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Scholarships

The Hunter Army Airfield Thrift Shop and Officers' 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.

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.

Easter Brunch

Club Stewart will hold an Easter Brunch April 11. Seatings are available at 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m.

Children can get photos taken with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled at each seating. Cost is \$11.95 for adults, children 9 through 12 eat half off and those under 8 eat free.

Get \$1 off when you bring in 20 friends or a church bulletin.

Call 386-2212 for reservations.

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

The story of St. Patrick's day

Spc. Ryan Smith

372nd MPAD

March 17 marks the day that people around the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a holiday honoring Ireland's patron saint.

St. Patrick, though not born Irish, is one of the key figures in Irish heritage. He was born in the later half of the 4th century Common Era, although there are differing opinions among historians on the exact date and place of his birth. The dates range from 373 CE to 390, and scholars disagree as to whether it was in Scotland, Wales or Ireland.

Though Patrick's father was a Christian deacon, there is little evidence to suggest that the saint came from a particularly religious family. Instead, it is believed that his father took that role because of tax incentives.

When Patrick was 16, he was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders, who held him

captive in Ireland for six years. While there, he worked as a shepherd, isolated from other people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to religion for comfort, becoming a devout Christian. Legend says that it was then that he first dreamed of converting the people of Ireland.

Patrick escaped captivity and walked 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. In his writing, he said that a voice, which he believed to be God's, told him to leave Ireland. He escaped to Britain, where he had a dream of an angel telling him to return to Ireland to become a missionary.

He began his religious training, and after 15 years, was ordained as a priest. He returned to Ireland with a dual mission — to minister to Christians there, as well as to convert the Irish. This contradicts the legendary belief that he single-handedly introduced

Christianity to the island.

Rather than trying to eradicate traditional Irish beliefs, Patrick incorporated many of them with Christian rituals. He used bonfires to celebrate Easter, since the Irish used fire to honor their gods. He also superimposed a sun onto the Christian cross, creating what is now called the Celtic cross.

Over the centuries, the legend of St. Patrick has grown, to include stories that he chased all the snakes away from the island. Though it would have been impossible for him to convert all of Ireland, he founded hundreds of churches and converted thousands of Irish. His legacy still survives: today, nearly 93 percent of Ireland's population is Roman Catholic.

It is believed that Patrick died March 17 around the year 460 CE.

Editor's note: Information for this article came from www.historychannel.com



Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

Col. Curtis D. Potts, Aviation Brigade commander, leads his heavily-beaded and locally-decorated men in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah March 17. See Page 2C for more pictures of the parade and celebration.

Soldiers, Savannah celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

Everyone was a little bit Irish March 17 as thousands gathered to enjoy the 180th St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah.

Savannah hosts the self-proclaimed second-largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the nation, second only to New York.

St. Patrick's Day commemorates the life of a Scottish Priest who converted the Irish to Christianity. To the Irish-for-a-day, the celebration was a chance to enjoy all things Irish, and Savannahian.

"It's a tradition — I'll come here till the day I die," said native Savannahian Gail Hollingsworth. She now lives in Atlanta, but hasn't missed a St. Patrick's Day in Savannah yet.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers are a big part of the parade.

The Aviation Brigade lands helicopters in Forsyth Park every year for visitors and locals to learn about. Hundreds of Soldiers march in the parade.

It's become a tradition for women to lay beads around marching Soldiers' necks, and it's not uncommon to see many

of them blushing with lipstick from kisses on their cheeks.

Soldiers walked a little bit taller this year due to their heroic acts during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

According to Brian Palmer, a life-long Savannah resident, "We're proud of our guys and proud of what they did in Iraq. Most Savannahians have always been supportive of our Soldiers."

Marne band participates in Greek festivities

Spc. Robert Adams

Staff Writer

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) band participated in Greek Independence Day festivities Saturday and Sunday in Tarpon Springs, Fla.

The festivities included the raising of the



Spc. Rafael Ramos, 3rd Inf. Div. band trumpet player, sounds off with "Taps" during a moment of silence for Soldiers who lost their lives in OIF.

American and Greek flags, an evening banquet, and an afternoon parade in which the band played and displayed their talents.

"We are here to celebrate Greek Independence Day and the strong ties that bind the nation of Greece and the United States," said Congressman Michael Bilirakis in a speech commemorating the event last year.

At numerous times over the weekend, the band played both the United States and Greek national anthems respectively in celebration of the 183rd anniversary of Greek independence.

"We wanted to show the Greek community that the Army is a part of them as well as they are a part of us and we appreciate their support for the Soldiers that fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Sgt. 1st Class Sadoc J. Nobles, 3rd Inf. Div. drum major.

At the flag ceremony, held Saturday at the Clearwater, Fla. City Hall, the band marched around the courtyard and then stopped in front of the hall to play each country's national anthem as each flag was raised.

Later in the evening, a banquet was held at St. Nichols Community Center where the community recognized Soldiers who fought in



Photos by Spc. Robert Adams

(Right to left) Staff Sgt. Robert Safley, Spc. Lance Commins, Sgt. 1st Class Nicky Cantrell, and Spc. Jennifer Harper on clarinet, and Sgt. Crystal Miller on piccolo of the 3rd Inf. Div. Band play the National Anthem during the raising of the American and Greek flags Saturday in Clearwater, Fla.

