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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 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.

Hunter ACS closures

The Hunter ACS building will be closed tomorrow from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Job Fair

The Army Career and Alumni Program will host a Job Fair Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Club Stewart. For more information call 767-2234/2381 or 352-5854.

Mother's Day Brunch

Club Stewart and the Hunter Club will host a Mother's Day brunch May 9. Brunch will be served at 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$11.95 for adults. Children ages 9 to 12 eat at half price. Children age 8 and under eat free.

For more information call Club Stewart at 368-2212 or the Hunter Club at 303-3679.

Train Concert

The 2004 Miller Lite concert featuring Train will be held June 17 at Donovan Field. Tickets are \$15 after May 8 and \$20 on concert day. They are available at Hunter Lanes, Fort Stewart Leisure Activity Center, Sports USA and Marne Lanes.

For more information call 767-3695.

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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.

MP bikes hit streets



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Sgt. Michael Dinkel, a bike patrol trainer from 179th MP Det. demonstrates how to go safely over curbs without letting their feet touch the ground. Bike patrol MPs train for seven days.

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

Summertime is almost here, and with the abundance of outdoor activities, military police have begun preparing their Soldiers for duties as bike patrol officers.

"The guys on the bikes get into the community a little better due to the fact that they are not in a patrol car," said Sgt. Michael Dinkel, bike patrol trainer, 179th Military Police Detachment. "They know the areas better and they are better to assist because if there is a call that comes out, most of the time we can get to it a little quicker.

"It's easier for bikes because they don't have the enclosure of a vehicle, so their senses are more efficient. They can hear and smell better, so if something happens they will be able to hear it and react quicker," he added. "We can also get to areas a regular patrol cannot. In that sense we can get to a problem quicker and resolve it faster."

Since GMH took over the housing here, many of the regulations have changed or are obsolete, Dinkel said. The MPs realize that most of the residents aren't aware of the changes and are willing to work with the people to advise and educate them on the new standards that have come into effect.

"These guys know the new regs like the back of their hand," Dinkel said. "If anyone has any questions they can feel free to approach them. They will know the answers, and if they don't they will have an easy way to get the answer or proper information for the individual."

"We aren't out here to harass anybody," Dinkel said. "We're just out there to enforce the standards and inform the public of the standards set forth on Fort Stewart that they might not know about."

The new bike patrol officers go through a seven-day training period to prepare themselves for their new duty. The training includes mounting and dismounting the bikes, how to traverse

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Savannah kids ask to help deployed Soldiers

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

For the past two years, residents throughout Southeast Georgia have donated time and money for Soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Through care packages, supplies and letters, countless Soldiers have been given the comforts of home in the form of beef jerky, baby wipes and words of support.

Recently, a member of the Savannah community began the groundwork for a cam-

paign that focuses on kids coming together for soldiers — Savannah Kids Care.

Burt Sappenfield, program founder and coordinator, originally established the program during the first Gulf War.

"It just made sense," Sappenfield said. "The kids (during the first Gulf War) wanted to get involved and show their support. (The program) seemed like a great way to make that happen."

The premise is simple, according to Sappenfield: Children gather knick knacks, snack and hygiene products, put them in one

or more shoeboxes, and bring them to their school's administrator.

Sappenfield, as he did more than a decade ago, will collect the shoeboxes from the five Richmond Hill and Savannah schools supporting the program, and personally deliver them to the region.

"The goal is to make the first trip around May or June," he said.

During the first week of April, Sappenfield took a trip to the National Training Center at

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"American Spirit" raises Soldiers' morale

Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

Soldiers on Hunter Army Airfield were treated to a visit Friday from United Services Organization performers "American Spirit."

The four-person group was in Savannah for a Saturday night show at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum and decided to make a stop at Hunter first to show their appreciation.

"It means so much to be able to perform for the Soldiers, to show them how much they mean to us," said Heather Poahlani, member of American Spirit.

They performed in 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment's hangar. Before they performed, they met Soldiers and learned about Apache Longbows and UH-60 Blackhawks. Soldiers lined up to meet the performers and receive their autographs.

