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FEMS introduces new vehicle to fleet



Photo by Nate Hildreth

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Fire Emergency Services introduced a new vehicle to their fleet Sept. 21 at Station 1 on Fort Stewart. The F350 response vehicle is equipped with state of the art extrication equipment and carries technical rescue equipment used to quickly respond to anywhere on Fort Stewart during an emergency. "This vehicle will be instrumental in responding to motor vehicle accidents on the 50+ miles of Ga. highways on Fort Stewart and quickly deploy assets when every second counts," Battalion Chief Nate Hildreth said. The new vehicle was celebrated with a traditional "pushing in" ceremony lead by Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Fire Emergency Services Chief, Steven Kelly. To see more photos, visit page at facebook.com/FSGAHAAFFireDept.

Marne Voices Speak Out

What does National Preparedness Month mean to you?

Photos by Beau Bradley

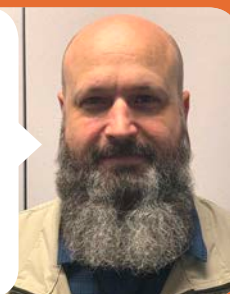
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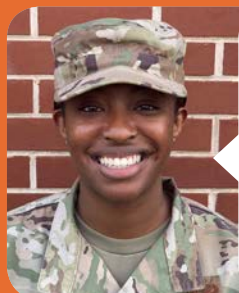
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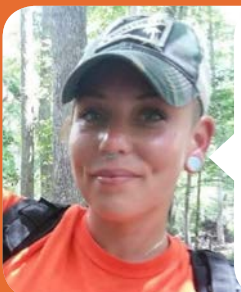
"National Preparedness Month is a time for Service Members to take a moment to ensure that plans are ready."

Tech. Sgt. Berttara Singleton
U.S. Air Force



"National Preparedness Month can enhance readiness. If Families are ready for severe weather or emergencies, the Soldier can focus on their mission."

2nd Lt. Austin Stooksbury
2nd ABCT



"National Preparedness Month is an opportunity [for me] to better prepare my family before severe weather or a disaster."

Jessica Guerrero
DFMWR

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Cover: Soldiers with Company C, 87th Division Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade, perform a logistics convoy during the company's deployment readiness exercise training Sept. 19 on Fort Stewart. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Salgado)

Program connects survivors with worst day of their life to the rest of their life

Molly Cooke
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

As a parent, it's hard to grasp what it would feel like to have to bury your child. For Gold Star mothers, it's an unfortunate reality that they know all too well.

In the face of an unspeakable tragedy it's hard to comprehend who to turn to for assistance. The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Survivor Outreach Services program aims to ease the burden of loss by keeping Gold Star and Surviving Families connected to the Army through resources and support.

Designed to provide long term support to surviving Families of fallen Soldiers, the SOS program helps bridge the gap between the surviving Family and the installation.

"We are dedicated to providing the linkage between the Army and the surviving Families," said Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Survivor Outreach Services director, Selinda Torbert-Blue. "When a service member passes away, there are a lot of things that change in the survivors' lives. We strive to offer the constant ability for them to reach out to us if they need something so they can continue to stay linked to the Army."

Services offered include benefits reviews, milestone checks, interview and media engagement opportunities, peer-to-peer support groups, and special events, to name a few.

Of the events, Gold Star Mother's and Families Day always receives the attention of the SOS program.

In the past, the day has been celebrated with special dinners and vigils. This year, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will be hosted outdoors at Fort Stewart's Cashe Memorial Garden and will offer an opportunity for Gold Star Mothers and Families to connect and share special memories about their loved ones.

"The event will focus on providing an environment for our Gold Star and Surviving Family members to celebrate the lives of their fallen loved ones," Torbert-Blue said. "We want to make sure that our Gold Star mothers and Families know that no matter what, they are honored and respected."

While a memorial service will not be held during the event, Families will have the opportunity to share fond memories about their Soldiers. Two Gold Star Mothers have been asked to share memories about their fallen Soldiers and the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Senior Commander,



Maj. Gen. Charles Costanza will offer special remarks. The senior commander will also present each Gold Star mother in attendance with a bouquet of flowers and a card.

"The main focus of the event is to make sure that our Gold Star mothers and Families know that no matter what, they are honored and respected," Torbert-Blue said.

Connie Brown is one of the Gold Star Mothers who will speak during the event. Her son, Staff Sgt. Vernon Martin, was killed in action Oct. 3, 2009 during a deployment to Afghanistan, his second deployment in support of the war on terror.

"It's really hard to talk about," she said. "Especially now being so close to the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11. It's even more difficult right now because we're coming up on the anniversary of Vernon's death. Being a Gold Star mother is not really a title that you want, but it's a title that you have. I am so proud of my son and the sacrifice that he made. Being a Gold Star mother is a title that you learn to accept and wear proudly."

Brown also spoke about the benefits of the installation's SOS program.

"The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield SOS is wonderful," she said. "I like the fact that they are there for you. They reach out to make sure we know about the events they host and the classes that are offered to us. It's an honor to be recog-

nized and to be supported by them."

Torbert-Blue echoed her sentiment.

"Our surviving Families here, whatever you do for them, they're extremely grateful," she said. "By the time they come to see us they've already received their benefits. What they're really looking for when they come to see us is to not get cut off from the installation. The Survivor Outreach program offers them a really strong support system that they'll have for the rest of their lives."

In addition to the services offered to survivors, having someone in their corner to help maintain the memory of their fallen loved one stays at the forefront of the SOS program.

"One of the great things about our program is that our survivors get to meet with other Families who can relate with their situation," Torbert-Blue said. "Through our programs they get to spend time with each other and share their stories, because no one understands like someone that's been in your shoes. I like to say that we connect the survivors with the worst day of their lives to the rest of their lives."

The Gold Star Mother's Day event will take place Sept. 25 at Cashe Memorial Garden on Fort Stewart. The event is free and open to all Gold Star Mother's and Families.

For more information, visit home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/about/Garrison/acs/SOS or call 435-9598.

Joint training prepares mortarmen, fire support teams for anything

Capt. Sean Minton
Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot
2nd ABCT

Soldiers assigned to 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment and 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, executed joint training to certify mortar sections and fire support teams, or FiSTs, at range OP4 from Sept. 13-15 on Fort Stewart.

The mortar Soldiers in 3rd Bn., 67th AR, better known as mortarmen, fired more than 100 rockets toward targets several kilometers away from their M121 120 mm mortar system as part of their semiannual live fire qualification, known as the mortar evaluation training program, or MORTEP. Fire support teams, or FiSTs, from the 1st Bn., 9th FAR, were able to validate their own combat tasks simultaneously.

Before engaging the target with all the platoon's mortars, one mortar team conducts a call for fire, where the FiSTs can assess the accuracy of the fired mortar round and pass that information back to the fire direction Center, or FDC, to make necessary adjustments.

"This training event was critical because it certified both our own battalion mortar platoon, but also the 1st Bn., 9th FAR, fire support teams that support us," said Lt. Col. Dan Hodermarsky, commander of the 3rd Bn., 67th AR. "This certified team of forward observers and indirect fire infantrymen was able to train together, get to know each other, and form a more cohesive and lethal team."

The brigade fires support officer, or FSO, who advises the commander, overseas and ensure the proper validation of the FiSTs for each battalion.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot

Top right: A Soldier assigned to the mortar section of 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, prepares a 120mm training round, Sept. 15 at OP4 on Fort Stewart. The mortar section in the headquarters and headquarters company must go through the mortar evaluation program, or MORTEP, in order to become certified on their weapon system for effective indirect fires in combat operations.

Left: Soldiers assigned to the mortar section of 3rd Bn., 67th AR, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, fire a volley of 120mm rounds toward a target, Sept. 15 at OP4 on Fort Stewart.

"The FiSTs are the joint representatives within our units at the platoon level to the brigade," said Maj. Jaypatrick Griffith, FSO for the 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID. "The modern forward observer may deliver surface-to-surface fires, fixed and rotary-wing aircraft support, UAS collection, and even electronic effects."

In a combined arms battalion in an ABCT, the mortars capability is held at the battalion level and is a primary means of providing indirect fires up to 7200 meters for forward deployed units.

"This is the final table that qualifies us as a platoon to be able to then fire in support of maneuver elements and their collective live fire training, which would be platoon, company and battalion level," said 1st Lt. Tony Scinta, a mortar platoon leader assigned to 3rd Bn., 67th AR. "Mortar qualification is an opportunity for our Soldiers to fire live rounds at the smallest element with their teammates."

Sgt. 1st Class Peter Streb, the mortar platoon sergeant for the 3rd Bn., 67th AR, is the unit's senior mortar noncommissioned officer. "When mortars get called in combat, somebody is in trouble," Streb said. "So, we need to be on our game and able to provide that indirect fire in minutes."





ACS, MWR, Coastal Happening Briefs

New General Order 1 updates posted

To learn more about what is permitted during COVID-19 and what is not and what is not make sure to check out the latest guidance posted at: home.army.mil/stewart/application/files/8816/0702/6315/3ID_Holiday_Guidance_2020.pdf

Face masks required in on-post facilities

Effective immediately, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield GO1 requires ALL individuals to wear a mask inside ANY on-post facility at Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield. Service members are also required to wear a mask inside off-post public buildings/ facilities (i.e. barber shops, religious services, grocery stores, etc.). See the 3rd ID and Fort Stewart Hunter Army Airfield Facebook pages for more information.

