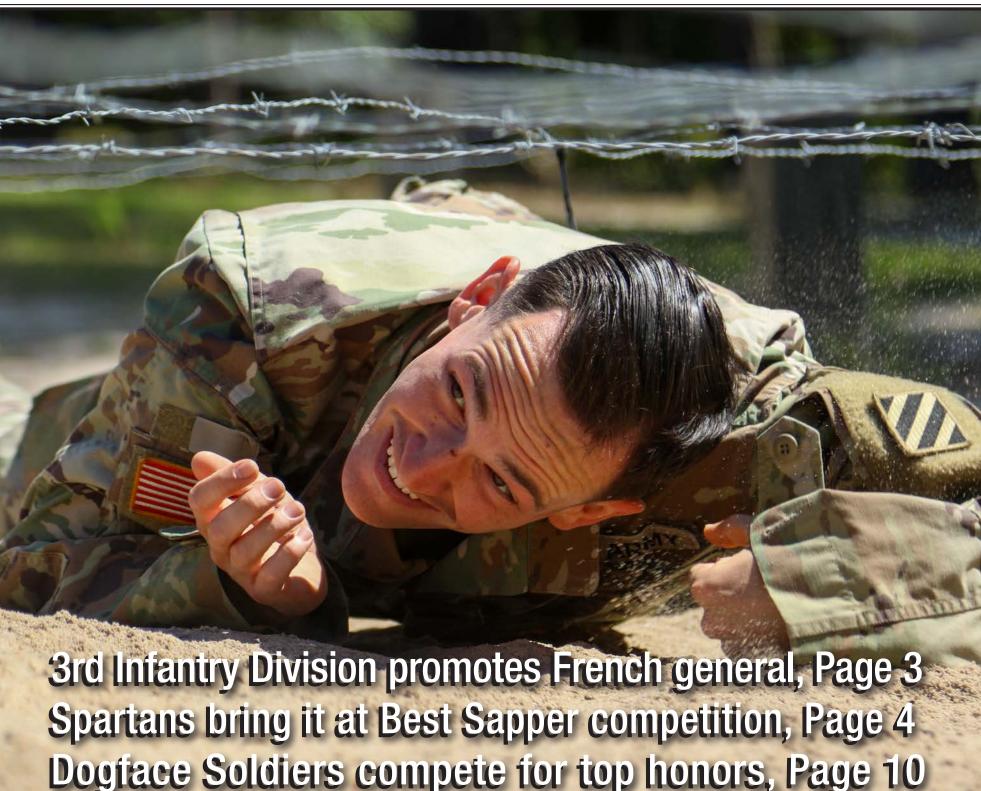


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Good Times actress visits Fort Stewart



Photo by Molly Cooke

Bern Nadette Stanis, known for her role as Thelma Evans in 70s sitcom Good Times, visits with fans, April 7 inside the Fort Stewart Consolidated Exchange. Stanis, who has written 3 books since concluding her role on Good Times, will be available to meet and greet and sign autographs from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the Fort Stewart Exchange through May 16.

Marne Voices Speak Out

What made you want to join the Armed Forces?

Photos by Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Wise

"I joined the Army to gain experience in law enforcement and to further my education by obtaining a masters degree in criminal psychology."

Sgt. Kristen Chandler 385th MP Bn.



"As a first generation American growing up post 9/11, I felt the obligation to serve for the opportunities this country provides for my Family."

Cpl. Pedro Mesa 2nd ABCT

"I joined the Army to better my life and to make myself proud for doing something I love and have a passion for."

Sgt. Nashsaly Reys *2nd ABCT*





"I joined the Army because serving my country has always been my dream. I took the leap and I've never looked back."

Spc. Alexander Firlit 2nd ABCT

"I joined the Army because my father and brother served and because the Army is a great stepping stone for my future career in information technology."

Sgt. Alicia Barnett 2nd ABCT



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Cover: Spc. Caleb Seals, an infantryman assigned to 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, low crawls as part of an obstacle course during the Division's Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Competition, May 6 on Fort Stewart. (Photo by Spc. Jose Escamilla)



Photo by Spc. Summer Keiser

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Antonio Aguto, commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division, passes a cavalry saber to French Army Maj. Gen. Hubert Cottereau, deputy commanding general of the 3rd ID, to signify his warfighting ability during Cottereau's promotion ceremony, May 7 at Marne Garden on Fort Stewart. Cottereau began serving with 3rd ID in July of 2019. After one year in the position of deputy commanding general-maneuver, he now serves as the deputy general-readiness, commanding overseeing more than 21,000 Soldiers in the most honored division.

3rd Infantry Division promotes French general

Lt. Col. Lindsey Elder 3rd Infantry Division

Hubert Cottereau, the deputy commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division and a general officer in the French Army, was promoted to the rank of major general during a special ceremony, May 7 on Fort Stewart.

Cottereau began serving with 3rd Infantry Division in July 2019. Following his return to France in the coming months, Cottereau will take command of the French army's 3rd Division.

His role as deputy commanding general is a first-of-its-kind for the U.S. and French armies and was made possible by the U.S. Army's Military Personnel Exchange Program.

The program is designed to strengthen bonds of friendship, understanding, and interoperability between the countries and their respective military organizations.

These partnerships allow foreign officers to serve in the U.S. and to experience the U.S. Army's customs and courtesies, missions, and daily operations. As the 3rd ID benefited from Cottereau's expertise, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Todd Wasmund has served as the deputy commander for the French army's 3rd Division in Marseilles.