After they signed pictures and talked to the Soldiers, they danced and sang classic American Rock n' Roll. They danced in polished unison, then made the show personal in a signature USO move — they grabbed random Soldiers from the audience to dance with.

Spc. Warren Dowling,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, said he was entertained by the performance.

"They did a real good show. Everyone liked it," he said.

He said he's a fan of USO performances, and saw them entertain 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Soldiers in Kuwait when they were preparing for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I think it's great when they sing the service songs. I just appreciate them coming — I think everyone does," he said.

After their performance, the performers got a closer look at the helicopters. They got to sit in an Apache as Capt. Jason R. Lynn, C Company, 1st Bn., 3rd Avn. Reg. platoon leader explained the components to them.

Christina Hernandez was awed by the helicopter. As she sat in it, she said, "It's very overwhelming — I don't know what to say. When you're little — you see things like this, but it's amazing to actually sit in one."

American Spirit's next show takes them up the East Coast and up the chain of command. They played today at the White House for The First Lady's Luncheon.



Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

Members of the USO group "American Spirit" sign pictures for Aviation Soldiers Friday during their visit to Hunter Friday.

1st UA kicks off Raider Rally

Spc. Robert Adams

Staff writer

1st Unit of Action kicked off the first Raider Rally Wednesday, at the Newman Physical Fitness Center field.

For the next three days, the UA competed in sports, remembered fallen Soldiers, and ended events Friday with a concert and picnic with family, friends and veterans.

Soldier's friends and family got the chance to listen to music, eat food, and climb into and learn about M1 Abrams tanks, Paladins, Humvees, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Avengers.

"We decided when we were in Baghdad last year that each year we would establish an annual event called Raider Rally and invite our veterans back to reflect on what we did in the first part of Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Col. William F. Grimsley, 1st UA commander.

We are also celebrating the accomplishments of this Brigade Combat Team over there, but most importantly the opportunity to live in and serve this great country, Grimsley said.

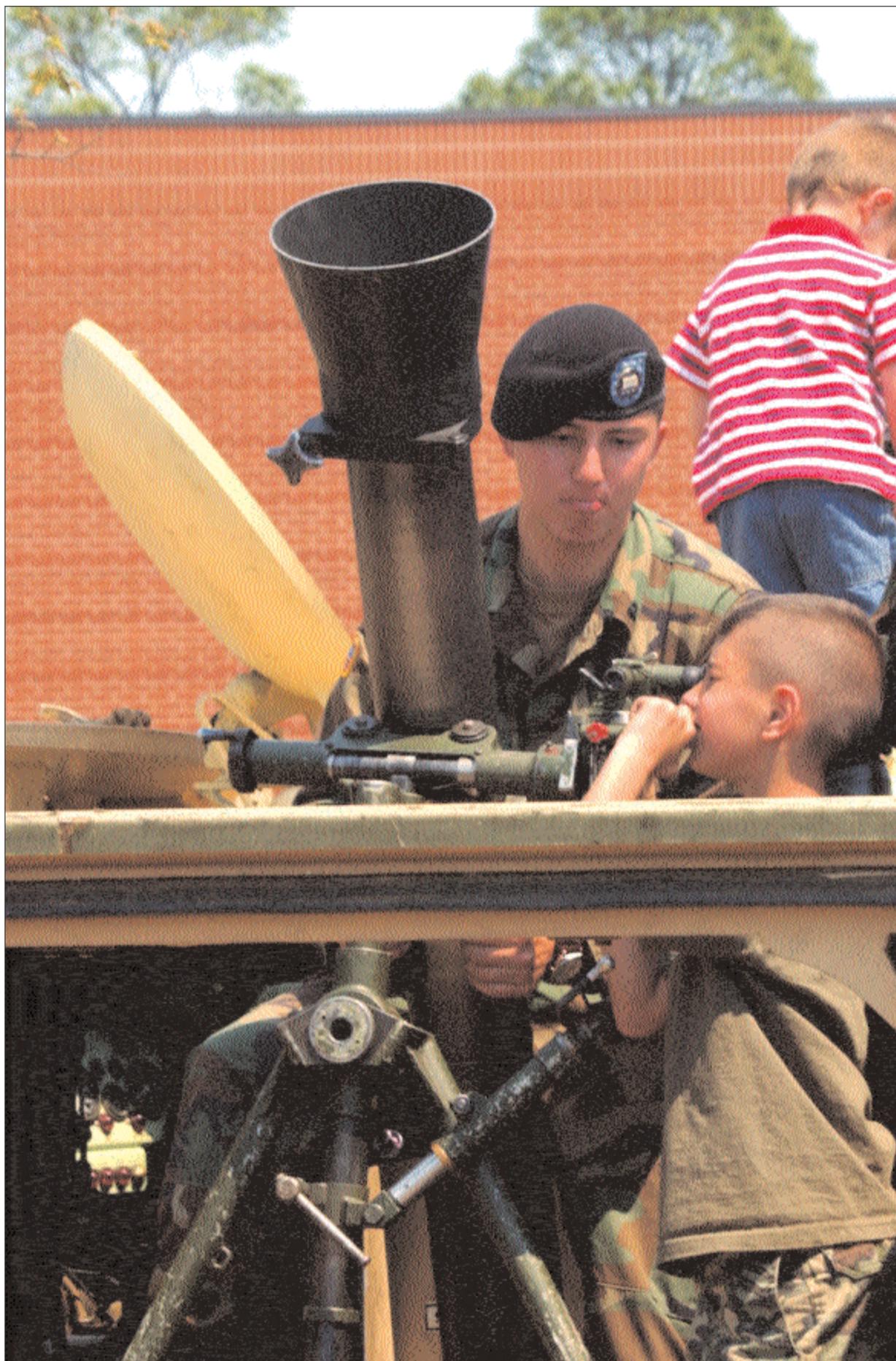
This is a great time for Soldiers to get away from the rigors of the daily training grind and have fun and relax for a few days, Grimsley said.