Mask mandate exceptions

Exceptions to the mask mandate can be made if an individual is alone in a walled office; if an individual is eating and drinking and is socially distant from a co-worker; masks may be required to be lowered for identification or security purposes or as an annotated and approved reasonable accommodation. For details, visit home.army.mil/stewart.

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Podcast now on iTunes, Spotify

The Marne Report podcast can now be found on iTunes and Spotify streaming platforms. Join us for our semi-regular podcast where we explore the ins and outs of Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

Virtual newcomers orientation

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield have launched an interactive and streamlined newcomers orientation. It takes one quarter the time to complete and is accessible from any device, anywhere, anytime. Everyone can use the information on housing, finance, medical, child care, recreation and so much more. Check it out at stewartandhunter.com.

Manny on the Street web series

Curious about happenings on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield? Check out the new video series "Manny on the Street" featuring the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Col. Manny Ramirez and installation partners. New videos posted as stories each Friday on our Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield social media platforms.

Fort Stewart lost and found property

If you've lost something on Fort Stewart you may be in luck. The Fort Stewart Military Police lost and found property custodians may be holding your item. To see if your item has been turned in, or to report a missing item, email usarmy.stewart.usag.list.des-crimb@mail.mil with a detailed description of the item you are looking for. The office is also open for visitors every Thursday from 1-4 p.m.

COVID-19 vaccination schedule update

COVID-19 Vaccine services remain available on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield to beneficiaries 12 years and up. Parents or legal guardians must accompany those under 18 years-old. Walk-ins are welcome, though priority goes to appointments. Fort Stewart offers the Pfizer vaccine in the Patriot Auditorium each Monday and Wednesday 1-4 p.m.; and Tuesdays between 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Winn ACH Pediatrics offers Pfizer, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. On Hunter Pfizer is offered at Tuttle Army Health Clinic, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., each Wednesday at the Drive-Up clinic. The Moderna vaccine is offered each Tuesday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Winn ACH. On Hunter, Moderna is offered at Tuttle AHC, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The appointment line is 435-6633, Option 1.

Lifeguard Classes

Lifeguard classes will be offered at Johnson Physical Fitness Center and Tominac Physical Fitness Center indoor pools during the month of Sept and Oct. Participants must be at least 15 years of age to enroll. A prerequisite swim test must be completed by Sept 24. The class is four days long (Sept 25, 26 and Oct 2, 3). An American Red Cross lifeguarding certificate will be awarded to those who successfully complete the class. Cost is \$75 for authorized users and \$125 for civilians. For more information, please call Johnson Indoor Pool 435-9310 or Tominac Indoor Pool 315-2819.

Fort Stewart PX parking lot renovation

The resurfacing the PX parking lot is moving into Phase 2, in front of Starbucks. Starbucks and the drive thru will remain open and fully operational during the closure. Expect limited parking during this time with weekends included. Please use caution while in this area and follow assigned walkways. Contact the POC for this work at 767-1222.

Join the Hunter BOSS program

Hunter Army Airfield's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program is on the lookout to fill a few vacancies within its program. Open positions include the BOSS President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Submissions will be accepted until Oct. 8.

On and off-post COVID-19 testing

COVID-19 testing is available on and off-post to TRICARE beneficiaries. The Logistics Support Area Castle, 13313 East 14th Street, on Fort Stewart, is available to active-duty Soldiers 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (no appointment required). Hawks and Marne North TMC testing available for Soldiers requiring testing for military schools and overseas travel, by appointment. Winn ACH is available to all beneficiaries by appointment. Tuttle AHC is available to all beneficiaries 8-10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Call To schedule an appointment at an on-post testing site, call 435-6633. In addition, TRICARE offers a COVID-19 test online search tool at militaryrxexpress-scripts.com/find-pharmacy. If you are exhibiting mild COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate and follow the above guidelines to schedule a test. Do not go to the emergency room.

Winn ACH healthcare status

Due to the COVID-19 surge, Winn Army Community Hospital programs and services have been impacted. Beneficiaries may experience delays in appointment and access to some healthcare services. Individuals can access appointment services through the Call Center at 435-6633, tricareonline.com, the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), and the patient portal at myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/authenticate.do?execution=e1s1.

Fridays at Club Stewart

Join us for Fridays at Club Stewart! Patrons 18 years of age and older are invited out to dinner at Club Stewart every Friday from 5-8 p.m. Relax and enjoy hanging out with your friends without having to drive an hour away. Enjoy good eats such as wings, burgers and a Low Country boil.

Gold Star Mothers and Families Day

Join us Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at Cashe Garden, a drive up event. RSVP's required NLT Sept. 23 due to COVID 19. Call 435-9598 or 435-9646 for details.

ScriptCenter now open at Winn ACH

The ScriptCenter at Winn Army Community Hospital on Fort Stewart is now open. The ScriptCenter is an automated pharmacy kiosk and locker system that provides a safe and secure pick-up of prescriptions; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It offers extended hours for community members, providing services after the regular pharmacies close. The drive-up service will be discontinued Aug. 20, allowing pharmacy staff to resume normal services. Contact the Main Pharmacy at 435-6161 to learn more.

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Join the SAMC

Are you a Sergeant Audie Murphy Club member? Do you have aspirations of becoming a member? The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield “Rock of the Marne” SAMC is reaching out to all members across the installation. We are actively updating our contact rosters and want to ensure we are capturing our members for updates with the Club. Please contact Sgt. 1st Class Kyle McKelvey at kyle.l.mckelvey2.mil@mail.mil for more information. We look forward to hearing from you. The meeting is the second Tuesday of each month at noon. Location will be listed on the Fort Stewart SAMC Facebook page.

Info for seeking asylum for Family members

Service members who have Family members in Afghanistan who are in need or would like assistance on immigration or asylum should contact the Soldier and Family Legal Services Office at usarmy.stewart.forscom.mbx.fsga-legal-assistance-office@mail.mil to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney.

Drug suppression team offers assistance

The Fort Stewart CID Drug Suppression Team (DST) is available to assist all commanders with Drug Awareness Briefings and support Health and Welfare Inspections. The DST has also updated their urinalysis hotline to request all positive urinalyses notification and supporting documents be submitted via email. For drug awareness briefings, health and welfare support, positive urinalyses, and questions, please contact the DST at usarmy.stewart.3-mp-gp.mbx.stewart-cid-dst@mail.mil or call 435-3315.

Personal Property ends virtual applications

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Personal Property Offices have stopped receiving virtual applications for Household Goods Moves. Soldiers, Family Members and Department of the Army civilians who require assistance with scheduling Household Goods must visit the following locations to schedule their Household Goods Shipments. Fort Stewart Soldier Service Center: 55 Pony Soldier Road, Bldg. 253, Room 2003A Phone: 767-7971/8154. Hunter Army Airfield Soldier Service Center: 171 Haley Avenue, Bldg. 1286, Room 229, Phone: 315-3828/2038.

Visit the virtual Leisure Travel office

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Leisure Travel office is going virtual until further notice. To receive information on attraction tickets call 767-2841 or fill out a ‘contact us’ form online at Stewarthunter.armymwr.com. Hours of operation will continue to be 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

3rd ID Equal Opportunity hotline

The 3rd Infantry Division Equal Opportunity Office has a 24 hours a day, seven days a week hotline that Soldiers and Family members can call and speak to an Equal Opportunity Advisor in the event they have any questions pertaining to Military Equal Opportunity. Additionally, you now have the ability to do an anonymous complaint through this number as well, 432-0421.

Commissaries offer Click2Go option

The Defense Commissary Agency's new online ordering/curbside delivery service, is here. Operating hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Online payment only. Visa, Discover, American Express & MasterCard accepted. The \$4.95 service fee has been waived for all patrons. No minimum order size or dollar amount required and customers can order 24/7 up to six days in advance. Visit commissaries.com for more information. First time customers will need to create an account.

CIF appointment procedure update

AKO has been discontinued. This means the access to AKO to make CIF appointments has been discontinued. To make an appointment for Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield CIF, call 435-0302/0193. All services are by appointment only.

Vehicle parking safety reminder

When parking a vehicle into a space, do not block the pedestrian walkway with your bumper or trailer hitch. If there is a sidewalk, or marked pedestrian pathway, ensure that it is not blocked by any portion of your vehicle when you park by it. A pedestrian walking past the vehicle may not notice a trailer hitch, and be severely injured by walking into it. Removing the hitch, and storing it inside the vehicle is the best way to ensure the safety of those walking close to your vehicle. For more information, please contact the Safety Office at 767-8442.

Changes to speeding violations issued

The commanding general recently authorized the Fort Stewart Military Police to issue DD Form 1408 for traffic violations when a Soldier is pulled over for speeding 10mph or over above the speed limit. The DD 1408 is effectively a military speeding ticket that allows a Soldier's brigade commander to issue administrative reprimands, non-judicial punishment, suspension of on post driving privileges, corrective training, and/or other appropriate remedial measures. Master Sergeants and above caught driving 10 mph or over the posted speed limit will have their misconduct addressed by the commanding general in accordance Policy Letter #3.

