, Avn. Bde. equal opportunity advisor, said, "The general's presence really hits home and shows Soldiers here how important Women's History really is."

"It's very important to recognize the accomplishments of women."

Throughout history, other races and cultures haven't been taught in our schools, so it's very important for the Army and nation to recognize women's accomplishments. They matter; they play a big role in our lives. Without women, we wouldn't be here."

Read Across America gets children involved

Sp. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

Children and adults throughout the nation participated in a program called Read Across America Tuesday to sharpen their reading skills and to hear adults read stories.

The program was created to observe and celebrate Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday. Children at Diamond Elementary School had a few guests who took time from work to visit the classrooms and read to them.

"It's nice to get parents involved," said Cheryl Hahn, a kindergarten teacher at Diamond.

"Parents are the first real teachers children have. It's also important for children to see their parents actively reading as well."

Hahn's students sat attentively and listened while Sgt. Shennika Prentice of the 703rd Main Support

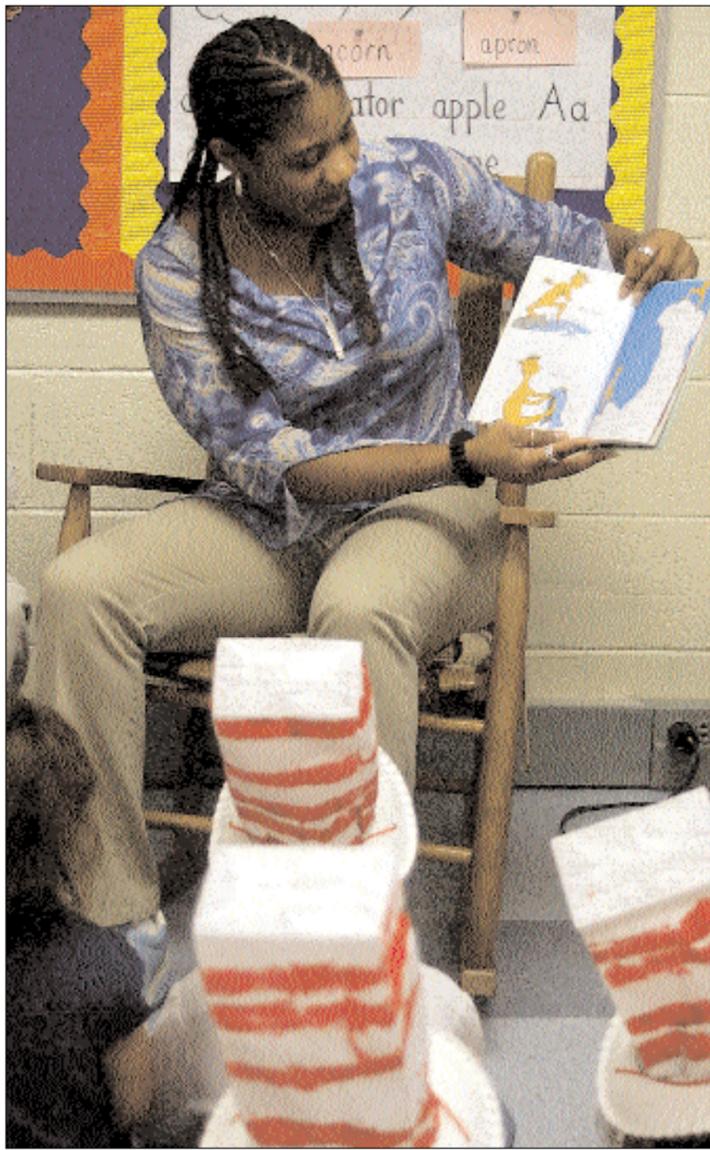
Battalion read a Dr. Seuss book to them. When she was finished they all grinned widely and begged her to read another book.

"My class has thoroughly enjoyed having several guest readers," Hahn said. "They are very still, quiet and patient as parents, Soldiers and staff members come in to read to them."