Soldiers competed in a variety of team sports including combatives, football, softball and golf. They also made a lot of noise during the UA run.

"We are also going to remember our fallen and wounded Soldiers, their families and our veterans, but most importantly by coming together, fighting and winning as the great team that we are, Grimsley said.

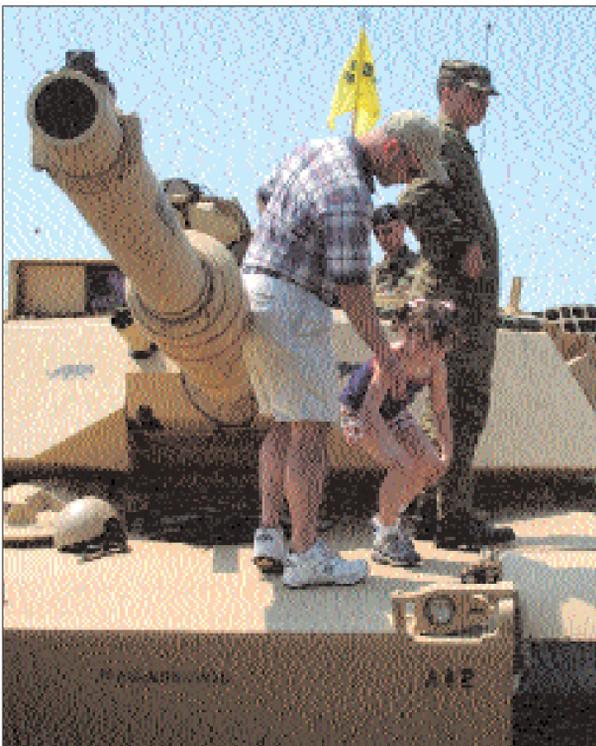
When you do events like this, you realize that everyone is a part of something big, said Pfc. Jean Carlo Lopez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st UA, infantry driver. "I think we should do this more often for it raises morale and is good for the spirit of the brigade (UA)."

