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#### Hands-free law

The Military Police would like to notify the public of the new hands -free law that will go into effect July 1. This law will make it illegal to hold your cellular device in your hand at any time when operating a motor vehicle. A breakdown of the law and frequently asked questions can be found at http://ow. ly/2B9730jW2e8 and the final text of the law can be found at http://ow.lv/ uK0L30jW2ha. Visit both and familiarize vourself. Hands-free Law at *headsupgeorgia*. com.

#### Power outage

Plan accordingly! Fort Stewart will hold a power outage exercise June 15. Expect the outage to last four hours. Housing areas will not be affected. This exercise will validate our backup power generation on vital functions throughout the post. The physical fitness centers will open at 10:30 a.m. All AAFES and DECA facilities will open at 10:30 a.m. There will be consolidated child care at building 5000. Winn Army Community Hospital will remain open during the power outage. No impact to prescription re-fills or appointments. For more information, call (912) 228-7245.

#### ICE site online

Now you don't have to be on a government computer to submit an ICE comment. Just go to the Team Stewart homepage at www.stewart.army.mil and click on the blue ICE bar at the bottom of the page! Comments will be compiled and manually input for response if required. If you have questions call 767-0443.

#### **RIF Townhall held**

A reduction in force Town Hall meetings is scheduled to be held at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Thursday and Friday respectively.

The Stewart event is 1 p.m. Thursday at the Main Post Chapel. For Hunter, the event is

The Hunter event is 11 a.m. Friday at the Hunter Chapel. The town halls are are open to all garrison employees. Those who have received "at risk" letters are strongly encouraged to attend.

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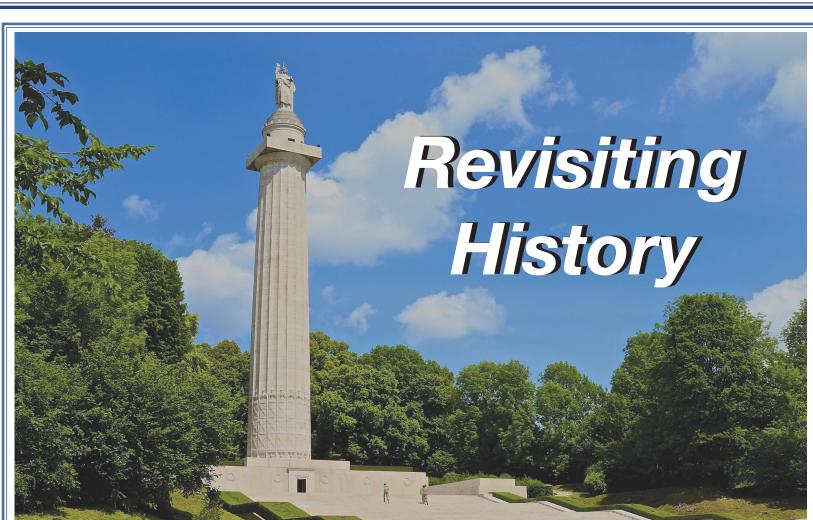


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Faiza Evans

A select group of Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division visited the Montfaucon American Monument May 24, while participating in the World War I Centennial in France. The monument towers more than 200 feet above the ruined former village, destroyed during the Meuse Argonne offensive, Sept. 26 to Nov. 11, 1918, and commemorates the American victory. On the walls of the foyer, is an engraved map of the operations with a narrative and tribute to the U.S. troops who served there. Soldiers climbed 234 steps to reach the observation platform at the very top of the memorial to overlook the view of the battlefield. See additional photos, Page 3A.

## 92nd Engineers prep to deploy

Sgt. Joseph Truckley

50th Public Affairs Detachment

Leaders from the 92nd Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade conducted a colors casing ceremony June 1 in preparation for the battalion's upcoming deployment.

Over 500 Soldiers from the "Black Diamond" battalion will be spread throughout the Central Command area of operation and provide engineer support to conduct construction, clearance, combat engineer mobility, counter mobility and survivability missions said Maj. James Belinga, battalion operations officer.

They will be replacing the 505th Engineer Battalion, a National Guard

Unit from North Carolina in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

The casing of the colors symbolizes the  $departure\ of\ the\ 92nd\ Engineer\ Battalion\ and$ also signals a first said Maj. Thomas Elison, battalion executive officer.

