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### **Special to the Frontline**

WASHINGTON -- The Installation Management Command will realign as a major subordinate command under the Army Materiel Command by March 1 in an effort to enhance readiness across Army installations, officials announced Friday.

"The Army is implementing aggressive reforms to free-up resources for readiness and modernization efforts and to improve overall efficiency," said Brig. Gen. Omar Jones, the Army's chief of public affairs.

Headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, IMCOM was created in 2002 to integrate and deliver base support to enable readiness for a globally-responsive Army.

IMCOM's 50,000-strong workforce will remain at their current locations, and no positions will be physically relocated or eliminated during the transition, officials said.

If a review later determines certain positions should be relocated or eliminated, no changes will occur until the incumbent either decides to leave the organization or is properly reassigned, they added.

AMC, a four-star command, currently performs installation support for depots, ammunition plants and other facilities. It provides service functions from management of installation power-projection platforms to installation contracting services.

The upcoming realignment will consolidate base operations and other similar support functions as well as leverage existing Army expertise in logistics, sustainment and services.

officials said.

The move is one of several ongoing management and headquarters reforms to ensure the Army is efficient and prioritizes resources to readiness and modernization -- the service's top priorities.

Last summer, the Army stood up the Army Futures Command to combine efforts on tackling modernization. The new four-star command represented the most significant Army reorganization effort since 1973.

Then in December, AFC took command of the Army Capabilities Integration Center, which was renamed the Futures and Concepts Center that is tasked to study and prepare the Army for future warfare.

Last month the Army's Research, Development and Engineering Command, came under

"Something my wife has

done for years, is a gift of

Sgt. Daniel Guerrero

bacon roses."

DHHB, 3rd ID

Futures Command. In the latest transition, IMCOM directorates will initially remain functionally aligned with their supported Army commands and Army service component commands.

AMC and IMCOM leadership will then conduct an assessment to ensure all IMCOM directorates are best aligned to effectively support senior commanders, officials said.

Realignment under one command, with continued oversight by the Army secretary, will increase advocacy within the Army for installation requirements.

"This transition establishes unity of command and effort on our installations, improves the readiness of our Soldiers and formations, and strengthens the well-being of our Soldiers, civilians, and Families," Jones said.





Marne Voices Speak Out

### Do you have a Valentine's Day tip?

"You can't go wrong with roses and a box of chocolates.'

Pfc. Savannah Roy DHHB, 3rd ID



"Save money and create your own escape with dinner on the back lawn or patio, with candles."

Spc. Arrianna Auvaa DHHB, 3rd ID

"Think outside the box. Visit the zoo or aquarium; someplace you can go to create memories."

> Sgt. Elizabeth White HHC, STB

"Treat your spouse to a day at the spa."

**Robert Ford** MSE



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Cover: An M1 Abrams tank with 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, refuels between operations during exercise Panther Focus at Fort Stewart, Feb. 8. (Photo by Spc. Jonathan Wallace)

# Raiders to host best squad competition

### Maj. Pete Bogart 1ABCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment will host the 3rd Infantry Division's 2019 Best Scout Squad Competition at Fort Stewart, March 18–22, to determine which team will advance to represent the Marne Division during the Gainey Cup April 22 to May 3.

Lead planner for the event, 1st Lt. Bratton Benfield, said that each cavalry squadron in the division is invited to send two teams and each combined-arms battalion is invited to send one team from its scout platoons.

"The competition will include dismounted and mounted land navigation, virtual and real calls for fire, virtual and real vehicle identification, marksmanship, a written test on reconnaissance and security doctrinal knowledge and a full range of other scout-related tasks," said Benfield.

Staff Sgt. James Salvatore, squad leader in Troop A, 5-7 Cav. said he's been preparing his squad by conducting daily classroom and tactical training with a focus on recon and security missions. Physical fitness is also a crucial aspect of the competition and Salvatore and his squad have been preparing by doing challenging physical training sessions twice a day.

"We're looking forward to representing the troop, the squadron, the brigade, and hopefully the division," said Salvatore. "We want to be the best."

The chief of the Army's armor branch, Brig. Gen. David Lesperance, explained the intent behind the events in a message posted on the Gainey Cup website. "Scout squads conduct

reconnaissance and security in close proximity to enemy forces and civilian populations to provide commanders with fresh, accurate information about the terrain and the enemy," said Lesperance. "Scouts are experts in employing fires and other enablers, and can rapidly develop the situation allowing battalions and brigades to concentrate their combat power at the decisive time and place."

The Gainey Cup is held every two years at Fort Benning, and is open to all scouts serving in reconnaissance organizations in the active duty, Army National Guard and international teams.

In 2017, a team from the 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, represented 3rd ID and finished second out of 24 teams including teams from the United Kingdom, Canada and the Netherlands.

The competition is named after retired Command



Courtesy photo

Soldiers compete in the 2017 Gainey Cup competition at Fort Benning. The 3rd ID's Best Squad Competition, March 18–22, will determine which team will represent the Marne Division at the 2019 Gainey Cup, April 22.

Sgt. Maj. William "Joe" Gainey. Gainey, who served more than 33 years in the Army and was the first senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a newly created position established to advise the chairman on matters of professional development of enlisted personnel assigned to joint billets.





Courtesy photos

Left: Members of Battery B, 1-118th Field Artillery, 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Georgia Army National Guard, send rounds down range in Western Afghanistan in early February. (Above) 1-118 FA Soldiers pose for a photo Feb. 8 in Afghanistan.

## Culinary kiosk makes for easy Soldier meals

Sgt. Elizabeth White 3IDSB Public Affairs

The Army is rolling out programs to modernize aspects of lethality, including shooting, moving, communicating, training and sustaining. Part of that sustainment piece focuses on food operations by implementing culinary outpost kiosks at installations, starting with a pilot program at Fort Stewart.

On Feb. 4, the culinary outpost kiosk was opened to the public and marked the first attempt at modernizing garrison food operations. It featured food trucks staged in different areas throughout post and a grab-and-go kiosk similar to shoppettes.

"I think it's cool because the kiosk has things that we can get at the shoppette but with our meal cards," said Pfc. Jah-Amor Brito, a culinary specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. "It is something quick so if you don't have time to sit down at the dining facility you can pick up salads, chips or whatever."

Fort Stewart is the first instillation to have kiosks due to its lack of easily accessible dining facilities within its large geographic footprint and the high operational tempo and mix of the various units, which include National Guard, reserve and various maneuver units. The Joint Culinary Center of Excellence is continuing to test the kiosks effectiveness and troubleshoot any issues thanks to the amount of diverse units using it.

"We look at the army food program and providing Soldiers with great and healthy foods," said Chief



Photos by Sgt. Elizabeth White

The 3IDSB commander, Col. Jeffrey Britton, and 3IDSB senior enlisted leader, Command Sgt. Maj. Toby Grisham, cut the ribbon to the new culinary outpost kiosk, Feb. 4 on Fort Stewart, with the help of the ACES director, David Staples and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kenneth Hicks.

Warrant Officer 5 Kenneth Hicks, the Army food advisor with the Sustainment Center of Excellence, Subsistence. "We're trying to look at new ways of delivering that service to a Soldier in a footprint that is convenient to them."

The JCCoE looked at practices used by civilian

industries to determine the best options for new types of dining facilities. Food trucks bring convenience by moving to different parts of the base where Soldiers can't easily access a DFAC and the kiosk gives Soldiers an option for prepackaged, healthy food to take back their barracks or work places.

"We're always in competition with industry so we looked at how they change their strategies at drawing customers in and took a page out of their book," said Hicks. "If we are going to retain our Soldiers, keep them healthy and keep them in our facilities then we need to change our ways."

Through innovative dining practices that cater to high operational tempos, new physical fitness standards and a nutritional diet that helps foster lethal and fit Soldiers, culinary outpost kiosks fuel the Army's dedication to tomorrow's modern fighting force.



Spc. Aleem Smith, a culinary specialist with 287th Field Feeding Company, STB, 3rd IDSB, stocks peanuts at the culinary outpost kiosk on Fort Stewart, Jan. 30. The Kiosk is stocked with prepackaged, healthy food for Soldiers to conveniently grab-and-go.



Soldiers with the 3rd ID shop at the culinary outpost kiosk, Feb. 4 at Fort Stewart.