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Irish eyes are smiling



Capt. Richard Beevers, HHC, 1/3 Avn. Regt., helps 3-year-old Zackery Cassin of Flemming, Ga., climb out of an Apache Longbow the Aviation Brigade had on display in Forsyth Park.

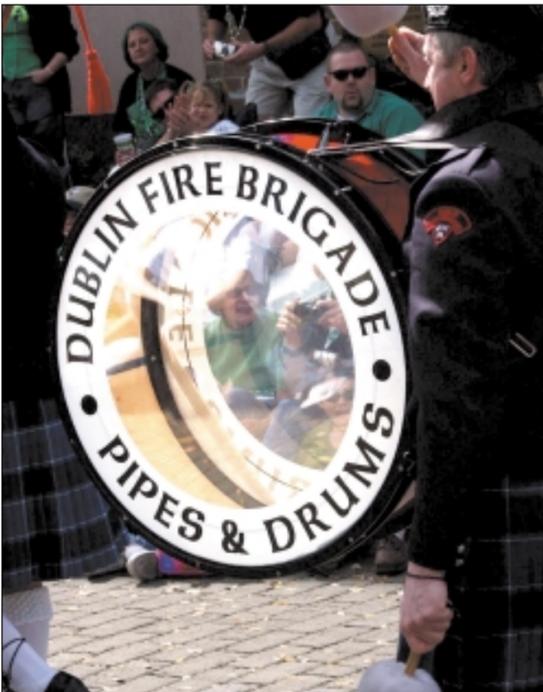


A parade watcher tries unsuccessfully to elicit a response from a Ranger during the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah March 17.

Photos by Sgt. Mason T. Lowery



A parade watcher competes with parade marchers for the best costume during the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



The Dublin Fire Brigade Pipes and Drums Corps marches past onlookers during the parade.



Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Julian A. Kellman, 3rd Inf. Div. command sergeant major, wave to onlookers.

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OIF. The show band entertained those in attendance with a combination of pop, rock and soul songs as well as traditional Greek marches.

"During the weekend we have received positive feedback," Nobles said. "We have been stopped by many people, and they are patting us on the back and showing their appreciation for the 3rd Inf. Div.'s part in OIF."

The band finished the weekend by leading the Greek Independence Day parade down the main streets of Tarpon Springs.

The streets were colored with American and Greek flags, which cheered on the band as it passed by.

"I loved the Army band," said Diane McAvey, a parade goer who displayed her love for bands and music shows.

Lambros Kakisis from the Consulate of Greece, Gus Bilerakis, of the Florida House of Representatives, Gen. Evangelos Kumbis of the Greek Army, and Mayor Beverly Billeris, Tarpon Springs, and other special guests were in attendance for the parade.

"This parade is a big deal for Tarpon Springs and for the Greek community, and it really is a treat for anyone who hasn't experienced it," McAvey said.



Photos by Spc. Robert Adams

(Left to right) Spc. J.P. Alexander, Sgt. Marcus Doggett, Spc. Eric Sturgeon, Pfc. Shawn VanderLinde and Pfc. Desmond Baker, HQ Co., HHCMD 3rd Inf. Div. carry the colors during the Greek Independence Day parade Sunday in Tarpon Springs, Fla.



Members of the Greek community march down the streets of Tarpon Springs, Fla. in the parade celebrating 183 years of Greek independence.



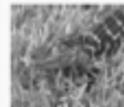
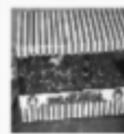
HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD COMMUNITY APPRECIATION FESTIVAL

3 April, 10am - 3 pm

Across from the
Child Development Center

Activities

- Door Prizes
- Carnival Rides & Games
- Live Reptiles
- Easter Egg Hunt (10am)
- Face Painting
- SRT/SPD Display
- Artifact Identification...Bring your artifacts from home!
- Food, Fun, & Entertainment



featuring
Okefenokee Joe

2 Shows:
11am & 1pm

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

If all else fails ...

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Quinn

Special to The Frontline

Like most people, I've fallen prey a thousand times to the advice, "if all else fails, read the instructions." It must be innate within me, this feeling of being able to assemble and operate any gadget on the market proficiently without the assistance of the designer or manufacturer.

I remember buying my first computer at a closeout sale — a TI99 with 16 kilobytes of memory (yes I'm old). I carried my prize home with all the excitement of a kid at Christmas. I pulled it out of the box, set it on a little table, and began wiring wires and plugging plugs. Much to my dismay, the user's manual looked like a New York City telephone directory and I, a computer illiterate.

I managed to type my name on the screen, but not much more. After picking out a paragraph here and there in the manual, I was able with a little trial and error to play video games. No one was the loser but me.

Either because of my fears, arrogance, laziness, lack of time, preoccupation, or growing boredom, I never became proficient with the manual and consequently never became proficient with my computer. Like many, I mocked the slogan "user friendly" and my prize collected dust in the closet.