"We are the first active duty battalion to fill the Operation Spartan Shield engineer battalion role in over ten years," said Elison.

to OSS came from multiple battalions. This will be a rare opportunity to deploy the battalion with all its companies."

The battalion is deploying its Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Forward Support Company, 526th Engineer Construction Company, 530th Clearance Company and 554th Engineer Construction Company.

In preparation for this deployment, the battalion conducted numerous mission readiness exercises and command post exercises in different locations simultaneously to better prepare for the deployment.

The battalion headquarters and two of the companies were set up at Fort Polk, Louisiana, while the other companies operated out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Stewart said Elison. While the battalion trained for their upcoming mission, other elements of the battalion provided engineer support to a maneuver rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

Operating as a headquarters during several command post exercises and mission

"In previous years the companies assigned readiness exercises at multiple locations was challenging, said Elison.

"The deployment will be a very dynamic environment, with all the constant moving equipment and personnel," said Belinga. After all the collective exercises that we have done, I know the battalion is ready to operate in six countries at once."



Photo by Sgt. Joseph Truckley

The 92nd Engineer Battalion command team of Lt. Col. Perry O. Stiemke and Command Sqt. Maj. Dwayne D. Hite, case their unit's colors during a deployment ceremony on Fort Stewart, June 1.

# Memorial Day at Bagram

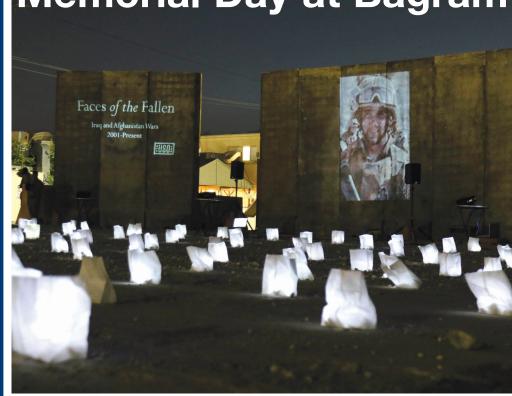


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Ben K. Navratil

Service members and Civilians at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, took time away from their work to remember those who have fallen in service to our country. The USO hosted a candlelight vigil for the fallen, including photos of those we've lost and recording of their family members talking about their memory.

## 123rd Signal deactivates

Sgt. Joseph Truckley 50th Public Affairs Detachment

The 123rd Division Signal Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division located at Fort Stewart, wrapped up their 18-month Department of the Army and U.S. Forces Command tactical signal pilot program and deactivated May 31 at Marne Garden.

The pilot program's objective was to improved tactical signal capabilities, and provide uninterrupted mission command for units throughout the division.

"The focus was to organize the signal companies and train signal leaders to better support warfighter missions," said Capt. Jeremy L. Adams, battalion operations officer, 123rd DSB, 3rd ID. "As a division signal battalion, we brought companies together by developing training, ensuring proper validation of equipment and helping to build a signal structure amongst the division."

After 123rd DSB reactivated in 2016, the battalion assumed administrative control of 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team and 3rd Sustainment Brigade signal companies. In 2017, they assumed administrative control of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team's signal company.

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Lt. Col. Christopher Byrd, commander, 123rd DSB, 3rd ID, presents the colors during a deactivation ceremony, May 31, at Fort Stewart.

#### SIGNAL.

In the last eight months, the "Voice of the Rock" supported 28 training events including two division Warfighter exercises and three Combat Training Center rotations.

The most recent training event was assisting 3rd ID's National Guard unit, 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, with their signal operations for an upcoming deployment at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana April 28 through May 5.

'The 123rd DSB assisted and trained all aspects of signal operations, such as radios, servers, networks and cyber security," said Capt. Lepolia Wiggins III, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 123rd DSB,

commander. "It was great being able to be there as a division asset."

The 123rd DSB originally consisted of 52 Soldiers, then merged with Division Signal and had more than

Most of the Soldiers who were part of the 123rd DSB are staying within the Marne Division after deactivation.

"Even though we lose a formation, the expertise engineered by the Soldiers and leaders of the 123rd Division Signal Battalion lives across the division," said Col. Robert W. Marshall, commander, 3rd ID Artillery.