## ACS, MWR, Coastal Happening Briefs

### Like ACS on Facebook

Search for "Army Community Service, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield." Help the Hunter Army Airfield community get more "likes" by visiting their Facebook page. ACS publishes great information for our Soldiers and Army Families there as well. Search for Hunter Army Airfield and pass the word along.

### **Register now for ACS classes**

You asked, we listened. Online registration is now available for Family Readiness Group classes through Eventbrite. Please go to *https://www.eventbrite.com/o/ army-community-service-fort-stewarthunter-aaf-12997030788*. Posted on the ACS page of the Team Stewart website, *www.stewart.army.mil*.

### ACS building is accessible to everyone

Army Community Service wishes to inform our community that our facilities meet, or exceed, the standards for persons with disabilities. Our facilities are wheelchair accessible; and should you need assistance upon arrival, please inform one of our staff members. The playground next to building 82 at Fort Stewart is certified as an Exceptional Family Member playground. Hunter EFMP playground is located next to building 1284. For questions, please contact ACS at 767-5058 or 315-6816.

### Free classes offered at Stewart

Upon request from the 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.

### Embedded financial counselors wanted

Do you want to take control of your finances? Well, the ACS financial readiness team has embedded a financial counselor within each brigade to service all your financial needs. Whether you are considering buying a car, home, saving, investing, or just want assistance with creating a budget the financial counselors are here to assist? The financial counselor also provides monetary assistance through Army Emergency Relief to assist our Soldiers and Family members with life's unexpected challenges. If you require assistance, don't hesitate to contact your brigade financial counselor. For more information, you may contact ACS at 767-5058.

### **REAL FRG command team training**

The REAL family readiness group command team training is targeted towards company commanders and first sergeants but is also informative for brigade and battalion commanders. This training delineates the roles and responsibilities of the command team regarding how to leverage and execute the Family readiness mission. Topics include Family readiness, mission essential tasks and regulatory guidance. This training is required under the Marne inspection program. It will be conducted in ACS building 87 from 9 a.m. to noon. Register by calling 767-1257 or the ACS Eventbrite page.

### Hearts Apart/foreign-born spouse social

Starting in January, ACS is proud to partner with the USO to conduct the Hearts Apart/foreign-born spouses social. If your Soldier is on an unaccompanied tour or deployed, this group is for you. If you are a foreign-born Spouse, this group is for you. The meeting will be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Fort Stewart USO. This event provides an opportunity for a cultural blended experience to interact with others and build friendships that will last a life time. Children are welcome. For details call Linda McKnight, 767-5058.

### Pet boarding limited

Due to installation of new turf to enhance the pet boarding center, the center temporarily can accept only 25 dogs per day for doggie daycare and/or boarding. This limitation will be effective for about 30 days (weather dependent). We regret any inconvenience this causes our customers. For additional information, call 435-8052 or visit *StewartHunterMWR.com*.

### AFTB knowledge course offered

A two-day Army Family Team Building knowledge course is offered Feb. 20 and 21. The course is designed for military spouses, instructed by military spouses. It is a great way to show new military spouses what the Army culture is all about. After completing this two-day course, participants will understand the mission, commitment required, and challenges of military life in order to define realistic expectations to positively impact their Military experience. Please register on the ACS Eventbrite page and for more details, please call 767-3276.

### CARE team training scheduled

CARE team training teaches dedicated unit volunteers how to set up a unit CARE Team when called upon. The training has frank discussions about catastrophic injury and death and may not be suitable for children. The class is 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 19 at ACS Building #87. Register on the ACS Eventbrite page or by calling 767-1257.

### Long range shoot slated

Long range shoots for all caliber rifles will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 23 at Red Cloud Echo Range on Fort Stewart. Cost is \$15 per two-hour block. Paper targets 100-500 yards, steel targets at 750 and 1,000 yards. Weapons must be registered on Fort Stewart. All payments cash only. To reach Red Cloud Echo Range, take Highway 119 north. The range is on the right. For more, call 435-8205.

### Fort Stewart resiliency survey

Take three minutes to provide valuable feedback to The Fort Stewart Resiliency Working Group. Take the short survey at the link below to help determine how to improve installation programs and services including FMWR. Your information is confidential and will not be traced back to you unless you unless you choose to provide contact information at the end of the survey. Access the survey: *https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ FS\_Marketing\_Survey*. For more information, call Phyllis *Taylor, phyllis.l.taylor.civ@mail.mil*, or 767-0443.

### Starbucks closed for renovations

The Fort Stewart Starbucks will be closed beginning Feb. 19 for renovations and drive-through addition. Renovations will be complete in May. Maui Wowi will have a kiosk in the PX mall next to Starbucks for coffee during the closure.

### **Desert Storm memorial ceremony**

Veterans of the 24th Infantry Division will conduct a memorial ceremony, Feb. 23, 10 a.m., at the Desert Shield/Desert Storm Memorial located adjacent to the Fort Stewart PX across from Hays Library on Lindquist Road. The ceremony is held in remembrance of those 24th ID Soldiers killed in action during the war.

### **BOSS** paintball event slated

Join Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers for an all-out paintball assault at Holbrook Pond Recreation Area on Feb. 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Limited spots available. Cost is \$10 per person. Transportation provided from MWR headquarters, building 443, at 9:30 a.m. Register at *StewartHunterMWR.com*. For more information, call 767-9917 or 271-5136.

### Stewart Bowling center changes hours

Stewart Bowling Center, building 450, will have new hours of operation starting Sunday, Feb. 17. The center will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.- 9 p.m. and on Sundays from 11:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. It will be closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 767-4866.

### Pasta with parents at youth center

A free pasta with parents dinner for 6-12th graders and their parents, will be held Feb. 20, from 5-7 p.m. at the Fort Stewart Youth Center, building 7338. The dinner, open to CYS and CYS-eligible families, is being held to introduce families to the benefits of being registered with CYS and to encourage registration. For more information, call 767-5079.

### Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

### Bookmark our new web address

The new Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield web address is *https://home.army.mil/stewart/*. All Army installations are migrating to a new enterprise address for standardization and security measures. Please bookmark the new address as the redirect will only last one month.

### Fort Stewart app is online

Everything you need to know about Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield is now available at your fingertips. Interactive maps, directories, gate information, gyms, dining facilities, emergency, hotline numbers, and notifications. Download today from Google Play or Apple iTunes. Google Play *https://play.google.com/store/apps/ details?id=com.jb1bfb31a89e* or the App Store at *https:// itunes.apple.com/us/app/fort-stewart-hunter-aaf/ id1436217599?ls=1&mt=8.* 

### MCSC event held

Join the fun as the Marne Community and Spouses Club holds its annual "Beaches and Baskets," 6 p.m., March 2, at Club Stewart. Among the events scheduled will be music, dinner, both a silent and live auction and more. Individual tickets are \$25, a table of eight can be reserved for \$190. For more information visit *www.marnecommunityandspousesclub.com*. The MCSC is a 501(c)3 non-profit social and welfare organization.

### Marne Tax centers are open

The Marne Tax Centers at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are open for service through April 19. The Fort Stewart tax center is located in the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team classroom, building 705, room 131. The Hunter Army Airfield tax center is located in building 1211, in the Hunter Army Airfield legal assistance office. Hours of operation at Stewart are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, and 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. Hours of operation at Hunter are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, and 1 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, please call the Fort Stewart tax center at 767-1040 or the Hunter Army Airfield tax center at 315-3675. You can also visit the website at *home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/tax.* 

### Join the SAMC

Are you a Sergeant Audie Murphy Club member? Do you have aspirations of becoming a member? The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield "Rock of the Marne" SAMC is reaching out to all members across the installation. We are actively updating our contact rosters and want to ensure we are capturing our members for updates with the Club. Please contact Sgt. 1st Class Karl Kirven at *karl.w.kirven.mil@mail.mil* for more information. We look forward to hearing from you. The monthly meeting is the third Wednesday of each month at noon, at building 1 on Fort Stewart in the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club conference room.

### **Construction notice**

Construction is ongoing for the deceleration lane at the Victory Shoppette. The construction is scheduled to be completed the first week of April. During construction, Wilson Avenue will, at times, be restricted to one lane. Flagmen will be present. There will be no access to the Shoppette or the gas pumps from Wilson Avenue during the construction. Access can be made from Veterans Parkway or the newly constructed Road off McFarland Avenue. Motorists are advised to avoid the area if possible.