TARP training offered

The Fort Stewart Garrison Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training briefings are given on the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. at Woodruff Theater. The Hunter Army Airfield TARP briefings are given on the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Hunter Army Airfield theater. Upon request, Savannah Resident Agency can provide TARP training via Microsoft Teams separate from the Garrison TARP briefs. MS Teams facilitates a maximum login capacity of 250 personnel. Unit staff or leadership requesting special TARP briefs must have a minimum of 100 or more personnel per briefing. If you have any questions, please contact us by phone at 315-2006 or 315-2008.

Sept. is National Preparedness Month

Soldiers, Spouses and Army Families are reminded to prepare themselves for emergency situations. Severe Weather incidents remain the top concern for both Installations. The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) has resources, booklets and children material available for units, spouses along with unit Soldier and Family Readiness Groups (SFRGs) to empower and educate. For more information or to schedule a brief, call 767-4049.

New bicycle law now in effect

As of July 1, the operator of a motor vehicle approaching a bicycle shall approach the bicycle with due caution and shall proceed as follows. The new 3-Foot-Law is outlined in § 40-6-56.

- Make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the bicycle if possible in the existing road and traffic conditions

If a lane change under paragraph (1) of this subsection would be impossible, prohibited by law, or unsafe, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the existing road and traffic conditions, which speed shall be at least ten miles per hour less than the posted speed limit or 25 miles per hour, whichever is more, and proceed around the bicycle with at least three feet between such vehicle and the bicycle at all times.

Rivers Alive litter cleanup event

In partnership with Keep Liberty Beautiful and Hinesville Downtown Development Authority, the Ogeechee Riverkeeper will co-host a Rivers Alive litter cleanup. Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. – noon. Meet at Bryant Commons Park, 438 W Oglethorpe Hwy, Hinesville. Volunteers will meet in a central location for supplies and instructions before being assigned specific spots for cleanup.

Hunter Soldiers to see temporary BAH increase for Savannah area

Daniel Malta

Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Beginning Oct. 1, Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers affected by surging housing costs in the local area will be able to apply for a temporary increase in Basic Allowance for Housing, which will be available through Dec. 31.

According to Andrew Williams, Housing Service Office branch chief, there are 56 military housing areas, including Savannah, that have been identified under this temporary relief program.

“The temporary increase is intended to help service members who have been challenged finding affordable housing due to the current health pandemic,” said Travis Mobley, Hunter Army Airfield deputy garrison commander. “For those Soldiers that have experienced increased housing costs, they will be afforded the opportunity to apply for the temporary increase to offset impacts of the pandemic.”

While BAH rates are reviewed annually by the Department of Defense, new BAH rates will not be released until mid-December for 2022.

In order to determine these BAH rates, the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Housing Service Office and an economic consulting firm compiled data for submission to DOD.

“The data collection is about a 4 month period starting in March and ending in July,” said Williams. “That collected data is then given to [the contractor] for verification and further analysis. After verification, the data is sent to Office of the Secretary of Defense for use in determining next year’s BAH.”

There are a total of 6 different anchor points ranging from one bedroom apartments to four bedroom single family homes. These anchor points are strictly rental properties that are available at the time of data collection. The Housing Service Office works throughout the data collection process to ensure only relevant data makes its way to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, which make the final determination.

“We do have the opportunity to approve and disapprove data that comes from [the contractor] and vice versa,” said Williams. “For example, we might not accept a property that is within an area with high crime, so we have to be very vigilant when we are accepting these anchor points. What we are doing here is telling a story. In this most recent data collection period, it was clear that the anchor points were higher than the BAH.”

This temporary increase will not be applied automatically. The requirements for application have not yet been released. According to Williams, the housing relief will be a 10% increase in BAH regardless of rank within the



File graphic

Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers affected by surging housing costs in the local area will soon be able to apply for a temporary increase in Basic Allowance for Housing, which will be available Oct. 1-Dec. 31.

Savannah area along with 39 other MHAs.

The temporary increase does not apply to Soldiers stationed at Fort Stewart.

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DESERT ROGUES VIE TO BE BEST SQUAD

Staff Sgt. Daniel Guerrero
1st ABCT

The “Desert Rogues” of the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, conducted a Best Squad Competition, Sept 17 on Fort Stewart.

Each subordinate company nominated one squad to participate and compete to become the most lethal squad in the unit. The competition involved an obstacle course, a physical fitness station, medical lane, and a weapon assembly station. Each squad was composed of five junior Soldiers, three non-commissioned officers, and a lieutenant.

All competing squads linked up at the battalion headquarters, received their events brief, and released in 15 minute intervals. The competition was scored based on execution of each event to standard and an overall time.

The first event was conducted at the Fort Stewart Air Assault Obstacle Course. Each squad then ran, as a unit, more than a mile, to their second event called the “sprint, drag, carry.” The location of the next event was another one mile run back to the battalion footprint. There, they secured a simulated casualty and moved him or her to a known evacuation point. The final station involved a weapons assembly which included the M17 service pistol, M4 carbine, and M240 machine gun.

“The obstacle course being the first event smoked them early on, but the running in between brought their adrenaline back down and you could see they had to come together and push each other to keep each other moving,” said Lt. Col Scott Stephens, 1st Bn., 64th AR, 1st ABCT commander. “The competition as a whole was definitely smoker. It focused on the “This Is My Squad” initiative and each squad endured some hardship together and overcame it.”

Most Squads crossed the finish line within 90 minutes. With a completed time of 76 minutes, Charlie Company “Centurions” were presented with the unit ‘Mahout Stick’ to maintain for future competitions.

“It was a nice walk in the woods that definitely improved our cohesiveness all the way up to the Company level,” Mason said. “It was very motivating to have them cheer us on throughout the competition and we’d like to include Army combatives next time we win.”

The Desert Rogues are certainly no strangers to tough challenges and teamwork. It is this cohesion that enables the Rogues to overcome anything.

“We’re going to do this again at the platoon level,” said Stephens. “Everyone likes to compete and be on the winning team; it’s fun, and it builds teamwork and creates that winning spirit that just feels good.”



Courtesy photo

Top left: Headquarters and Headquarters Company “Hellephants” push a 10 ton JLTV during a Best Squad Competition, Sept. 17 on Fort Stewart. This required the Squads to move in unison, under control of a single leader, and without giving up on the Soldier to their left or right.

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Evidence of inspiration: Soldier sets sights on Expert Infantry Badge

Sgt. Darryl Briggs
188th Infantry Brigade

Infantrymen across the Army have either attempted, failed, or succeeded in obtaining the prestigious Expert Infantry Badge.

It is not awarded to the faint of heart, and is given only to those who can endure the four-day intensified, attention-to-detail, “go” or “no-go,” event that has beckoned many and been triumphant by few.

Achieving the EIB for Staff Sgt. Thomas Rowe, an infantryman, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 188th Infantry Brigade, First Army Division East, was a chance at accomplishing a personal goal. When career progression presented itself to Rowe he decided to go after it.

“It’s rare that you see an infantryman at my rank without their EIB because it is frowned upon by your peers if you don’t have it,” Rowe said. “The badge isn’t needed for promotion, but it’s a badge that I don’t have, and it will solidify me as an expert infantryman so I’m trying to get it and that’s why it’s my personal goal.”

With 12 years of service as an infantryman, three deployments to Afghanistan, and a chance to be promoted, Rowe said he felt the EIB was the only thing standing in the way of accomplishing his goal of achieving the next rank.

Despite his experiences he decided to enlist the help of others.

Rowe trained with Sgt. 1st Class Damon Wishnack, an Infantryman, assigned to Bravo Company, 3rd Bn., 395th AR, 188th IB- who helped Rowe focus on his running- and Staff Sgt. Johnathan Lee, an infantryman, assigned to Alpha Company, 1-306th Infantry Battalion, 188th IB, who sharpened Rowe’s skills on land navigation.

Both Soldiers tag teamed their workouts to help increase Rowe’s potential for success during EIB events.

“In terms of physical training, we created a workout schedule that encompassed skilled progress as well as proper rest,” Lee said.

The training process covered every event of the EIB to work on Rowe’s speed and time management.

“We conducted running workouts approximately two to three times a week that varied between long slow runs, intervals, and sprints,” Lee continued. “We

would ruck four to six miles and gradually increase the weight [of the ruck sack] while decreasing the time per mile. I would also have him practice land navigation by plotting given points, creating attack points as well as resection.”

The EIB consists of a physical fitness assessment, day and night land navigation, weapon qualification, a 12-mile foot march with a 70 lb. load, and lane and station testing in individual tasks.

“I was able to accomplish all of the tasks in the amount of time given, and receive a go on the day and night land navigation, but I didn’t make it,” Rowe said after the event.

It wasn’t until waking up after he passed out just before the finish line of the last event—a heat casualty—that Rowe realized achieving the EIB was going to take more training, grit and determination.

“This doesn’t take the fight out of me at all,” he said. “This just motivates me to go back out there and get it.”

Rowe made it a point to express gratitude for the training other Soldiers gave him and said he will continue to train for the next iteration.

“We trained for two months before the actual EIB,” he said. “This was definitely a team effort, and all help was very beneficial throughout this process, but I refuse to give up on getting my badge.”

Rowe’s teammates said they were looking forward to supporting him for the next iteration.

“I’m bummed that he didn’t make it this time because he pushed himself so hard during our training,” Wishnack said. “He’s a hard working dude, and it broke my heart that he heat catted on the ruck, but I’m positive that he will get it the next time around.”