The unique promotion ceremony included the rendering of honors of a 21-gun salute, the national anthems of both countries, as well as a gift presentation to spouse Brigitte Cottereau for her commit-

ment to the Soldiers of the division.

A highlight moment included a surprise letter from French Gen. Thierry Burkhard, the French army chief of staff, and a video message by French Lt. Gen. Vincent Guionie, the French land forces commander, who read the official promotion orders and offered his congratulations and support on the important milestone for both armies.

"This promotion ceremony of Brig. Gen. Cottereau in the Unites States by a U.S. Army general is a very great sign of the close ties that both our armies are establishing," said Guionie, with both American and French flags beside him.

Cottereau's remarks reflected on honor, humility, and gratitude.

"I am extremely proud to be promoted while being part of the 3rd ID and to have had participated in tightening the links between the U.S. Army and the French army," he said. "I do love this division. She has and will have a very specific place in my heart, in the Cottereau's family heart. Third ID is not noisy, not flashy, but truly lethal."

Cottereau also acknowledged the support of his family and parents. His mother watched the ceremony virtually from France. Cottereau was promoted during the ceremony with the rank insignia his late father once wore.

"Hubert leads the strategic planning for the division," said Maj. Gen. Antonio Aguto, commander of 3rd Infantry Division. "Now, and over the last two very eventful years, he has overseen everything from

top Army priorities like readiness, to our COVID-19 response, as well as the preparations and planning for our warfighter exercise. Under his watch, 3rd Infantry Division was the first in the Army to return to collective training exercises during the pandemic. He helped ensure our brigades were ready for their deployments to Europe and South Korea."

Over two million U.S. service members deployed to France in defense of shared liberties in World War I. Of these, over 68,000 service members are buried or memorialized at American cemeteries across France. The division commanding general told attendees that there is nowhere more fitting for the relationship to expand than with the 3rd ID.

"So much of our division's history starts with our fight alongside the French," Aguto said. "Rock of the Marne" came from our history with the French in World War I. The very patch we wear on our sleeve has historical references to rivers and battles in France."

The relationship between the U.S. and France dates back to the days of the American Revolution, when thousands of French soldiers fought alongside American troops and provided crucial support in the fight for independence.

"Hubert Cottereau is the epitome of a Dogface Soldier," Aguto said. "Today we are not only adding a new story to our Army experience, but we are commemorating an important milestone in an incredibly important strategic relationship with our oldest partner and ally."

Spartan Soldiers bring it at Best Sapper Competition

Sgt. Brian Ragin 2nd ABCT

The Super Bowl for the U.S. Army Engineer Corps' community - the Best Sapper Competition - started May 1 and ended May 4, with an award presentation at Nutter Field House on Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The competition measured resiliency, physical and mental stamina, and technical and tactical proficiency. Two teams from 9th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, vied for the title of top combat engineer, which included the Army's first all-female team, Team 20, and an allmale team, Team 25.

While 50 teams traveled from across the country to the competition to compete, only 35 teams made it through to the final day. In the end, the 9th BEB team consisting of 1st Lt. Rafael Eirea Lamberto and Staff Sgt. Johnny Gray, Team 25, placed 15th overall in the Best Sapper Competition and first place in the Sapper Stakes event. The event included a stress shoot, clearing a building, physical exercises, a hand grenade lane, an improvised shape charge, reconnaissance of a river crossing, breaching and identification of foreign weapons among other things.

1st Lt. Trisha Burden and 2nd Lt. Amanda Atkinson, Team 20, the first all-female team to compete in the Best Sapper Competition, came up short after Burden injured her foot during an event.

"The most challenging event was the X-mile ruck," said Atkinson. "The cadre planned a smoker of a course for it and with my partner's injured foot we struggled to keep the pace that we needed. We completed the eight-hour ruck but came up short on the required distance."

Described as a condensed 50-hour version of the original 28-day Sapper Leaders Course, the Best Sapper Competition tests teams' mastery of engineer skills. Covering 51 miles in 50 hours, competitors waged through numerous technical,

tactical and physically demanding events while carrying 65-pounds plus on their backs.

Participants noted the competition was stiff and the events were grueling, but Team 25 stayed engaged and motivated and ended up surprising themselves coming in first place during the Sapper Stakes event.

Eirea Lamberto, a 23-year-old Cuban-born American from Miami, graduated from Sapper school on April 9, just two weeks before the competition started.

"We were sitting at the award ceremony thinking there is no way we won this," explained Eirea Lamberto. "I was very surprised we took first is Sapper Stakes because there were so many competitive teams. I feel like we were successful because Gray and I worked as a team throughout the whole day. We stayed consistent and never quit."

Gray, a 27-year-old Atlanta native, graduated from Sapper school in August 2017 and added the competition was rough, humbling, but he and Eireat Lamberto made it through. They both look forward to heading back next year.

Both 9th BEB teams said the first day of the competition was especially difficult. Starting with a non-standard physical fitness test, a poncho raft swim across a man-made lake and a nine-station round-robin engineer event.

"The atmosphere was incredible," said Burden. "If I have the opportunity to compete again next year, I will absolutely be there. It was an honor to compete in the competition as the first all-female team, but also to represent 9th BEB, 2nd ABCT, and 3rd ID."

"These two teams put in countless hours outside of work to prepare for the Best Sapper Competition," said Lt. Col. Brian Looney, commander of 9th BEB. "It's awesome to have these teams recognized for their excellent performance, more inspiring is that they are already talking about next year's competition."





Best Sapper Competition, May 1 on Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.



from left), 1st Lt. Ralpael Eirea(third from right), 2nd Lt. Amanda Atkinson(second from left), and Staff Sgt. Johnny Gray(second from right), all assigned to 9th BEB, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, pose for a picture after the Best Sapper award ceremony at Nutter Field-house, May 4 on Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.