### Transfer of education benefits updated

An announcement was made regarding the transfer of education benefits. In accordance with Department of Defense Issuances 1314.13 Change 1, beginning July 12, the eligibility to transfer education benefits will be limited to service members with at least six years, but not more than 16 years, of total creditable service. A four -year commitment to the Armed Forced will be required upon transferring the education benefits. For additional information contact the nearest Education Center at 767-8331 at Fort Stewart or 315-6130 at Hunter Army Airfield.

### 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. Nominations are boarded with the garrison. Submit to **barbara.cardinal3.civ@mail.mil.** 

### **BOSS free Valentine's Day bowling**

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is providing free bowling, food, and non-alcoholic beverages at Marne Bowling Center, building 402, for single Soldiers on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, from 6-8 p.m. Here's a chance to take a break from the barracks, go bowling and have some fun. For more information, call 767-9917 or 271-5136.

### CG Hip Pocket Scholarship

The 3rd Infantry Division commander has been given five Army ROTC Green-to-Gold Hip Pocket Scholarships. The scholarship program provides selected Soldiers the opportunity to complete their baccalaureate degree requirements and obtain a commission through participation in the ROTC scholarship program. Units are encouraged to nominate Soldiers that exhibited the potential for further outstanding service to the Army as commissioned officers. Interested Soldiers can follow-up with their chain of command. Download the guide and complete an application by clicking "Create An Account" at *https://my.goarmy.com/accounts/register/user\_*  agreement.jsp?loginPg=g2g. Click on "Log In" if you already have an account. After creating an account, return to this site and start the application at https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/current-and-prior-service/advance-your-career/greento-gold/pocket-scholarship.html. Applications are due to the 3rd Infantry Division G-1, by March 19. If you have questions see your unit S-1 or contact alfred.mcdaniel3.mil@mail.mil.

### Visit the 3rd ID museum

The 3rd Infantry Division museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore three galleries - the Stewart gallery, the aviation gallery and the 3rd ID gallery to learn the history of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, and the history of the Rock of the Marne. The museum features an M5 Stuart tank from WWII, Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith's M113 A3, Sgt. Audie Murphy's M1 carbine, and a 1941 fire truck from Hunter. Multi-purpose event room available for group events. Gift shop open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Group tours. Schedule your visit today. Call 767-7885 for information.

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

A Super Smash Bros. Ultimate video game tournament will be held Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the George P. Hays Library, building 411. There is no charge to enter. For additional details, visit *StewartHunterMWR.com*.

### **Play Stewart-Hunter bingo**

Play Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's "Luck O' the Irish" bingo March 2, and you might take home a pot of gold. Up to \$33K in guaranteed payouts. Early buy-in is available until Feb. 22 and is \$100 per person. Early buy-in customers also get reserved seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Buy-in cost after Feb. 22 and on day of event is \$175 per person. Doors open at 1 p.m. Early bird is played from 2:30 p.m. until program begins at 6 p.m. Stewart bingo is in building 405, 767-4200 and Hunter bingo is in building 6015, 315-4606. (Patronage notice: Only authorized DoD ID cardholders and their guests are permitted to play Stewart-Hunter bingo.)

### **Death Notice**

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eugene H. Williams, must contact 1st Lt. Daniel P. Carter, the summary court officer for the Soldier at 320-9142. Williams passed away due to complications caused by cancer on Jan. 21.



Photo by Maj. Eric Giannaris

A 3rd IDSB team blows up balloons on Fort Stewart during the brigade's Amazing Resource Race, Feb. 8.

## **Ready, set, resource!**

### Sqt. Elizabeth White 3rd Sustainment Brigade

If you saw your first sergeant hopping around in a potato sack at Winn Army Community Hospital, don't be alarmed! That was the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade's Amazing Resource Race.

Brigade leaders, along with their spouses, participated in the Amazing Resource Race on Fort Stewart, Feb. 8. The post-wide scavenger hunt raised awareness of resources available to Soldiers and their Families.

Teams consisting of first sergeants, commanders, and family readiness group members used clues to find different places across the installation. The points had representatives from programs such as Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care; the USO; the financial management and new parent support team from Army Community Service; and military police from the brigade.

"The point of the race was twofold; it was to bring our company commanders to do team building and bring the spouses who serve in dif-

ferent family readiness group capacities into the fold," said Mary Britton, the 3IDSB senior spouse advisor. "So, when Soldiers or Families have issues or questions, we can take command teams and bring them to these agencies so they can have face-to-face interaction with the people that could potentially help them down the line."

Teams were quizzed about details of the programs and played games at each station. For example, the Army Substance Abuse Program station had each member of a team wear drunk goggles and try to walk with a cup full of water. The race was a fun way for the command teams to learn the details of these programs and meet the people behind the acronyms.

"The main takeaway is the resources do in fact exist and knowing not only what it is, but having a point of contact to go to directly and know them by name and face," said Capt. Jonathan Liggitt, Headquarters and Headquarters company commander, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd IDSB. "It is building those networks of relationships."

## Leaders train to retain

### Sgt. Elizabeth White **3IDSB** Public Affairs

Staying Army isn't always easy and Soldiers want to know every option available to them so that they can continue to do what they love. Units across Fort Stewart sent their noncommissioned officers to a week-long Department of the Army retention training course to qualify as their unit's retention NCO.

"These retention NCOs are learning skills to help the Army keep its end strength," said Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Donahue, an instructor and writer with the Recruiting and Retention College at Fort Knox, Kentucky. "They're going to take the skills they learn this week to help keep the Army ready, so we have enough Soldiers to deploy when we need to."

Throughout the week, the class covered the Army's goals for retention and the NCO's role as an advisor to the commander, said Donahue. The retention NCOs learn what is available to them to give Soldiers the best options for reenlistment and understand the regulation that guides those options.

we're able to help with retaining them," said Sgt. Natashia Darden, a retention NCO with Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade. "We're giving the Army what it needs but we're also addressing what the Soldier and their families need."

"I like the class because it is not only helping me as a retention NCO, it helps with Soldiers' military careers," said Staff Sgt. Heevoung Shin, a retention NCO with 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team. "It is not only about having Soldiers sign a piece paper, it is about all the benefits that come with that decision."

Understanding regulations and benefits available to Soldiers helps retention NCOs meet the needs of the Army, the Soldiers and their Families.



Photo by Sqt. Elizabeth White

"This class teaches us how to approach each Soldier in a way where

Soldiers with the 3rd ID take notes during Department of the Army retention training on Fort Stewart, Feb. 2.



# Alligators always attract attention

### Tim Beaty DPW Environmental Division

As the weather warms up once again, many of the wetlands that Fort Stewart's alligators call home are drying up. As water holes disappear, many alligators are forced to relocate to other watery refuges. On the other hand, after a heavy rain, alligators may move to newly flooded areas in search of food. As a result, you may suddenly find an alligator in a pond, stream, or ditch that was alligator-free the day before.

Alligators are occasionally seen in the cantonment area after dark, or even in broad daylight. As winter draws to a close, water temperatures remain below 60 degrees, and alligators don't start feeding until water temperature reach about 70 degrees. But, you may to see one sunning on the bank on warm days. Alligator attacks on humans are very rare, but they do happen. The information provided in this article can help keep you, your Family and pets, safe this summer.

There are two species of alligators - the American and the Chinese. The American alligator is the larger of the two. Adult American alligator males average 10 to 15 feet in length, while females are generally less than 10 feet

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long. Alligators reach sexual maturity at about 6- to 10years-old, and are usually around 6 to 7 feet in length. The largest alligator ever recorded was 19 feet 2 inches long and weighed 2,200 lbs. The American alligator, is found only in the southeastern U.S., from coastal North Carolina west to eastern Texas.

The American alligator is a wildlife management success story. Fifty years ago, alligator numbers plummeted as a result of market hunting and loss of habitat. In 1967 the alligator was listed as an endangered species. Through the combined efforts of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state wildlife agencies across the south, and the protection offered by the Endangered Species Act, alligator populations rebounded. In 1987, the USFWS pronounced the American alligator fully recovered and removed it from the endangered species list.

