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Brown bag lunch held with Garrison Commander

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander and Hunter garrison commander will conduct brown bag luncheons beginning January 2018 for Fort Stewart and Hunter employees beginning with the Directorate of Public Works on Jan. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at building 624 in the garrison conference room. Employees are asked to bring their lunch.

The purpose of the brown bag program is to allow the garrison commander to get direct feedback from the workforce in an informal setting.

The brown bag luncheons are designed to inform, as well as, provide an informal forum for open communication between the garrison commander and the garrison workforce. A comment box is located in the lobby of building 1101 through Jan. 18 for employees to submit questions, comments or concerns for discussion.

In 2018, the Garrison Commander Brown Bag Luncheons will focus on non-supervisory personnel. Attendance is voluntary and open to all Garrison Department of Defense Civilian non-supervisors. The feedback gathered through this forum assists the garrison with understanding the level of engagement of the workforce and where if necessary to implement process improvements.

Please inform your supervisor if you would like to attend. There will be other opportunities throughout the year to participate, if you are unable to attend a session.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Candace Mundt

A 3rd ID Soldier gives a thumbs-up as he boards a plane to deploy to Afghanistan, Aug. 3. Approximately 160 Soldiers assigned to the Marne Division's headquarters departed for a nine-month mission in support of Operations Resolute Support and Freedom's Sentinel.

3rd ID deploys, OPTEMPO increases

Staff Report

The Department of the Army announced in July, the deployment of approximately 200 Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters, stationed at Fort Stewart to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters was named to replace 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters at Bagram Airfield as the U.S.

Forces-Afghanistan's National Support Element.

Leaders of 3rd Infantry Division conducted a colors casing ceremony July 21 at Marne Garden on Fort Stewart, in preparation for the headquarters' deployment.

A primary mission for division staff will be to provide support, logistics and security to Soldiers of U.S. Forces-Afghanistan.

While the casing of the colors symbolized the departure of the division's headquarters, it

also marked the beginning of Task Force Marne. Remaining units at Fort Stewart continued to train and enhance their capabilities while the division headquarters is deployed.

Some of the activities that took place during the year included 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team's National Training Center rotation, 2nd BCT's transition from infantry to armored, 48th Infantry BCT's Joint Readiness Training Center rotation and the division's 100th birthday celebration.

November 100 years of service

Staff Report

The 3rd Infantry Division celebrated 100 years of service to the nation Nov. 21, with Marne Week -- a week-long celebration of sporting events, Soldier competitions and Family activities that included a Twilight Tattoo and the grand opening of the 3rd ID Museum. In addition, the 3rd ID Museum had its grand opening Nov. 16.

While the installation celebrated the Marne Division birthday here, it also kicked off similar events in Afghanistan.

The Third Division was born at Camp Green, North Carolina, on Nov. 21, 1917. The United States had been at war with imperial Germany and its allies since April 6, 1917.

Today, the 3rd ID remains one of the Army's premier forces, with brigades deployed throughout the world including the Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade and 3rd Sustainment Brigade in Afghanistan.

Army announces upcoming 1ABCT, 3rd ID deployment

U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON -- The Department of the Army announced today the spring 2018 deployment of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division stationed at Fort Stewart to the Republic of Korea.

The 1st Armored Brigade will replace 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division as part of a regular rotation of forces and support the United States Forces-Korea's commitment to our Republic of Korea partners.

"The Raider Brigade has a proud history of answering the nation's call. Our unit recently completed a rigorous training cycle that culminated with a decisive action training environment

rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. We are trained and ready to perform our mission as part of a long-standing alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States," said Col. Mike Adams, 1st Armored Brigade commander.

This deployment marks the historic return of the 3rd Infantry Division to Korea. The division supported combat missions of the Eighth Army until 1953 fighting valiantly during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, at the Chorwon-Kumwha area, Jackson Heights, and Arrowhead outposts.

For more information contact the 3rd Infantry Division public affairs officer, Maj. Megan Jantos, megan.l.jantos.mil@mail.mil, at 912-435-9869.



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January

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Ben K. Navratil

A UH-64 Blackhawk helicopter flies toward a target during a convoy live fire exercise at Fort Stewart, Jan. 26. During the exercise, Soldiers navigated along a course that included pop-targets for the vehicle gunners to shoot at, and finished the mission by calling in helicopters for fire support.

Providers conduct convoy live fire

Sgt. 1st Class Ben K. Navratil
3rd IDSB Public Affairs

January 9: Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade conducted gunnery table qualifications and a convoy live fire exercise at Red Cloud Hotel and Red Cloud Golf ranges, located on Fort Stewart, Ga., from Jan. 9 to 28.

Conducted twice a year, this training provided familiarization

and qualification requirements for the units’ mission essential task list, something that unit gunners must be up to par on in preparation for other training events or missions.

“Anytime you do training that focuses on mastery of marksmanship, it just makes us more capable of our wartime mission,” said Capt. Jason Akers, the officer in charge of the gunnery and also the com-

mander for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion. “It was nice to be able to spend three weeks just focusing on it.”

This exercise demonstrated the ‘crawl, walk, run’ mentality, allowing Soldiers to first become familiar with the tasks through training and practice before qualifying and eventually conducting the live fire exercise.

3-15 Soldiers prepare for China Focus

Spc. Efren Rodriguez
2IBCT Public Affairs

Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division are scheduled to begin their battalion-level field training exercise, China Focus, January 14 at Fort Stewart.

China Focus is a fifteen-day FTX in which each company will rotate through various mission sets to ready the battalion for further brigade and division-level training.

Soldiers conducted individual training tasks to include combat life savings skills, target acquisition engagement and reporting processes.

The leaders focused on the company’s overall ability to plan and communicate at various levels.

Photo By Sgt. John Onuoha

Right: Sgt. John Mersky, a cavalry scout with Troop B, 6-8 Cav., 2IBCT, 3rd ID, installs an MK93 gun mount on a Humvee, Jan. 9 at Fort Stewart. Soldiers tested their equipment functionality and annotated faults as part of reintegration.



February



Crazyhorse Soldiers return from Afghanistan

Sgt. William Begley
Public Affairs

The “Crazyhorse” Soldiers of Troop C, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade were warmly

welcomed home in a ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield Feb. 8.

The Soldiers were returning from a nine-month deployment in Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel.

Photo by Sgt. William Begley

The Family of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Warrick, Troop C, 3-17 Cav., 3rd CAB, reunite at a welcome home ceremony on Hunter Army Airfield February 8.

Marne Voices Speak Out

Do you have any New Year resolutions?



“Get ready for retirement”

Morris Coleman
LRC

“Be nicer to my wife - She bought me a truck for Christmas.”

Wes Stephens
Garrison XO



“To stay positive”

Lashunda Davis
Call Center

Become more healthy

Shemeke Hunt
Call Center



Get debt free. Be more humble. And grow more spatially.

Andrea Gulley
MWR

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March

2017 Year in Review

Georgia House of Representatives honors 3rd Infantry Division

Capt. Jarrod Morris
3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

Leaders and Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield attended 3rd Infantry Division Day and were recognized on the floor of the House of Representatives at the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta, March 9.

Speaker of the House David Ralston motioned for the 3rd ID attendees to approach the podium during the floor session and instructed the clerk to read House Resolution 490; which commending the 3rd ID and thanked the leaders, Soldiers and their Families for their contributions – recognizing March 9 as 3rd Infantry Division Day at the state capitol.

Photo by Capt. Jarrod Morris

Rep. Al Williams recognizes Leaders and Soldiers from 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield on the floor of the House of Representatives during 3rd Infantry Division Day at the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta, March 9.



Spartan Brigade became the Army's newest armored brigade



Staff Sgt. Nikki Felton,
Maj. Tony Hoefler
2IBCT Public Affairs

When the Department of the Army announced that the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team of 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart became the U.S. Army's 15th armored brigade combat team in its inventory, the Spartan team initiated the planning process and went straight to work.

Converting a light infantry brigade into an armored brigade is a major undertaking that requires thorough planning and disciplined execution.

Even though the brigade is not sched-

uled to deploy within the next year, they continued to train and prepared to attend the National Training Center in the Spring of 2019.

The Spartan Brigade became an armored brigade combat team after being an infantry brigade combat team for the last two years.

Organizational requirements to convert were driven by the changing global landscape. Dynamic political and military behaviors throughout the world cause adjustments to the menu of options U.S. commanders need to prevent, shape and win against determined adversaries.

The brigade officially convert from light to armored in October.

Photo By Staff Sgt. Candace Mundt

An airman with 9th Airlift Squadron, 436th Airlift Wing out of Dover Air Force Base, Del. directs an M1A1 Abrams tank off a C5 "Super Galaxy" aircraft during air load training March 28 at Hunter Army Airfield. Airman supported the IRC, comprised of Soldiers from 2-7 Inf., 1ABCT, 3rd ID. The IRC maintains readiness to support the Global Response Force within 18 hours of notification.

Soldiers, airmen refine air load plan for Immediate Ready Company

Staff Sgt. Candace Mundt
2nd IBCT Public Affairs

Testing their coordinating efforts with their U.S. Air Force counterparts, the Immediate Ready Company conducted air load training March 28 at Hunter Army Airfield.

Pearing to assume the mission, the IRC, comprised of select Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd

Infantry Division, improved their readiness to maintain the ability to deploy in support of the Global Response Force within 18 hours.

The Global Response Force is a brigade combat team assigned to 82nd Airborne Division prepared to deploy anywhere in the world within 96 hours of notification, designed to operate in an emerging security environment with flexible, versatile and rapidly deployable forcible entry packages.

Photo by LTC Brian Fickel

An M1 Abrams is loaded into a C-5 Galaxy as The 3rd Infantry Division tests their coordinating efforts with their U.S. Air Force counterparts as the 3rd ID's Immediate Ready Company conduct air load training, March 28, at Hunter Army Airfield.



632nd Maintenance Co returns



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Ben K. Navratil

Sp. Yency Reyna, an artillery repairman with 632nd Maintenance Company, 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, meets his daughter for the first time on Cottrell Field at Fort Stewart, March 8. Reyna and about 120 other Soldiers from the 632nd had just returned home following a nine-month tour in Kuwait.

Rail to the National Training Center



Staff Sgt. Antonio Vincent
1st ABCT

Soldiers from 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division loaded track and wheeled vehicles onto rail cars in March at Fort Stewart, to prepare the brigade's for a rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

Loading and chaining down the vehicles onto the rail cars was one of the last steps before the brigade departed for California, where they downloaded the equipment and rapidly build combat power.

In total the brigade sent more than 1,000 pieces of equipment by rail to Fort Irwin, to include Abrams Main Battle Tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

Photo By Maj. Randy Ready

A Soldier from 1st ABCT, 3rd ID, ground guides a Bradley Fighting Vehicle onto a rail car at Fort Stewart, March 8.