123rd Division Signal Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Christopher Byrd and Sgt. 1st Class Chad Dunfee, senior noncommissioned Officer, 123rd DBS, 3rd ID, case their battalion colors during a deactivation ceremony held at Fort Stewart, May 31.

## **Restoration Advisory Board Public Notice**

Special to the Frontline

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield leadership are conducting a community interest survey to determine if a Restoration Advisory Board for the 3rd Infantry Division, which is designated to increase environmental awareness between the Installation and the community, would be supported by the local communities.

A RAB is an advisory board made up of interested and concerned community members who reflect the diverse interests of the local community as well as representatives of local, state, and federal agencies. The RAB would be designed to serve as a focal point for the exchange of information between Stewart-Hunter and the community regarding those restoration activities presently underway as well as those planned for future studies and remediation.

If sufficient interest is indicated by the local communities, the installation would petition the local communities for RAB members who would be required to serve a one year, voluntary term. These members would be required to attend regular meetings and training on the Restoration Program; members will review, evaluate, and comment on plans relating to the ongoing environmental studies/restoration activities at Stewart-Hunter.

If you are interested in completing a community interest survey or have questions about RAB that you would like answered prior to completing the survey or need more information concerning environmental investigations and cleanup activities at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield; please contact Algeana Stevenson, Restoration Cleanup Section Leader phone at 315-5144, email at algeana.l.stevenson.civ@mail.mil; or by mail at Environmental Prevention and Compliance Branch / Directorate of Public Works, 1550 Veterans Parkway, Building 1137, Fort Stewart, Georgia, 31314-4927.

### Marne Voices Speak Out

#### Do you have a Father's Day Message?



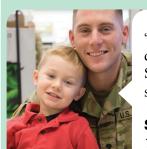
"I want to thank my Army father who was a military police officer; he set me up for success in becoming an officer in the United States Marine Corps."

1st Lt. Jared Smith 2nd Assault Amphibian Bn.

"He's a cool role model. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him. Happy Father's Day."

1st Lt. Ryan Hobbs 703rd BSB, 2ABCT





"I appreciate you for all you've done leading up to me being a Soldier. I'm so proud to be your

Spc. Shane Scott 188th IBCT

"He's my mentor, I will always look up to him."

Spc. Ryan Turnage 3rd MP Group CID





"Thanks for everything you gave to us."

Jakob Gaggiani Family member

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Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Faiza Evans

Spc. Della Brown (right), a fuel handler with the 87th CSSB, 3rd IDSB, and Cpl. Heather Workman, an intelligence analyst with HHT, 6-8 Cav., 2ABCT, 3rd ID, take in the view of the battlefield below at the observation platform of the Montfaucon American Monument May 24, in Montfaucon d'Argonne, France. The monument towers more than 200 feet above the ruined former village, destroyed during the Meuse Argonne offensive, Sept. 26 to Nov. 11, 1918, and commemorates the American Victory.

## Revisiting history at Montflaucon D'Argonne

**Sgt. 1st Class Faiza Evans** 3rd ID Public Affairs

The 3rd Infantry Division command team, Maj. Gen. Lee Quintas and Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Hendrex and 27 select Soldiers throughout the division, took part in the commemoration activates for the World War I Centennial in France, May 23-29.

The week-long event was organized by the U.S. Center of Military History. The commemoration aim was to honor the Soldiers who participated in the war and marks 100 years since the U.S. involvement in the conflict. The 3rd Infantry Division fought in several campaigns in France during the First World War and through the units, tenacity, earned the motto "Rock of the Marne."

The Soldiers had the opportunity to learn the rich and storied history of the Marne Division's significant actions in the war and visited the Montfaucon American Monument and Meuse Argonne American Cemetery and Monument in Montfaucon d'Argonne, France May 24.

The Montfaucon Monument towers more than 200 feet above the ruined former village, destroyed during the Meuse Argonne offensive, September 26, 1918, to November 11, 1918, and commemorates the American Victory in pushing back the German Army.