Grimsley added, "Remember that each of us; Soldiers, family members, and friends are all apart of the most lethal, the most cohesive and the best BCT (UA) in the whole world."



Photos by Spc. Robert Adams

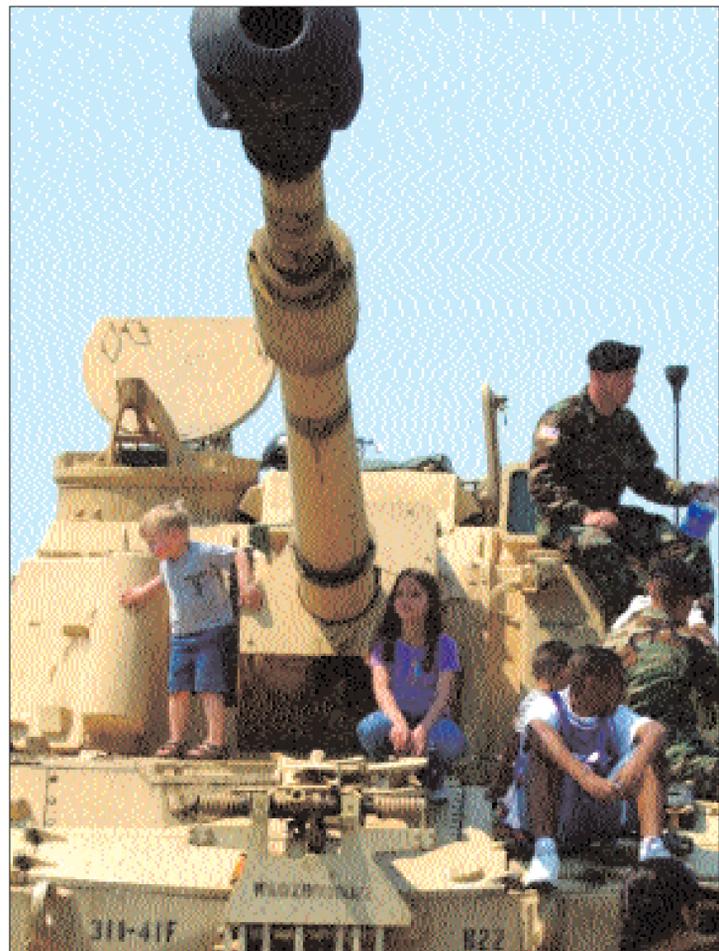
Darren Cozzo learns how to sight a 120mm mortar with the help of Spc. Ryan Arciniaga, HHC, 3/7 Inf.



Staff Sgt. Daniel Dobson, 3/7 Inf., helps his daughter down off of a M1 Abrams.



Ayla Nelson, daughter of Charles Nelson, 2/7 Inf., rides in an Avenger Weapons System with the help of Sgt. John Mullins, D Btry., 1/3 ADA, Friday, at the first Raider Rally.



Children climb on and learn about a Paladin with the help of 1/41 FA Soldiers. Families and friends of 1st UA got the chance to listen to music, eat food and learn about military vehicles.



Photos by Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Sgt. Michael Dinkel (right) explains safety techniques such as mounting, dismounting and braking for riding bicycles during a regular patrol. Dinkel teaches a seven-day course that prepares officers for bike duty.

Spc. Micaele Williams from 179th MP Det. practices skidding without using his foot during a seven-day bike patrol training course.



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rough terrain, braking procedures and learning the new regulations to better serve the public.

"I've got a very good group of guys. They learn quickly and retain everything they have been taught," Dinkel said. "They are highly motivated and very dedicated to the mission. We will physically be on the road by April the 28th to start patrolling."

"For us this is something different," said Spc. Micaele Williams, bike patrol trainee attached to 179th MP Det.

"It doesn't matter what you do as an MP, you have good and bad days. As far as

being on a bike, you have less paperwork. But at the same time you have to know each other's moves and what they are thinking. We have to be able to read each other," Williams added.

"This will create good community relations between the MPs and the community," Dinkel said.