With Rowe’s fellow Soldiers and co-workers behind him, a team to train him and the motivation to keep going after failing, Rowe has become an inspirational example of the words “never give up.”

“I’m definitely going to go back and accomplish this,” Rowe said. “Success has no time line, and I know that at the end of the day, as long as I put forth an effort to go back out there to train and execute those tasks to standard, then I will be successful.”

The next iteration for the EIB will be Oct. 25, where there will be practice days before the four-day qualifying tests Nov. 6-10.

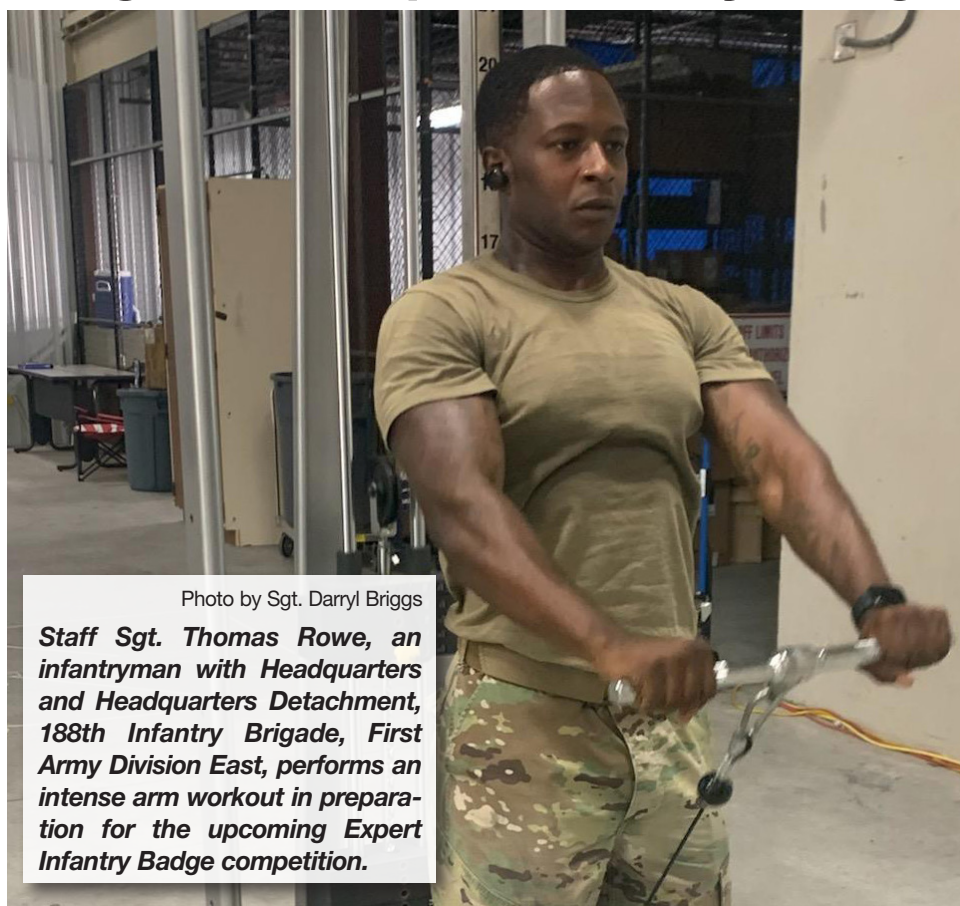


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Staff Sgt. Thomas Rowe, an infantryman with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 188th Infantry Brigade, First Army Division East, performs an intense arm workout in preparation for the upcoming Expert Infantry Badge competition.

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Division honors Hispanic Heritage Month

Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot
3rd Infantry Division

The annual observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 is a time to recognize the achievements and contributions Hispanic Americans have made to our Army.

Hispanic Americans are vital to our Army as Soldiers and civilians. Since the beginning of our history, they have served in the Army with honor, dedication and distinction. Today, more than 139,000 Hispanic Americans serve in the active and reserve component, comprising 16% of America's Army as we continue to leverage the strength of our diverse, volunteer force.

Within the 3rd ID today, Hispanic Americans serve in key staff positions at division, brigade and battalion levels. They command and lead subordinate units, and comprise hard-working teams that enable the Marne Division's success in operations at home and abroad.

From the American Revolution to today, Hispanic Americans have fought bravely for our nation. During this month, we celebrate the history, culture and contributions of Americans with ancestors from Spain, Mexico,

the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The reason this commemoration begins and ends in the middle of the month is because it encompasses Independence Day for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua (Sept. 15); Mexico (Sept. 16); and Chile (Sept. 18).

Hispanics in the Americas were critical allies during the American Revolutionary War. Spain, with volunteers from Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico, cleared the lower Mississippi River, as well as Florida, of British forces, thus securing the new nation's western and southern flanks.

Union Cpl. Joseph DeCastro became the first Hispanic American Soldier to be presented the Medal of Honor after he attacked a Confederate flag bearer, seized the opposing flag, and presented it to Union Gen. Alexander S. Webb. Since then, more than 45 Hispanic American Soldiers have earned our country's highest military decoration for bravery.

Several Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients served within our own division including Staff Sgt. Lucian Adams.

German troops blocked Adams' company Oct. 28, 1944, in the Mortagne Forest near Saint-Dié, France. Adams charged forward, advancing from tree to tree while firing a

Browning automatic rifle. He moved to within 10 yards of an enemy machine gun, killed the gunner with a hand grenade, and then immediately began engaging another enemy soldier. Adams continued to move forward as the enemy concentrated fire on him. By the end of his attack, he had killed nine Germans, captured two, eliminated three machine guns, cleared the woods and reopened the severed supply lines.

The Army recognizes not only the significance of individual contributions, but also the value of diversity and an inclusive environment during National Hispanic Heritage Month. 3rd ID embraces diversity, and our Dogface Soldiers understand that we are stronger when everyone has an opportunity to contribute and share their talents in service of their country. While military service is a unifier of all cultures through shared values, work ethic and indelible bonds through challenging environments, understanding each other's cultures and backgrounds also enables us to bond in unity and work as a cohesive team.

Hispanic American Soldiers and Army civilians continue a legacy of professionalism, selfless service and courage that will inspire generations to come.



Photo by Sgt. Andrew McNeil

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mathew Macias, a rotary wing aviator assigned to 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, is a Fort Campbell, Ky., native who was born to a Mexican and Tigua family and raised in Bakersfield, Calif. Macias graduated from Highland High School and enlisted in the Army one month afterward. He was previously stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y., and deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where he met his wife Rachel Macias. Macias is a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot for 3rd CAB and said that he will continue being a pilot because it is the most fulfilling and exciting career choice he made in the Army. *"Between classes during my sophomore year at Highland High, I heard a low rumble as a formation of Black Hawks passed overhead. Time stood still in that moment and I immediately realized what I had been born to do."*



Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Salgado

Spc. Michael Zelaya, a motor transport operator from Atlanta, assigned to the 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, was raised by parents born in Mexico and Honduras. Zelaya and his Family celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by cooking their favorite tortas and spending quality time together. "I serve for all Hispanics across the world to show that we can stand up for what we believe in."



Photo by Sgt. Andrew McNeil

Above: Sgt. Stacy Ortiz Kuilan, an aviation operations noncommissioned officer assigned to HHC, 3rd CAB, 3rd ID, is a Dorado, Puerto Rico, native who joined the Army to continue her education. Ortiz Kuilan served in 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st CAB, 1st Infantry Division, on Fort Riley, Kan., for two years and deployed with that unit to Powidz, Poland. She knew from a young age that she wanted to join the Army, and she looked up to her uncle who served. After graduating high school, she began to doubt herself. "I stopped underestimating myself and took the first step in joining. I use this mindset to get me through certain tasks given to me and encourage other service members to do the same."

Photo by Spc. William Griffen



Left: Pfc. Israel Vital, an indirect fire infantryman assigned to 6th Sqn., 8th Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, is a Fresno, Calif., native who said he always knew he would serve in the military. Vital chose to serve because he wanted to make a difference in his community, protect others, and stop global violence. "My parents are originally from Guanajuato, Mexico, and we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by listening to cultural music, eating, and enjoying family gathering."



MARNE JUSTICE

Marne Justice is a reoccurring report of Uniformed Code of Military Justice violations under the jurisdiction of 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. This is to maintain transparency, inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers. The following are from the period of Aug. 1-31.

61 Field Grade Article 15s issued

DUIs- 9
AWOLs- 0
Drugs- 11
Other offenses- 42
Max. punishments- 15

GOMORs

Total initiated- 24
Total filed- 29
DUIs filed- 18
Separations prior to ETS- 36

Justice in Action

Fraudulent BAH claim

A Master Sgt. with 18 years of service and multiple combat deployments falsified his Basic allowance for Housing documents to receive more BAH than he was entitled. He collected the increased BAH rate for a one year period.

Result: Reduced to E1, Other than Honorable Characterization, forced to pay back over \$30,000 to the U.S. Government, no retirement benefits, separated from the Army.

NCO gets jail time

A Sergeant who was transitioning out of the Army chose to disobey the orders of his platoon leader, company commander, and battalion commander, was disrespectful to his first sergeant and commander, and refused to come to work while he was completing SFL-TAP.