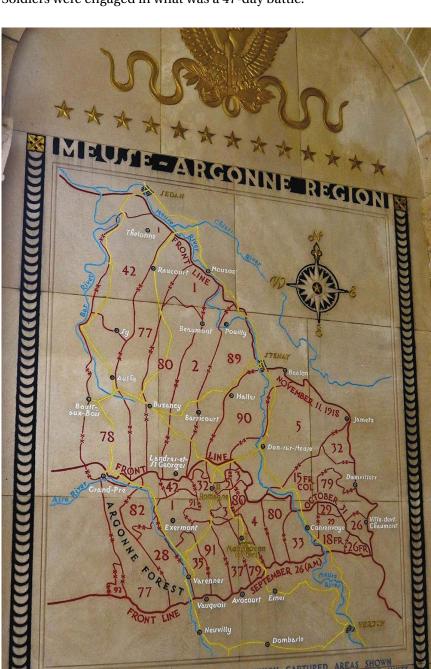
"The village of Montfaucon was actually on the hill where the monument is. When you walk around the area now, you can see the ruins of the old village, which was destroyed," said Dr. Brian Newman, historian, U.S. Center of Military History.

Newman said the capturing the village of Montfaucon was of great importance to the U.S. forces because it was the high ground in the center of the American frontage.

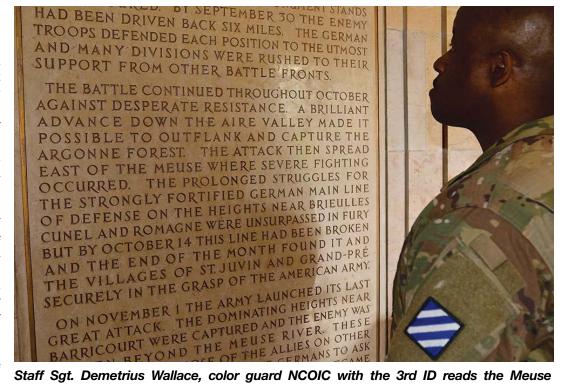
It was imperative the U.S. Army take in the center of the battlefield to continue their advance.

Newman said the fight was brutal and the U.S. Soldiers take heavy casualties.

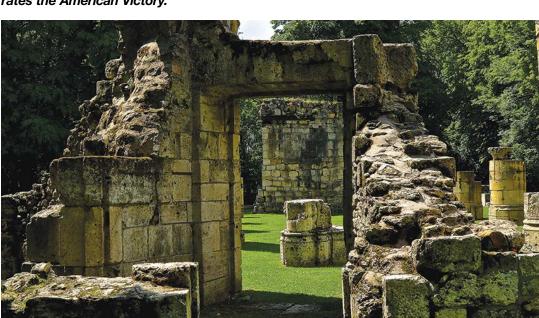
"The tower is there to memorialize and mark the sacrifice and accomplishment of the American Army during the Meuse Argonne, which was the largest battle in American history," Newman said. "1.2 million American Soldiers were engaged in what was a 47-day battle."



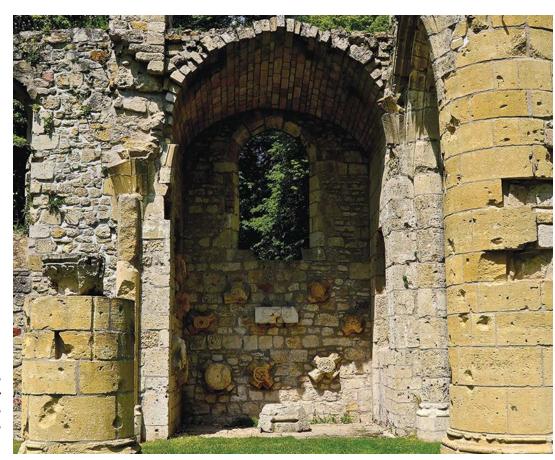
A select group of 3rd ID Soldiers visited the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery and the Montfaucon American Monument May 24, while participating in the World War I Centennial in France. The two historic sites commemorate the American victory during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.



Staff Sgt. Demetrius Wallace, color guard NCOIC with the 3rd ID reads the Meuse Argonne Offensive narrative engraved on the walls of the Montfaucon American Monument May 24, in Montfaucon d'Argonne, France. Wallace is part of a select group of Soldiers from the division to participate in the World War I Centennial in France. The monument towers more than 200 feet above the ruined former village and commemorates the American Victory.



Above and below, a select group of 3rd ID Soldiers visited the Montfaucon American Monument May 24, while participating in the World War I Centennial in France. The monument towers more than 200 feet above the ruined former village, destroyed during the Meuse Argonne offensive, and commemorates the American Victory.