Being a good reader is very fulfilling, she added. Another advantage of the program is that it gives the feeling of getting involved more with the community as well as the school.

"Reading is a primary thing for children," Prentice said. "If you can't read you can't get through in life as well. It's important for parents to be involved with how the kids are learning."

"Reading is so important in life," Hahn said. "We just want to encourage children to read on this special day."



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Sgt. Shennika Prentice of 703rd MSB reads a Doctor Seuss book to kindergarten children in participation of the Read Across America Program at Diamond Elementary School March 2.



Kindergarten children beg Leah Thompson to read them a Dr. Seuss book for the Read Across America program.

Baby Basic Training gives expectant fathers head start on childbirth, family

Sp. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

When Soldiers are preparing to enter fatherhood for the first time, a new class at Fort Stewart helps them learn the skills they need to lay the groundwork for their new family.

Baby Basic Training, a four-hour class offered by Winn Army Community Hospital, addresses expectant fathers' questions and concerns about pregnancy and childbirth so they can be a more active part of the process, said Fraine Fledderman, a licensed clinical social worker.

"We want to prepare first-time fathers for the whole experience of having their first baby," he said. "We take them from pregnancy through post-pregnancy to allow them to be more involved in the process."

"I'm taking the class because I really need this training," said Spc. Anthony Wright, a calibration specialist with the 95th Maintenance Company. "I just don't know everything there is to know about dealing with an unborn child or caring for a newborn and dealing with the stresses that comes with."

Fledderman, who taught a similar course at

Fort Bragg, N.C., said the class was started here to give fathers a program geared toward them.

"There are a lot of good programs out there, but most of them are geared toward the moms," he said. "Over the last few years, there's been a movement toward getting fathers together. This is part of that."

The class allows expectant fathers to "feel more comfortable about what needs to be done through the process," Fledderman said.

"We give them the tools of the trade to let them prove to mom they can help out with the process," he said. "Pregnancy can be a stressful time, and we're trying to minimize conflicts in the relationship."

Minimizing the stress in those relationships can help prevent more serious problems — such as domestic violence and child neglect — it can lead to, Fledderman added.

One way to minimize stress for an expectant couple is for the mother's expectations of the father to be understood, Fledderman said. The class helps fathers realize what those expectations are so they can be more involved.



Sp. Jacob Boyer

Spc. Ric Soliben, 632nd Maint. Co., practices burping a baby with a life-like doll at a recent Baby Basic Training class.

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CHARGE!

Battle of Olustee draws thousands

Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody
Staff writer

"It's a hell of a hobby I've picked here," said Civil War reenactor Ronney Smiley as he wiped sleep from his eyes inside a small canvas tent at the sound of morning reveille.

Flutes and drums echoed across the Confederate encampment in the morning smoke and mist as cavalry horses whinnied and stamped. Rows of white canvas tents rustled in the dim light as hundreds of reenactors rose to cook breakfast over campfires.

Smiley is a member of I Company, 25th Georgia Infantry Regiment, one of many units that converged on Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park, near Lake City, Florida, Feb. 21 and 22 to recreate the Battle of Olustee, an 1864 Union defeat by Confederate forces.

The battle involved more than 10,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery troops, who fought for two and a half hours in a pine forest until the Union retreated in defeat. When the smoke cleared nearly 3,000 men lay dead or wounded, 946 of them Confederates.

The annual reenactment marked the 140th anniversary of the battle and drew about 1,000 Confederate and Federal reenactors and countless sutlers selling period clothing, tools, weapons and food. Though some of the construction materials have changed, many of the items for sale would be familiar to today's troops, such as shelter halves, cots and rucksacks.

"We bring a tent full of period gear to all the big reenactments," said Cindy Bowers of Heirloom Emporium. "I love coming to these battles. It's such a wholesome environment — it's no problem for my kids to run around and have fun."

Among the Confederate ranks were Soldiers from Fort Stewart and other local bases.