The alligator now thrives throughout most of its range, and huntable populations exist in most states, including Georgia. Due to the fact that alligators are typically hunted at night, however, alligator hunting is not allowed on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. The American alligator is the official state reptile of three states: Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Adult alligators are apex predators. They are at the

top of the food chain. Adults have no natural predators, except man. They are critical to the biodiversity and long-term survival of wetlands. They help control the population of rodents and other animals that might otherwise overpopulate and overtax this fragile habitat. Small alligators feed on insects, amphibians, fish, snails, and other small prey. Adult alligators take larger prey including snakes, turtles and mammals like raccoons or opossums. However, they are opportunists, and an alligator will eat a wide variety of prey, including carrion, and in rare instances, humans.

There is little cause for concern on the installation, in regards to an alligator attack if a few basic guidelines.

• Never feed an alligator. Doing so not only endangers you, but also puts others at risk because it loses its fear of man. Most nuisance gators have been fed by humans.

• Don't swim in areas where alligators may be present. Swimming is prohibited in all installation ponds and rivers.

• Maintain a safe distance. Although they may appear clumsy on land, alligators can run very fast for short distances.

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### Exchange gives away thousands

Sylvia D. Carpenter Exchange Media

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is continuing its free Friday giveaways in 2019, offering Fort Stewart Soldiers and their Families a chance to win riding lawn mowers, furniture, grills, blenders, espresso makers and more. The giveaway is conducted online at *facebook.com/shopmyexchange*.

"Our Soldiers and their Families work hard and make sacrifices 365 days a year," said General Manager Hollie N. Morales "We're hoping that we will have some members of the Fort Stewart community among the free Friday winners."

In the two years the Exchange has been celebrating free Friday, shoppers have received more than \$37,000 in prizes. The value of 2019's prizes will be approximately \$20,000, including a Husqvarna zero-turn 23-horsepower riding lawn mower; Ashley four-seat dining room set; Dunwell reclining sofa; Kingsford dual-zone charcoal grill; Vitamix blender; and Bissell wet/dry vacuum.

Military shoppers have already won nearly \$2,000 worth of free Friday prizes this year, including a char-broil grill; Green Mountain Keurig brewer; 15-piece Gotham steel cooking essentials set; and Cuisinart air fryer/toaster oven, blender and multicooker.

To enter the contests, authorized shoppers simply post a comment answering the question posed on each Free Friday post at facebook.com/shopmyexchange. In addition to active-duty, National Guard, reserve and retired shoppers and military families, honorably discharged Veterans who have verified their eligibility to shop at ShopMyExchange.com can enter the weekly drawings. Veterans can visit http://bit.ly/VetForLife for more information. Entries made by 11:59 p.m. Central time, on the day of the posting, will be entered into a drawing. Drawings are held on the Monday after each free Friday giveaway.

### **Exchange supports Soldier readiness**

Sylvia D. Carpenter Exchange Media

The Fort Stewart Exchange is helping Soldiers and their Families focus on readiness and resiliency while reaching their fitness goals.

"The Fort Stewart Exchange is focused on the health and well-being of Soldiers and their families so they can stay ready and resilient for our Nation," said Exchange General Manager Hollie N. Morales. "With a wide assortment of fitness products as well as better-for-you choices in food courts and Expresses, the Fort Stewart Exchange is one-stop shop for living BE FIT."

At the Fort Stewart Exchange and *ShopMyExchange.com*, military shoppers can get the latest tools to maintain a BE FIT lifestyle, including athletic apparel and footwear; strength training and cardio equipment; digital fitness devices and more.

"Smart technology continues to expand," Morales said. "The Fort Stewart Exchange will be offering the latest fitness trackers and workout equipment in store and online in the coming year that track fitness levels and integrate personalized training programs."

Essential BE FIT gear offered by the Fort Stewart Exchange includes:

•Athletic apparel from brands including Nike, Under Armour and Adidas.

•Athletic footwear from more than brands including Brooks, Asics and New Balance.

•Treadmills, exercise bikes and elliptical machines from ProForm, NordicTrack, Spirit Fitness and more.

•Digital fitness accessories from Fitbit, Garmin and Samsung (more than 100 online only)

•Apple Watches with fitness tracking capability.

•Hydration gear from Camelbak, Yeti and Hydro Flask.

The Fort Stewart Exchange also operates a durable medical equipment shop that offers products, such as CPAP supplies, compression garments, breast pumps, walkers, knee braces and more.

More information about how the Fort Stewart Exchange can help military shoppers lead a BE FIT lifestyle can be found at the Exchange's online community hub.

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A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter with 3rd CAB, 3rd ID, hovers over a simulated casualty during a training exercise. Medics with 2-69 Armor, 2ABCT, trained on moving casualties off the battlefield during Panther Focus on Fort Stewart, Feb. 8.

## Panthers focus on training

**Spc. Jonathan Wallace** 2nd ABCT Public Affairs

Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, finished a battalion-level training exercise this week--Panther Focus--at Fort Stewart, Feb. 8.

Panther Focus was a two-week training exercise meant to certify the battalion's ability to conduct company level maneuvers, and engage with a fictional enemy.

"[The exercise] teaches us how to maneuver on different terrain," said Spc. Deavon Delgado, a tanker with Company B, 2-69 Armor.

Tankers with 2-69 Armor had already completed gunnery training, which ensured their ability to shoot live ammunition accurately at different targets from a fixed position.

"It differs from gunnery by providing a combat reference; how to stay in cover and move when you need to," Delgado added. Tankers were not the only Panther Soldier's putting their skills to the test. While tankers were training on maneuvering in combat situations, medics were simulating taking casualties that might occur on that same battlefield.

The medics trained on nine-line radio calls, and how to evacuate casualties with aviation platoons from 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd ID.

"This is the first time we've incorporated track-to-bird medevac or hoist training," said 1st Lt. Patrick McHale, platoon leader and medical operations officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-69 Armor.

McHale continued, the hoist exercise validated the medic's ability to move a casualty off the battlefield via helicopter. Nine-line radio calls provided higher headquarters all the information about the status and location of a casualty to coordinate their timely evacuation.

Next for the Panther battalion is a brigade-level training exercise, followed by a rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, this spring.



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Joshua Owens

An M1 Abrams tank with 2-69 Armor, 2ABCT, 3rd ID, moves towards the next objective during Panther Focus on Fort Stewart, Feb. 8.

## Ammo wrongly put in dumpster, evacuates recycling center

### Special to the Frontline

Two unexploded rounds of ammunition forced the evacuation of Fort Stewart's recycling center Jan. 25.

The ammunition was improperly disposed of in a recycling container on the installation and not discovered until arriving at the recycling center.

Processing center staff receive annual unexploded ordnance training and were therefore able to instantly recognize the danger. They took immediate action by calling 911 and having emergency personnel—including the installation's explosive ordnance disposal team—respond to the incident.

"We're thankful our processing center staff recognized the unexploded ordnance and took immediate action," said Tom Fry, Directorate of Public Works environmental division chief. "They avoided a potentially disastrous situation by reacting appropriately."

The Fort Stewart EOD team disposed of the two pieces of ammunition without further incident. The danger, however, is that no one would think to check the recycling containers for unexploded ordnance. That's because unused ammunition should be properly turned in, said Fry.

"All unit ammunition handling personnel should work with the ammunition supply point (ASP) to ensure that proper handling and turn-in procedures are followed for all ammunition," he said.

There are ways to dispose of ammunition properly that is found, misplaced, stolen, or incorrectly left in the possession of a unit following ammunition turn-in, Fry added.

"According to the ASP's standard operating procedure, 'the returns can be made without fear of prosecution. Therefore, amnesty turn-ins will not be the basis for initiation of an investigation of individuals making the turn-in,'" he said. "You can turn in ammunition with no questions asked."

The installation's amnesty box is located in the parking lot in front of the ASP field office, building 17003, and is available for turn-ins 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It can be used by Soldiers and civilians who live and work on post.

Off post, if unexploded ordnance is found, call 911. To turn in ammunition you might have, contact your local police via the non-emergency number for assistance.



An unexploded ordnance was discovered at Fort Stewart's recycling processing center, Jan. 25.