May

2017 Year in Review

Mustangs place 2nd in Army scout squad competition



Spc. David Mitchell, a cavalry scout with the 3rd ID squad for the Gainey Cup Competition, assembles a 119F Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System during a communications lane May 3, at Fort Benning.

By Sgt. John Onuoha
6-8 Cav., 2IBCT UPAR

Troopers of 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division placed second in the 2017 Gainey Cup Best Scout Squad Competition at Fort Benning, Georgia, May 1- 4.

The Gainey Cup is organized to determine the best scout squads from across the U.S. Army and various foreign militaries. It comprised of 24 teams: 20 U.S. Army teams and four international teams, two from Canada, one from the Netherlands and one from the British

Army.

The competition is important because it validates cavalry scouts’ proficiency level. Readiness was on display during the competition, according to Staff Sgt. David Martin, a cavalry scout with 6-8 CAV and squad leader for the 3ID team.

Martin said, “It is a great way to see where you are and where you need to push yourself to get better in your job.”

Members of 6-8 Cav. Best Scout Squad Gainey Cup competition included Staff Sgt. David Martin, Sgt. Blake Reyna, Sgt. Evan Gunther, Spc. David Mitchell, Pfc. Brayan Hincapie and Pfc. Matthew Bates.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Candace Mundt

Cavalry scouts of the 3rd ID squad for the Gainey Cup Competition, assemble a .50-caliber machine gun during the competition’s Final Charge event May 4 at Fort Benning.

Maj. Gen. Leopoldo Quintas assumes command of 3rd Infantry Division

Lt. Col. Brian Fickel
3rd ID Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Leopoldo Quintas assumed command of 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, and Hunter Army Airfield during a change of command ceremony on May 8, at Cottrell Field.

Quintas, previously served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army Forces Command.

Quintas had two previous assignments in 3rd Infantry Division, most recently as the division chief of staff and early in his career as a lieutenant.

Quintas assumed command from Maj. Gen. James Rainey who will serve on the Army Staff at the Pentagon as the Army Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7.

“To me, this is home,” Quintas said after taking command. “And it’s great to be home. Rock of the Marne.”



Photo by Capt. Jarrod Morris

Gen. Robert Abrams (left), commander of U.S. Army Forces Command and ceremony officiator for the 3rd ID change of command ceremony, passes the division colors to incoming commander Maj. Gen. Leopoldo Quintas at Cottrell Field, Fort Stewart, May 8.



Courtesy Photo

The 3rd Infantry Division Color Guard presents the colors , May 8, at the 3rd ID Change of Command at Cottrell Field on Fort Stewart.

June

2017 Year in Review

48th IBCT conducts XCTC



Sgt. Mozelle Blakley
48th IBCT

The 48th IBCT, which is comprised of 8 battalions and 47 companies, deployed from 29 home stations across the state and landed in remote locations throughout the Fort Stewart field training environment. The field training environment is designed to simulate a real-world combat scenario.

Throughout the course of the training exercise, the Citizen-Soldiers worked along-

side their active-duty counterparts of the 3rd Infantry Division stationed here. This is due to a recently established partnership through the Associated Unit Pilot Program (AUPP). The AUPP is designed to allow National Guard and Army Reserve units to leverage resources and capabilities of the active component of the United States Army. By working and training together, each component is able to leverage the different skill sets and levels of proficiency to build the Total Army effort.

Photo by Pvt. Garbarino

Infantrymen from Co. B, 2-121 Inf., 48th IBCT, reload an M240B during an eXportable Combat Training Capability exercise June 11 at Fort Stewart. The exercise as part of the Associated Units Pilot Program to allow National Guard, Reserve and active units to train and deploy together.

July

2017 Year in Review

3rd ID welcomes CSM Hendrex

Capt. Jarrod Morris,
3rd ID Public Affairs

Leaders and Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Hendrex as the incoming 3rd ID Command Sergeant Major at an assumption of responsibility ceremony at Marne Gardens, Fort Stewart, July 10.

“Today we officially welcome Command Sergeant Major Daniel Hendrex and his family,” said Maj. Gen. Leopoldo Quintas, the 3rd ID Commander. “He is exactly the right leader at the right time to serve as our 28th command sergeant major of the 3rd

Infantry Division.”

Quintas referenced Hendrex’s wealth of experience in armored formations, more than 20 years, including a previous assignment at Fort Stewart.

“Fort Stewart is not new territory for Command Sergeant Major Hendrex,” Quintas said. “He spent four years here as a Desert Rogue with 1-64 Armor in the 1990s, to include a deployment to Somalia.”

“Some of my most important lessons came as a young sergeant right here at Fort Stewart,” Hendrex said. “It’s all about being ready. (Readiness) is everything.”



Photos by Spc. Elizabeth White

Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Hendrex, command sergeant major of the 3rd Infantry Division, addresses the troops during his Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony on Fort Stewart, June 10.



Maj. Gen. Leopoldo A. Quintas Jr. passes the noncommissioned officer's sword to Command Sgt. Major Daniel Hendrex during the Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony on Fort Stewart, June 10. The sword signifies the assumption of responsibility for the incoming command sergeant major.



Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Hendrex, command sergeant major of the 3rd ID, is presented with a shell casing during his Assumption of Responsibility ceremony on Fort Stewart, June 10.

August

2017 Year in Review

3rd ID headquarters deployment



Photos by Spc. Noelle E. Wiehe

Left: Members of a local chapter of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association line the sidewalk leading to the buses Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Soldiers board for transporation to Hunter Army Airfield en route to Afghanistan.



Lt. Col. Luke Richards, commander of 3rd ID HHB, and his wife, Maj. Heather Richards, a fellow Marne Soldier, help to entertain Henry Guinnup, son of Capt. Geoff Guinnup, in Newman Gym as Soldiers gather for a final formation before their nine-month deployment to Afghanistan.



Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, gather in Newman Gym on Fort Stewart, Georgia, just moments before they board buses to deploy to Afghanistan. The approximate nine month deployment is in support of Operations Resolute Support and Freedom’s Sentinel.

September

2017 Year in Review

1ABCT Soldiers prepare for training with CALFEX

By Jeff Whitten
Coastal Courier Managing Editor

An Apache helicopter from the 3rd Infantry Division's 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade interrupted the early afternoon stillness Sept. 1 on Fort Stewart's Red Cloud Range Golf, circling high above.

The lone helicopter set in motion another "iteration" of the 1st Armored

Brigade Combat Team's CALFEX, or combined live fire exercise.

The exercise, which followed others like it earlier in the week, also came after months of training at the platoon, company, battery, battalion and brigade level.

All of it was preparation for the 1ABCT's upcoming rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

The exercise, orchestrated and almost ballet-like, included rockets fired by the Apache, which acted as an aerial lookout, to the thump of rounds fired by Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment. Soon, tanks from Alpha Company, 1-64 Armor rumbled quickly down a gravel road and pulled into fighting positions, their turrets moving back and forth until they found their target and fired.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Antonio Vincent

A Soldier from 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID escorts a M2/M3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle through the rail marshalling area on Fort Stewart, Sept. 8.

TF Falcon cases colors, preps for CENTCOM mission

Staff Sgt. Kellen Stuart
3rd CAB Public Affairs

The 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division cased its colors on Sept. 29, during a ceremony on Hunter Army Airfield.

The ceremony marked the brigade's transition into a task force organization that will be supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel in Central Command's area of responsibility in the coming months.

"Our mission is to provide aviation support to the Afghan partners, and to our US forces in Afghanistan," said the Col. Mark Johnson, 3rd CAB commander "Soldiers are very excited to go and do their mission and support US national objective."

While deployed, the brigade is recognized as Task Force Falcon, consisting of units from the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade and National Guard units from Iowa, Pennsylvania and South Carolina.



Photo by Pfc. Raquel Coniglio

Lt. Col. Jennifer Mykins and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Muller, 4-3 Avn., 3rd CAB, cases their battalion colors in a ceremony on Hunter Army Airfield Sept. 29.



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from Task Force Falcon, 3rd CAB disembark a C-5 Galaxy aircraft upon arrival to northern Afghanistan. The Soldiers are supporting Operations Freedom's Sentinel and Resolute Support with aviation operations throughout Afghanistan.

Marne Pride in action for 3rd ID

January 1–7



2 total DUIs

Following is a reminder of the Marne Pride pledge:

I will drive safely.

I won't drive if I am impaired.

I won't get in the car with an unsafe driver.

I will respect your rules.

I will call you.

Commanders and Leaders:

I will be there for you.

I will be a good role model and lead by example.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

DES CORNER:

New gate hours effective for Stewart-Hunter

Effective Jan. 15

Special to the Frontline

In an effort to better serve the community in providing the protection of all critical assets and personnel and ensuring a safe environment for all who work or live on Fort Stewart/Hunter Army airfield. A two- week traffic study was conducted at both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in 1st quarter, fiscal year 2018. All information was compiled and briefed to the 3rd Infantry Division and Garrison leadership. The results of that traffic study yielded in the following approved changes.

Fort Stewart

Gate 1: Open 24 hours daily

Gate 2: 5 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed weekends, training and federal holidays)

Gate 3: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. (closed weekends, training and federal holidays)

Gate 4: Open 24 hours daily

Gate 4A: Closed

Gate 4C: 5-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (closed weekends, training and federal holidays)

Gate 5: Open 24 hours daily

Gate 7: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. (closed weekends, training and federal holidays)

Gate 7C: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed weekends, training and federal holidays)

Gate 8: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. (closed weekends, training and federal Holidays)

Gate 9: Open 24 hours daily

Hunter Army Airfield

Montgomery Gate: 24 hours daily

Wilson Gate: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. (closed weekends, training and federal holiday)

Rio Gate: 24 hours, daily

For more information, the point of contact for this information is the Directorate of Emergency Services Physical Security Division Chief, Arthur Weston at (912) 767-1883 or arthur.l.weston.civ@mail.mil.

Death Notice

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Sgt. Kail A. Strongheart can contact the summary court officer, Lt. Robert D. Harlow at (770) 865-1170. Strongheart died of injuries resulting from a car accident, Dec. 18.

Hurricane Irma threatens Stewart-Hunter area

Pat Young
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

In September, Hurricane Irma approached the Southeast region of the United States and threatened the state of Georgia. Local communities and the installation made the decision to take action in high risk areas. More than 34,000 Soldiers, Civilians and Family members were able to evacuate to

areas as near as Fort Gordon and Fort Benning, and as far as Tennessee and Alabama. The impact of Hurricane Irma, according to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, affected most of the state; including power loss in about 1.5 million homes; the closing of more than 159 county roads and Georgia ports; the closing of at least 27 school system and hundreds of down trees and power lines.



Photos by Pat Young
Fort Stewart employees help recovery efforts following Hurricane Irma in September 2017.