ACS, MWR, Coastal Happening Briefs



General Order 1 updates posted

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

New virtual newcomers orientation

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

Face masks required in on-post facilities

Until further notice all personnel, military and civilian, on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will wear face coverings or masks when inside on-post public buildings and facilities. Personnel are not required to wear masks inside individual work spaces if they work alone or they can maintain a minimum of six feet of social distancing. Face coverings with valves are not permitted.

DPW to host Facility Management Training

The Directorate of Public Works will host a Facility Management Training Course May 6 and May 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the SFC Paul R. Smith Education Center. Classes will then be held every third Thursday of the month thereafter. Course will train primary and alternate FMs for each commander and directorate. Seating is limited to 30 per class. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 320-6850.

Housing on post

The Department of Defense continues to be fully committed to ensuring the Nation's military Service members and their Families have access to safe, quality and well-maintained homes and communities on DOD installations. Review the documents at home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/my-fort/newcomers-1/housing.

Fort Stewart lost and found property

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

Visitor Control Center updated hours

Effective until further notice, the Fort Stewart and Hunter Visitor Control Centers will be closed on Sundays. If you have signed an Exception To Policy memo to allow a visitor on the installation, please take note that passes will no longer be issued on Sundays.

3rd ID Equal Opportunity hotline

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

Download the Digital Garrison app

Download the new Digital Garrison app for your guide to all on post services. Available for your android or Apple device. Just search for Digital Garrison app and choose Fort Stewart Hunter Army Airfield to get started.

24-hour fueling available

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service offers after-hours unattended fueling at select Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Express locations. Unattended fueling is available at Marne Express (Pumps 21-24), Bryan Village Express (Pumps 5-8), and Hunter AAF Gas Kiosk (Pumps 5-8). Only debit, credit, or Military Star card may be used to pay for 24-hour gasoline. For more information please call 876-9585.

Podcast now on iTunes, Spotify

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

FEMS offers new facility manager course

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Fire Emergency Services offers a facility manager course on the third Thursday of every month to both service members and DoD civilians. This new course replaces the previous versions of on-post instruction such as the fire warden's course and the fire marshal's course. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be trained on how to spot and properly report common fire prevention hazards. Classes will be held in the Fire Station #1 classroom, building 1851 on Fort Stewart. For information visit facebook.com/FSGAHAAFFireDept.

Legal Assistance opens in-person services

Legal Assistance is opening May 3. With COVID measures still in place, the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Legal Assistance offices will fully open, May 3. The weekly walk-in hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. with Friday being 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., for all eligible ID cardholders. Services are still available for contact via email at the following: Fort Stewart: usarmy.stewart.forscom.mbx.fsga-legal-assistance-office@mail.mil; Hunter: usarmy.stewart.forscom. mbx.haaf@mail.mil. Soldiers seeking powers of attorney and notaries should contact their Brigade Legal Offices for assistance.

Marne Tax Center extends services

The IRS has extended the tax filing deadline from April 15 to May 17. Due to the extension, the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield tax centers will extend services until May 17. Additionally, both Fort Stewart and Hunter tax centers now have new hours of operation.

Fort Stewart's tax center is located in Bldg. 136 next to the DA photo lab. Hours of operation are now Monday – Wednesday, 9 a.m. -5 p.m.; Thursday: 1-6 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hunter Army Airfield tax center is located in Bldg. 1211 inside the Hunter Army Airfield Legal Assistance Office. Hours of operation are now: Monday – Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday, 1-6 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call 767-1513.

Marne Week updates

Marne Week will take place May 15 – 20.

- Road closure, May 14 May 20: 6th Street to Bundy Avenue due to static display, opening and closing ceremonies, Twilight Tattoo and Family Day events
- May 17, 6:30 a.m., Marne Bed Race: Road closure Gulick Ave. from 6th Street to 18th Street 6-8 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 18, 6 p.m., Twilight Tattoo
- 3rd ID ball, Friday, May 21, 6 p.m.

Tune into the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield and the 3rd Infantry Division Facebook pages for event information, road closures, and updates.

Marne Week concert

Kick off Marne Week with the rockin' country duo Big & Rich, along with special guest, Lathan Warlick. Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield MWR presents America's Technicolor cowboys who were nominated in 2017 for Vocal Duo of the Year. The concert is free, and open to authorized DOD ID cardholders. Registration and wristbands required. Wristbands will be available for pick-up on May 13 and 14 for pre-registrants at Club Stewart from 2-6 p.m. and at the Hunter Army Airfield Leisure Travel Services office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m.. For more information visit *StewartHunter.ArmyMWR.com*.

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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 meeting is the third Wednesday of each month at noon at building 1 on Fort Stewart in the SAMC conference room.

SFAB Recruiting Facebook Live event

The Security Force Assistance Brigade assesses Soldiers encourages interested Soldiers to attend information briefs and meet with the SFAB Recruiting Team at *facebook.com/SFABRecruiting* every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Visit *goarmy.com/sfab* for information.

CIF equipment issue, turn-in

Effective immediately CIF will no longer issue or support the turn-in of mosquito nets, JSLIST sets or tents. All mosquito nets, JSLIST sets and tents will be laterally transferred from CIF to the individual units. Individual units will manage hand receipts to their individual Soldiers. Units will provide CIF with Assumption of Command Orders and an Alpha roster to facilitate the transfer process. Soldiers will turn-in mosquito nets, JSLIST sets and tents and clear unit supply rooms prior to clearing CIF. Contact your unit supply room for information.

