

On Post

Offshore Fishing

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division unit financial advisor Staff Sgt. Mike Lyons, is offering offshore fishing trips for interested Soldiers on weekends. Great-tasting dolphin fish are in season. Bait and fuel are provided for a small fee. Contact Lyons at 767-1806.

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 him at 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 much-needed at ACS.

For more information, call 352-6816.

Train Concert

The 2004 Miller Lite concert featuring Train will be held June 17 at Donovan Field. Tickets are \$15 now 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 767-4951. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Stewart, Hunter join KAB

Pfc. Ben Brody

Associate Editor

Keep America Beautiful announced that Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are certified participants in the nationwide program at Club Stewart May 27.

Stewart and Hunter are the first military installations in the country to join the organization, which promotes community beautification and environmental awareness.

"It's appropriate that Stewart and Hunter are first," said Karen Wakeford of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. "Macon was a pilot community for the program in the 70's, and soon after, Georgia was the first state to embrace it."

The installations have been working for five months, setting up a governing board for the program, which includes representatives from the Directorate of Public Works, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the landfill,

Army Community Services, GMH, and neighborhood leaders.

"The stewardship of our environment is important, especially as we struggle to overcome the image of Camp Swampy," said Stewart garrison commander Col. John M. Kidd. "This program will improve the quality of living on post. Our goal is to make the line between post and Hinesville almost transparent, unlike places like Fort Bragg, where it's really obvious."

Kidd thanked all the volunteers for their help making the program a success, and said there has been a tremendous amount of time and money invested in beautifying Stewart and Hunter.

"We are trying to take the best elements of the communities here and combine them to make the post safer, more beautiful and more livable," Wakeford said. "Education is the key to building environmental responsibility."



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Karen Wakeford of Keep America Beautiful and Sarah Visser of Keep Georgia Beautiful present a KAB membership certificate to Hunter garrison commander Lt. Col. Jeffery Goble and Stewart garrison commander Col. John M. Kidd at Club Stewart May 27.



Pfc. Emily Danial

Michael Cohen speaks to Diamond Elementary School students who graduated from the nine-week DARE program May 27.

Just say no ...

Elementary schools honor DARE grads

Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Staff writer

Button Gwinnett and Diamond elementary schools held graduation ceremonies for students completing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program May 21 and 27.

The DARE program lasts

nine weeks, and is designed to teach children the dangers of drug abuse, violence and peer pressure.

"The training ... consisted of education in tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, inhalants and other dangerous drugs," said Lt. Russell M. Wilson, Juvenile Team Chief and Head

DARE instructor for the Fort Stewart Provost Marshal's Office. "The students also learned how to make healthy choices, how to combat peer pressure, and how to make stress-free decisions in everyday life."

The DARE instruction program was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles,

Wilson said.

"It has proven so successful that it is now being implemented in nearly 80% of our nation's school districts and in more than 54 countries around the world," he added.

Button Gwinnett fifth-graders and Diamond sixth-graders who attended and completed all of

the requirements of the program were honored in the graduations with certificates of achievement and individual recognition.

Guest speakers Mike Sewak, head football coach at Georgia Southern University, and Michael

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Students dedicate memorial at Arlington

Dennis Ryan

Special to the Frontline

While studying the design of the Vietnam Memorial 10 years ago, one member of the class at Riverside High School history class in Painesville, Ohio, saw a graphic image that would start her on a rewarding and satisfying journey.

It took 10 years for this vision to become a reality. Jodie Reckart, now 28, and her classmates were in Dr. Mary Porter's art history class and were getting ready for a high school football weekend, when an image on television changed the students' lives. The picture tube broadcast a different type of crowd; a crowd cheering and rejoicing as the body

of Staff Sgt. William Cleveland was dragged through the streets of Mogadishu.

Reckart and her fellow students did not just feel sad for a moment, they acted. Their teacher, Porter, broke them up into five groups and the students came up with five ideas. One idea was to build a forty-foot red, granite pyramid with water cascading down the sides on the Mall dedicated to all who lost their lives in undeclared wars and training accidents.

The gung-ho students set out to change the world and build a monument, but soon encountered a more resolute foe than Somalian warlords — bureaucracy.

"We stuck with it," Reckart said.

"We passed (the bill) through the House twice, but each time it didn't go through the Senate. Then we found out that the Commemorative Works Act wouldn't allow the building of memorials for undeclared wars. I think we learned not to give up."

The students of the class of 1994 and the following classes fought for a memorial. The results were unveiled Tuesday morning in Section 55 of Arlington National Cemetery. A Magnolia tree and a plaque with faith, honor and virtue etched across the top. The monument and tree is also dedicated to the memory of Chief Warrant Officers Kevin L. Reichert and David Gibbs, whose Apache heli-

copter crashed in Albania during a training mission.