"This is just awesome," said Pfc. Sean Horne of 87th Corps Support Battalion. "My girlfriend's father got me to come to this, and I'm having a great time."

A skirmish on Saturday was Horne's first Civil War battle, and his company commander made sure everyone knew it. In front of his chuckling comrades, Horne's face was smeared with wet gunpowder to denote his rookie status, a ritual observed by reenactors as both a rite of passage and a safety precaution.

Pvt. James Cleveland of 121st Airborne Infantry, a Georgia National Guard unit, described a 17-mile march last year that members of his reenactor unit completed in two hours and 45 minutes in full period battle dress.

"When I told my Army buddies about it, they couldn't believe it," Cleveland said. "This is some real soldiering."

While an area was designated for modern camping and recreational vehicles, most reenactors chose to soldier the old-fashioned way. Each company of six to fifty Soldiers



Photos by Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

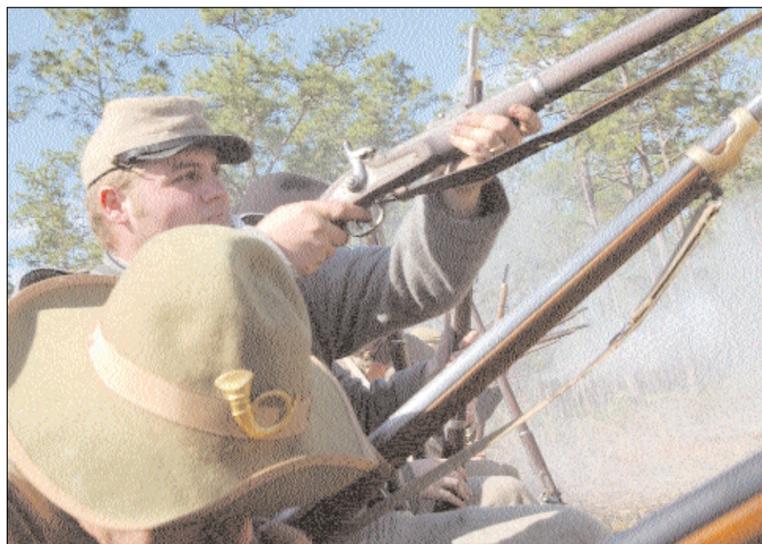
A Confederate captain leads the charge against Union forces during a reenactment of the Battle of Olustee. The event marked the 140th anniversary of the 1864 Confederate victory near Lake City, Florida.



Stephen Stafford, first sergeant of I Co., 25th Ga. Inf. blows air into a camp fire after a rainy day.



Ronney Smiley of the 25th looks at deer antler and cow horn gunpowder measurers at a sutler's store.



Roby Cowart fires a powder charge at Union forces during the Sunday battle.



Confederate infantrymen gear up for battle in the morning mist Saturday.

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Hunter Club opens for business

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The Hunter Army Airfield community was treated to fine dining March 4 during the Hunter Club Grand Reopening Ceremony.

The club was closed for six months, but after a \$ 500 thousand renovation, now offers Soldiers, their families, and community members a facility where they can enjoy good food, catering, entertainment and conferencing.

"It's outstanding. The Hunter Club will give Soldiers a place to get together and build esprit de corps. It makes Hunter a better place to live and work," said Capt. Shannon McAteer, commander of Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command. The ceremony featured such delicacies as salmon wrapped shrimp, steamed oysters and a buffet, with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Woodwind Ensemble playing classical tunes in the background.

Soldiers were impressed with the renovations.

"It looks like a nice place," said Spc. Michael Harris, HQ Co., HQ

CMD. "It would be a great place for family events, and it's great that you can do it right here on base instead of having to go off. If I wasn't already married, I'd do it here."

The Hunter Club is located across the street from Tuttle Health Clinic on Duncan Drive.

Hunter Club Services

* A TV room and bar, open every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., featuring karaoke.