Result: Soldier ordered into pre-trial confinement, spent eleven days in Liberty County Jail, separated two days after being released.

AWOL Soldier separated

A Specialist went AWOL on two occasions, failed to report on multiple occasions, violated GO #1, refused to follow orders of superior NCOs and officers, and was disrespectful to superior officers and NCOs on multiple occasions.

Result: Soldier ordered into pre-trial confinement, spent 7 days in Liberty County Jail, reduced to E1, Other than Honorable Characterization, separated from the Army.

What is a GOMOR?

A GOMOR, or General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand, is an administrative reprimand issued in the form of a memorandum. A GOMOR may be issued for any type of misconduct and may be issued in addition to any other punitive actions taken by the Chain of Command without creating any double jeopardy concerns. GOMORs may be filed in a Soldier's local file or in a Soldier's AMHRR. If placed in the Soldier's local file, the GOMOR will remain in the Soldiers file at 3rd ID for 18 months, or until the Soldier changes duty locations, whichever comes first. If placed in the Soldiers AMHRR, the GOMOR will remain in the Soldiers permanent, military record.

Maximum punishments for a Field Grade Article 15:

The maximum punishments for a Field Grade Article 15 include 45 days of extra duty, 60 days of restriction, the loss of ½ month of pay for up to two months, and a reduction in rank. Soldiers in the rank of E1 to E4 may be reduced multiple ranks. Soldiers in the rank of E5 or E6 may be reduced one grade. Lastly, the Officer issuing the Article 15 may elect to file a reprimand in the performance section of the Soldier's Army Military Human Resource Record.

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Expectant mother protects unborn child from COVID-19

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An expectant mother, who was initially reluctant to get the COVID-19 Vaccine, was among those who elected to get the Pfizer vaccine, Sept. 8 at Newman Fitness Center.

Sgt. Monique Campbell, Company B, 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, said when the COVID-19 vaccines first emerged last year she was not comfortable because she wasn't sure if they considered the vaccine's impact on persons of different races, blood types and those who had specific ailments.

"So my mind changed around July — August, when my son got ill," Campbell said. "He was in his second week in daycare, when one night, he got a high fever. He looked like he was having breathing difficulties."

She called the emergency room, and they set him up for a COVID test. He tested positive. So did Campbell and her husband. She said COVID didn't affect her spouse as much her, but it had a significant impact on their son.

"One of the things that I observed was how quickly it took a toll," Campbell said. "During that time my son got really sick — extremely sick."

She said she recalled reading how COVID-19 had already claimed the lives of many people—including children, and it terrified her.

It took about 14 days, but she, her son and husband recovered. But it made an impact.

Being pregnant, Campbell thought she wanted to help protect her soon-to-be born baby,

too. Realizing a vaccine is not available to children under 12, she decided to get the vaccine and pass on the protections it offered.

"There is nothing (protection) for babies," Campbell said. "Unless mothers get the vaccine, prior to giving birth."

She said the vaccine didn't have a significant impact on her — just a sore arm for a couple days.

Campbell said she hoped others would think about children when making their decision. As some other options for children are not available to younger children, and others are not practical.

"My son is four right now," Campbell said, adding it was near impossible to keep a mask on him. "They don't understand, and they share things with others. They touch everything — everywhere. And I'm like — it would be nice if all adults took children into consideration."

According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people 12 years and older, including people who are pregnant.

If you are pregnant, have a conversation with your healthcare provider about the COVID-19 vaccination. While such a conversation might be helpful, it is not required to receive vaccine. You can receive a COVID-19 vaccine without any additional documentation from your healthcare provider.

The two COVID-19 vaccines offered on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield are Pfizer and Moderna. Winn Army Community Hospital posts the vaccine schedule every Monday online at facebook.com/winncares, and winn.tricare.mil.

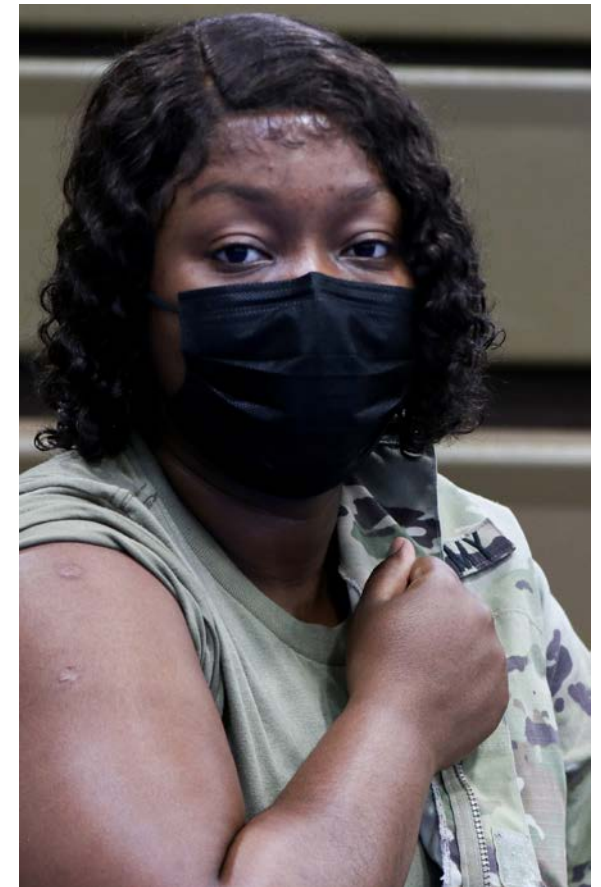


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Sgt. Monique Campbell, Co. B, 703rd BSB, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID decided to get her first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to help protect her soon-to-be-born child, Sept. 8 at Newman Fitness Center on Fort Stewart.



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Sept. 17

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Sept. 18

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Sept. 19

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Live a life with purpose

Capt. James Turner
1st ABCT Chaplain

Nearly 80 years after Fireman First Class Paul E. Saylor died on the USS Oklahoma, his remains were identified through DNA testing and his Family was notified of the discovery.

Several months later, on a beautiful summer day in Johnson City Tennessee, the surviving Family members of Paul E. Saylor, a Navy honors team, state of Tennessee representatives, and myself presiding as the chaplain, provided Fireman First Class Saylor with the Memorial Ceremony and honors funeral he earned many years ago.

Considering it the honor and opportunity of a lifetime, when asked to be the chaplain for the ceremony, I started asking for information about this young sailor who died on December 7, 1941 when the ship he was on was sank by Japanese aircraft. 429 crewman on the ship that day lost their lives when the ship capsized from numerous torpedo hits.

After reading letters and first-hand accounts of Saylor's life, I began to see a reoccurring theme emerge that helped me better understand a man who only lived to the age of 21. The theme that kept emerging in each letter and account of his life was how he lived his life with purpose.

In today's culture of confusion and the lack of a sense of purpose, the biography of Fireman First Class Saylor was very refreshing to me.

On July 3, 1940, he enlisted in the United States Navy, determined to do what he could to defend his country and to help his Family. At this time, World War

II had already began and many Families were also still struggling from the financial hardship of the Great Depression. He intentionally joined the military to both defend his country, and to provide much needed financial help for his struggling family back at home.

Saylor was known as a hard charger and a man who didn't let obstacles get in his way. He was also known as a leader who was faithful in both learning and then teaching other Sailor's job and leadership skills. He did not let his circumstances decide the life he lived. He chose to make the best of every situation no matter how tough and live life with a purpose. He chose to effect the areas he could, and did not allow the areas he couldn't discourage him.

Saylor's selfless sacrifice and willingness to help others speaks volumes to the kind of man he was. He leaves behind a legacy of living a life with purpose, even though it was full of difficult circumstances.

A scripture that I find that helps me to keep focused on living a life with purpose in difficult times can be found in the Holy Bible, Proverbs 3:5-6. It reminds us to trust in the Lord, acknowledge Him, and to lean not on our on understanding. If we do this, He will direct our paths.

I believe that we do not have to know or understand everything. My faith teaches me that I was born on purpose, with a purpose, and for a purpose. I believe that if I do my best to live a life with purpose, I will fulfill my purpose no matter how difficult the circumstances. I want to encourage you today to find your purpose, and live it out just like Fireman First Class Saylor did.