"With things warming up, there are going to be a lot of kids out on the road. "We will be out there to enforce traffic regulations and helmet laws, just for the safety of the public so that all personnel on Fort Stewart will have a safer environment to live and play in," he added.

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Fort Irwin, Calif., where the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd UA was conducting training. There, he spoke directly with Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) commander, who gave Sappenfield his full support. "(Webster) said, 'Whatever you need, Burt.'"

"It always helps when you have the approval of the person in charge," he said. "It makes the major obstacles of the operation — storage and transportation — easier to overcome."

On April 8, Sappenfield visited the Savannah Country Day School to introduce the program during an assembly attended by more than 200 middle-school students.

Two soldiers who had been overseas in Kuwait and Iraq in the past year also addressed the children, as well as the school's administrator, Edie Eason, who stressed the importance of the children's contributions in improving soldiers' morale.

According to Eason, the middle school is dedicating the months of April and May to supporting the troops who are still overseas.

"There are hundreds of

soldiers who have not been able to receive needed supplies and food items from family and loved ones," Eason said, during the assembly. "If any family wants to help ... it would be greatly appreciated."

The assembly concluded with a question and answer session, which was cut short due to time. The students asked Sappenfield and the soldiers what items are acceptable and most appreciated. One of the soldiers responded, "Anything is appreciated."

As of Friday, Savannah Country Day School had accumulated close to 150 shoeboxes.

Sappenfield's goal is to see as many soldiers as possible receive a shoebox.

"Every soldier over there wants the reassurance that people back home really care about them," he said. "(The shoebox) is not a lot, but if they set aside what they're doing for 10 minutes to read a letter from someone that cares, maybe they'll feel a part of home."

The Savannah Kids Care shoebox drive will conclude May 15. Those interested in donating shoeboxes of items, contact Burt Sappenfield at 927-1447.

Items Requested for Shoebox Donations

Non-perishable food products:
 Beef Jerky
 Animal Crackers
 Raisins (in small boxes)
 Granola Bars
 Oreo Cookies (individual packs)
 Tootsie Roll Pops
 Nuts (in small packs)
 Cracker Jacks
 Crystal Light Drink Mix

Personal Hygiene Products
 Baby Wipes
 Toothpaste and toothbrush
 Deodorant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Another brick in the wall

Chaplain (Capt.) Jerry Sieg

2/7 Inf. Chaplain

It was a warm spring day. The sun was bright and the smell of fresh turned earth filled the air. My dad was plowing a field to plant soybean. As the plow moved over the earth, turning the sod, the stones that had been pushed up by the winter freeze came to the surface. I walked behind the tractor, removing the stones and piling them along the edge of the field. All along the field you could see stones heaped into piles. Just down the road the stones pulled from another field were one continuous pile that ran the edge of the field, making a solid stone wall. Seeing that, I decided to take some home to wall up a garden near the house. It never got higher than two stones deep. The stones seemed to have a mind of their own and could not be stacked any higher without tumbling over and becoming just another pile of stones. It wouldn't have been so frustrating except that next door stood a stone farm house that had weathered the storms and seasons for at least 150 years and showed no signs of falling any time soon.

A single stone could stand by itself, but unless it started out large enough to be carved and hollowed out, it alone could not do what all the stones in that house were doing together — providing security and protection for its inhabitants. As the military we are familiar with providing security and protection. As individuals we prize and even expect the stoicism of an individual rock to be able to stand by itself. We value independence.

John Donne spoke of an eternal truth when he wrote, "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." He obviously never stood in the pre-dawn darkness to hear the words, "The two-mile run is used to assess your aerobic fitness and your leg muscles' endurance. If you are physically helped in any way (for example, pulled, pushed, picked up, and/or carried) or leave the designated running course for any reason, you will be disqualified." How then do we find balance between this Paul Simon men-

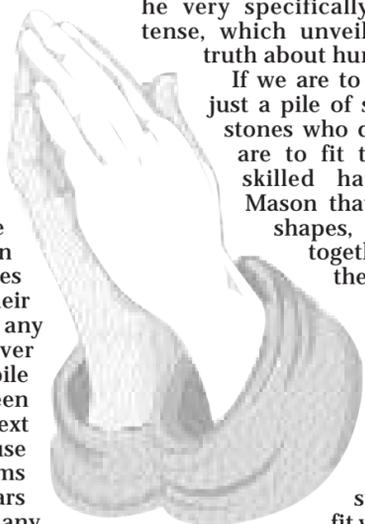
tality, "I am a rock, I am an island," and the John Donne truth, "No man is an island?"