October

Spartan medics compete for “Best in Division”

Staff Sgt. Nathan C. Berry
2 ABCT UPAR

Seven combat medics from 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, competed for the title of Best Medic during 3rd ID’s Best Medic competition Oct. 11-12, 2017 at Fort Stewart. The winners of the division competition went on to represent the Marne Division at the U.S. Army Best Medic competition at Joint Base San Antonio, Tx., Oct. 27 to Nov. 2. “The Soldiers were tested in six different events, assessing their individual tactical, physical, and military occupational specialty proficiency,” said Master Sgt. Benjamin W. Wicks III, the Division Medical Operations Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge. The contest included a 6-Mile foot march, combat water survival test, obstacle course, land navigation course, an army physical fitness test and a trauma lane. Wicks said, while participating in the trauma lane, each competitor had to demonstrate their tactical and technical expertise during simulated mass casualty situations such as care under fire, tactical field care, and combat casualty evacuation care. At the end of the competition, the top three contenders were announced. Sgt. John C. Epes, a combat medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, won first place. Spc. Brady A. Hardt, a combat medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, won second place. Capt. Shula M. Clark, a medical officer with Charlie Company, 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, won third place.



U.S. Army Photo by Pfc. Regan Riggs
From left to right) Capt. Shula Clark, medical officer with 703rd BSB, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, Sgt. John Epes, a combat medic with 3-15 Inf., 2ABCT, and Spc. Brady Hardt, a combat medic with 6-8 Cav., 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID were announced the winners of the 3rd ID Best Medic Competition Oct. 12, at Fort Stewart. All three Soldiers will advance to the U.S. Army Best Medic Competition at Joint Base San Antonio, Tx.

November

Raider Brigade Completes Rotation to the National Training Center

Major Pete Bogart
1ABCT, 3ID Public Affairs Officer

“We want you to have your worst day here.” Those were the words welcoming Soldiers from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division “Raider Brigade” and enabler units as they arrived at Fort Irwin, CA, for National Training Center Decisive Action Rotation 18-01. The training was challenging and realistic and the goal is to prepare units for combat by ensuring their hardest days are training and learning in the Mojave Desert and not on the battlefield. The month long rotations are designed to stress every unit, staff section, and

system that a brigade combat team employs. The scenarios adapted to meet the current real world threats and potential enemies a brigade combat team could potentially face. Command Sgt. Major Robert Leimer, the Raider Brigade Command Sgt. Major, first came to NTC in 1988 and said the biggest change since then is how the rotational units are contested in every phase of the operation. “When I first started coming to the National Training Center the schedule was predictable, you had a day for planning, a day for rehearsals and a day to fight,” said Leimer. “Now with the new open phasing concept the enemy is relentless and always testing your abilities 24/7.”



Photos by Pfc. Kyler Chatman
U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID, tactically maneuver to cover during Decisive Action Rotation 18-01 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., Oct. 21.



U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to 1ABCT, 3rd ID, maneuver an Abrams tank during Decisive Action Rotation 18-01 at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., Oct. 21.



1ABCT Soldiers wearing protective gear train at Fort Irwin, Calif., during the 1ABCT Rotation 18-01.

December

2017 Year in Review

Deployed Soldiers Send Videos for Loved Ones at Home

Spc. Elizabeth White
3rd Sustainment Brigade

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan -- The holidays can be hard, and this holds true for those deployed overseas and for their families back in the states.

But soldiers with the 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade are able to bridge the gap between home and station with the help of the Special Troops Battalion Unit Ministry Team.

Army Pfc. Hertaycious King, a religious affairs specialist with the brigade, started the Reading to Kids program as a way for the soldiers in her unit to stay connected with their families back home. It was instantly popular, with many soldiers coming more than once to create recordings.

Maintaining Family Communications

“We’ve had about 25 soldiers in a month,” King said. “It’s nice to see the effect it has on them and will have for their children.”

The soldiers pick out any children’s book from the chapel’s collection. King sets up a camera and records them reading as many books as they want. Some soldiers include messages at the end of their recordings for their families.

“One of the soldiers had to explain what he’s doing because his daughter has been asking for him,” King said. “He comes every week to get books and has done multiple videos.”

“My daughter doesn’t really grasp the reason why I’m not there and what I’m doing here,” said Army Master Sgt. Jorge Berriosruiz, the brigade’s chief ammunition noncommissioned officer. “She knows that I’m working, but as far as why I don’t come home from work, she doesn’t understand.”

It can be hard for young children to grasp why their parents can’t come home for so many months. By being able to see their parents reading to them, however much they want, soldiers can rest easier knowing they can still be there for their children.

“A Little Bit of Home”

“I try to read to them at least once a week,” Berriosruiz said. “This helps bring a little bit of me home to them, and at the same time, it is showing them how much I care for and love them.”

After they finish recording, King goes to work editing the videos, adding graphics and burning CDs to give to the soldiers. She also includes toys and candy for the parents to mail back to their children.

“Since we’re away, we feel we can’t do much. This is just another way of communicating,” King said. “A lot of people are missing their kids’ firsts, this is to let them know [their parents] love them and are thinking about them.”

“I think [this recording] will give them comfort and make them feel loved,” Berriosruiz said. “I would like to see more programs like this that help keep families engaged with one another and makes the distance between us seem nonexistent.”



Photos by Spc. Elizabeth White

Army Pfc. Hertaycious King, a religious affairs specialist with STB 3rd ID Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade, puts away books and toys at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Nov. 22, 2017. King started up the Reading to Kids program to enable soldiers to send their loved ones recordings during the holidays.



Above: Army Pfc. Austin Callihan, an intelligence analyst with the 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade, picks out a book to read at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Nov. 22.

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COMMUNITY & LEISURE

JANUARY 11, 2018



Winn welcomes Baby New Year

Photo by Kaytrina Curtis, Winn ACH Public Affairs

The Winn Army Community Hospital leadership, doctors, nurses and staff welcomes the first baby of the 2018 New Year, Jan. 1. Baby Lyla, a girl, was born at 3:21 a.m., weighing in at 6lbs. 12oz., and 19.5 inches long. Her parents, Destiny and Sgt. Adam Martin, 197th Military Police Detachment, Fort Stewart, are happy to have their bundle of joy join their growing Family. Sgt. Martin said he cried tears of joy when he caught sight of Lyla. The Martins said they enjoyed their birthing experience with the Winn team. We at Winn wish them much happiness and success for the future!

Teen Talk



Prepare for your future

Nalona Fayson
Teen Contributor

Those of you who are in high school, now is the time start thinking about college if you decide you are going; if not college and you decide to join the military, start doing research on your field and career path now.

Even if you are a senior time hasn't run out yet. It's best to start applying to schools and for scholarships now. Higher education isn't cheap so trying your best to go through college with minimal debt is encouraged. Although, community service is not required, it's definitely looked at when applying for different schools. Getting involved with school activities and activities throughout your community is a great idea. Networking and connecting with people can help drastically because sometimes it's not about what you know but who you know.

College isn't easy but having acquaintances and friends in different areas can make life slightly easier. Your future is in the hands of yourself, stay on track and never let anyone tell you otherwise.

Stewart becomes Winter Wonderland



Photos by Spc. Tim King, 385th MP BN

A rare event occurred in Southeast Georgia as the area received two to four inches of snow during a Winter Storm that affected the region Jan. 3-4. The storm caused Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield to reduce operations due to 'Snow Days.' Children rejoiced, parents smiled and Soldiers were awestruck and the community was made pictureque. Photos include Warriors Walk (above) and displays in front of the 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters building on Fort Stewart.



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Stars: John Cena, Kate McKinnon, Bobby Cannavale

Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13)
Friday, 9 p.m.
Rey develops her newly discovered abilities with the guidance of Luke Skywalker, who is unsettled by the strength of her powers. Meanwhile, the Resistance prepares for battle with the First Order.
Stars: Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Mark Hamill



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February

2017 Year in Review



Winn cuts ribbon for outpatient clinics, pharmacy

Zach Rehnstrom
Winn ACH Public Affairs

Fort Stewart-U.S. Army Medical Department Activity held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its newly renovated Outpatient Clinics and Pharmacy on Feb. 9. U.S. Army MEDDAC, Winn Army Community Hospital Commander, Col. Christopher Warner, cut the ribbon along with U.S. Army MEDDAC, Command Sgt. Maj. Carol L. Warren-Clark, U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador, Luis Carreras, and the Kier Family.

With the opening of the outpatient clinics and pharmacy, Winn Army Community Hospital celebrates the culmination of a five year expansion, which includes the addition of the Liberty and Outpatient wings.

Photo by Kaytrina Curtis

Fort Stewart-MEDDAC Commander, Col. Christopher Warner, cut the ribbon signaling the grand opening of the Winn ACH Outpatient Clinics and Pharmacy. Assisting with the ribbon cutting was MEDDAC Command Sgt. Maj. Carol L. Warren-Clark; U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador Luis Carreras and the Kier Family, Feb. 9.

March

3rd ID Soldiers experience St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sgt. William Begley
3rd CAB Public Affairs

The dog-faced Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division took their place among the community sharing their Marne Spirit in the 193rd St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17 in downtown Savannah. The parade is an annual oppor-

tunity for the division and local military leaders to display their support to the community and help celebrate one of the largest parades of its kind in the country. Due to the operation tempo, this was the first time the division had been represented with Soldiers from every unit in several years.



Photo by Sgt. Kellen Stuart, 3rd CAB Public Affairs

Above: Col. Jeffrey A. Becker, commander, 3rd CAB, 3rd ID shakes hands with some of the more colorful spectators.

Left: A member of the 3rd ID Band interacts with the crowd.

April

Tuttle cuts ribbon for 3D Mammography service

Kaytrina Curtis
Winn ACH PAO

U.S. Army Medical Activity-Hunter Army Airfield's Tuttle Army Health Clinic cut the ribbon to signify the opening of their new Digital Breast Tomosynthesis or 3D mam-mography suite, April 13.

In 2013, which is the most recent statistics, more than 230 thousand women and 2,109 men were diagnosed with breast cancer. In both cases one third of those diagnosed lost their battle to this disease. Breast cancer crosses ethnic and racial lines, but is the most common cancer death among

Hispanics. For white, black and Asian/Pacific Islander women, breast cancer is the second most common cause of death. If patients are screened regularly, studies show a 25 percent reduction in deaths due to the potential for treatment to begin earlier in the course of the disease. Jacqueline Harvey, a Tuttle ACH registered nurse case manager and breast cancer survivor, said she was the first to be diagnosed in her family.

To schedule your well woman's exam and/or mam-mogram, please call the MEDDAC appointment line at 912-435-6633.



Photo by Kaytrina Curtis

Mammographer, Jennifer Palmer and Winn ACH Chief of Nursing, Col. Shannon Jones, demonstrate the ease of receiving an annual 3D breast exam before the ribbon cutting ceremony April 13.