Controlled burn season ongoing

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Forestry Branch has begun the controlled burn season and will initiate 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 information, call 767-2010.

Have medication delivered to your home

TRICARE and Express Scripts invite beneficiaries to use the many services offered by Express Scripts to help manage their prescription requirements. Express Scripts will allow beneficiaries to receive home delivery, order refills, check their order status, setup auto refills and get benefit explanations from their website, over the phone or by using their new enhanced Express Scripts mobile app. The app allows community members to manage medications from their computer or cell phone. Anytime. Anywhere. For information call Express Scripts at 877-363-1303.

Virtual CIED, CUAS training

The Fort Stewart Home Station Training Team is currently offering classes via virtual platform Webex. The benefit of this capability is that it provides an educational solution regardless of physical distance. In an environment where social distancing is paramount, their goal is to be able to provide remote learning in an environment where students and instructors have minimal proximity to each other or to our instructors. It is their plan to continue to work with units that are interested to continue this capability. Contact John Summers at *john.l.summers.ctr@mail.mil* or Troy Clements at *troy.j.clements.ctr@mail.mil*.

Mass warning notification system test

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will conduct a MWNS monthly test on the first Tuesday of every month at noon. The next test will be June 1. The monthly tests are required to ensure the systems function properly and to identify issues before presented with a real world emergency. For information call the military police desk 767-4264.

Virtual unit TARP training offered

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Counterintelligence Team offers unit virtual TARP Training through Microsoft Teams to meet annual training requirements. Unit training officers call 315-2006 or submit a request via email usarmy. hunter.902-mi-grp.list.308th-savannah-fo@mail. mil to schedule.

Equal employment opportunity

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Equal Employment Opportunity Office is conducting virtual operations. All complaint intakes and Reasonable and Religious Accommodations requests will be conducted via email. Email complaints or requests for RA to *usarmy.stewart.usag.list.eeo-all@mail.mil* or reach them by phone at 767-4074.

Traffic alert to affect post access

A traffic shift to build the Georgia highway 144 double roundabout will affect traffic at I-95 and the exit 90 ramps. Contractors are moving the traffic signals to support the pattern change. Drivers will be delayed at the exit 90 ramp areas. The main work area runs from Thunderbird Drive to Longwood Drive, vicinity McDonald's. Two modern roundabouts will be constructed to better accommodate traffic volumes, reduce backups and increase safety.

Closings and cancellations

Follow the Fort Stewart-Hunter website and Facebook pages for information. Updates will be sent as information is provided.

Drug suppression team offers assistance

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

Road construction notice

Beginning May 17 there will be a lane closure at the intersection of Vanguard Road and Highway 144 by the 2nd ABCT training area. The construction will take place in the right hand turn lane at the traffic light near 2nd ABCT main gate. Motorists are advised to avoid the area if possible and are asked to exit the 2nd ABCT training area via Gate 4A. The construction is expected to last one week. For more information call 767-0823.

Fort Stewart Passport Office closure

The Fort Stewart passport office will be closed until May 28. Soldiers, Family Members, and DA Civilians requiring an official Passport or Visa should plan ahead and contact the AFSBn Personal Property office at 767-8154 or 767-7971 to obtain information on other available Military Passport Facilities. If your Passport or Visa has already been processed through our office, you will be contacted once received.

Audition for Marne's Got Talent

Join BOSS for a chance to show your talent at the Marne's Got Talent Show. This event is open to all of the Fort Stewart and Hunter community. In-person auditions will be held on May 13th at the Woodruff Theater, from 5-7 p.m. Those who would like to submit video auditions may do so until June 21. The show will be held at Woodruff Theater on July 22, starting at 6 p.m.. For more information, visit stewarthunter.armymwr.com/happenings/boss-marnes-got-talent.

Newman Fitness Center hot water outage

Newman Fitness Center is currently without hot water until further notice, but will continue to operate at normal business hours. For more information, such as hours of operation call 767-3031.

Death Notice

If anyone has a claim against the estate of Sgt. Daniel B. Bourhenne, 4th Assault Helicipter Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, they should contact the summary court martial officer, Capt. Cary Higginbotham at cary.e.higginbotham. mil@mail.mil. Bourhenne died on April 22.

Workhorse commander takes final flight

Photos by Spc. Savannah Roy

Below: Lt. Col. Lee Robinson, commander of the 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, addresses the gathering for his final flight in the AH-64D Apache helicopter on Hunter Army Airfield, May 6. Robinson will proceed to his next duty assignment as a professor at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.





Above: An AH-64D Apache helicopter gets hosed down as Lt. Col. Lee Robinson, commander of the 603rd ASB, 3rd CAB, 3rd ID completes his final flight on Hunter Army Airfield, May 6.

Army seeks future officers during virtual hiring spree

Thomas Brading
Army News Service

WASHINGTON— Even though death threats were common in Iraq during the mid-2000s, the scare tactic still left M. Sayer a bit unnerved while he worked as a linguist for the U.S. military.

"I came home one day and someone left a bullet inside an envelope in my mailbox," Sayer recalled.

It was an eye-opening experience for Sayer, but it failed to intimidate him for long. The act sparked a change in the young Iraqi and instead of hiding he found a new way to serve in something he believed in.

Shortly after, he applied for an American visa to enroll in college in Florida, where he now studies at Tampa University. He also became an ROTC cadet who hopes to serve as an Army officer in the military police.

The Army continues to search for talented individuals, like Sayer, to fill its officer ranks. To help its cause, recruiters plan to carry out another mass recruiting drive starting Monday through June 14 to add future officers and enlisted Soldiers to its pool of talent.