Peter writes in his first epistle, "You, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood." (I Peter 2:5). His choice of words and verb tenses is very clear. Peter compares believers and members of the fellowship to living stones, individuals who possess a great strength and are able to withstand much. Atypical of military writing skills, he very specifically uses the passive tense, which unveils a great spiritual truth about humanity.

If we are to become more than just a pile of stones, it is not the stones who determine how they are to fit together. It is the skilled hand of the Stone Mason that carefully chooses, shapes, and fits the stones together, one on top of the other to transform a pile of stones into a strong, enduring, and formidable wall. With a clear vision and purpose in mind the Mason chooses just the right stone that will best fit with those around it.

He carefully shapes the stone, knocking off the rough edges so that it interlocks with the other stones, forming an interdependence that relies on the strength of each stone.

If we are to be a part of the Mason's plan, we must be more than rocks. We have to know our strengths and our limits. We must trust the Mason and allow him to shape us, knocking off the rough edges and smoothing us to fit alongside those around us. Finally, as we are shaped, we need to gain a vision for the master plan, which reveals our purpose. As we yield ourselves to the Mason's hand, he takes our strength and transforms it into something far greater than what we could accomplish on our own. The road that lies before us as a community needs more than just a few strong stones. It needs a great and mighty wall that will be able to weather the storms and seasons that lie ahead. We need a fortress built by the Master Stone Mason. Are you a part of the pile or a piece of the wall?



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.
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 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	Chapel	11 a.m.
<u>Catholic</u>		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

Pet of the Week



Sugar, Honey, and Sandy are 5 1/2-week-old, domestic short hair female kittens. Doc (left) is the only male in this litter born March 16. They have all had their first distemper vaccine and microchips have been installed. After they are 6 months old you may bring your pet in to have spayed or neutered.

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

Volunteer Spotlight



Mandy Todd



Mandy Todd, a native of Gulfport, Miss., is a Red Cross volunteer at the A Company, 92nd Engineer family readiness group.

She volunteers as the point of contact for the A Co., 92nd Eng., FRG.

"I volunteer as a way to stay in contact with the unit," Todd said. "I like being involved with the FRG and knowing that I'm needed. I can also stay in contact with the committed wives instead of just being involved during deployments."

Todd likes to volunteer as a way of staying in touch and getting to meet new people who are also in the military.

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

April 22 - April 28

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG)

Starring: Frankie Muniz, Anthony Anderson

Today at 7 p.m.

The teen spy returns to Kamp Woody for more CIA training before moving to London as an exchange student. But as his new mentor informs him, he's really there for an assignment, assisted by a new female junior agent.

Run time: 100 minutes

Secret Window (PG-13)

Starring: Johnny Depp, John Turturro

Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Mort Rainey, a successful writer, is in the midst of a painful divorce leaving him with a case of writer's block when a psychotic stranger, shows up at his doorstep and accuses Rainey of plagiarizing his story and demands satisfaction.

Run time: 97 minutes

Spartan (R)

Starring: Val Kilmer, Derek Luke

Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Special ops officer, Robert Scott, and his protege, Curtis are assigned to find the missing daughter of a high ranking government official. But the mission seems to come to a halt when the girl's death is reported in the media. Curtis believes the girl is alive. If she is, there's a dangerous conspiracy covering it up.

Run time: 106 minutes

Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13)

Starring: Diego Luna, Romola Garai

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

18-year-old Katey moves with her father to Havana and befriends Javier a poor waiter who also is a great dancer. Katey soon persuades Javier to partner with her in a dance.

Run time: 87 minutes