### Winn ACH celebrates African American History



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Winn Army Community Hospital's primary care team poses for a photo while dressed in outfits celebrating African American History Month. The team sought to build morale and espirit de corps in its department while recognizing the contributions made by a diverse workforce.

African Americans play vital roles in today's Army as Soldiers, Army Civilians and Family members, and are critical members of the Army team. The Army strongly embraces diversity as a way to maximize individual talent, increase morale and greatly enhance military effectiveness. The Army finds its strength not only in its diversity, but in its ability to bring together people of different faiths, cultures, and races who share common values like duty, honor, selfless service, loyalty, and respect. The Army is confident that the myriad of talent, skills, and abilities in the diverse force will help to meet future defense challenges and win the nation's wars. African Americans make up more than 19 percent of the total Army and the Department of the Army Civilian Workforce.

## Winn ACH preps for DHA transition via collaboration of efforts

### Kaytrina Curtis

Winn ACH Public Affairs

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's Winn Army Community Hospital hosted former Winn ACH commander, Maj. Gen. Ronald Place, who now serves as the director of U.S. Army, Defense Health Agency, National Capital Region Medical Directorate. Place, as well as command teams from Naval Hospital Beaufort, South Carolina; Naval Health Clinic Charleston; and the U.S. Air Force's 628th Medical Group toured various MEDDAC departments and clinics February 6 and 7.

The visitors came to the MEDDAC footprint as part of a week-long tour of each of the military treatment facilities in the Defense Health Agency's Low Country market. Under the fiscal year 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress called for alterations in the military health system. The various command teams came together to see what each other's capabilities are.

"As we transition military medicine into the Defense Health Agency, we're going to have to work together," Place said. "So, this is really just about achieving a shared understanding."

Place explained the importance of collaboration during the DHA transformation of the military health services is to ensure improvement processes are in place from an "efficiency perspective," but more importantly an "effectiveness perspective."

"Where across the entire spectrum, whether it's care of a Soldier, care for a Marine, care of an Airman care of a Sailor [is] that we work collaboratively first to achieve excellency," said Place.

Currently the system has more than nine million beneficiaries associated with it, and a 50 plus billion dollar budget, which makes the transition complex, yet impactful for patients.

"In other words the quality of care that we give continues to be excellent or better," Place said. "That the safety elements that we have within our systems ... from a patient safety and an organizational perspective... that it stays the same or gets better. In doing all that, our staff, our uniformed staff, our civilian staff, we all understand where we're going and why we're going. So that we can be a part of the process."

Medical treatment facilities serve as the training range for the uniformed personnel,

which helps to ensure the service members are medically ready at all times. Place said the MTFs are where ready medical forces are developed, serving as a live-fire range of sorts.

"The great thing about it is we recognize that Family Member care is often part of readiness," Place said. "It's that relationship that we in military medicine have with our Families that leads to that. Similarly, much of that training that we have to do, so skill sustainments, proficiency, currency that sort of thing, for the things that we are going to do in combat don't really happen to Soldiers and Family Members. So, we have those sorts of healthcare problems that gives us the best training environment for the things that we need to do in combat."

The transition to DHA should be transparent for the staff here, and invisible to the beneficiary population. The great care beneficiaries receive today should be the same next month, and next year, Place said.

For those who may be experiencing a sense of anxiety about what a DHA future looks like, Place sought to ally those concerns.

"The DHA is us," Place said. "More than anything I want people to feel comfortable that the impact that they're worried about will likely be significantly less than what they're actually going to experience."

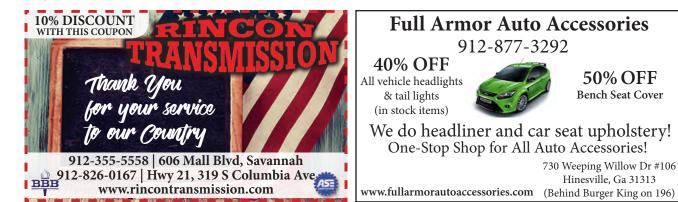
As a divisional post, Place said the many transformations, renovations, and additions in infrastructure to Winn makes the importance and investment of the local community to the MTF obvious.

"It's great to see that better leadership than mine has existed after I left to make this organization an even better organization then when I was here," Place said. "I look forward to coming back again and again and seeing just how extraordinary this team can work together."

Winn ACH is expected to be transitioned to DHA by Fall 2019.

Photo by Kaytrina Curtis

Maj. Gen. Ronald Place, director of U.S. Army, Defense Health Agency, National Capital Region Medical Directorate, is greeted by Winn Army Community Hospital commander, Col. Michelle Munroe, during a recent capabilities visit to Fort Stewart and the medical treatment facility, Feb. 6 and 7.



### Winn ACH celebrates Nurse Corps



Photo by Kaytrina Curtis

The U.S. Medical Department Activity-Fort Stewart, Winn Army Community Hospital celebrated the Army Nurse Corps 118th anniversary, Feb. 8, with a seafood dinner and presentation of historical uniforms in Savannah. The event embraced the 2019 ANC theme, "Anywhere, Anytime, Always Ready."

### Special Deliveries

### Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

### Feb. 3

*Noah Sebastian Z. Piscasio*, a boy, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Rovin Richard V. Piscasio and Katherine Z. Piscasio.

### Feb. 4

*Kobe Leon Dolford*, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces and Sgt. Dorene Parigina Dolford.

*Lillian Marie Munier*, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces and Spc. Kevin Ray Meunier and Alexandra Elizabeth Meunier.

### Feb. 5

*Quaylen Armon Colquitt*, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Levavbrius Armon Colquett and Sgt. Rosheka Shontai Danielle Colquitt.

*Naomi Violeta Kilcollins*, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pyt. Gage Kilcollins and Spc. Anna Kilcollins.

### Feb. 6

*Lincoln Lee Downing*, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Capt. David C. Downing and April M. Downing.

*Brindi Lee Wooster Brito*, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Jesse Lee Wooster and Mayra Paola Wooster.

*Kadir Marquis Kelley*, a boy, 5 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. Sean Marcus Sanders and Melissa Denise Sanders.

### Feb. 7

*Savannah Marie Sabbagha*, a girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael Anthony Sabbagha and Tiffinee Margaret Sabbagha.

### Feb. 8

*Hunter Chase Walker*, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Micheal Ryan Walker and Kayla Kristen Walker.

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### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER Prayer breakfast offers spiritual nourishment



Photo by Spc. Jonathan Wallace

Capt. Jin Sup Lee, chaplain with 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, prepares to lead Soldiers in song, on Fort Stewart, Feb. 8. Lee delivered a sermon followed by hot breakfast for 3-67 Soldiers who recently returned from a two-week long field exercise.



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	Catholic	Location	<u>Time</u>	
	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	Main Post Chapel	12:30 p.m.	
	Service			
	Kids' Church (Sundays)			
	K- 6th Grade	Main Post Chapel	1:00 p.m.	
	PWOC (Wednesdays)	Main Post Chapel	9:00 a.m.	
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	Islamic (Fridays)	Main Post Chapel	1:00 p.m.	
	Buddhist (Last Sunday)	Marne Chapel	11:00 p.m	
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	Sunday Mass	Hunter Chapel	11:00 a.m.	
	Catholic CCD	Building 129	9:30 a.m.	
	Protestant			
	Sunday Service	Hunter Chapel	9:00 a.m.	
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Check out this amazing \$14/SF NNN annual lease opportunity within the Patriot Center just off US Highway 84. The former Armstrong Atlantic State University/ Liberty Center is 10,000 square feet perfect for a school, office or medical space. This unit features multiple classrooms, 2 large public restrooms, Lab, and Information Technology (IT) room. Call today to schedule your personal tour! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912 368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker. com

### 1439 West Oglethorpe Highway Hinesville - \$239,900

Prime commercial investment potential located off hard corner of lighted intersection, diagonally across from the Neighborhood Walmart on US Highway 84 in Hinesville Georgia. Building is up to code and features new A/C system as well as new handicap accessible bathrooms. Location is ideal for a pawn shop, retail store, restaurant etc. Option to lease for \$1,900 month is available. Don't Hesitate call today for more information on this can't miss opportunity! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