The Wilson Family, who volunteered with the Fort Stewart Garrison and American Red Cross, stand with 3rd ID Commander, Maj. Gen. Jim Rainey; 3rd ID Senior Enlisted Advisor, Command Sgt. Walter Tagalicud; and Senior Spouses Tracey Rainey and Carolyn Tagalicud, April 28 at Club Stewart, after winning the 3rd ID DA Family Volunteer of the Year for 2017.

2016-17 VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

Marne Spirit

From 1st ABCT

1-64 AR – Michele Kirk
2-7 Inf. – Meghann Donovan
3-69 AR – Tara Cook
5-7 Cav. – Beverly Porter
10 Eng. – Jessica Bowman
3 BSB - Kelice Ditto

From 2nd IBCT

1-30 Inf. – Hillary Porter
3-7 Inf. – Hayley Emmons
3-15 Inf. – Lara Heyboer
6-8 Cav. - Amber Olejar
9 Eng. – Jennifer Booth
703 BSB – Jimmie Simmons

From 48TH IBCT

1-108 Cav. - Kristen Delancett
1-121 Inf. - Joy Westbrook
2-121 Inf. - Emily Woods
3-121 Inf. - Tara Boyd
1-118 FAS- James Patterson
148 BSB - Brittney Ragan
177 Eng. - Rebecca Byrd

From 3rd CAB

2-3 GSAB - Tara Buckland
3-17 Cav. – Kelli Reynolds
4-3 AHB - Lisa Marie Guyette
603 ASB - Tammi Von Hagel

From DIVARTY

1-9 FA – Paige Maddox
1-41 FA - Irish Demaree
DHBB - Leigh Payne
123 DSB - Mark Odell

63 ESB - Melissa Sims
82 CA - Gerald Bunker
83 Chem. - Sarahi Cantu
92 Eng. – Shalliea McNabb

From 3RD IDSB

3rd STB - Wellman Family
87th CSSB - Aimee Manning

From MEDDAC - Staff Sgt. Lana Martin

DENTAC - Capt. Patrick Trad
Tuttle Clinic - Mike Welch
WTB - Sgt. Dudley Mabout

From GARRISON

Cynthia Williams, Fort Stewart
Delaise Wynter, Fort Stewart
Moore Family, Hunter Army Airfield

1-75th Rgr. Regt. - Amanda Afoa
224 MI - Kitt Lane
385TH MP - Rhiannon Crowsey
3-160 SOAR - Sue Woody

Marne Community Spouses Club,
Anne Burnett
AFSB - Porter Moss
Red Cross - Patricia Nash

Active-duty Soldier Volunteer of Year

1ST ABCT - Staff Sgt. Travis Glennon
2ND IBCT - Sgt. Kenneth Dobson
48th IBCT - Sgt. 1st Class James Patterson
3RD CAB - Sgt. Tamiaka Vassell
DIVARTY – 1st Lt. Theresa Bucco

3D IDSB - Spc. Alexandra Jean
188th IBCT - Sgt. 1st Class Latee Dubose
MEDDAC - Staff Sgt. Lana Martin
Garrison - 1st Lt. Niles Goodfellow

Bde Volunteer of Year Awards

Spouse Volunteer of Year

1ST IABCT - Indira Glennon
2ND IBCT - Amelia Gatta
48TH IBCT - Mary Ann Durham
3RD CAB - Amy Roberts
DIVARTY – Misty Owens
3D IDSB - Jessica Ogden
MEDDAC - Staff Sgt. Eric Puglio
Garrison - Karen Harper

Youth Male Volunteer of Year

2ND IBCT - Khali Shields
DIVARTY – Javon Glanton
3D IDSB - Gavin Pennington
MEDDAC - Devan Thomas
Garrison - Alex Smith

Youth Female Volunteer of Year

1ST IABCT - Grace Kelley
2ND IBCT - Laneya Postell
DIVARTY – Lizzy & Emily Hendricks
3D IDSB - Zipporah Jeter
MEDDAC - Kiana Martinez
Garrison - Autumn Bell

Family

1ST IABCT - Flaherty

2nd IBCT - Berry
3RD CAB - Baldwin
DIVARTY - Riley
3D IDSB - Kankam
MEDDAC - Martin/Puglio
Garrison - Wilson

DA Civilian Volunteer of Year

2nd IBCT - Kelly Gonzalez
DIVARTY – Ann Marie James
3D IDSB - Mark Johansen
MEDDAC - Mike Welch
Garrison - Brian Tiner

3rd Inf. Div.

Active-duty Soldier Volunteer of Year
was 1st Lt. Theresa Bucco, DIVARTY

3rd Inf. Div. Spouse Volunteer of Year
was Misty Owens, DIVARTY

3rd Inf. Div. Youth Male Volunteer of Year
was Gavin Pennington, 3rd Sustainment Bde.

3rd Inf. Div. Youth Female Volunteer of Year
was Kiana Martinez, MEDDAC.

3rd Inf. Div. Family Volunteer of Year
was the Wilson Family, Garrison, Red Cross.

3rd Inf. Div. DA Civilian Volunteer of Year
was Brian Tiner, Garrison.

Marne Soldier, NCO of the Year



Spc. Ryan Baur,
3-15 Inf. , 2IBCT

Staff Sgt. Candace Mundt

3rd ID Public Affairs

Thirteen of 3rd Infantry Division's top Soldiers braved the Best Warrior Competition to become the new non-commissioned officer or Soldier of the Year April 26 – 28 at Fort Stewart.

In the end, 3rd ID's Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Tagalicud announced Staff Sgt. Vlorim Aliu of Task Force 1-28, 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and Spc. Ryan Baur of 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, as the winners.

"It was a close competition for all, but

these two are going to represent the 3rd Infantry Division," Tagalicud said about the subsequent XVIII Airborne Corps board scheduled for June.

To win their illustrious titles, competitors completed an Army physical fitness test, foot march, stress shoot, obstacle course and other warrior tasks.

"These Soldiers and NCOs are better today than they were a week ago because of the training they did and the competition that sharpened their skills," said Tagalicud. "Congratulations to all of you. The commander, your command teams and I are very proud of what you've done."

Courtesy Photos



Staff Sgt. Vlorim Aliu, TF 1-28 Inf.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

New Year resolutions considered

Capt. Angel Berrios
83rd Chemical BN Chaplain

“Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and may each new year find you a better man.” - Benjamin Franklin
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Somebody once said, "No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending." If you read this carefully, it says that we don't start over; but we begin again right where we are, making things better in our lives. And you know something: that's so great to know! The verses above assure us that because of God's love and mercies, there are always the possibilities of new beginnings.

So, here we are in 2018. If you're like most people, you have some

New Year resolution's that you are both excited and anxious about. Personally, I'm not big on resolutions, but if I were to make a New Year resolution, it would be to pursue and work on a stronger relationship with God. I can honestly say that always, all the time and every day, I want more of God. But even so, more of Him and less of me is always in order.

What I mean about, "less of me" is that I notice that I have a constant struggle with the fleshly, materialistic and selfish desires that apparently are a norm as we walk this narrow way in Christ. And that's OK. I'm not complaining at all because I know that as long as I put Him first in my life, He will continue to give me victory through His divine Holy Spirit.

Thought: How we start the day determines how we end it. So it is with how we start the week, the month and the year. Resolutions

are all about passion, priorities and planning. Therefore, our resolution speaks volumes about our person and character in that it defines who we are. Are we passionate about God? Is He our priority? Are we planning accordingly?

I have always said that as followers of Christ, each New Year should be better than the previous year. Why? Because in Christ it's always a moving forward as we draw closer to Him, become strong in Him and grow more in His grace. Awesome stuff, huh? If you are a Christian and you feel stagnant in your relationship with the Lord, then now is the time to get things right with Him. It's 2018! If not now, then when?

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity; and its first chapter is New Years Day.” – Edith Lovejoy Pierce



Chapel Schedule

| Fort Stewart | | |
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| | Location | Time |
| Catholic Sunday Mass | Main Post Chapel | 9:00 a.m. |
| Weekday Mass | Main Post Chapel | 11:45 a.m. |
| (Confession available daily and before Sunday Mass) | | |
| Protestant (Sundays) | | |
| Traditional | Marne Chapel | 9:00 a.m. |
| Chapel Next | Main Post Chapel | 10:45 a.m. |
| Gospel Adult Sunday School | Main Post Chapel | 11:00 a.m. |
| Multi-Cultural Gospel Service | Main Post Chapel | 12:30 p.m. |
| Kids' Church (Sundays) | | |
| K- 6th Grade | Main Post Chapel | 1:00 p.m. |
| PWOC (Wednesdays) | Main Post Chapel | 9:00 a.m. |
| PWOC (Check https://www.facebook.com/stewartPWOC , or email stewartpwoc@gmail.com for upcoming events.) | | |
| Islamic (Fridays) | Main Post Chapel | 1:00 p.m. |
| Buddhist (Last Sunday) | Marne Chapel | 11:00 p.m. |
| Hunter Army Airfield | | |
| | Location | Time |
| Catholic Sunday Mass | Hunter Chapel | 11:00 a.m. |
| Catholic CCD | Building 129 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Protestant Sunday Service | | |
| Kids' Church | Hunter Chapel | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Fellowship Hall | 9:00 a.m. |
| PWOC (Thursday) | Main Post Chapel | 9:30 a.m. |

For Religious Education information at Fort Stewart contact Bill Agnew: 912-767-9789; at Hunter Army Airfield, contact the Hunter Army Airfield Religious Education representative, Charles Archer at 912-315-5934.

April continued

2017 Year in Review

Kids Fest hosted by installation Child and Youth School Services



Photos by Pvr. Zoe Garbarino

Eli (left), 4, and Jayden, 6, both military children, pick up prizes during Kids Fest April 8, 2017 at Newman Field on Fort Stewart, Ga. Fort Stewart's Child Youth and School Services hosted Kids Fest to recognize Month of the Military Child.

Pvt. Zoe Garbarino
50th PAD

Child Youth and School Services hosted a Kids Fest celebration April 8 at Newman Field on Fort Stewart, Georgia, in honor of Month of the Military Child.

At Kids Fest, Families explored different military vehicles, played games and learned about programs available to service members, Families and DOD civilians on Fort Stewart. Attendees relaxed and enjoyed activities like outdoor Jenga and inflatable sumo wrestling.



Alex, a 4-year-old military child, gets a train painted on his face during Kids Fest April 8, 2017 at Newman Field.

June

2017 Year in Review

USO hosts barbecue, Rodney Adkins concert, more for Army birthday

SpC. Noelle Wiehe,
50th PAD

Rodney Adkins, country music artist, headlined a celebration at Fort Stewart, June 14, in honor of the Army's 242nd Birthday.