During hundreds of virtual hiring fairs, potential recruits nationwide will have the opportunity for one-on-one meetings with recruiters and can learn about signing bonuses of up to \$40,000 or student loan reimbursements of up to \$65,000. Recruiters will also discuss health insurance, tuition assistance and retirement plans.

The hiring campaign, first launched last year, will also offer a \$2,000 bonus for individuals who enlist during the five-week event in one of 11 priority occupations and ship to training by the end of September.

Priority career fields include infantry, psychological operations, explosives ordnance disposal and air and missile defense.

Other critical roles needed are health care professionals, said Maj. Britain Seaburn, officer in charge at the U.S. Army Medical Recruiting–Louisville office in Kentucky.

Those fields include doctors, nurses, nutritionists, and more, he said. Many positions come with a variety of associated incentives, like signing bonuses, student loan repayment, and an assortment of scholarships for medical, dental, or veter-

inary school

"Many people don't realize that we have medical professionals in the Army and the incentives that are available to them," he said, regarding the biggest hurdle in finding talent.

"[The public] just lacks knowledge and familiarity," he added. "The Army can train people, pay for them to get through training, like through scholarship programs to achieve the credentialing as a [medical] provider."

Seaburn was one of those people. Before commissioning, he attended Missouri State University where he studied dietetics. The would-be dietitian needed an internship to complete the graduate program. Unfortunately, most internships offered very little incentives beyond experience.

"Then I came across an internship called the graduate program in nutrition through the Army," he said.

The program offers students a chance to commission into the Army health care team, he said, where they both serve in uniform and develop skills needed for their medical careers.

"I wanted to go into an internship where I could be paid, because that is rare," Seaburn said. "I also liked the opportunity to complete my master's degree with an internship. These were both things I wanted to do and with the Army I did both -- I got paid and I got the schooling for free."

Besides checking the boxes on his career, the Army also "allowed me to move away from Missouri," the Springfield native said. "My wife and I are adventurous people and wanted to explore the world."

Over a decade later, the roles are now reversed. Since 2019, Seaburn has been the one helping college students and medical professionals forge paths in the Army.

"I volunteered in my current role so I could pass goodwill and favor onto others," he said. "Our job as recruiters is to get out there, share our message with as many people regardless of what their circumstances are, and to help them take advantage of these opportunities."

One officer who made the most of the Army's college programs is 2nd Lt. Jillian Woody, a medical service corps officer with the Army California National Guard.

Woody learned of the myriad of opportunities offered through Army service while studying at Azusa Pacific University in Los Angeles, where she majored in kinesiology



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and exercise science.

"I chose the [National Guard] over the other components because I liked how mobile it is," Woody said. "The Guard is the first to respond to any state and nationwide emergency, and since I joined in May of 2019, I have had one state and one federal activation.

"I've just had so much experience, and I have been challenged in ways I cannot really explain. So the Guard has really come alongside me in my journey."

The first step in Woody's journey started with the Army's medical programs offered to college students -- the same ones Seaburn once took advantage of as well.

There are multiple medical fields in the Army. Woody joined the medical specialist corps, which includes fields like occupational therapy, physical therapy, dieticians, and more.

The Army also has a nurse corps, filled with nurses of all specialties. "We have nurse practitioners, like family and psychiatric [nurses], critical care nurses, perioperative nurses, and more," Seaburn said.

Many college students, like Woody and Sayer, commission through ROTC scholarships.

Now a senior in college, Sayer said he has had no regrets on coming to the United States from Iraq.

Growing up, the cadet taught himself English through American television shows, and later worked as a linguist with both the Army and Marine military police.

Sayer grew up in a normal family life in

Iraq, he said. But outside of his house, war waged all around. Although working with the military police was fulfilling to him, it upset others in his community.

His first job was to help Soldiers and Marines reestablish local police forces in Fallujah and Ramadi. He was assigned to three police stations, where they helped with recruiting, payroll paperwork, and other essential tasks necessary, he said.

In 2009, while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division for a year, Sayer got another taste of what being in the Army could be like, he said. The role was rewarding and he felt like his job made a difference

On a special immigrant visa, Sayer came to the United States and enrolled in college as a ROTC cadet. After commissioning, he hopes to be a leader in the same field that started his journey -- military police.

With each challenge, whether at home or in college, Sayer tells himself, "Mentally, I can do this. If I put my head to it, I can do it," he said.

And it's that kind of can-do attitude recruiters look to find in future Soldiers.

"Whenever you can assist someone in the process to make it a life-changing effect on them, that is the most rewarding thing to me," Seaburn said. "We're trying to share the information to allow everyone to take advantage of what the Army can offer.

Fore more information, visit *goarmy. com/hiringdays* to learn more about the part-time and full-time careers offered by the Army, qualifications and to connect with a local recruiter.

Property disposal field offices to close

Jake Joy

DLA Disposition Services Public Affairs

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., — Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services recently announced it will shutter most of its property disposal field offices by the end of fiscal 2022.

Despite widespread small site closures, support services will continue unabated, and an overall reduction of customer wait time is expected. Many DLA Disposition Services field activities will enjoy capability increases as 60 full-time employee positions are shifted to enhance under-resourced locations and Fort Campbell expands into a full-service small field site.

The permanent closures will affect DLA's small property disposal on Fort Stewart.

The realignment of reverse logisticians from field offices to larger field activities is the result of extensive analyses that found field offices handle just 2.8% of the network's total workload while consuming about 13% of the command's labor costs. The repositioning of manpower is expected to save nearly \$2 million over a two-year period while lowering customer wait time by almost a full day on average and increasing annual property receipts by about 125,000 items.