All of us have been given something far more important than a computer, our own lives. Along with the gift comes an operator's manual from the designer and manufacturer. Unfortunately, we often wait until all else fails before we read the instructions. Millions of books have been written as supposed guides to improving our lives, but no book tells it like "The

Book". Of course, I'm talking about the Bible. 2 Timothy 3: 16 & 17 says, "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

More than just stories of people long ago, the Bible is God's guidebook for maximizing life's operation. The problem is many of us try to operate our lives like I did my computer. We may pick a paragraph out here or there, never becoming proficient, and consequently, limp through our earthly existence. We know we should read it, but we don't. We want to read it, but we won't.

So, what are the reasons why we don't or won't read our manual? Two common ones are, "I don't have time" and "I can't understand it".

Time? Bible reading must be a matter of priority. We find time to do whatever we really want to do. It's amazing how we don't have time to read the manual 15 minutes a day and yet find time to watch hours of television, e-mail, video game, read magazines and the sports section, exercise ... If it is a priority, we will make time.

Understand? Those who don't understand are usually reading an old English translation or some passage of listed names, cleanliness laws, or temple dimensions. Try an "easy to read" translation if "thee" and "thou" giveth thee problems. New readers should begin in the New Testament in the Book of Acts, Gospel of John, or Gospel of Mark. I use a "One Year Bible" which breaks the Bible into daily readings of Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs. At the end of the year, I've read the entire Bible.



Pet of the Week

Mr. Bungle is a 7-month-old domestic longhair. He's loving, affectionate and has the softest fur of any cat, ever.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Mr. Bungle 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	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.
<u>Catholic</u>		
Sunday Mass	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

Volunteer Spotlight



Angel Dargan



Angel Dargan, a native of Baltimore, Md., works as a volunteer coordinator for the Army Community Service playgroup.

"I volunteer because I believe in family and the playgroup allows me to share my love of working with children in a safe and structured environment while the parents can socialize."

What Dargan likes most about volunteering is the ability to provide a service to military families.

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 25 - March 31

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



You Got Served (PG-13)

Starring: Amari Grandberry, Marques Houston

Today at 7 p.m.

This hip-hop comedy explores the social subculture of street dancing, focusing on a pair of friends, David and Elgin, who want to open their own hip-hop dance and recording studio.

Run time: 93 minutes

Miracle (PG)

Starring: Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson

Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Based on a true story of the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics, a former gold medal winner assembles a U. S. team of underdogs to compete against an undefeated Soviet hockey team. Despite the odds, he leads the team to victory.

Run time: 136 minutes

Against The Ropes (PG-13)

Starring: Meg Ryan, Omar Epps

Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Based on the true story of Jackie Kallan, who became a successful boxing manager by working her way up in the world of boxing by believing in the fighting skills of Luther Shaw. She believes he can be a champion.

Run time: 111 minutes

Catch That Kid (PG)

Starring: Kristen Stewart, Corbin Bleu

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Three teens not old enough to drive plan to rob one of the world's most impenetrable banks to save an ailing father.

Run time: 108 minutes



Birth announcements

March 12

Mattison Rose Drexel, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Matthew Drexel and Susan Drexel.

March 13

Amya Chantel Ellis, a girl, 4 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Antoine D. Ellis and Pfc. Antoinette A. Ellis.

Brianna Deshanae Alana Williams, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pfc. Christopher Devon Williams and Natasha Yolanda Williams.

March 14

Hannah Michelle Self, a girl, 7 pounds,

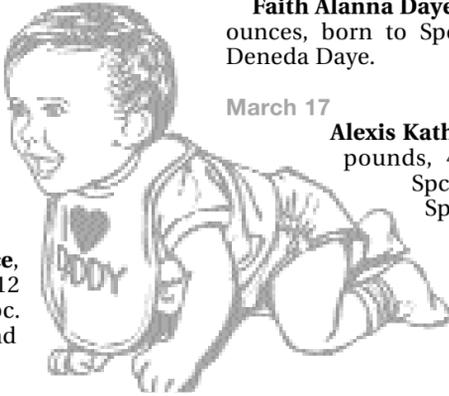
11 ounces, born to Pfc.

Larry Self and Michelle Self.

Sean Nicholas Spencer Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, born to Spc. Sean Spencer and Spc. Vearsha Spencer.

March 15

Thomas Thor Bruce, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Douglas Alan Bruce and Tracy Allyson Bruce.



March 16

Faith Alanna Daye, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Travis Daye and Deneda Daye.

March 17

Alexis Kathelyn Mays, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. John A. Mays and Spc. Kimberly Mays.

D'Sean Nicholas Cooper, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. David N. Cooper and

Destiny N. Cooper.

March 18

Ian Alexander Wells-Ortiz, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Brent Wells and Sgt. Yesenia Wells-Ortiz.

Corey Alexander Phillips, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. John Andrew Phillips and Katherine Ashane Phillips.

Kaylee Joy Wheeler, a girl, 8 pounds, born to Pfc. Anthony Wayne Wheeler and Kathryn Krystelle Wheeler.

Robert Jaden Rosales, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Robert G. Rosales and Brenna Jean Rosales.