Adkins addressed the crowd a few songs in thanking "his people," as he sings in his 2013 hit song "These are my people," for their service. He told hundreds of military service members and their Families he wanted to play as though they were hanging

out on the front porch with a corn hole set nearby.

"It is an honor to come and hang out with you guys," Adkins said.

Military service members and their Families populated Newman Field for the Honoring Our Heroes event, which included a barbecue and free private concert.

The concert featured Adkins as the headliner, along with Brooke Eden - country music artist and former American Idol contestant, as the opener.



Photos by SpC. Noelle Wiehe

Above: Rodney Adkins, country music artist, takes the stage following opening act Brooke Eden during the Honoring Our Heroes free private concert and barbecue event held June 14.

Left: The Miller Family – Lexis, Logan and Alyssa – wait on Newman Field on Fort Stewart, Georgia, for the Honoring Our Heroes concert to begin after indulging in some of the food and beverages offered by the sponsors of the event.

July

2017 Year in Review

Installation holds Salute to the Nation

Spc. Noelle E. Wiehe
50th PAD

The 3rd Infantry Division band performed for military service members and their Families July 4, on Cottrell Field, Fort Stewart.

The performance was part of the Fort Stewart Salute to the Nation ceremony to celebrate the United States' 241st year of independence.



Photos by Spc. Noelle Wiehe

Below: Military Families and civilians gaze into the sky above Cottrell Field July 4, at Fort Stewart, for a fireworks display as part of the Salute to the Nation ceremony.



Crystal Deshields holds out a sparkler for her son Ayden to gaze at while on Cottrell Field at Fort Stewart, Georgia, for the Salute the Nation, July 4.



The 3rd Infantry Division band performs at the July 4 Salute to the Nation.

August

New Diamond Elementary opens at Stewart, shines for students, parents

Pat Young
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Hundreds of parents on Fort Stewart escorted the nearly 625 students enrolled in the newest Department of Defense Education Activity Americas Southeast District School, Aug. 3, at Fort Stewart.

Children and Families experienced a dramatic contrast upon entering the newly completed Diamond Elementary School. Walking in from a wet, overcast morning to a bright and cheery marvel of modern architecture - met by 3rd Infantry Division mascot, Rocky, and the 3rd ID Band's

brass quintet; helped make, for many, the first day of school a fun experience.

Kinneth Bouknight, Diamond Elementary School Admin Officer said the 122,000 square foot school has a 700 person capacity; is environmentally friendly with solar and wind power; has the latest in innovations in security and information technology along with open education suites broken down into nine neighborhoods for student instruction.

Within each neighborhood, classrooms (capable of seating 24 students each) open to a shared lobby.



Photo by Ron Elliott

Hundreds of students and their parents attend Diamond Elementary's first day of School, Aug. 3 at Fort Stewart.

Stewart-Hunter gets glimpse of eclipse

Special to the Frontline

On August 21, a total eclipse of the Moon covering the Sun occurred. Anyone within the path of totality could see one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights - a total solar eclipse. This path, where the moon completely covered the sun and the sun's tenuous atmosphere - the corona - could be seen, as it stretched from Lincoln Beach, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. Observers outside the path only saw a partial solar eclipse where the moon covered part of the sun's disk.



Courtesy Graphic

October

Fall Fest offers rides, games - fun for Soldiers, Families, community members



Staff Sgt. Adrien Rauls, chaplain assistant for 3rd Infantry Division Artillery, slides down a "Super Slide" with his "Supergirl" daughter, Brooklyn, during Fort Stewart's Fall Fest Oct. 26 at Donovan Field. Other rides included the "Zipper," "Bungee Jump," gravity-defying spinners, teacups, a train and more.



Photos by Sgt. Caitlyn Smoyer

"Catboy" Jason-James and "Cheerleader" Marly ride a children's dragon roller coaster during Fort Stewart's Fall Fest Oct. 26 at Donovan Field. Aside from the rides and games, a Trunk-or-Treat event was held on opening day for the young and old to dress up and collect candy.

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455 & 459 E.G. Miles Parkway. \$499,800. Listing is for 455 & 459 E.G. Miles Parkway. Prime commercial tract adjacent to Hinesville Professional Park and across from Liberty Regional Medical Center. This is 1,000 LF off of the hard corner of General Screven Way and E.G. Miles PKWY. There is also 221 ft of road frontage. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



124 South Main Street, Hinesville - \$1,320/Mo. Lease a piece of history located in the heart of Downtown

Hinesville's superb retail or office location. It is walking distance to the city hall, justice center, and both court house annexes as well as the new Armstrong campus. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



126 South Main Street, Hinesville - \$2,249/Mo. Lease a piece of history located in the heart of Downtown Hinesville's superb retail or office location. It is walking distance to the city hall, justice center, and both court house annexes as well as the new Armstrong campus. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



973 E Cherry Street, Jesup - \$450,000 for 4.83 acres or \$220,000 for 1 acre. Excellent retail development opportunity subject promptly wraps around the new Dollar General. Seller will sub-divide. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



230 General Screven Way, Hinesville - \$1,750,000. Excellent Net leased Investment opportunity with upside potential. Offered at a 7% cap rate on current occupancy. Located less than a mile from the main gate of Ft. Stewart, GA. Entrance located at lighted intersection. Tenants include Cicis Pizza, dental office, Jazzys Barbershop, USA Nails, and Five Star Nutrition. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



108 West Hendry Street, Hinesville. Big Box retail opportunity 1 mile to the main gate of Ft. Stewart. Curb cuts on General Screven, Hendry St, and main street. Located in the downtown overlay district. 11,429 sqft of Retail across from Liberty Square Shopping Center. Leased at \$13 NNN. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



402 West Oglethorpe Highway, Hinesville - \$799,900. Excellent Retail Development Opportunity located on US 84 inside the Hinesville Downtown Development Overlay District. This parcel is currently zoned C2 and has 2 fresh water ponds, one of which could be filled in and used for water retention. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



415 South Main Street, Hinesville - REDUCED \$1,150,000. Prime commercial opportunity, lighted intersection with 20,000 VPD! Located 1 mile to Fort. Stewart main gate. Excellent Retail or Restaurant site. Former Bank of America Building. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



108 Devereaux Road, Hinesville, \$550/mo. Prime office space located on Airport Rd. Available Now! Cleaned principal is a Real Estate Broker in the State of Georgia. Immediate Occupancy@ Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

HOMES FOR SALE



987 FIRST STREET - MIDWAY. Weekend escape, enjoy this coastal cottage on Tidal Water at an affordable price! Crabbing and fishing from your own backyard under the canopy of huge live oaks! This two bedroom, one bath home is elevated and features room to park your truck and boat under the house. There is a block building that can be restored and used as a workshop. Convenient to I-95 Exit 76 in Midway. \$119,000. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



526 Maxwellton Circle, Hinesville - REDUCED \$185,000. This remarkable home is well-maintained and spacious with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Home features a formal living room and dining room, eat-in kitchen, and a foyer. Enjoy the nice fireplace in the family room during those cold Winter nights or the large fenced backyard for cookouts during the Summer. This home also has a 5th room that can be used as an office or game room. Conveniently located minutes from schools, shopping, and Ft. Stewart! Call us today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



691 Hope Circle, Ludowici. Quiet country living off the beaten path. Well kept 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Totally fenced in nestled in the Oaks. Just 15 minutes to Ft. Stewart gates. \$99,900. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



719 Thornwood Way, Hinesville. REDUCED TO \$91,500. Look at this little treasure! This exquisite home features large bedrooms, master bedroom has its own personal bathroom, stainless steel appliances, and ceiling fans throughout the house. It also features a large chain-link fence and storage shed. This gorgeous home sits in a cul-de-sac in the Tupelo Trail Subdivision only about 5 minutes to the main gate of Fort Stewart. It is also conveniently located walking distance to restaurants and parks. Call us to schedule your own personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



49 Pulaski Drive, Ludowici. \$159,900. Amazing home 6.2 miles to Ft. Stewart gate 7. Located outside the city limit. NO CITY TAXES! This home has wood laminate floors in the living area and tile in the kitchen and bathroom. Sip coffee in your screened porch. Large eat-in kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Call to schedule your personal tour! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



1000 Leroy Coffey Highway, Midway. REDUCED TO \$109,900. Take a look at this Recently Renovated 4-bedroom, 2 bath home with approx. 1 acre of land. Conveniently located between Hinesville and Richmond Hill. This home features a formal dining room, living room, and eat-in kitchen with hardwood floors throughout. The property is fenced-in with a storage shed and a 2-car carport. Call us to schedule your personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



47 Woolard Way NE Ludowici. \$197,500. Well kept 4-bedroom home located outside the city limits. NO CITY TAXES! All brick giant privacy fenced backyard and a screened covered back porch. No HOA. Call Jimmy today and you will be Thanked Shan-

ken Tomorrow! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



609 Bradwell Street, Hinesville - \$89,900. Lovely 3 bedroom home located in the heart of Hinesville, fenced in backyard, detached laundry area, covered parking, shed in backyard, brand new a/c unit, a one of a kind home. Close to all Ft. Stewart gates, shopping, dining. Very desirable Lancaster Estates subdivision. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



4876 Sunbury Road, Midway - \$359,900. Majestic Coastal Retreat located in Historic Sunbury just 10 minutes from I95 Exit 76. This charming 4-Bedroom, 3bath home features an in-ground pool, two-car garage, community dock, gourmet kitchen with an island, tile counter tops, privacy fence, bonus room, wood floors throughout, and a tile foyer entry. Master bedroom is located in the first floor and master bathroom features tile shower/floor and a jetted tub. Landscaped and an open floor plan. Call us to schedule your personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



164 Randy Court, Hinesville - \$109,900. Beautiful 3 Bedroom 1 bath home sits in the Oak View subdivision only minutes from shopping and Fort Stewart. Home features spacious bedrooms, private fenced backyard, and a sun room with a charming garden view. A new HVAC was installed in 2013. Call us for a personal tour today! Call us to schedule your personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



426 Fraser Drive, Hinesville - \$70,000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,222 sq ft. Lovely home with enormous potential on a gorgeous, well-manicured fenced in lot. Located in the heart of Hinesville with the convenience of being so close to shopping, dining, and local businesses. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



208 Village Drive, Midway - \$299,900. This is the perfect home to create unforgettable memories! Located in Villages of Sunbury. Home features high ceilings, open floor plan with a two-story high ceiling in the family room, gas log fireplace, wood floors. Formal dining room, gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and custom made wood cabinets, stainless steel appliances & gas cooktop. In-ground pool with a screen enclosure. Office/study with his & hers desk, alarm system, plantation shutters & so much more! Let me show you home! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