### 1413 West Oglethorpe Highway Hinesville - \$239,900

Check out this great commercial land opportunity located on the West side of Hinesville across from the neighborhood Walmart, the property includes 2 parcels 060C038 & 060C039 totaling 0.91 acres. Don't miss out on this development opportunity call today for more information! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REAL-TORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@ coldwellbanker.com

### 740 General Stewart Way Hinesville - \$3,800,000

Redevelopment opportunity minutes to the US Army Ft Stewart. This building is a steel frame building with room to

expand. Building features asphalt parking and is sprinkled, interior walls can be moved. There is space to develop another structure

in the back parking lot. Front building is priced at \$1.8 million and the back building is priced at \$2 million. Excellent mixed use

redevelopment opportunity. Develop multi family office and retail on this site. Would make an excellent call center or university,

utilities on site. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Hltzman, REAL-TORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@ coldwellbanker.com

#### 910 Oglethorpe Hwy Hinesville - \$995,000

Located just south of TJ Max Development in the retail trade corridor. This parcel has 578+/- LF of road frontage on

Oglethorpe Highway. Owner will sub-divide, additional land available currently zoned C2. 2 curb cuts in place. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-

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#### HOMES FOR SALE



846 Bradwell Street, Hinesville. \$675,000

Executive home located in the heart of Hinesville that features estate size lot with 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, tile floor, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, jacuzzi tubs, huge walk-in closets & pantries, vaulted ceilings, and a 3 car garage. All furnishings are included. So many features for this elegant home! This home is fit for a King and Queen with approximately 7,428 SQ FT with endless possibilities of enrichment. Quiet, kid & fur friendly neighborhood. Conveniently located near Fort Stewart Main Gate.Call us for a personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shan-

ken@coldwellbanker.com



150 Godfrey Road SE Ludowici, GA 31316 - \$279,900

Take a look at this great deal! 2 for the price of 1. Buy this custom 3 bedroom 2 bath home and get a free double wide mobile home. Home features a Florida room, fenced yard, playground , in-ground pool, and workshop. This 4.95 acres of land also includes a double-wide 2009 mobile home manufactured by Cavalier Homes. Conveniently located outside the city limits which means no city taxes! This is a rare find and a must see! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@ coldwellbanker.com



284 Clubhouse Drive, Midway -\$154,900

THIS BEAUTIFUL LAKE BRICK HOME IS WAITING FOR YOU! Totally remodeled! Freshly painted inside & large dining room, living room and family room with open concept kitchen with new appliances. The combination of tile and carpeted floors give it a cozy, homey feel. High ceilings, beautiful wall colors and exquisite tile work in the bathrooms. Huge covered porch perfect for gatherings, cookouts or just to relax and view the lake. Fish from your own backyard. Beautiful mature trees and landscape. Community pool and picnic area at walking distance. No city taxes. Conveniently located to Ft Stewart, Hinesville, Richmond Hill and Savannah. Most people can only dream of owning a lakeside home - Make this one YOURS! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.

outside. Enjoy this 3 beds, 2.5 baths,



\$219,900

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Beautiful two bedroom two bath townhome located within the Merchant's Wharf community in Midway. Home features a cozy kitchen complete with counter top range. built in oven, built in microwave and breakfast bar as well as a lovely enclosed patio to sit and relax in. Townhome is located near Inner Coastal water way and provides you a place to dock your boat. The property also features a community pool to cool off on those hot Georgia days. Don't miss out on your chance to make this your dream home. Call us for a personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



600 Morris Street Glennville -\$93,000

1900 Grand home located on a corner lot in Glennville, GA. Mature pecan trees around the property. Seats on 0.96 acre of land. Brand new roof! This home with a large wrap around porch its 2,154 square foot, still has the original hardwood floors, high ceilings, 3 fireplaces, 2 bdr/1 bath on one side and a separate 1 bdr/1bath (endless possibilities) AND features a detached garage 30 x 40 with 20 ft high ceilings, a recreation area and insulated. Don't miss out on your chance to own a piece of history! Call today and schedule your personal tour! Sold as is. This grand home built in

1900 has endless possibilities to be grand once again! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REAL-TORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@ coldwellbanker.com



1293 Lilly Lane Glennville -\$93,000

COUNTRY LIVING! Beautiful property in Glennville, Georgia on Lilly Lane. This 1935 built home has a 3 bdrs, 1 bath, hardwood floors, 1,560 square foot on a 2.15 acre land. Surrounded with mature pecan trees, grape vines, and beautiful landscaped land. Attached carport, several storage sheds, barn. A true country retreat off Hwy 301, close to town and Hwy 196. Call today to schedule a personal tour of your country living home! Property is being Sold-as-is. Make it yours and enjoy this home and the most beautiful country sights and sky views! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker. com



Hinesville - \$114,900

Quaint 3 bedroom 2 bath home located within the Northwest Woods Subdivision near Fort Stewart's Gate 8. This 1239 square foot home includes living room, washer and dryer hook ups, eat in Kitchen with pantry, and a one car garage. Call today to schedule your personal tour of this can't miss home. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



1006 White Oak Circle Hinesville - \$209,900 Beautiful split level home located in Hinesville within the Oak Crest Subdivision! This 5 Bedroom 3 bath home features 2 car garage, deck off the rear of the home over looking the backyard. Property is positioned in a cul-de-sac. Call today for more information on this beautiful home. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker. com



910 Kings Road Hinesville -\$174,900

Totally remodeled 4 bedroom 2 bath home located within the Hidden Pines Subdivision on a corner lot. Home has been updated with fresh paint though out, all new flooring, energy saving appliances which include refrigerator/freezer and dishwasher, new low flow toilets and faucets have also been added throughout the home. A reinforced roof was installed on the home July 2016 and circle driveway was recently added. Call today for more information on this beautiful home! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker. com



910 Brett Drive Hinesville Condo #132 - \$44,900

Check out this great investment opportunity located within the Summerwind Condos in Hinesville, GA. This 2 bedroom 2 bath town home features refrigerator, rang/oven, disposal, and dishwasher. Community is positioned near the Oglethorpe Shopping Center and just moments from Fort Stewart. Property is sold as is. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.



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919 Mandarin Drive Hinesville -\$114,900

Check out this quaint home within the Millard Village Subdivision in Hinesville, Georgia. This three bedroom two bath home features vinyl plank flooring, freshly painted walls, a one car garage and the roof is approximately two years old. Call today to schedule your personal tour. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker. com



186 Carlyene Drive Midway -\$159,000

An Immaculate charming retreat located on Lake Rosalind! This great home is perfect to enjoy the sunrise or sunset sitting on the deck that overlooks the pristine water of Lake Rosalind. Lake is perfect for water activities to include fishing. Great backyard for family gatherings or quiet cookouts. This immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, open floor plan is the perfect setting to come to after a long day at work or in the city. Large concrete driveway, landscaped, large laundry room, lots of room to build. Located just 16 minutes to Fort Stewart, Hinesville shopping and restaurant areas. Just minutes to I-95 and Richmond Hill. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



508 Wellington Way, Hinesville -\$179,900

Charming 3 Bedroom 2 bath home in the Arlington Park Subdivision is

ready to be yours! Home features an eat-in kitchen, fireplace, 2-car garage, and a fenced backyard. Conveniently located minutes from Fort Stewart and the new Oglethorpe Shopping Center. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@ coldwellbanker.com



666 Windhaven Drive Hinesville - \$97,400

Cozy 1,164 square foot 3 bedroom 2 bath home located with in the Northwest Woods subdivision. Don't miss out on your chance at this gem. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.



598 Parish Loop NE Hinesville - \$158,000

Check out this gorgeous-well maintained 3 bedroom 2 bath home located in the Parish Crossing Subsivision, just outside Hinesville's city limits, so no city taxes! This home features a 2 car garage, open concept floor plan, sprinkler system and spacious backyard. Don't hesitate call today to schedule your personal tour this spectacular home! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman,REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.