Six field offices will remain open, covering a critical geographic or operational gap that field activities could not efficiently absorb. Those locations are at Naval Submarine Base New London, Whiteman, Ellsworth AFB, Scott AFB, Minot AFB, Holloman AFB and Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico. Fort Campbell will redesignate as a field activity.

DLA Disposition Services Director Mike Cannon briefed logistics leaders from each of the armed services and sought military customer feedback before enacting the plan. DLA Director Vice Admiral Michelle Skubic officially approved Field Office Realignment in early April and employees at affected sites were recently notified of impending closures after consultation with employee union representatives.

"I would love to have a property disposal specialist out there at every single military installation there is," Cannon said. "Is it great to have people out there? Absolutely. But it's costly. Closing offices

is not fun to do, but in this environment, it's a necessity."

Cannon said the costs DLA Disposition Services needed to shrink as its contribution to DLA's overall budget reduction goals was equivalent to losing nearly 20 full-time field positions. He said eliminating customer-facing jobs would diminish the command's ability to deliver the level of property disposal help and expertise warfighters have come to expect.

"I am unwilling to arbitrarily cut people to save money," Cannon said. "Our best path forward is to keep all of the positions we have – because we aren't getting any more – and put them where the work is, while striving to provide the same attention, the same training and the same expertise to our military customers as we have consistently for decades."

Site closures will occur on a case-bycase basis. DLA Disposition Services site and regional personnel will reach out to customers to help them understand timelines for local closure and how to continue turning in property, screen excess equipment, deal with scrap and hazardous materials and schedule transportation.

Disposal service representatives will remain engaged and ready to help answer questions. Digital DSR remains a one-stop online location for property searches, item turn-in tools and scheduling for disposal. Robust Receipt-In-Place capabilities will allow DOD customers to take unwanted property off their books without having to haul anything to a DLA site.

"We will continue to provide property disposal and reuse training across all levels and transportation will still be scheduled within 21 days," Cannon said. "Our field site reps are outstanding at what they do, and I know they will take care of our warfighters. The only thing that may have changed is where their desk is located."

More information on site closures will soon become available through the DLA Disposition Services website and via normal customer support channels. Installations will be notified as actual closure dates are determined. Questions on closures can also be sent to t *dladispsvcsfor@dla.mil*.



Dogface Soldiers vie to be best

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Hull 3rd ID Public Affairs

The U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division announced today the winners of its Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Competition held across Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, last week. Spc. Gavin Currey, a cavalry scout assigned to 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, was named the Soldier of the Year and Sgt. Hunter Davidson, an infantryman assigned to 3rd Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, is the NCO of the Year. Competitors also hailed from the 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade on Fort Stewart, the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade from Hunter Army Airfield, and the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment from Fort Benning.

Thirteen candidates attempted to outperform all other competitors in both physical and mental toughness as well as technical knowledge and tactical proficiency to be selected to represent the division in the successive corps, major command, and ultimately, the Army level competitions.

"Both our Soldier and noncommissioned officer winning the competition helps build a long-term culture of success in our brigade," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jaime Lopez, the senior enlisted member of the 2nd ABCT. "These individuals set the standard for professionalism and tactical expertise for others to follow."

Learning that he was the winner was a profound moment for this division's NCO of the Year.

"This week of competitiveness has been a challenge, day in and day," said Davidson. "From both the physical and mental aspects of the competition, I have learned more about myself and recognized my own knowledge within."

The week-long competition began early on May 3 with an Army Physical Fitness Test. The following day found the candidates on the shooting ranges of Fort Stewart, where they conducted events from the Army's Combat Fitness Test to stress their ability to shoot with accuracy even while fatigued. The candidates were required to demonstrate proficiency maintaining and employing the M9 pistol, the M4 carbine, the M249 squad assault weapon and the M240 machine gun.

Midweek, the competitors marched 12 miles with their body armor, helmet and fully packed ruck sack to see who could earn the most points toward their overall score by being the fastest. Throughout the rest of the day, the candidates demonstrated their knowledge of basic warrior tasks through several lanes. The graded lanes included performing tasks such as: combat casualty care, request indirect fire support, communications, and react to chemical or biological weapons attack, amongst myriad others. Wednesday

concluded with academic testing, challenging their intellectual knowledge after several physically rigorous days.

In the morning on Thursday, the candidates conquered a physically challenging obstacle course, then demonstrated their ability to move across unknown terrain with only a map, a protractor tool and a compass during the afternoon and at night.

As Friday dawned, the competitors donned their dress uniforms and scrutinized their decorations for precision placement. The junior enlisted competitors attended the board chaired by the division's seniormost enlisted member in the morning, where they answered a series of questions to test their knowledge of unit history, Army customs and courtesies, as well as basic tactical and technical expertise. The NCO competitors attended the board in the afternoon. Upon conclusion of the week's events, the competition organizers calculated the score cards.

For the junior enlisted Soldier taking the title of 3rd ID Soldier of the Year, the cumulative experience meant more to him than being declared the winner.

"Winning doesn't matter at the end of the day," said Currey. "It's the time, effort and personal sacrifice you put into winning that matters."

Davidson and Currey will be formally recognized at the division's Marne Week Twilight Tattoo on May 18.