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rapidly growing highway 84
corridor with approximately
289 linear foot of state highway
frontage. Its location is cen-
tral to the Hinesville VA Clinic,
Ft. Stewart gates 1, 2, and 3 as
well as being located inside
the downtown overlay district
and military opportunity zone.
There are approximately 30,650
vehicles per day. Jimmy Shan-
ken, Coldwell Banker Southern
Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-
4733 or email jimmy.shanken@
coldwellbanker.com

230 W General Screven Way Suite 100 Hinesville - \$15NNN

This is a 4200 sq ft former piz-
za restaurant. There is a walk-in
cooler in place. It is less than
one mile from Ft. Stewart Gate 1
and is located in the downtown
overlay district. Jimmy Shan-
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863 Oglethorpe Highway, Suite #260, Hinesville

Fantastic Business Opportunity
existing Barberitos Southwest-
ern Grille & Cantina Franchise,
\$150,000 for fixtures & equip-
ment. Buyer must assume ex-
isting lease on 2200 SQFT, Rent
\$4,033.33, \$22 NNN. Located
in the TJ Max, Hobby Lobby
Anchored Shopping Center.
Co-tenants include Wayback
Burgers, Chick-fil-A, Five Below,
PetSmart, Panda Express and
Car Wash. Please don't disturb
the employees, they have no
information. Jimmy Shanken,
Coldwell Banker Southern Coast,
912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733
or email jimmy.shanken@cold-
wellbanker.com

135 Martin Luther King, Jr Drive, Hinesville

The Brantley Building has been
renovated and is located in the
heart of Downtown Hinesville.
Available for lease, Suite 201 A,
B & C, approximately 755 SQ FT,
features a walk-in waiting area,
reception window, 2 private
offices, and a storage closet.
Conference room available for
use, \$100 1/2 day or \$200 full
day. Suite 201 A, B, C \$1750 per
month, water and power includ-
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430 Industrial Blvd. Midway - \$2,048 per Month

2,048 Heated square feet of of-
fice space for sublease in the
Midway Industrial Park. Conve-
nient to I 95 north and south
off of US Highway 84. 4 private
offices, conference room re-
strooms and ample parking.
Current tenant is a manufactur-
er looking to lease excess space.
Call for private showing!! Jim-
my Shanken, Coldwell Banker
Southern Coast, 912-368-4300
or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.
shanken@coldwellbanker.com

621 West Oglethorpe High- way, Hinesville - \$899,900

2 Acre Pad Site! All utilities in
place. Seller to provide access
road with cross access ease-
ments with Chili's Grill & Bar,
curb cuts in place, designed with
a drive thru in mind. Excellent
visibility from Hwy 84, Oglethor-
pe Highway. Tenants in the
area include Chili's Grill & Bar,
Cook Out, Sonic Drive-In, Krispy
Kreme, Lowe's, and Walmart.
This is 2 Acre parcel taken from
parcel #057C257. Jimmy Shan-
ken, Coldwell Banker Southern

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4733 or email jimmy.shanken@
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131 North Macon Street, Ludowici - \$399,900 SALE PENDING

Exciting opportunity in cen-
tral Ludowici! 4,000 SQ FT Steel
Building plus 2,452 SQ FT office.
Excellent opportunity for day-
care, retail or the right industrial
business just behind Ludowici
Bank and IGA, close to City Hall
and Health Department. Build-
ing is easy to reconfigure! Call
us today! Jimmy Shanken, Cold-
well Banker Southern Coast,
912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733
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wellbanker.com

16 E Cypress Street, Ludowici- For Lease \$3,000 per month

Excellent Lease Opportuni-
ty! ONLY Signalized corner in
Ludowici, located in one of the
fastest growing communities
in GA. Former Auto Parts Store
building has a showroom, ware-
house with 2 oversized rooms.
Combination Lock, please call
for the code. Co-listed with Sky-
ler Wingate Lic #357833, contact
at 912-387-3076 or skyler.win-
gate@outlook.com.

20.81 East Oglethorpe High- way, Hinesville - \$1,100,000

Excellent location on US High-
way 84 in a rapidly growing
community in Flemington,
Georgia. This property is central-
ly located between Ft. Stewart
Gate 3 and Midway, Georgia. It is
located in a military opportunity
zone. This property is great for
many commercial users. 25,940
vehicles per day.Two Parcels
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759 Veterans Parkway, Hinesville - \$899,900

Room to grow, possibilities
are endless!! 3,600 SQFT Steel
Building currently operating as
an automotive repair shop. Ac-
cess from Veterans Parkway and
cross access easement to Elma G
Miles Parkway. Zoned C3. Sale is
real estate only, no equipment
included! Call Jimmy Shanken
912-977-4733 to make an ap-
pointment.

3.34 AC West 15th Street, Hinesville - \$130,000

Excellent retail development opportunity located less than 1 mile to Fort Stewart gate 7. Fort Stewart's only commercial entrance. Great location for Day Care, Convenience store, or self storage units. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

719 E. G. Miles Parkway, Hinesville - \$399,900

Incredible commercial opportunity on E.G. Miles Pkwy in Hinesville, Georgia! This property features 245 linear feet of road frontage, and is strategically located between Ft. Stewart gates 1 and 8. This property is suitable for multi-family, self storage, or retail opportunities! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

12.78 Acres Veterans Parkway, Hinesville - \$2,364,300

Excellent retail development site! Centrally located along the Veterans Parkway corridor. Just minutes to Ft. Stewart's gate 8 and directly behind the Walmart Supercenter, as well as the Lowe's retail trade area. There is approximately 1200 linear feet +/- of road frontage on Veterans Parkway. This property is located in the tax credit program zone. Additional parcels are available! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

3.47 Acres Cherrie Murrell St, Hinesville - \$520,500

Excellent retail development site! 3.47 acres of developmental land centrally located along the Veterans Parkway corridor. Just minutes to Ft. Stewart Gate 8 and directly behind the Walmart Supercenter and Lowe's retail trade area. Additional parcels are available! Don't miss this excellent opportunity! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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8.67 Acres West 15th Street,

Hinesville - \$300,000

2 parcels of land that would be an excellent retail development opportunity located less than 1 mile from Fort Stewart gate 7. Fort Stewart's only commercial entrance. Great location for Day Care, Convenience store, or self storage units. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

HOMES FOR SALE



506 Idlewood Circle, Hinesville - \$127,500 SALE PENDING

This adorable 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on a cul-de-sac won't last long!! New Metal Roof! Windows & HVAC replaced within the last two years! Wood laminate and tile floors throughout. Convenient to Fort Stewart, shopping & schools! Please contact Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 or jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



38 Montgomery Lane, Allenhurst - \$325,000 SALE PENDING

Celebrate nature in this rustic beautiful home with a pond, nestled on 8.4 +/- Acres! Elegant, custom, cedar 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home is convenient to Ft. Stewart & shopping. The living room features wood floors, built in bookcases and a floor to ceiling wood burning fireplace. The kitchen has tile floors, granite countertops, brand new stove top and dishwasher! There's a sun room you can relax in, a bonus room, a

huge master bedroom that is large enough to allow for sitting room furniture with 2 walk in closets! The master bathroom has tile throughout and a large shower with two shower heads and a long bench. 2 bedrooms also have walk-in closets. Enjoy the pond and small dock while relaxing in a private setting! Call us today! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



516 Azalea St, Hinesville - \$199,990 SALE PENDING

MOVE IN READY!!! BEAUTIFUL ONE-STORY HOME BETTER THAN NEW! Don't miss the wonderful opportunity on this beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 full bath home in the heart of Hinesville, GA. Lots of natural light! OPEN FLOOR-PLAN! Many upgrades! Brick front home features a covered front porch, back patio, stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. Top-of-the-line floors flow through the home, high ceilings and designers molding. A two-car garage, a paved driveway and a nice front yard. This home is located near shopping, businesses, and restaurants in Hinesville, but in the perfect location for peace and quiet. It also is conveniently located about half of a mile to Ft. Stewart's Main Gate. Do not pass up this amazing home! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



52 Pulaski Street, Hinesville - \$195,000 SALE PENDING

IMMACULATE MOVE IN READY BRICK HOME!!! Located in the Parish Crossing Subdivision close to Ft. Stewart Gates. Great

3 bedroom, bonus room that could be a 4th bedroom, 2 full bath home. Beautifully landscaped, private fenced-in backyard with a covered back patio perfect to create great memories with family and friends. This home has a wonderful formal dining room, as well as a breakfast area. New luxury laminate wood planks throughout the house to include bedrooms. Tile flooring in the kitchen. Stainless steel appliances. The master suite features double vanity sinks, separate shower and bathtub with plenty of natural lighting. Walking closet and plenty of storage space. Two car garage. Take a look at this home before it is too late!! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



954 Oak Crest Drive, Hinesville - \$218,000 SALE PENDING

Looking for a beautiful home in the heart of Hinesville? Look no further. This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick home features a formal dining room and eat-in kitchen with stainless steel appliances, spacious laundry room, 2 car garage, and large, fenced-in backyard make this home a must-see! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



134 Paradise Lane, Midway - \$275,000 SALE PENDING

STUNNING TWO-STORY HOME!! LOTS OF SPACE! A must-see 4 bedroom and 2.5 bathroom home outside of Midway, GA. Quiet Country Living with all of the comforts a luxury home has

to offer. Lots of natural light! Grandiose two-story entrance. Brick front home features a fully equipped stainless steel kitchen with a breakfast area, a large family room with a cozy fireplace, a spacious formal living room, and a formal dining room. Large main bedroom!!! Luxury laminate wood flooring downstairs. A two-car garage and a spacious fenced-in yard, wood deck with plenty of privacy. Home sits in a cul-de-sac. Located near shopping, businesses, and restaurants. Conveniently located about 20 minutes from Ft Stewart and 40 minutes from Savannah. Don't miss out! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



1513 Bayberry Drive, Hinesville - \$229,500

MOVE-IN READY! This beautiful two-story home is located in Pine Ridge Subdivision. This two-story open floor plan home features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, privacy fence in the backyard and shed. Luxury laminate floors run throughout the foyer, dining room, great room, kitchen, backsplash, and breakfast room. All stainless steel appliances convey. Large main bedroom with plenty of closet space. Tons of upgrades including a formal dining room with a spacious family room! Beautiful home with room to grow! No community HOA. Close to Ft. Stewart Gates, shopping, schools, and more. Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