* A ballroom, which can be rented for special occasions. 150 people, \$300 dollars,

* The VIP room, \$125 dollars, holds 125 people

* The whole club, \$500 dollars, food price is per guest, depending on menu (weekday rates are less and determined on a case-by-case basis)

* Buffet, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., weekdays, buffet or order from menu

* Catering.

Call Diane Garner 353 - 7923 for reservations and information.



Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas, assistant division commander (support), speaks at the Hunter Club Grand Reopening Ceremony March 4.

BABY

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"I've gotten a lot of feedback where the fathers have said they want to be more involved, but they just don't know how," Fledderman said. "Many of them have never been exposed to (small children), and they need to realize they can get connected from the very beginning."

Fledderman starts the class by talking to the fathers-to-be about some of the things women go through over the course of their pregnancy. They discuss the stresses a mother deals with while she is pregnant, the normal length of a pregnancy and the different options women have for the childbirth itself.

A big part of the class deals with the childbirth. Besides discussing different options for the act itself, Fledderman helps the fathers understand what their roles will be during the process and what the mothers will be going through.

Another portion of the class deals with handling newborn babies while carrying them, burping them, bathing them and changing their diapers. The new fathers practice with lifelike dolls while Fledderman and others in the class give suggestions.

"The biggest thing I was worried about was changing diapers," Wright said. "But I'm really happy we went over

that. I also didn't know about putting alcohol on the umbilical cord until it falls off."

Fledderman also helps fathers find ways they can bond with their newborns. Women have more obvious ways to bond with the baby, such as nursing, he said. Fathers can use bathing as one way to better bond with the baby.

"When the mother takes over and starts breast feeding, the father can feel out of the loop," he said. "He may ask, 'How do I get to bond?' There are opportunities to help everybody and give mom a break. Bathing is an especially good experience for the baby and the father."

Fledderman said he hopes that once the class has been here for a while, he can get graduates to come back and talk to later classes, building a support network for new fathers here.

"I'd like to see a support system build from this class," he said. "I'd like to invite the new fathers to bring their babies in as models for people in the class and develop more of a community aspect, but it will take time."

Wright said he was "really happy" he took the course.

"It feels great to learn all these things, and it's comforting to know there are others there to help out," he said.

REBELS

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made two rows of their tents, often with a tarp-covered area between tents and a fire pit in the middle. Hay was a popular traditional bedding material, though many brought sleeping bags. The canvas tents held much of the weekend's rain at bay, while smoky campfires kept everyone warm.

Using cast iron pots and pans, Jay Harwell of the 25th fried venison, bacon and potatoes for his victorious and hungry company returning from a skirmish.

"There's nothing like a good piece of deer meat to keep you going," said the 25th's Brandon Stafford, 12, an avid hunter himself.

Sunday brought clear blue skies and huge crowds to see the main battle reenactment. Infantrymen packed leather pouches with gunpowder charges, artillerymen towed cannons to the battlefield and cavalymen mounted their horses in preparation for the march into combat.

As the troops neared the field, they formed a long line, two soldiers deep, and pushed forward under cannon fire. Confederate officers with sabers drawn led their companies ahead to face the enemy as bugles sounded with the general's orders.

Confederate soldiers ripped open paper cartridges with their teeth and poured the gunpowder down their musket barrels and fired furiously at the advancing Federal lines. Soldiers from both sides collapsed in the sand and grass as the lines approached each other. A Union drummer boy hid behind his drum near his company as smoke blanketed the battlefield.

Rebel volleys decimated the Federal ranks, pushing them back to the woodline as the Confederate colors advanced. The battle ended as Union forces retreated into the pine forest and Confederates shouted victoriously. The spectators cheered as fallen soldiers got to their feet and rejoined their units for the march back to camp.

The actual battle pushed Union forces back to their garrison in Jacksonville, and they did not emerge in force again until the war's end 14 months later.

"We go to these reenactments all the time — they're a great time and they honor our heritage," said Stephen Stafford, first sergeant of the 25th. "Some of my ancestors fought in this unit."