Harry Walker, 18, is one of the present students who continued his predecessors fight for a memorial.

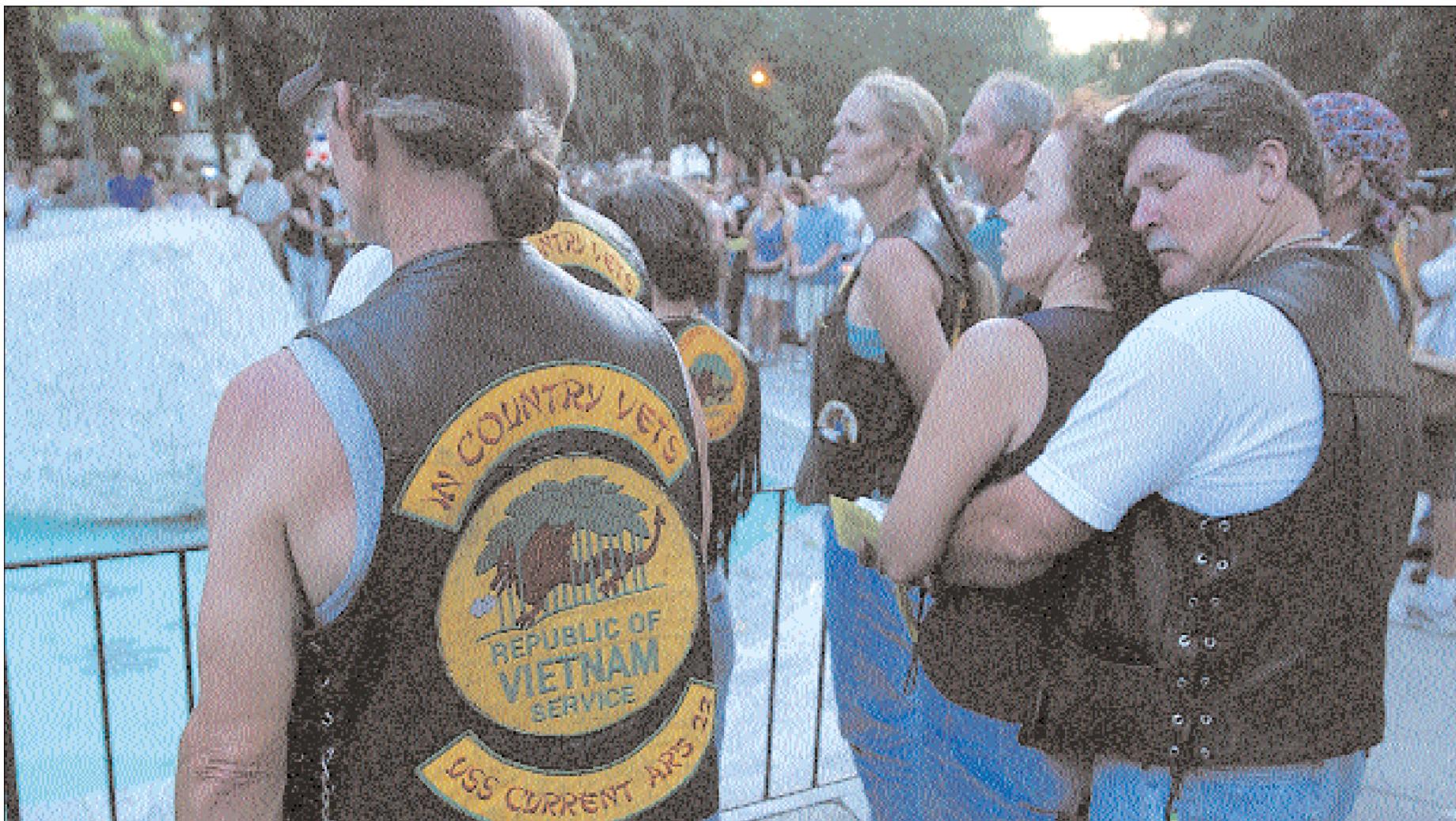
"The idea could have come from anywhere, it just happened to come from us," Walker said. "I know our advisor said 'the Soldiers are receiving a tree, they deserve a forest.'"

Congressman Steven LaTourette and Sen. George Voinovich spearheaded the legislative efforts.

LaTourette said the "students were told, 'this is a wonderful idea but,'" he said. "We met a year ago with (Arlington National

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Vets hold candlelight service in Savannah



Photos by Pfc. Ben Brody

Vietnam veterans listen to Dominique Hawkins sing 'Amazing Grace' at the Savannah Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Candlelight Service at Emmet Park Sunday.