856 Ruben Wells Rd, Hinesville - \$124,900 SALE PENDING

Under Contract in 2 days! SEE FOR YOURSELF!! This newly refreshed mobile home is a must-see. It features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, a porch & newly renovated workshop. The master bath offers a huge tile shower and beautiful double vanity sinks. This house also features a large laundry room. Each bedroom has beautiful hardwood floors, and the master features carpet flooring. The backyard is also a great size, with plenty of room! Come take a look!! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com

LAND/LOTS FOR SALE

0 Shyam Road - Hinesville - \$475,000. Five (5) acres of commercial potential. Located just off of US Hwy 84 in Hinesville. Centrally located between Fort Stewart Gates one (1), two (2) and three (3). There are thirty thousand six hundred and fifty (30,650) V.P.D. May also access from Sandy Run Drive. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0 Willowbrook Drive, Hinesville - \$499,900. Incredible opportunity to own a parcel inside the city limits of Hinesville that is correctly zoned and engineered for a multi-family development. Located off Veteran's Parkway and EG Miles parkway centrally located between Fort Stewart Gate 8 and Walmart, Lowes, and the TJ Maxx Shopping Center. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0 West 15th Street Hinesville - \$375,000

Great mixed-use opportunity adjacent to Fort Stewart Gate 7. Approximately 56.156 acres of land. This property is ready to go and visible from the entrance of Fort Stewart Gate 7. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

5.93 Old Ludowici Road, Ludowici - \$37,900 REDUCED

Homesite with a small pond and No City Taxes!! Unrestricted lot, mobile homes are ok. 5.93 Acres adjacent to Aaron's Mobile Home Park in Walthourville. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker

19 Acres - 0 East Oglethorpe Highway Flemington - \$900,000

Excellent location on US HWY 84 in rapidly growing community of Flemington, Georgia. Centrally located between Ft. Stewart Gate 3 and Midway. It is located in a military opportunity zone. Great property for many commercial users. 24,430 vehicles per day. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

1.4 Acres - 00 East Oglethorpe Highway Flemington - \$600,000

Excellent location on US Highway 84 in a rapidly growing community in Flemington, Georgia. This property is centrally located between Ft. Stewart Gate 3 and Midway, Georgia. It is located in a military opportunity zone. This property is great for many commercial users. 25,940 vehicles per day. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

260 Interchange Drive Richmond Hill - \$199,900

Remarkable pad site just off of US 17 and I95 Interchange. Several parcels available. All utilities in place. Multiple uses include office or hotel. Easy access to streets and all access in place. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0 Coldwell Road NE Ludowici - \$59,900

This tract of land is perfect for a family wanting to build a house with some seclusion! This +/- 10 acres is only 15 minutes away from Hinesville! Come build your dream home! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

4.5819 West Oglethorpe Highway Walthourville - \$299,900

This is 4.5819 acres of Commercial land. It is centrally located on the East West freight corridor between Valdosta and the Port of Savannah. It is also located in the Military and SBA opportunity zone. This is a corner lot. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

.24 Acre Veterans Parkway, Hinesville - \$225,000

Last available frontage road on drive home side of Veterans Parkway zoned C-2. Off site water retention included. Property can be combined with 777 Veterans Parkway for a total asking price of \$495,000 Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state of Georgia. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Belvedere Island Plantation Lot 216 Riverpoint Lane, Townsend - \$69,900

Excellent opportunity for gated community living!! Great lot to build your dream home in this tranquil community with deep water access club house and horse stables. Enjoy remarkable sunrises from The Club House and Community Deep Water Dock. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Lot 41 Salt Marsh Drive, Midway - \$49,900

Coastal Living at its finest!! Gorgeous building lot inside the tranquil Yellow Bluff Subdivision ready to build your "Dream Home"!!! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

1.98 AC Fiddlers Cove Townsend - \$30,000

Build your dream home on this private & secluded 1.98 Acres lot in Spring Cove, a gated community, less than one hour to Savannah! Perfect home site with access to a beautiful pond! Located near fishing, crabbing & boat ramps. Short drive to Harris Neck Wildlife Refuge. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0.24 Acre Veterans Memorial Parkway, Hinesville - \$225,000

Last available frontage road on drive home side of Veterans Parkway zoned C-2. Off site water retention included. Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state of Georgia. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker South-

ern Coast. 912-977-4733. jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0 E. Oglethorpe Highway, Hinesville - \$2,500,000 PRICE REDUCED!

Excellent hotel/restaurant site located next to La Quinta in Flemington. Parcel has offsite water retention. Owners will subdivide. Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state of Georgia. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast. 912-977-4733. jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

777 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Hinesville - \$395,000.

Last available frontage on drive home side of veterans parkway zoned C-2. Off site water retention included. Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state of Georgia. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast. 912-977-4733. jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Lot 3 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

Great .7 acre lot located in Lakeview Estates. Don't miss an opportunity to build your dream

home on this gorgeous lot. Additional lots available. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Lot 4 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

Great .58 acre lot in Lakeview Estates. Don't miss out on an opportunity to build your dream home. Additional lots also available. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Lot 5 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

Great 0.56 acres lot in Lakeview Estates. Take advantage of an opportunity to build your dream home! Additional lots available for purchase. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Lot 6 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

Great 0.67 acre lot in Lakeview

Estates. Don't miss out on an opportunity to build your dream home. Additional lots also available for purchase. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Lot 7 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

Great 0.67 wooded lot in Lakeview Estates. Don't miss out on an opportunity to build your dream home! Additional lots available for purchase. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Lots 1-10 West Court Street Hinesville - \$499,000

Located in the Downtown Overlay district. Redevelopment in the heart of downtown Hinesville. Entire city block with access to four paved roads! City water, city sewer and NO FLOOD ZONE! Walking distance to Municipal Buildings, Main Street and Bradwell Institute. Excellent multi-family site. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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5163 Leroy Coffey Highway Fleming - \$75,000

This land has it all! Electricity, telephone, cable television and trash collection available in the area. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

5163 Leroy Coffey Highway Fleming - \$299,000

Commercial land available! Stop by today and see the endless possibilities! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0 Patriots Trail Hinesville - \$1,613,250

Dynamic multifamily potential along Patriots Trail! This property is situated at the center of regional growth, walking distance to the Liberty County Recreational Department and YMCA. Convenient to Fort Stewart gates 1,2, and 3. Tract 3 is partially located in the city limits of Flemington. Approximately 1700 linear feet of road frontage on Patriots Trail. Plat attached in documents. Great opportunity! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

1 Terrell Drive Hinesville - \$2,250,000 PRICE REDUCED!

Shovel ready apartment pad sites. 132 total units, 3 buildings with 8 units, 9 buildings with 12 units. Roads and utilities are in place. Conveniently located near Ft. Stewart Gate 7. Ft. Stewart's the largest Department of Defense Installation East of the Mississippi River. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

1135 West Oglethorpe Highway Hinesville - \$499,900

This is 4.18 acres of commercial land. This property is cleared, level, and ready to build on. It is accessible from Highway 84 and Main Street. It is centrally located in between Hinesville retail areas, Walmart Supercenter and the Walmart Neighborhood Market. It is conveniently located near Ft. Stewart. Ft. Stewart's the largest Department of Defense Installation East of the Mississippi River. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

B25-B28 David Road Gumbranch - \$19,900 PRICE REDUCED!

This is a fantastic lot! It is located in a private, secluded setting. It is cleared and has the corners marked. This lot is ready for your mobile home! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

1.61 Acres Barry McCaffrey Boulevard - \$65,000

Centrally located Town home site, minutes to Fort Stewart gates and shopping. 1.61 Acres, zoned RTH near the intersection of Barry McCaffrey Blvd. and Shaw Rd. Contact us today for more information! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

8.67 AC West 15th Street, Hinesville \$300,000

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1 AC Peter King Road, Riceboro \$24,900

Great piece of property located on 1 acre in Riceboro, GA. This property would be a perfect place to build a new home! It is conveniently located just a short distance to S Coastal HWY. Not far from Brunswick or Savannah. Mobile homes are ok. Don't miss out, it won't last long! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

16.84 AC Hwy 84 East, Midway \$795,000

Development Opportunity!! 960 LF of Frontage on one of the last undeveloped exits in GA, Exit 76 on I-95!! Excellent Retail or Hospitality development opportunity adjoins land owned by The Development Authority of Liberty County. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

2.17 Acres Highway 84, Ludowici - \$299,900

Great piece of property located in the heart of Ludowici, one of Georgia's fastest growing communities. Minutes to Fort Stewart Gates and Hinesville. Just over 2 acres, this property holds a great deal of opportunities. It is located off US Hwy 84 with high traffic, featuring 336 Linear feet of US 84 frontage. This property is also located near a proposed 600 unit residential development area. Check out this property before it's too late! Water and sewer available! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



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First civilian director takes helm of Army's Criminal Investigation Division

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command

Special Agent Gregory D. Ford assumed responsibility as director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID), during a Transfer of Authority ceremony at the Pentagon, in Arlington, Va., Friday.

Ford is the first civilian special agent assigned as the director for the organization since it was established as a major command on Sept. 17, 1971. Ford assumed authority from Brig. Gen. Duane Miller, who served in the position since August. Miller will remain as the Provost Marshal General of the Army and the commander of the Army Corrections Command.