336 Arcadia, Midway - \$179,900. Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bathroom all brick home sitting in 1.3 acres of land in the Arcadia Plantation subdivision. Home features a double wood burning fireplace in living room and Master bedroom, two storage sheds, and a charming picnic area. NEW wood Flooring! NEW heating/AC! NEW refrigerator. Roof is less than 5 years old. No City Taxes! No Flood Insurance! Only minutes from Fort Stewart. Call us to schedule your personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



397 Grace Road, Jesup - 259,900. I invite you to come see this recently freshened two-story country home

with a barn/workshop located just outside of Jesup. NEW paint. NEW floors. NEW appliances. All bedrooms have private bathrooms and the garage workshop is brand new. Property has separate pond house that could be restored. Could make an excellent party or guest house. Giddy up horses are okay. Carpet allowance for upstairs. Available January 15, 2018. Call us to schedule your personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

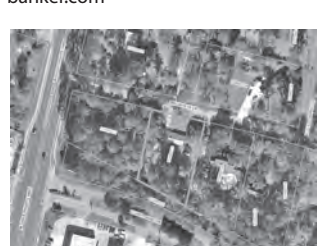


70 Whitaker Way, Midway - \$219,500. Well kept two-story home sits in Midway at the Villages of Limerick subdivision. Home features a formal dining room, formal living room, and family room. This open floor plan will be great for your holiday parties. Home also features a gas log fireplace in the family room, kitchen with an island, and a bonus living room upstairs! Some other amenities include a doggy door in laundry room, fenced backyard, storage shed, and access to the community pool! Call us to schedule a personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

LAND/LOTS FOR SALE



0 Shyam Road - Hinesville - \$750,000. Seven (7) 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 Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



215 Magnolia Court, Hinesville - \$275,000. 0.85 acres commercial land. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



910 West Oglethorpe Highway, Hinesville - \$995,000. Located just south of the new TJ Max Development. This parcel has 578+/- LF of road frontage on Oglethorpe Highway. Owner will sub-divide additional land up to 20 acres are available. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



0 Cowart Road, Reidsville - \$275,000. Excellent Retail or light Industrial site on US Highway 280. Property is bound one one side by the state park. Owner will sub-divide. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



Lot 2 Crossway Pines Ludowici - \$45,000. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



511 Whitts End - 35,000. .53 acres. Excellent opportunity in an established neighborhood on a cul-de-sac. No Home Owners Association. Large mature Oaks and Landscaped. Mobile Homes are not permitted. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



12746 East Oglethorpe Highway, Midway - \$69,900. Excellent Commercial Opportunity near the proposed Midway City Hall. This location is convenient to I95 and Ft. Stewart zoned IC. Perfect for retail, fuel, or restaurant. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



0 Cattle Hammock Road, Midway - \$599,800. 9.10 acres of pristine deep waterfront +/- 270 liner feet marsh and deep water front. 10 minutes to I95 Exit 76. Seller has dock permit. Amazing views! Convenient to Savannah, Brunswick, and Jacksonville, FL. Features: - Paved Road Access, +/- 2700 LF Deep Water Frontage, Dock Permit in hand, 10 minutes to I95. Call us today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



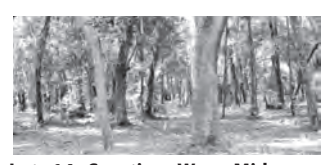
0 Oglethorpe Hwy Hinesville - \$39,900. Unrestricted lot in Midway. 12 acres at a great price. Houses and manufactured homes are okay. Located minutes from Fort Stewart, Georgia. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



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 Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



Lot 1 Spartina Way, Midway - \$75,000. 3 Acre lot nestled beneath majestic oaks, hickory's & pine trees. Located off Bluff Creek Waterway. Access to community dock clubhouse to enjoy views of the salt marsh. Electric in area. Area offers a lot of history to be learned. Call today for a showing! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



Lot 14 Spartina Way, Midway - \$75,000. 3 Acre lot nestled beneath majestic oaks, hickory's & pine trees. Located off Bluff Creek Waterway. Access to community dock clubhouse to enjoy views of the salt marsh. Electric in area. Area offers a lot of history to be learned. Call today for a showing! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



Lot 9 Youmans Road, Midway - \$249,900. Beautiful marsh front lot, located about 20 minutes from Hinesville and within close proximity to I-95. Breath taking views; a perfect lot to build our dream home on. Ready to build on-water supply on lot. Enjoy ocean breezes and beautiful sunsets. Features a community dock and clubhouse with a summer kitchen overlooking Ashley Creek. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



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Army Community Service



Register now for ACS classes

You asked, we listened. Online registration is now available for FRG classes through Eventbrite. Please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/army-community-service-fort-stewarthunter-aaf-12997030788>. Link is also posted on the ACS portion of the Team Stewart website.

Learn, empower yourself with ACS

ACS has many great services for Soldiers, spouses and children, yet not everyone knows we are located in five different areas. Stop by today and visit the staff on Stewart in buildings 81, 82, 86, 87 and the SFAC building 4973. The Hunter staff is located in building 1286. You'll be glad you did. Let's push ACS programs in 2018.

Free Classes offered at Stewart

- Following are upon request from chain of command
- Sponsorship Training
- Risk Management for Senior NCOs (E7-E9)
- FAP Commander/Senior Leader Briefing

Every Monday

Financial Planning for PCS 10 to 11:30 a.m.
ACS Stewart, building 86
*Mandatory for E-4 and Below

Free Classes offered at Hunter

- Call for appointment for the following:
- Army Family Team Building Infant Massage
- FAP Commander/Senior Leader Briefing

Weekdays

Lending Closet 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Building 1286

Baby boot camp for dads

According to a recent survey, 86 percent of dads spend more time with their children today than their own fathers did with them. However, 7 out of 10 also reported that they could use tips on how to be a better parent. The smallest moments can have the biggest impact on a child's life. Take time to be a dad today. For more information call the Family Advocacy Program at 912-767-2882 and speak with our New Parent Support Program Staff.

Marketing Volunteer needed

Do you enjoy marketing and are you creative? Do you have a design eye that could resonate to flyers to inform the public? Would you like to help Army Community Service build new followers on different social media platforms like Instagram, Pinterest and

others to better reach Soldiers, Spouses and Army Families? If you answered yes to any of these questions then ACS needs You. You must have your own computer and be willing to submit these items in a timely manner for approval. Registration in the Volunteer Management Information System and tracking of volunteer hours is a requirement. Call 912 767-1597 for more details.

Foreign Born/Hearts Apart support offered

You asked for it, now you got it! ACS on Hunter Army Airfield will host a Foreign Born Spouse/Hearts Apart support group; which started this month. This group is for spouses who are awaiting the return of their love ones who are deployed or are on an unaccompanied tour. The meeting will be held on the second Thursday of each month at Hunter Army Airfield. Jan. 11 is our first meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, at building 1286. Please join us for this exciting experience!! Our events provides an opportunity for a cultural blended experience to interact with others and build friendships that will last a life time. Children are also welcome to attend. For more information, call 912 767-5058 at Stewart, or 912 315-6816 at Hunter.



FMWR and Coastal Happenings

Get 'Rock Solid'

Get in the know with the 'Rock Solid' newsletter. The 'Rock Solid' newsletter is filled with events and services from Fort Stewart / Hunter Army Air Field Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. A lot of great incentives will also be sent to your inbox for you to enjoy the surrounding area. Totally free, never shared, always awesome! Sign up today and start staying informed! <https://stewart.armymwr.com/promos/rock-solid-email>

Bring one for the chipper

Recycle your live Christmas tree. Collection dates extend through tomorrow, Jan. 12 at the Fort Stewart and Hunter PX parking lots. Remove all lights, ornaments and stands before drop off. For more information call 912-767-6573/8880.

DECA Scholarship Program offered

The DECA operated Scholarships for Military Children is now open for 2018. Eligible applicants will be dependent unmarried children under age 23 of active duty military personnel, reserve/guard and retired military members, or survivors of a service member who died while on active duty or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military. Applicants must be enrolled in the DEERS database. For more information visit <https://www.commissaries.com/our-agency/newsroom/news-releases/scholarships-military-children-opens-dec-15>. All applications must be submitted to your local commissary no later than Feb. 16, 2018.

BOSS mystery trip slated

Take a day trip with BOSS to a mystery location at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Return at approximately 8 p.m. The \$10 per Soldier cost covers transportation and activity. Food and beverages are at the individual's expense. Register at the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Leisure Travel. The event is open to single Soldiers, single parents, and geographical bachelors. For more information, call 912 767-4717.

Learn to skate at Corkan

Learn to roller skate from 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays starting Jan. 20 at Corkan Fun Center, building 449. Participants get two hours of instruction for each of the 12 weeks and receive a pair of skates at the end of the program. The is cost \$12 per week, and includes all equipment and instruction. For more information, call 912 767-4273 or 912 767-4866.

Stress Management Class offered

As a member of the USAG Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield workforce, civilian employees are invited to attend a 'Finding Balance for Civilians: Strategies for Managing Stress' workshop. The Employee Assistance Program and the Army Wellness Center will host the class Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Army Wellness Center, 808 Worcester Avenue, Building 201A, Fort Stewart. To reserve your seat, please contact Lisa Pokorny at 912-767-5672/lisa.m.pokorny.civ@mail.mil.

Free teen babysitting courses offered

Free, 16-hour Babysitting Certification Courses for Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Child and Youth Services-registered teens ages 13-18 are being offered from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 27 at both Fort Stewart and Hunter. The course consists of two eight-hour classes and teaches basic skills necessary to safely care for children. Attendance at both sessions required for certification. Minimum of eight students required per class. The Fort Stewart classes are at the Youth Sports and Fitness Center, building 7338. The Hunter Army Airfield classes are located at Youth Services, building 6054. Upon completion, teens have the option of being registered on the Stewart-Hunter babysitting referral lists at Parent Central Services. Participants must pre-register at Parent Central Services. For more information, call 912-767-2312 at Fort Stewart) or 912 315-5425 at Hunter Army Airfield, or visit online at StewartHunterMWR.com.

Laser quest held at Corkan

Are you the best at Laser Tag? Prove it during the ongoing laser tag competition at Corkan Fun Center, building 449. Winner of the monthly high score competition will receive two free games or admission to any Corkan

Recreation Area facility. Just let the staff know you want to compete. Cost is \$6 per 10-minute game. For more information, call 912-767-4273.

Become a lifeguard

Now hiring lifeguards for the 2018 Summer Season. Twenty are needed at Fort Stewart and 11 at Hunter Army Airfield. Must be 16 years or older. No experience necessary. Accepted applicants will receive two weeks paid training at \$10 per hour and will be certified by the American Red Cross. Apply online at USAJobs.gov and search for Fort Stewart Recreation Assistant (Lifeguard). For more information, call 912-767-8326.