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#### 104 Briskhaven Court Hinesville - \$129,900

Take a look at this must see home! Cozy 3 bedroom 2 bath brick home sits on a cul de sac in the Windhaven Subdivision. Home offers a fireplace in the living room and a walk-in closet with a double vanity in the master bedroom. Home features a one car garage and a fenced backyard surrounded by trees that provide a welcoming shade and serene view. Just outside Fort Stewart gate #8 and close to schools and shopping. Call us for a personal tour today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy. shanken@coldwellbanker.com

961 Oak Crest Drive Hinesville - \$239,900

Beautiful two story four bedroom three bath home located in Hinesville, GA.This hidden gem comes with a beautiful landscaped yard and vinyl privacy fenced backyard is tucked away in The Oak Crest Subdivision with the feel of quiet suburban life but close to the convenience of city living. Home features a custom built kitchen, vinyl planked floors, grand arched doorways through out the main floor, on the second floor you will find a spacious mater bedroom with a little nook perfect for office space, and vaulted ceilings throughout. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REAL-TORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@ coldwellbanker.com



1253 Peacock Trail Hinesville - \$172,400

Beautiful 1,922 Square foot 3 bedroom 2 bath home located in Hinesville Georgia within the Oak Crest community. This home features a 2 car Garage and beautiful covered front and back porch. Call today to schedule your personal tour of this can't miss gem. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman,REAL-TORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@ coldwellbanker.com



214 Preakness Court Hinesville - \$119,900

New to market! Cute 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home located on a Cul-de-Sac. Spacious backyard has plenty of room to enjoy family and friends. Master bathroom has a corner tub that greets you after a long days work or day out in the city. The 2 parking garage and drive way means your vehicles won't be left out on the street. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733



212 Augusta Way Hinesville -\$164,900

Something Special! 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in Griffin Park subdivision. This home features a 2 car garage, beautiful kitchen and a welcoming master bedroom. The A/C was serviced and replaced in 2015 with a brand new compressor. The garage door opener makes keeping dry a breeze. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REAL-TORS, 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. Jimmv 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 195 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 - \$299,900. 9.10 acres of pristine deep waterfront +/- 270 liner feet marsh and deep water front. 10 minutes to 195 Exit 76. Seller has dock permit. Amazing views! Convenient to Savannah, Bruinswick, and Jacksonville, FL. Features: - Paved Road Access, +/- 270 LF Deep Water Frontage, Dock Permit in hand, 10 minutes to 195. 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 Hines**ville - \$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 - \$85,000. 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 over looking 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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### 504 West Oglethorpe Highway Hinesville, GA 31313 - \$295,000

Commercial Development opportunity at the center of Hinesville retail corridor. This interior lot has 130 LF of road frontage at the traffic signal at the Intersection of Oglethorpe Hwy. This site has 35,800 vehicles per day. Adjoining parcels avail.

Tenant Occupied. Please do not disturb the tenant. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker. com

#### 648 South Main Street Hinesville, GA 31313 - \$39,000

Great multi-family opportunity near the proposed new super Kroger and TJ Max Retail developments. Centrally located between Fort. Stewart gates 1 & 8. Convenient to all gates. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

### Lot 2 Woodstork Way - \$29,000

Build your dream home on the high bluffs and large lots. This is a beautiful small subdivision located adjacent to Harris Neck Wildlife Refuge. This subdivision includes paved streets, underground utilities, a shared fishing & crabbing pier. \$29,000. Call us for a personal tour today! Co-Listed with Nichole Gaskin 912-610-8304. 1.07 acres.

Lot3 Woodstork Way - \$29,000 Build your dream home on the high bluffs and large lots. This is a beautiful small subdivision located adjacent to Harris Neck Wildlife Refuge. This subdivision includes paved streets, underground utilities, a shared fishing & crabbing pier. 2.6 to 5 acres. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy. shanken@coldwellbanker.com

595 Rosalind Lake Dr, Midway \$95,000 A truly rare find. 2.48 acres on Lake Rodalind Dr. This listing includes two lots with two wells, two septics, four driveways, and a pond. Land is in the Isles Of Wright area. There is also an inhabitable mobile home on the property that would need to be removed. There is also a metal framed building which was never completed. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy. shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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**1acre John Wells Rd. \$20,000** Less than ten minutes to Fort Stewart Gate 7! Quiet country setting on a paved road. Manufactured homes ok. Non restricted lots. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy. shanken@coldwellbanker.com

#### Lot 17 Moody Bridge Road, Ludowici - \$32,500

2.25 Acre home site located in Long County Restricted to stick built homes, paved road access. Excellent opportunity to build your dream home. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

#### 2 acres John Wells Road - \$25,000

2 acres of property that is less than ten minutes to Fort Stewart Gate 7! Culvert in place manufactured homes okay. Quiet country setting on a paved road! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy. shanken@coldwellbanker.com

**103 Ralph Quarterman Road, Hinesville - \$99,900.** Excellent Development opportunity. Located across from the new Oglethorpe square. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS. 912-977-4733. jimmy. shanken@coldwellbanker.com

12.78 AC Veterans Memorial Parkway, Hinesville -\$2,364,300. 12.78 Acres developmental land. Great location on Veterans Parkway & South main. Can be combined with other parcels to total 18.46 acres. Located in a rapidly growing retail area within 0.25 miles of the new TJ Maxx, Dicks Sporting Goods, Hobby Lobby, and Ulta. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS. 912-977-4733. jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0.24 Acre Veterans Memorial Parkway, Hinesville -\$225,000. Last available frontage road on drive home side of Veterans Parkway zoned C-2. Off site water retention included. Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state of Georgia. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS. 912-977-4733. jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

#### 0 E. Oglethorpe Highway, Hinesville - \$3,000,000.

Excellent hotel/restaurant site located next to La Quinta in Flemington. Parcel has offsite water retention. Owners will subdivide. Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state of Georgia. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, RE-ALTORS. 912-977-4733. jimmy. shanken@coldwellbanker.com 777 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Hinesville -\$395,000. Last available frontage on drive home side of veterans parkway zoned C-2. Off site water retention included. Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state of Georgia. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS. 912-977-4733. jimmy.shanken@coldwell-

banker.com 734 E. General Stewart Way, Hinesville - \$395,000. PROP-ERTY ZONED C2. Lot is located between the Coldwell Banker Holtzman Realtors building and the Patriot Center on General Stewart Way. Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state of Georgia. Call us today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS. 912-977-4733. jimmy.shanken@

coldwellbanker.com

### 625 Carter Road Walthourville, GA 31333 - \$349,900

Multi-family Development Opportunity! 8.756 acres of land available to build a home or mobile homes. Conveniently located minutes from Fort Stewart and the new Oglethorpe Shopping Center! Call us today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



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## Hounds of Hell prove themselves 'Always Ready'

### Spc. Andres Chandler

2ABCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, returned from Hound Focus intent on recovering all vehicles and equipment Jan. 30 on Fort Stewart.

The Hounds of Hell conquered their battalion force-on-force exercise and now face a speedy turnaround into a joint operations gunnery on Feb. 10.

Recovery operations are vital to a battalion's success, ensuring assets are fully mission capable.

To some recovery may seem like it's not a big deal without realizing the tremendous impact inoperable equipment has on a commander's plan and on battlefield operations, said Capt. Matt Belcher, company commander of Company A, 3- 67 Armor, 2ABCT, 3ID.

"Proper maintenance on combat platforms is the basic driving force behind any successful commander's intent. Without attention-to-detail in our maintenance procedures, a company-size element can quickly be reduced to a platoon-size element, unable to succeed in the company's original mission," said Belcher.

After returning from Hound Focus, Soldiers conducted wash rack operations to clean their equipment and allow Soldiers to more easily spot deficiencies. Maintaining cleanliness helps Soldiers detect faults that may be hidden underneath mud, dirt, or road grime.

Once vehicles are cleaned to standard, crews begin layouts. Layouts are done to ensure equipment is still present, operable, and not damaged. Layouts allow new Soldiers to train and develop their knowledge and skills on weapons, equipment, and proper preventative maintenance checks and services.

PMCS are the checks, services, and maintenance performed before, during, and



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after any type of operation or before the use of all types of equipment. Doing a PMCS check reduces the number of failures and improves effectiveness of equipment.

"When maintenance is neglected after a field exercise, equipment can be damaged, resulting in dangerous conditions putting Soldiers in harm's way and potentially costing the Army millions," said Spc. Dylan Trahan, a mechanic assigned to Co. H, 3-67 Armor.

If faults are present, Soldiers will begin procedures to correct the discovered faults, prepare the equipment for turn-in, or receive new gear if available, all in an effort to remain fully mission capable.