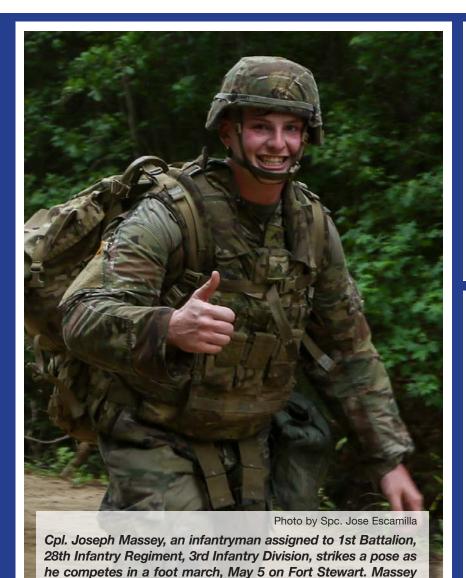


Photo by Spc Jose Escamilla
Spc Vamba Sheriff, a
unit supply specialist
assigned to 87th
CSSB, 3rd DSB, 3rd
ID, low crawls during
an obstacle course as
part of the Division's
Soldier and
Noncommissioned
Officer of the Year
Competition, May 6 on
Fort Stewart.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot U.S. Army Sgt. Hunter Davidson, an infantryman assigned to 3rd Bn., 15th IR, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, simulates decontaminating his skin during the Division's Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Competition, May 5 on Fort Stewart.

Stewart.





was the first to finish the 12-mile foot march for the 3rd Infantry Division Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

Competition.



swings to a wall as part of an obstacle course during the Division's Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Competition, May 6 on Fort

Army robotics efforts bolstered with project origin live fire

Dan Heaton *NGCV CFT*

FORT BENNING—Soldier feedback continues to build momentum in the Army's Campaign of Learning surrounding robotic combat vehicles.

The latest waypoint was a successful two week-long live fire exercise utilizing the Project Origin platform, a robotic combat vehicle (RCV) surrogate system supported by the Next Generation Combat Vehicles Cross Functional Team (NGCV CFT) and the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Ground Vehicle System Center (GVSC), both of which are based at the Detroit Arsenal in Michigan. Supported by Soldiers from A Company, 1-28th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, the team engaged in a series of fire events in which Soldiers remotely controlled the weapon systems on the Project Origin platform to fire on both line-of-sight and non-line-of-sight targets.

The Project Origin vehicle is a surrogate system designed for experimentation to support the development of RCVs. Using a remote control from behind a berm, Soldiers relied on optics from the Project Origin vehicle's tethered Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) to find targets. Utilizing M249 and M2 machine guns and the MK19 grenade launcher mounted on Origin, Soldiers were able to locate enemy vehicles and have rounds on target with no more than two corrections.

Soldier feedback and engineering changes will bring rounds on target immediately or with one correction in the near future, said Todd Willert, project manager for Project Origin at GVSC.

"The system worked very well. Right now, today, even in its status as test platform, this would bring a significant new level of lethality to our infantry forces," said Sgt. 1st Class Richard Dyal, a 1-28th Soldier who participated in the live fire.

The live-fire exercise benefitted from participation by the 1-28th Soldiers, who also participated in a series of exercises in November 2020 at Fort Benning. Then, the Soldiers experimented with the use of the Origin's UAS system, smoke/obscuration module and autonomous drive functions.

"Having the same Soldiers engage with the Origin over multiple iterations reduces the learning curve, allowing us to spend more time testing systems and it also provides



Photo by Dan Heaton

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Dyal, A Company, 1-28th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, speaks about the additional level of lethality that Robotic Combat Vehicles can bring to light forces following a live fire exercise at Camp Grayling, Michigan, April 28.

a constant level of feedback as the Soldiers become familiar with these systems and how they interact," said Maj. Cory Wallace, RCV team lead for the NGCV CFT. "Every piece of data we collect with Project Origin informs the decisions that Army Senior Leaders will make with the development and employment of future RCVs in our formations."

Getting the feedback directly from Soldiers in an operational unit is critical to the process.

"If we are developing systems that are not of use to our Soldiers – that's not in anyone's best interest," Willert said. "Each of these touchpoints are designed to have the actual operators engage with the system and be able to say 'here's what works' and 'here's what doesn't.' After each of these touchpoints, we learn more and we make the tweaks necessary to provide more capability to the Soldiers."

While the Camp Grayling event focused on the use of the UAS with the weapons system, Dyal said another utilization for UAS with RCVs is becoming increasingly clear – that of re-transmission of signals between distant Army teams on the same battlefield.

"If I can put up the UAS to re-transmit, while keeping my soldiers under cover and gaining 360-degree situational awareness based on what the UAS is able to see, I've greatly decreased the risk to my Soldiers and increased the ability of our units to communicate with each other," he said.

Willert said the experimentation further proves the benefits of adding RCVs to the Army.

"This event highlighted the manned / unmanned teaming concept utilizing the ground and air domains to effect threats while increasing survivability for the operating force," he said.

Future testing with the Project Origin system will include shoot-on-the-move engagements.

"We continue to test capabilities and the Origin continues to exceed expectations, both in the lab setting and in the field. The input from our Soldiers is validating every step in this process," Wallace said.

Ways to stay healthy during COVID-19

Militaryonesource.mil

Maintaining good health during the COVID-19 pandemic means following guidance for covering your face in public and considering paying extra attention to your eating habits, exercise and personal schedule.

Military personnel, Families and supporting civilian members serve as role models during extremely challenging times. One way you can do this now is to take steps to protect yourself and others whenever you go out.

The Department of Defense requires face coverings and social distancing on installations and for those performing official duties outside the home. Follow the CDC's guidance for wearing cloth face coverings and for social distancing at all other times as well. These practices can slow the spread of the virus and help people who may unknowingly have it from transmitting it to others. The CDC recommends masks for adults and children ages 2 and up that: Are non-medical and disposable, are made with breathable or tightly-woven fabric, have two or three layers and nclude a filter pocket.