Those interested in participating with the 25th Infantry or attending local reenactments should visit the unit's Web site at www.altamahascouts.org.



Units from the 54th Mass. Colored Inf. participated.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

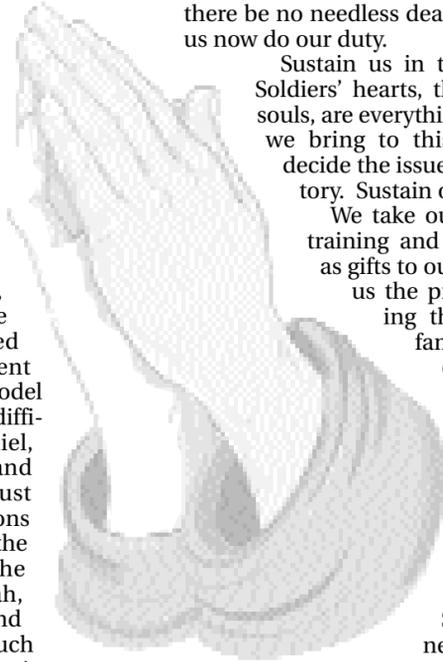
Warrior's Prayer

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark B. Nordstrom
Special to The Frontline

March marks the anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I pause and remember the place and our prayers.

The Place: We fought under the same stars that Abraham looked up at. We bypassed Ur, the ancient city of Abram's call. Kifl, where we saw our most bitter combat, is the place tradition has it that Ezekiel also risked his life to help the captives. I could see on my map the city of Nineveh, where Jonah should have first gone. We thundered past Al Hillah, and ancient Babylon, where my role model of faithful service under difficult circumstances, Daniel, served God and Nebuchadnezzar. And just east of our area of operations is the ancient city of Susa, the summer capital of the Persians where Nehemiah, the great prayer warrior and leader and Esther — "for such a time as this" — lived precarious lives under God's care. In all likelihood Job, whose trust in God during trying times was indeed remarkable, made his home somewhere in this region.

Our Prayers: It's 4 p.m., March 3 at Kuwait U.N. Checkpoint 7, where in a few hours 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) would be first to cross into Iraq. With the Commanders and staff assembled I prayed,



"Dear Heavenly Father, Our Commander-in-Chief has ordered us to answer our foe with a cannon shot. This we will do and so fulfill our duty to our country, our families and to each other. The Raider Brigade asks Your watch-care over all of our Soldiers. May there be no needless death and may all of us now do our duty.

Sustain us in this desert. Our Soldiers' hearts, their spirits, their souls, are everything. It is the spirit we bring to this fight that will decide the issue and win the victory. Sustain our spirit.

We take our pride and our training and offer them here as gifts to our country. Grant us the privilege of securing the safety of our families. May our conquered foe come to share the same safety and freedoms we enjoy.

But for this moment grant our leaders and their Soldiers boldness, which is the true steel and gives our weapons their edge and brilliancy.

We will one day, by Your grace, stand on tippy-toe when this day is mentioned for ever more deserve our freedom because on this day we will act to defend it.

Keep our families in your care.

Go with us as we go forward. Amen."

In that place God surely answered our prayers.

Pet of the Week

Caligula is a 4-month-old Siamese mix. He's playful, affectionate and curious, but shy around other cats.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Caligula who needs a good home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.

The clinic is located on W. Bultman Avenue.

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>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



Ken Robinson



Ken Robinson, a native of Amarillo, Texas, volunteers as a soccer coach for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation at Hunter Army Airfield.

Robinson said he volunteers to give back to the youth and present them with a positive roll model, such as he had as a child. What Robinson likes best about volunteering is "being with the kids in our community, teaching and having fun."