In the coming weeks the Hounds of Hell will be continuing its training with support from the 9th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2ABCT, in order to maintain its efficiency and lethality in preparation for Spartan Focus.

Spartan Focus is a brigade-echelon force-on-force exercise used to train and certify platoons, companies and battalions under live-fire conditions to support the brigade's rotation to the National Training Center later this year.



Photo by Spc. Andres Chandler

Spc. David Cho, gunner (left), Pfc. Skylar Carnaghi, driver (right), assigned to 3-67 Armor, 2ABCT, 3rd ID, perform PMCS on an M1A1 Abrams tank after returning from Hound Focus on Fort Stewart, Feb. 4.

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# Blackhawks dominate aerial gunnery

### Sgt. Ryan Tatum 3 CAB Public Affairs

Marne Air Soldiers from 4th Battalion. 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division completed an aerial gunnery at the Townsend bombing range in Eulonia, as part of their annual certification, Feb. 6.

The bombing range is a U.S. Marine Corps-owned training area which was recently expanded in October 2017 from 5,183 to 33,834 acres.

"This training area provided a great opportunity to train in a different environment and with additional help from the air traffic controllers to give us oversight in our training," said Capt. Cody Spiker, an assistant operations officer for 4-3 Avn. "The purpose of the training is to keep UH-60 Blackhawk crewmembers proficient in their weapon systems in order to protect the aircraft."

The UH-60 Blackhawk crewmember uses a M240H machine gun which

mounts inside the Blackhawk in order to provide security during missions. This is the primary weapon system to defend the aircraft. Staff Sgt. Joshua Ramos, a standardization instructor for 4-3 Avn., provided insight on gunnery tables.

"We are conducting gunnery tables III thru VI, which consist of day and night firing iterations," said Ramos. "Gunnery table III and IV are training tables which involves standardization instructors giving active instruction telling the gunner how to properly engage a target and policing their weapon fundamentals with on the spot corrections."

Gunnery table III is used to engage short range targets while gunnery table IV is used for long-range target engagement. Gunnery table V is the practice qualification; this where the standardization instructor takes a hands-off approach by not providing on-the-spot corrections.

The gunneries are conducted in order to prepare Marne Air Dogface Soldiers

for their upcoming rotations at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana, and the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

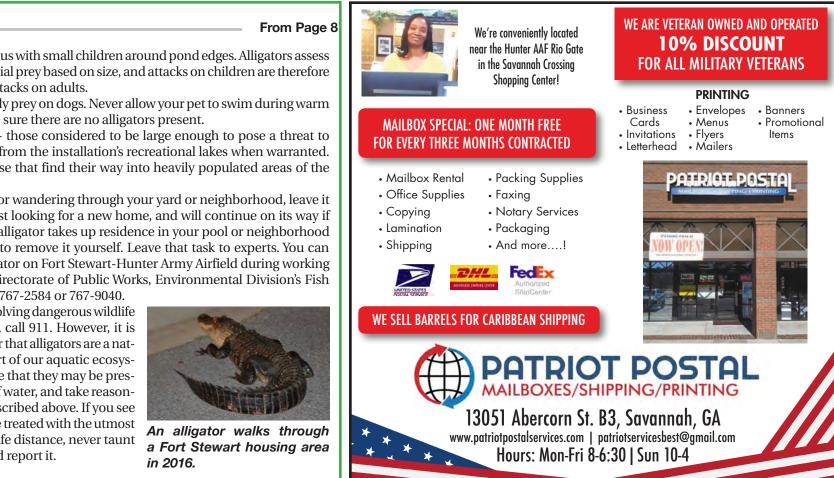
"Overall, the training is going well and

the Soldiers are getting after the training by maintaining their proficiency to protect the aircraft," said Ramos. "The training area is providing good insight to better our Soldiers to fight."



Photo by Sgt. Ryan Tatum

Marne Air Soldiers from 4-3 Avn., 3rd CAB, 3rd ID, engage in an aerial gunnery, Feb. 6, at the Townsend bombing range in Eulonia, as part of their annual certification to maintain unit readiness.



### GATOR

• Be especially cautious with small children around pond edges. Alligators assess the suitability of potential prey based on size, and attacks on children are therefore more common than attacks on adults.

• Alligators will readily prey on dogs. Never allow your pet to swim during warm weather unless you are sure there are no alligators present.

Nuisance alligators - those considered to be large enough to pose a threat to humans, are removed from the installation's recreational lakes when warranted. The same goes for those that find their way into heavily populated areas of the installation.

If you find an alligator wandering through your yard or neighborhood, leave it alone! It is probably just looking for a new home, and will continue on its way if left undisturbed. If an alligator takes up residence in your pool or neighborhood pond, do not attempt to remove it yourself. Leave that task to experts. You can report a nuisance alligator on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield during working hours by calling the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division's Fish

and Wildlife Branch at 767-2584 or 767-9040.

For emergencies involving dangerous wildlife after hours or off-post, call 911. However, it is important to remember that alligators are a natural and important part of our aquatic ecosystems, so always assume that they may be present around any body of water, and take reasonable precautions as described above. If you see one, it should always be treated with the utmost respect - maintain a safe distance, never taunt or feed an alligator, and report it.

## Forward support companies sustain training



Photo by Spc. Jordyn Worshek

Medics assigned to 703rd BSB, 2ABCT, 3rd ID, wait for clearance to leave the training area during a sustainment field training exercise on Fort Stewart, Feb. 6. During this field training exercise, the area was under high security to simulate a realistic combat scenario.

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When people think of the Army, a certain picture comes to mind. The combat arms Soldiers are off in some far away land, engaging the enemy with their weapons, tanks and field artillery. While combat arms military occupational specialties are a big part of the Army, other careers are often less talked about. Specifically, the careers of Soldiers in our forward support companies.

A forward support company is comprised of Soldiers who are equally important to mission success by providing key services that keep our units running strong such as, maintaining vehicles, providing Soldiers with medical care, fuel for vehicles, and distribution of ammunition.

To make sure the Spartan brigade is ready for their rotation to the National Training Center in May, all 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team's FSCs came together under the 703rd Brigade Support Battalion to conduct a sustainment field training exercise starting Feb. 4 on Fort Stewart.

During a sustainment FTX, the training focuses on vital tasks that allow the FSCs to be self-sufficient while forward deployed. These tasks are area defense, movement to contact, support in an attack, and area security.

While FSC Soldiers train with these objectives in mind, they also perform their primary military occupational specialty.

One component of support is maintenance. Maintenance works along-side ammunition Soldiers, medical specialists and ammunition supply to support the unit mission.

"Every support MOS (military occupational specialty) has its role in maintaining the fleet," said Staff Sgt. Cole Wenzel, a tank mechanic assigned to Company B, 703rd BSB, 2nd ABCT. "Our focus is to maintain and operate vehicles, including the M88A2 and provide security. We have to work with other support MOSs to be able to fix the equipment and complete our mission as maintainers to support the brigade mission."

In order to complete the overall mission, another integral part of the FSC are the medics. With their support, all Soldiers have effective medical care and are trained on how to prevent serious injury while in the field.

"Our main objective is to train to enhance our capabilities to provide medical care, and see how we align with the other battalions within the brigade," said 1st Sgt. Tyrone Thompson, a medic assigned to Company C, 703rd BSB, 2nd ABCT. "We work to prevent various hazards to Soldiers' health and make sure there are no serious injuries. By supporting the warfighters within 2 ABCT with medical care, it allows for other Soldiers to complete their mission."

Ammunition specialists are responsible for the management of ordnance (ammunition and explosives). They are tasked with receiving, storing and issuing conventional ammunition, guided missiles, large rockets, explosives and other ammunition and explosive related items. Without the support of these Soldiers, combat troops would lack the means necessary to defeat the enemy.

"Our job is to issue, turn in and take ammo accountability," said Staff Sgt Leroy Newsome, an ammo specialist assigned to Company A, 703rd BSB, 2nd ABCT. "We work with all the other MOSs and if you don't have ammo, you can't fire any weapons. But everything has to interchange and if you don't have all the FSC MOSs working together, the brigade can't complete its' mission. We are all necessary."

All Soldiers must work together as a team to accomplish the mission. The more field training exercises they complete, the better they become at their individual pieces to the overarching mission, the more the entire Spartan team will benefit.