Basketball, cheerleading sign-ups

Enroll now at Parent Central Services, building 438, call 912 767-2312 to play youth co-ed basketball or be a cheerleader at Fort Stewart. For boys and girls ages 5-17. Registration closes when all slots are filled. Cost for cheer is \$45. Cost for basketball is \$45 for ages 7-17 and \$25 for ages 5-6. Volunteer coaches needed for both basketball and cheer. For more information, call 912-767-1428.

Transition Summit held

Connect directly with Human Resource experts and hiring managers Jan. 23-24 starting at 8 a.m. each day, at Club Stewart. The US Chamber of Commerce Foundation, working with USO and Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield offers the opportunity for participants to attend, Jan. 23, industry specific employment briefs, attend a resume and digital networking workshop. On Jan. 24, join a morning of interactive discussion with local and national employers during a career fair. Need a resume, visit resumengine.org. For more information about the summit or other Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Programs, contact the Fort Stewart Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance program center at 912 767-2381.

GC Golf Scramble held at Stewart

The garrison commander's golf scramble will be played at noon Friday, Jan. 26 at Taylors Creek Golf Course. Cost of \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members covers greens fee, cart, range balls, lunch and prizes. Bring a team or join a team for some friendly, relaxed competition. Registration accepted until the day before the scramble. For more information, call 912-767-2370.

Controlled Burning conducted

Fort Stewart's Forestry Branch is in the midst of a controlled burn season and will be conducting controlled burns at various locations on the Installation each week. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to use extra caution when traveling through areas that may be affected by smoke. For more information, please contact Amanda Price at 912-767-2010

'Walk To Korea' registration under way

Registration for the Stewart/Hunter "Walk to Korea" challenge, a program in support of Family Members of Soldiers deployed to that country and others around the world, is under way. Forms are available at StewartMWR.com. The challenge begins Feb. 4. Participating teams of 2-4 persons will track their miles. All steps will count, whether during organized exercise or not. Teams will receive T-shirts once they pass the half way point (3,648 miles). The first team to make it to Korea (7,296 miles) will receive a prize. The event ends when the first team makes it to Korea. For additional information, call 912-767-3031.

Watch Super Bowl 52 at Club Stewart

Watch Super Bowl 52, televised in high definition with digital sound, on the super-size 16-foot screen in the Grand Ballroom at Club Stewart on Feb. 4. No admission charge. Children welcome. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with a preferred seating drawing at 6 p.m. Kickoff scheduled for approximately 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be given away by drawing at half-time. Food and beverages available for purchase. For more information, call 912-767-4717.

Super Bowl Sunday - Bowl Day offered

Hey, sports fans, round up your friends for the big game and bring them over to Marne Lanes from 1-9 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4 for "Super Bowl Sunday Bowl Day." Your

group can enjoy Super Bowl 52, two hours of bowling, pizza and soda for six people for \$32.95, shoes included. Watch all the NFL Super Bowl action while you rack up strikes and spares at Marne Lanes Sunday, Feb. 4. For more information, call 912-767-4866.

Military Child Of The Year hosted

Operation Homefront is now accepting nominations for 2018 Military Child of the Year. The organization's annual awards recognize six outstanding young people ages 13 to 18. Each of them represent a branch of the armed forces for their scholarship, volunteerism, leadership, extracurricular involvement, and other criteria while facing the challenges of military family life. Visit <http://www.militarychildoftheyear.org/> to learn more and nominate a child today.

OCS Reunion scheduled

2018 US Army Officer Candidate School Alumni Association Reunion: The reunion will be conducted March 25-29, in Columbus, Ga. The OCS continues to serve as a principal venue for officer accessions for the Army. Graduates include more than 40 Medal of Honor recipients. Mini-class reunions are also being encouraged. There will be a hospitality room with OCS memorabilia and book signings by noted authors like Ralph Peters and other OCS graduates. The reunion will include a Hall of Fame induction ceremony, reception, and formal dinner including the presentation of the Patterson Award. There is an optional tour to the Little Whitehouse/ Warm Springs. There will also be demonstrations and briefings at Fort Benning highlighting developments related to the OCS program. The reunion will include lunch and other interactions with current OCS candidates. The reunion will be conducted at the Columbus Marriott Hotel, 800 Front Avenue, Columbus, Ga. 31901. 1-706-324-1800. The association represents all Army officers commissioned through any Officer Candidate School, regardless of previous locations or branch affiliation. Please refer to the OCS web site at <https://www.ocsalumni.org> for registration, itinerary, and other important information or contact Nancy Ionoff, (813) 917-4309.

PULSE Art, Technology Festival, Jan. 17-21

Start 2018 with an exciting mix of art, science, technology, and fun as the PULSE Art + Technology Festival returns to the Jepson Center for its 12th year! One of Telfair's signature programs, PULSE highlights innovative, technology-based art in exciting exhibitions, lectures, workshops, and performances. Programs include lectures by PULSE artists, evening screenings, workshops, and performances. Sponsored by the City of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs and Infinity Inc. Media sponsor: Connect Savannah. All PULSE events are free to students with valid student IDs and Chatham County residents with proof of residency, except for the opening night lecture and performance, which is free to museum members, \$8 admission for non-members. Without a valid student or Chatham County ID, regular museum admission is required for entrance.

PULSE free Family day, steam team expo

Telfair's most popular Family Day includes opportunities to experience all of the 2018 PULSE exhibitions and experiment with technology teaching tools. This year's PULSE Free Family Day and STEAM Expo will feature hands-on tech projects for all ages, creative tech demos from local schools and colleges, and live performances. Admission is free, and is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities are from 1-4 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Jepson Center in Savannah.

Daughters of the Dust film screening

Julie Dash's dreamy, visually-striking film, the first wide-release feature by a female African American director, tells the story of the Peasant family who are in the process of leaving their home on the Sea Islands for the mainland in 1902. Filmed near Savannah at Hunting Island, SC, the film was among the first to depict the complexity of Gullah-Geechee culture. (1991, 152 minutes) Co-sponsored by Telfair's Friends of African American Arts. 6 p.m. Jan. 25, the event film will be shown at the Jepson Center in Savannah. Admission is free.

November

2017 Year in Review

Thanksgiving meal offered at Stewart-Hunter, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

Photo by Spc. Elizabeth White

Below: BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - Soldiers with the 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade receive Thanksgiving food at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan Nov. 23. Soldiers gathered at the dining facilities to partake in delicious holiday food and spend time with their fellow Soldiers.



Photo by Pfc. Regan Riggs

Above: Leaders throughout 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, serve this year's Thanksgiving meal at the Spartan Brigade dining facility Nov. 21 at Fort Stewart, Ga. Unit leaders traditionally serve their Soldiers during Thanksgiving as way to demonstrate service and to express appreciation. This is the first of two meals being served at the Spartan dining facility, the second will be served on Thursday, Nov. 23.

Community shares bond with 3rd ID during Veterans Day remembrance

Special to the Frontline

The 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield enjoy a special bond with local communities.

During the recent Veterans Day the installation was invited to join in honoring Veterans in neighboring communities.

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team participated in the annual Richmond Hill High School Veterans Day Ceremony as well as the city's ceremony held later in J.F. Gregory Park.

The 385th Military Police Battalion helped at the Arthur Williams Middle School Veterans Day Ceremony in Jessup, Nov. 10; and later in the Hinesville at Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 11.

The Combat Aviation Brigade and the 3rd ID Band were both invited to participate in the annual Savannah Vietnam Veterans Association Ceremony at Emmet Park; and later at the the Beaufort County Veterans Day Parade.

The 3rd Sustainment Brigade participated in the annual Golden Isles Veterans Day Parade and ceremony at Mallory Park on St. Simon's Island.

The 3rd ID Band, and color guard and 150 Soldiers from the 3rd Division Artillery were also invited to lead the Savannah Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 11, with Lt. Col. Ken Dwyer, the Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, serving as the parade Grand Marshal.

DIVARTY also supported the annual Tattnall County High School Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 10.

In Hinesville, Soldiers of the 385th Military Police Battalion were invited to march in the Liberty County Veterans Council Veterans Day Parade; which was also supported by the Division Band, and color guard.

In addition, Col. Sean Bernabe, Task Force Marne Commander, was the featured speaker at the Chatham County Banquet, Nov. 11, at the Thunderbolt VFW.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Berry

A firing party from the 2ABCT render a 21-gun salute during the Richmond Hill Veterans Day ceremony, Nov. 11 at J. F. Gregory Park.

December

Stewart celebrates season with holiday tree lighting at Stewart-Hunter



Spc. Noelle Wiehe
50th PAD

Soldiers and Family Members helped to make the season bright by gathering at the annual Fort Stewart Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 5 at Club Stewart.

"It's a fun night; it is short but sweet – just a little kickoff to the holiday season," said Dov Estroff, special event coordinator with Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The event featured Christmas carols lead by elves and the Liberty County High School Chorus, the official lighting of the Club Stewart Christmas tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

Nearly 1,000 attendees had the opportunity to vote for their favorite gingerbread house built by Families Nov. 4 during a gingerbread house project event. The winner was announced on the MWR Facebook page and received a paid vacation to Tybee Island, Georgia.

Children enjoyed train rides, wrote letters to Santa and stowed them away in red mailboxes for shipment to the North Pole.

"I think it helps set the tone for the season," Estroff said.

Vendors at the event included Veterans

United, Coldwell Banker, Smile Doctors, IHG Army Hotels, 912 Living, J.C. Lewis Ford, Armed Forces Benefits Network, GeoVista Credit Union, and Xfinity and offered activities for children and their Families at booths during the event.

Col. Jason A. Wolter, garrison commander, thanked the vendors for their support, not only during the holiday season but all year round.

"We are truly grateful for your service and support for those who answer our nation's call," Wolter said.

Staff Sgt. Kayla Williams, Medical Department Activity, said her children were excited to see Santa Claus, the blowup reindeer and enjoyed the train ride.

Williams said it was important to bring her Family to the event because she wanted to spend time with them celebrating the season and seeing their friends from school.

"It reminds everybody that the meaning of the season is a time to grow and reflect as individuals and as Families," Estroff said. "We keep in mind our Soldiers who are not with us because they are deployed to various corners of the world and Families that are still here behind and to look out for each other and be safe during the season."

Photo By Spc. Noelle Wiehe

Fort Stewart Soldiers and Families gather at Club Stewart for the installation Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 5 to celebrate the holiday season and meet Santa Claus. The event brought out nearly 1,000 attendees to sing carols, ride a holiday train and eat seasonal goodies.



SPORTS & RECREATION

JANUARY 11, 2018

March Installation Champs rain three pointers, earn third consecutive title

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

Emerging from a season impacted by training, the 2017 Intramural Champions from Fort Stewart played the Champions from Hunter Army Airfield, March 21, at Tominac Fitness Center. The game demonstrated two outstanding teams earned their way to the championship.