"It is my great privilege to lead the organization through this time of unprecedented change," Ford said during his remarks. "CID has a long proud history of service to the Army and the nation. The transformation occurring now is not meant to erase or minimize that history, but rather to build upon it to ensure CID is ever-ready to provide superior criminal investigative support to the total force across all domains and in all locations around the globe in order to maintain the readiness of the United States Army."

As Ford becomes director, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is being renamed the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division. A name first associated with the organization in 1918, when Gen. John Pershing directed the Provost Marshal General of his American Expeditionary Forces to organize a criminal investigation division within the Military Police Corps for the purpose of detecting and preventing crimes within the territory occupied by the American Expeditionary Forces.

Previously announced by the Army in May, the CID restructure follows recommendations from the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee. The restructure effort splits the duties that were previously assigned to one person, dual-hatted as both the CID Commanding General and the Army's Provost Marshal General, to focus the new civilian leadership solely on the criminal investigative process. Ford's selection as director is an important step forward and one of several changes to come as the restructure process continues.

Ford said the transformation "will require a shift in how CID views itself and how it is viewed by others. Historically, the organization was viewed as an Army command tasked with law enforcement duties. We must now clearly establish CID as an elite federal law enforcement agency that operates within and in support of the Department of the Army."

"I would like to encourage every member of CID to be a part of the change and to actively contribute ideas to the discussion," said Ford during his first address to the newly named Division. "While the organization is comprised of active duty agents, civilian agents, and a variety of professionals who support those agents, we are one CID and need to remain focused on the

criminal investigative mission. The organization has many talented and dedicated people who are committed to ensuring CID meets the unique needs of the Army and sets the bar for the military criminal investigative organizations."

Under the restructure, CID will feature a higher ratio of civilian criminal investigators to military special agents in order to increase investigative experience, stability and grow effective partnerships with local and regional law enforcement agencies.

"To bring about that change, CID leadership will focus on four complementary lines of effort: operational excellence, talent management, modernization, and partnerships," said Ford. "Additionally, the organization will commit to a culture of multi-tiered internal oversight and continuous assessment."

Christopher Lowman, the senior official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of the Army hosted the ceremony and thanked Miller for his leadership and contributions during his tenure at CID.

"General Miller, thank you for your hard work over the last three years," Lowman said. "We look forward to your continued efforts in synchronizing Army law enforcement across the enterprise."

Lowman stressed his confidence in Ford as he

assumes the position as the first civilian director of CID.

"Greg will undoubtedly shepherd us from this initial starting point to the aimpoint of our redesign," Lowman said. "I am convinced that he will be supported by those agencies and working groups that have already brought us this far."

"This ceremony is only the beginning Director Ford. You have a challenging task ahead of you. Rest assured, you have the full support of the leaders in this room and across the Army," Lowman said. "You have an outstanding group of special agents and investigative professionals hard at work."

In his last official act as CID commanding general, Miller addressed the law enforcement professionals he has known for the past several years.

"Today marks an important change within the Military Police Corps and our Army," Miller said.

"Great organizations continuously seek ways to improve and in some cases those changes can seem daunting. However, if we never realize the new possibilities that loom on the horizon, we may never reach excellence, but that's not the case for CID nor is it the United States Army way."

Miller said he is fully confident Ford will deliver CID to the next level.



Courtesy photo

Christopher Lowman, left, administers the Oath of Office to SA Gregory Ford, swearing him in as the first director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division.

Provider Soldiers train for humanitarian support

Staff Sgt. Joel Salgado
3rd DSB

Throughout the world, service members perform humanitarian assistance missions in areas that are affected by severe weather or natural disasters. With the recent earthquake and tropical storm that hit Haiti, the Soldiers from Company C, 87th Division Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, were given short notice to be prepared to deploy in support of humanitarian assistance operations as part of the Defense Contingency Response Force.

The unit was stood down from the alert and returned to normal operations providing movement support for units at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. To build proficiency for potential future missions, the company took the lessons learned during the alert and built a training scenario based on a simulated humanitarian support mission.

“This is part of our sustainment training for our prepare-to-deploy missions in support of DCRF,” said Capt. Andrew Bomba, C Co., 87th DSSB, 3rd DSB commander. “It’s a way for us to continuously ensure that we maintain the highest state of readiness when it comes to being able to rapidly deploy, set up and conduct distribution missions in an austere environment.”

To simulate the conditions the Soldier could potentially face during a mission, the unit occupied an area with semi-austere conditions that replicated living in an underdeveloped area to add realism to the training.

“With the different variables that we’ve encountered, the ones we injected and the ones that occurred just driving on challenging roads, it only serves to improve our ability to respond when needed and to touch on important training tasks,” Bomba said.

Operating out of their living area, the unit performed missions day and night driving more than 100 miles each mission to execute simulated logistics package missions.



A Soldier with Company C, 87th Division Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade, checks a route prior to a logistics convoy during the company’s deployment readiness exercise training, Sept. 19 on Fort Stewart.

The LOGPAC missions simulated the unit delivering food, fuel, water and other necessary items to a forward logistics element to distribute among the various organizations.

“We’re currently simulating an austere hurricane ridden country with angry civilians who are hungry,” said 1st Lt. Marisa Alexander, C Co., 87th DSSB, 4rd DSB executive officer. “By running supplies, LOGPACs and other missions, we make sure that these austere environments get what they need.”

Throughout the convoys, the unit faced several scenarios to train the Soldiers in the proper techniques to respond to hazards and incidents they could potentially face. These hazards ranged from vehicle breakdowns and recovery to

degraded infrastructure and civilians impacting the convoy’s freedom of maneuver.

“The Soldiers got a lot of road time and experienced reacting to different types of convoy situations like road blocks, protesters, gang violence and et cetera so, it’s not necessarily just driving,” Alexander said.

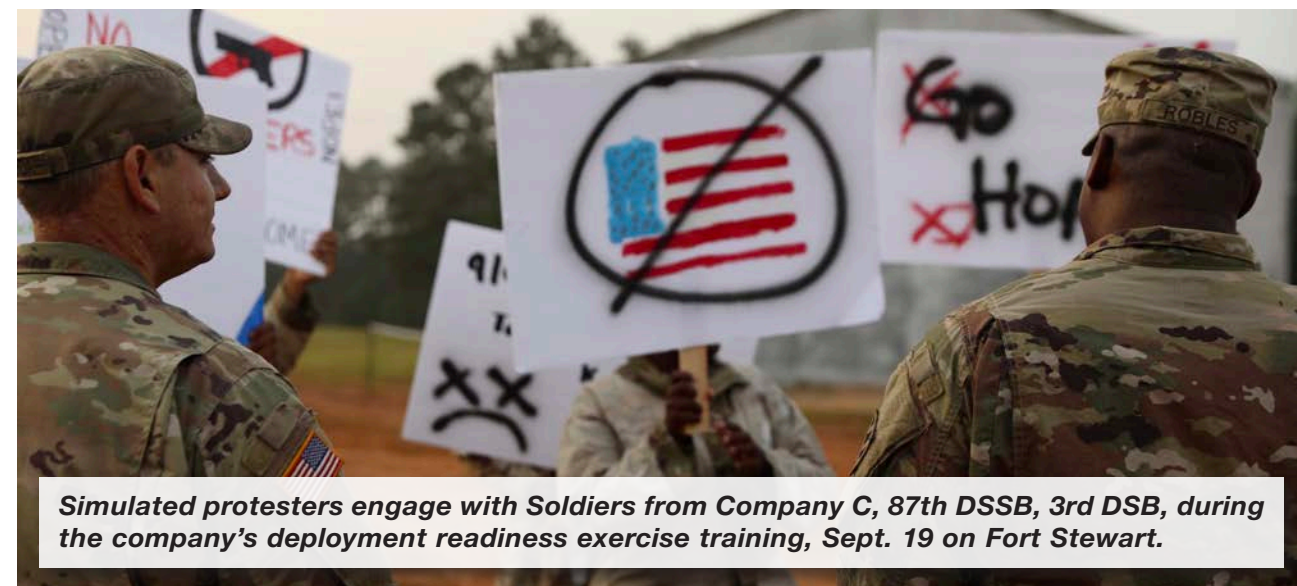
The unit also took the training event as an opportunity to develop the proficiency of their drivers through day and night driver training and long-distance operations.

“We don’t get a chance to dedicate an entire few days solely to doing our job without any distractions so, this is a good chance for them to get behind the wheel and practice their MOS,” Alexander said.

The training event was also used to build leader proficiency in the planning and execution of training events and convoy operations.

“One of the most critical positions in the Army that drives most operations is the squad leader,” Bomba said. “The emphasis for this week’s training is largely on the squad leader position to continue to show the Soldiers what the right answer is, to exercise their own leadership abilities to make decisions on the fly and also to build that confidence in the squad leader.”

Following the training, the unit will continue in its role as part of the DCRF and will supplement other elements of 3rd DSB who will be on standby to assist in disaster relief if needed. As they hand over the role, they have also ensured that their lessons learned were shared with the other units within 3rd DSB to make certain the brigade continues its role in providing world-class logistic support wherever needed.



Simulated protesters engage with Soldiers from Company C, 87th DSSB, 3rd DSB, during the company’s deployment readiness exercise training, Sept. 19 on Fort Stewart.