Command Sgt. Maj. Mittie Smith praises veterans' sacrifices in Vietnam at the ceremony.



Retired Col. Ken Seymour greets 603rd ASB chaplain Capt. Nils Juarez Palma, who gave the invocation.

Fallen Vietnam vets remembered at memorial

Pfc. Ben Brody
Associate Editor

About 100 veterans riding roaring motorcycles, some flying American flags, converged on Emmet Park in Savannah Sunday to hold a candlelight ceremony in memory of local Soldiers who died in Vietnam.

Old friends reunited with showers of hugs and Army jokes in the park before the annual ceremony at the Savannah Vietnam Veterans Memorial began.

By the marble memorial, engraved with 106 fallen Soldiers' names, retired Col. Ken Seymour, chairman of the Chatham County Veteran's Council, embraced Allen Harvey, a Vietnam vet and former Marine.

"Ken's one of the best people alive, and a good Marine," Harvey said. "He does more for veterans than I could tell you."

Wearing a blue sash proclaiming Veteran of the Year, Jerry T. Walker, a former Army sergeant, mingled with other veterans, talking about old times.

"This sash is just a prestige position the Veteran's Council gave me for my service," Walker explained. "What's important now is that we remember our vets and make sure they get the government funds they deserve."

Fort Stewart Noncommissioned Officer Academy commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Mittie Smith gave a speech at the memorial, explaining the history of Memorial Day and thanking veterans for their service.

"Veterans sacrificed their families, their friends and often their lives to help preserve 200 years of independence," Smith said.

Officials from Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 671 then

solemnly read the names of Savannah Soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen who gave their lives in Vietnam, as candles were passed through the crowd in attendance.

"It's nice to see so many people out here," said former Navy SEAL lieutenant Tin Xuan Tran, a South Vietnamese sailor who fought alongside U.S. forces during the war.

Tin said he had no choice but to leave Vietnam in 1975 after the fall of Saigon to communist forces.

"I like the freedom here, and it's a much better place for children," Tin said. "I'd still like to go back and visit, but my whole family is in Savannah now."

Soldiers from Hunter Army Airfield fired a 21-gun salute after the reading of the names.

"It's a good turnout tonight," Seymour said. "I probably know half the people out here, and most of the vets."



Attendees light candles as the names of the 106 local servicemembers killed in Vietnam are read.



Two girls light candles during the memorial ceremony at sunset.



A custom painted 'chopper' honoring POWs gleams in the park.

Army encourages youth to participate in science fair

Tonya Johnson

Special to the Frontline

As students strived to show their science and engineer prowess, the Army is helping them get the recognition they deserve.

Thirty-one Army judges determined special award winners in a host of categories during the International Science and Engineering Fair held May 9 to 15 in Portland, Ore.

ISEF began in 1950, and the purpose of the program is to encourage pre-college students to conduct scientific research. This is the only international science project competition for students in ninth through twelfth grades. Students came from across the United States and the world including China, India, Denmark, and Russia. More than 1,400 students participated in this year's fair.

"Our goal is to encourage these students to stay focused on math and science as

they continue their studies in their education," said Lt. Col. David Camps, Youth Science Program manager, Army Research Office, Research Triangle Park, N.C. "If we don't encourage these students, it could become a crisis in America. When our current workforce leaves, who will replace them?"

The Army judges determined which students would be awarded \$3,000 savings bonds in the following categories: behavioral and social sciences, biochemistry, botany, chemistry, computer science, earth and space sciences, engineering, environmental science, gerontology, mathematics, medicine and health, microbiology, physics, zoology, and team projects.

Students also received certificates of achievement signed by Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and gold medals for science and engineering excellence.

The top three students overall also received the chance to take an international trip. Two students were awarded the Army's top prize of all expense paid trips to Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan, to participate in the annual Operation Cheery Blossom Program. Additionally, one student received an all expense paid trip to London to participate in the London International Youth Science Program. The Association of the United States Army gave each trip winner \$300.

"I think the Army is a large part of our society," said Army judge Lt. Col. (P) Carl Rebstock from Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. "In that way, we have a responsibility to encourage others to pursue their careers. These kids are talented and their natural curiosity is what science thrives on. These kids come to science new to the field and provide a different perspective. They open our eyes to what we may have overlooked."

At the fair, students had the opportunity

to win numerous prizes since there were grand award judges and special award judges. Grand award prizes included \$5,000 for the best of category, \$3,000 for first place, \$1,500 for second place, \$1,000 for third place, and \$500 for fourth place.