The DOD does not authorize the use of novelty masks, masks with ventilation valves or face shields.

Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth when removing your face covering. Wash your hands as soon as you finish.

Get moving. Reach out to a Military

OneSource health and wellness coach to develop an exercise plan just for you with the equipment you have at home. You can make an appointment for a phone, online or video session by calling Military OneSource at 800-342-9647.

Keep your bedtime the same. Sleep helps restore and relax your mind and body. A good sleep routine keeps you healthy.

Eat regular, nutritious meals with your Family. Family meals are a great time to bond and get to know each other better, not to mention staying healthy.

Order your medications online to avoid contact with people who may have the virus.

Engage your mind in your favorite activities. Whatever your thing is — reading a book, painting, playing an instrument or streaming your favorite music, dancing, writing, singing, etc. — do it, enjoy it and you'll feel better for it.

Avoid information overload. Watching or reading too much negative news can increase anxiety. Instead, limit the time you take in negative news and use the extra time to fill yourself with something positive like writing down all you are grateful for or using these other tips for emotional wellness.

Practice self-care. Plug into tools to help you de-stress and take care of yourself. The Defense Health Agency recommends several: Breathe2Relax trains you on deep-breathing techniques and is among several you'll find on the Military OneSource Recommended Wellness Apps page. The Military Meditation Coach podcast provides relaxation exercises and tips for well-being.

Help others and ask for help when you need it. Ask for help if you or your Family need it; Military OneSource confidential, non-medical counselors are here for you. If you or a family member are having suicidal thoughts, call the Military Crisis line at 800-273-8255, press 1; text to 838255; or start a confidential chat. If you find yourself in a dangerous, abusive situation, contact command, the Family

Advocacy Program or law enforcement. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 911. Except in select circumstances, you have the option of making either a restricted or unrestricted report of domestic abuse. Both options allow access to victim advocacy services, which include personal help and support.

Seek reliable information. Look for sites that provide factual and frequently updated information such as *Coronavirus.gov*, *CDC.gov*, *USA.gov* and *Defense.gov*.



Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

April 28

Hudson James Kunkle, a boy, 8 pounds, born to Spc. Justin Kunkle and Savannah Kunkle.

April 30

Hudson Alan Blake, a boy, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Brett Blake and Ashley Blake.

Ellie Mae Himpsl, a girl, 10 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Jordan Himpsl and Sarah Hempsl.

May 1

Kendyl Renee Rodgers, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Melanie Johnson.

Forrestt Lee Keijiro Miyano, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Lt. Justin Miyano and Kristen Marie Miyano.

May 2

Jahlen Prince Altidor, a boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pfc. Sheneider Altidor and Shatorria Altidor.

Bjorn Emile Thirion, a boy, 9 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Leslie Thirion.

May 3

Jack Maddox Davenport, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher Davenport and Erica Davenport.

Sarah Elizabeth Odom, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Karen Odom and Zachary Odom.

May 4

Elena Ester Johnsen, a girl, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer 4 Nicholas Johnsen and Evelia Johnsen.

May 5

Jeremiah Amir Weston, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. Reginald Weston and Courtney Weston.

May 6

Kelly Klein Ramirez, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Eric Ramirez and Chelsea Ramirez.

Noah Joseph Williams, a boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Andrew Williams and Christel Williams.

May 7

Jamari Alvin Lewis Walker, a boy, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Fuscia Walker and Spc. Britney Walker.

Elias Reign Hernandez, a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Carl Hernandez and Cinthya Pineda.

Amelia Blake Planchon, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Christopher Planchon and Mary Planchon.

May 9

Anna Brielle Fraiser, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Atashiana Wright.

Ari'ella Mishaye Young, a girl, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. William Young and Sgt. Destiny Yellowhorse.



Photo by Spc. Daniel Thompson

U.S. Army Pvt. Jonathan Valdovinos, an M1 armored vehicle crewman assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, assists community members at the Community Vaccination Center, April 12 in Atlanta.

Dogface Soldiers support state vaccination efforts

Spc. Robert WormleyFederal Vaccine Response

ATLANTA— To accommodate Georgians that may require extra assistance, U.S. Army Soldiers supporting the state-run, federally-supported Community Vaccination Center assist and escort Georgia community members at the Atlanta CVC in the Mercedes-Benz stadium.

"I was vaccinated at Mercedes-Benz stadium in Atlanta and had the pleasure of meeting and having my wheelchair pushed by a nice young Army Soldier named Jonathan Valdovinos," said Phil Perrier, a Georgia resident, who received his vaccination on April 9, 2021. "I just wanted to say he was friendly and professional."

The Atlanta CVC aims to administer approximately 42,000 vaccinations a week through mid-May 2021. Continued support from Soldiers helps turn the goal into a reality.

"I am happy I get to represent the Army on this mission," said U.S. Army Pvt. Jonathan Valdovinos, M1 Armor Crewman, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, Fort Stewart, Georgia. "It helps show the Army also gives back to the community."

Vaccination Support Team commander, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Steven Chadwick, highlighted the need to assist mobility concerns.

"We've been providing Soldiers to safely assist Georgians, who need a little extra help, through the Atlanta CVC to ensure everyone has safe and easy access to care." said Chadwick. "Our job here is to assist federal, state, local and civilian sector partners, in getting as many Americans vaccinated as possible to help stop the spread of COVID-19."

Community members needing assistance can be picked up at the gate by Soldiers that stay with them the entire visit.

Band salutes sweet onions at festival