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



WOODRUFF THEATER

March 11 - March 17

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



My Baby's Daddy (PG-13)

Starring: Eddie Griffin, Anthony Anderson
Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Three bachelor buddies from the hood, after a lifetime of hard playing, are in for a rude awakening when their respective girlfriends all get pregnant at the same time. The fathers-to-be embark on a hilarious and touching journey while learning about themselves as they learn about love and fatherhood.
 Run time: 99 minutes

The Big Bounce (PG-13)

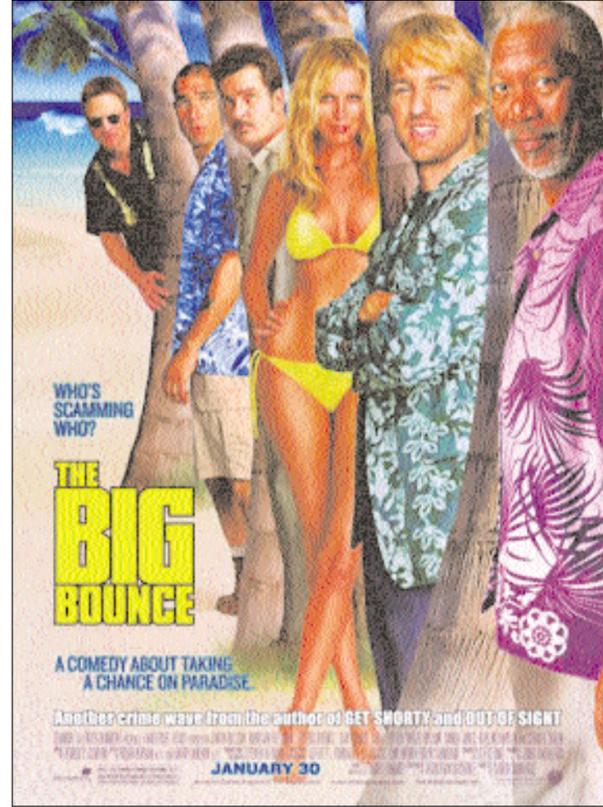
Starring: Owen Wilson, Morgan Freeman
Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Jack, a likeable drifter whose talents lie just outside the law, heads for Hawaii hoping a change of scenery will bring him luck. On the exotic North Shore of Oahu, he soon will discover that whether he is looking for a new con or a little romance, temptation is everywhere.
 Run time: 88 minutes

The Perfect Score (PG-13)

Starring: Erika Christensen, Chris Evans
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Six high school students desperate to get into top-notch colleges develop a plan to break into the Princeton Testing Center to steal the answers to the S.A.T. in order to prevent the test from unfairly defining who they'll become. Each has his or her own set of circumstances that leads to the conclusion that the only way to truly decide one's own fate is to beat the system.
 Run time: 93 minutes



Birth announcements

February 21

Sean Tremaine Taylor, a boy, 5 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Broderick Taylor and Spc. Aleatha Sanders.

February 22

Andrew John Harrell, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to 1st Lt. John L. Harrell and Lori M. Harrell.

Angelo Giovanni Giuseffi, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Frank

Giuseffi and Michele Giuseffi.

February 23

Ashton Ray Martin, a boy, 7 pounds, born to Pfc. Anthony Shane Martin and Reanda Shunellen Martin.

February 25

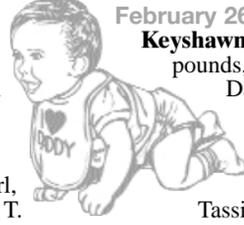
Christianna Lanay Fayson, a girl, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, Sgt. Lonnie T.

Fayson and Naomi C. Fayson.

February 26

Keyshawn Markeis Tisdale, a boy, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Cytique Davis.

Creeland Noah Tassin, a boy, 8 pound, 7 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Dereck Paul Tassin and Taylor Robison Tassin.



Keyliani Crystal Moctezuma, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Raul Moctezuma and Judsy Moctezuma.

February 27

Blakley Elizabeth Molton, a girl, 9 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Ryan Del Molton and Ashley Elizabeth Molton.

Deshay Janell Heatley, a boy, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Fredrick Heatley and Kendra Heatley.

SOMEONE SPILLED THE BEANS!



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