Scientific, professional, educational, and government organizations gave special award prizes in the form of scholarships, internships, and field trips. Besides the Army, the Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force also participated and awarded prizes.

In addition to providing students with educational assistance, the Army hopes one day to fill its military and civilian ranks with students like Christopher Modi, 18, from Yorktown, N.Y. according to officials.

Modi placed first in the engineering category. He is an Eagle Scout who designed a cheaper, portable, and lighter weight kayak compared to the current ones on the market.

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Cohen, nominee for head coach of the women's Olympic weightlifting team in Athens, Greece, this year, came to Button Gwinnett and Diamond, respectively, to encourage the students in their endeavors to live a drug-free life uninfluenced by peer pressure.

"A real friend is someone who will pull you up, not pull you down," Cohen said to a room full of young ears.

"(DARE) is beneficial to the kids because it helps them make wise decisions," said Spc. Monica Mattson, 179th Military Police Detachment, the DARE officer at Diamond. "It's beneficial to the community because it helps prepare these students for any kind of situation they could have to deal with."

Although it may be surprising to some that students as young as 11 and 12 years old could already be involved with drugs, the possibility is very real, according to Mattson.

"It's mostly inhalants, huffing things, at this age," she said.

As a former Savannah police officer, Wilson said he'd seen the damaging effects drugs have had on youth in the streets.

"It makes me feel better talking to them about it," he said.

"You get a good feeling from helping them that's not like any other," Mattson said. "I'm proud of all my kids ... I have enjoyed every day I have worked with (them.)"

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Cemetery superintendent) Jack Metzler and were told we couldn't do a big one."

Lt. Gen. Richard Cody attended and said after the ceremony how he and his aide Col. Rife were in Kosovo serving as peacekeepers when the two helicopter pilots perished in Albania. Cody presently has two sons flying Army helicopters.

"These are good young kids," Cody said. "I thought it was appropriate we were here."

There are 174 other such memorials in the cemetery and a ban on new ones was enacted five years ago. The superintendent relented and the community of Painesville had scored a victory, not for themselves, but for the memory of brave men and women.

"Every single year young people kept alive the hope of the memorial," Porter said. "Staff Sgt. William Cleveland, they dragged your body through the streets of Mogadishu, but they couldn't destroy your spirit."



Dennis Ryan

Dr. Mary Porter, teacher of the class of 1994 at Riverside High School, shovels dirt for the dedication of the school's living memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Valerie Rich Dixon

Special to The Frontline

We have heard many times that no man is an island and have discovered through life's experiences that this is indeed the truth. The book of Ecclesiastes states, "And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not easily broken."

Together everyone accomplishes more. Paul, the great New Testament writer, further instructs us that the body/team does not consist of one member but many. He states that the foot cannot say, "because I'm not the hand, I don't belong to the body."

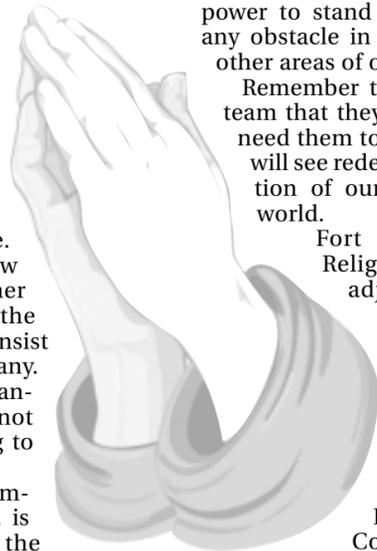
We see that each member, in its proper place, is equally important to the body for success. Whether it is

large or small, it takes every member to function properly.

When functioning properly, unity is the result. Where there is unity, there is strength.

Where there is strength, we have power to stand and be victorious over any obstacle in our Christian walk and other areas of our lives.

Remember to tell someone on your team that they are important and you need them to survive. If we work, we will see redemption and transformation of our communities and the world.



Fort Stewart Protestant Religious Education, an adjunct program to the Chapel Community, offers an invitation to join their team.

For more information or for volunteer opportunities, contact Valerie Rich Dixon, Protestant Religious Education Coordinator at valerie.rich@us.army.mil

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
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.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 9182	11:30 a.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 9182	5:30 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Jewish		
Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

If you accidentally discover an archaeological site on Fort Stewart:



1. Cease what you are doing immediately.
2. Notify Range Control at 767-8777.
3. Do not attempt to unearth the object or remove it.

Pet of the Week

Fulgor is a 8-week-old male domestic long-hair Tabby. He is affectionate and likes other cats.

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



Practice Safe Biking...

Always Wear a Helmet!