The Hunter's Champs, the 224th Military Intelligence Battalion, returned this year from winning the tournament the last two years. Their starting lineup was Courtney Brantley, Ralphael Dawson, Titus Sanders, Jose Alvarado and Jay Twitty. Team Captain, Dawson, said they had a bit of sticky start this year as many of their players were pilots, and an active training season left them playing some of the regular season games with only five team members. But Dawson said they had a good strategy that helped them prevail against the undefeated 603rd Aviation in the Hunter Championships in the Hunter Championship; which they hoped to continue for the night's installation championship.

Fort Stewart's Champions, the 530th Engineer's starting lineup consisted of Chris Hicks, Gary Hunt, Kyle Saunders, Tim White and Johnnie Carter. The Engineers also had a late start in the season due to training going into the finals in 5th place, according to Fort Stewart Morale Welfare and Recreation Sport director Randy Walker. He added they beat the 396th Transportation to earn their shot in the Installation championship. The 530th Team Captain, White explained while they had a slow start, by the time the finals came around; they were coming together as a team; especially on defense.

Although Stewart's 530th Engineers tried to rally and managed to put another nine points on the board, they could not keep the hungry 224th MI Battalion and Hunter from their third Installation Championship, finishing the game, 38-29.



Courtesy photo

224th MI Team Members, Family, friends and Battalion leadership, display the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Installation Intramural Basketball Championship trophy along with three fingers indicating they are the first unit to earn three back to back Installation Intramural Championships. The Championship game between them and Fort Stewart's Championship team, 530th Engineers was played March 20 at Tominac Fitness Center.

July E Company, 2-3 Aviation takes Hunter, installation softball championships



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kellen Stuart

The E Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade softball team poses for a picture after winning the championship trophy at Hunter Army Airfield July 14.



A Soldier from E Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade watches as his buddy is batting during the 2017 Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Championship softball game July 14. E Co. took home the championship trophy with a winning score of 19 to 3 over the 135th Quartermaster Company, 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade.

August Real Deal Holyfield visits Soldiers at Fort Stewart at Newman Gym

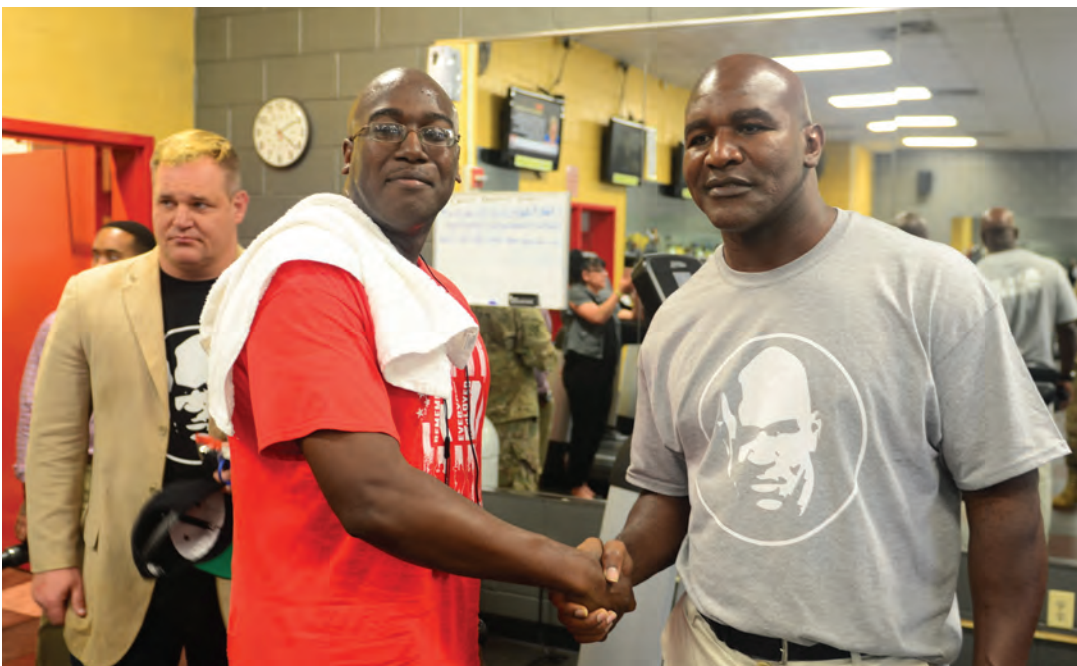


Photo by Spc. Ryan Tatum

Sgt. Anderson Robert, an engineer Soldier from 92nd Engineer Battalion, 3rd ID shakes hands with former professional boxer, Evander Holyfield, at Newman Gym Aug. 18 at Fort Stewart. Holyfield thanked Soldiers for their hard work and sacrifice.

Spc. Ryan Tatum
50th PAD

As 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers trained at Newman Gym, former professional boxer Evander Holyfield made a surprise visit, Aug 18, at Fort Stewart, Georgia, to show his thanks to the Marne Division for their relentless hard work and sacrifice.

Eyes bulged and mouths dropped as 'The Real Deal Holyfield' walked through the workout areas. Soldiers, young and old, all briefly paused their workout to greet Holyfield and to snap a selfie with a legend in the ring.

Holyfield lit up the room with his presence and expressed his thanks to all the Soldiers there in the gym.

Holyfield, a Georgia native, decided to give back to his community by starting up a project in the local area.

"We are working on a project in Savannah called Weapons Down and

Knuckles Up," said Holyfield. "It's to deter young people from shooting one another and to provide them a positive outlet to settle their aggressive behavior."

Holyfield reached out to the Georgia Youth Challenge teens to mentor and give them an encouraging word.

"I was like you, growing up in the ghetto and other people would say that you would never become anything," Holyfield said. "There were three things my mother taught me and that was to listen, follow direction and don't quit."

As the meet and greet came to a close, Holyfield gave one more heart-felt and sincere thank you before leaving Newman Gym.

"I may have been a champion but the true champions are the Soldiers," Holyfield said. "The Soldiers are the winners because they are the support that keeps the American family together."

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Super Saver Program

Are you interested in winning \$500? If so this program is for you! Take a look around. Is there something you see that is wasting money? Is it a problem we can solve locally? If you are a Garrison Civilian employee and submit the best idea for saving the Garrison money, you will win \$500. Submit your idea on the Super Saver Nomination Form available on the Team Stewart web page under Garrison, Resource Management Office (bottom of page is nomination form). Nominations are boarded with the Garrison of the Quarter Award submissions. Submit ideas to usarmy.stewart.usag.list.dhr-workforce@mail.mil.

Join Sgt. Audie Murphy Club

The 3rd Infantry Sgt. Audie Murphy Club - Rock of the Marne, has its monthly meeting noon, every third Wednesday of each month at, building 1, in the Paul R. Smith Conference Room. All current SAMC, Sgt. Morales members or NCOs interested in becoming a member, are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held to discuss past, present, and upcoming functions. It also provides a forum for members to discuss current state of the club and ideas to help improve the organization. The 3rd ID SAMC also host weekly study halls 3 p.m. Wednesday at building 159, Division Retention! For more information related to monthly SAMC meetings, please contact the SAMC President at

michael.a.harter2.mil@mail.mil.

Army foodtruck is here

The Culinary Outpost is a Soldier-run, Soldier-focused food truck that is making its way around Fort Stewart. We are open in multiple locations from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. We accept both SIK meals cards, and cash at a cost of only \$3.45 for breakfast and \$5.55 for lunch. Stop on by if you see us. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook at [@ftstewfoodtruck](https://www.facebook.com/ftstewfoodtruck) for daily locations and specials!

Selective retention bonus

The Army is offering a \$3K to 12K "kicker bonus" for enlisted Soldiers who are eligible in accordance with Milper Message 17-331. Soldiers must be within the established retention opportunity window (15 months from contractual ETS) and reenlist for a term length of four, five, or six years. For more information, see your unit career counselor or retention NCO. The Milper message is found at www.hrc.army.mil.

Bible study offered

Wednesdays at noon at Marne Chapel. This year the focus is "The Bible and Current Events." Each week we will take a look at the news of the week and how God's word can bring understanding and perspective to what's happening and how we can apply it to our lives. Military personnel, civilian employees, contractors, retirees and Family members are wel-

come to attend. Bring your own bag lunch. Study materials will be provided. For more information, contact Bill Agnew at 912 767-9789 or william.f.agnew4.civ@mail.mil

Transition Summit held

Connect directly with Human Resource experts and hiring managers Jan. 23-24 starting at 8 a.m. each day, at Club Stewart. The US Chamber of Commerce Foundation, working with USO and Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield offers the opportunity for participants to attend industry specific employment briefs and a resume and digital networking workshop, Jan. 23. On Jan. 24, join a morning of interactive discussion with local and national employers during a career fair. Need a resume, visit resumeeengine.org. For more information about the summit or other SFL-TAP programs, contact the Fort Stewart Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Center at 912 767-2381.

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Ed counselor support

Need to contact an Army Education Counselor? Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield education centers offer a one-stop email address to help. Email: usarmy.stewart.usag.list.dhr-education-counselor@mail.mil for assistance, or at www.facebook.com/FtStewartACES578155.

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November Hunter defeats Fort Stewart in intramural football grudge match



Courtesy Photo

Co. E, 2-3 Avn displays their trophy after earning their fourth consecutive Installation Intramural Flagfootball Championship; following their defeat of Fort Stewart's champion's the 530th Engineers, Nov. 8.

Steve Hart
Public Affairs Office

"This team is an absolute dynasty," said Command Sgt. Maj. Levander Wilkerson of the intramural flag football team from Company E, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment following their fourth consecutive win over their Fort Stewart opponent at Hunter Army Airfield's Squires Sports Complex Nov. 8. The challenge game is played annually following the completion of the flag football season and tournament at each installation. The contest features the winners of each tournament to determine bragging rights. "Because of Soldier turnover, it is rare for a team win three years in a row, as 2-3 Aviation did last year," Wilkerson said, following the 2-3 Aviation win 44-29. "For a team to win four years in a row is simply astounding." Unlike past years, when Echo Company, known as the Eagles, dominated the competition, this year's squad finished the regular season in

fourth place, at 8-4. During the double-elimination tournament, the Eagles suffered a loss in the second game. They showed their resolve by winning three games in the loser's bracket to stay alive and earn a place in the championship game. With their backs against the wall, they would have to beat the team from the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) twice to win their fourth consecutive championship. And they did, including a narrow 14-13 triumph in game two. The 2-3 Aviation Eagles would get home field advantage against Fort Stewart's champs, a talented team from the 530rd Engineer Battalion. The Eagles' offense didn't waste any time as Mario Holly, their duel-threat quarterback put 19 points on the scoreboard. The Engineers scored right before the half to draw within 12 points, 19-7. The Engineers regrouped at halftime and closed the delta to four points, 25-21; However, a touchdown pass, his third of the game and a 60-yard interception return clinched the game.



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