Marne Faces, Marne Places

# CSM Johnson inspires, retires

**Sgt. 1st Class Faiza Evans** 3rd ID Public Affairs

A career that spans more than 30 years comes with a story and experiences just as vivid. We sit down with Task Force Marne Command Sgt. Major John Johnson, for a candid conversation as he prepares to retire.

#### Question: Tell me about your life before joining the Army?

Answer: I was born in Tuskegee, Alabama and raised in Prattville, Alabama. I played basketball, baseball, and football at Prattville High School ever since I was a freshman. I was considered a young jock. I grew up with a strong foundation with my mom, and I wanted to work as soon as I was old enough. I got my first job at Food World when I was 16 years old. You don't forget your first job.

#### Q: Why did you join the Army?

A: I entered the Army in 1988 after graduating from high school in June, because 12 years of school was enough for me at the time. I wanted to support myself so that my mom and dad wouldn't have to.

#### Q: What was your early career like when you joined the Army?

A: I attended one station training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as a Cannon Crewman. I was a little nervous when I arrived. It was little different than the way things are now. Drill Sergeant got away with a little more than back then, but I enjoyed it. I made great friends. My first duty station was in Germany. That's where I meet the best leader I had in the Army. I will never forget him, Corporal Lee Bennett, he was a great leader. He took me under his wing and showed me how to be Soldier and a leader just by watching him. He told me when I got there, 'out of all you guys, someone is going to get promoted first,' because most of us were privates. He said, 'it could be you.' I was the most squared away guy out of all of them. Back then we had a MOS skill test we were required to take. One day I overheard Corporal Bennett trying bet every NCO in the battery that I would score higher on the test than anyone. But no one would bet him, so I guess that meant something. Everyone knew how squared away I was and it was because of him. When I left Germany, after two years, I was the only E-4 promotable one out of 42 guys.

#### Q: Did you keep in contact with Corporal Bennett?

A: He retired as a sergeant first class I think. We kept in touch throughout my military career. He is in Tampa Florida and we still talk now and then. We text or I give him a call. He told me to let him know when my retirement ceremony will be, and he will try his best to make it. Hopefully, he makes it to the ceremony. He was a great mentor and a significant influence on my life, so much so, that I named my first daughter after his first daughter. I was reading a quote the other day from former Sergeant Major of the Army Richard Kidd. He said 'good leaders show Soldiers h

Major of the Army Richard Kidd. He said 'good leaders show Soldiers how to be good leaders by being good leaders' or something to that nature. It's just so true. It's crazy that I read that yesterday, and I'm getting ready to retire, and I'm thinking about the guy that showed me so much about the Army.

#### Q: What was your most rewarding position in the Army?

A: I use to see people that were with me when I was an E-4 or a private; they told me 'Jay I knew you were going to be a smoke.' In a field artillery unit, platoon sergeants are the chiefs of the firing battery and called Smokes. That is the most important job because smoke runs everything. You never know who the first sergeant was because smoke runs the battery. That was the most rewarding job for me. Oh, and being a drill sergeant was equally satisfying. You are responsible for training and molding civilians into Soldiers, and they are coming from all different walks of life. Their transformation was amazing to watch. I enjoyed being a drill sergeant.

#### Q: Did you have any setback early on in your career?

A: I made Staff Sergeant in five years but remained at that rank for a long time. I think the jobs that I had might have slowed me up a bit because I went from being a BNOC instructor to being DA selected for drill sergeant. I went from TRADOC to TRADOC instead of going back to the line. I think that hurt me just a little bit. I made the E-7 list after I came off the trail successful and I was back on the line as a gunnery sergeant. It was a good experience. I wouldn't change it.

#### Q: What is your advice to Soldiers that want to advance in their career?

A: This advice has never failed me or anyone else for the matter. Physical fitness is key. The Army wants someone that can lead from the front -- bottom line. You need at least four excellent bullets on your NCOER. One should be for physical fitness. If you're not a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, you should be trying to be. That separates you from your peers. Bottom line is physically fit, do and know your job and separate yourself from your peers. I guarantee you -- that you will get promoted.

#### Q:What is your advice to Master Sergeant attending the Sergeants Major Academy?

A: I know it's not always possible, but I would recommend attending the resident course at the Sergeants Major Academy. With the distant-learning course, you still have a job to do, and you can't just focus on your academics, and the workload is extensive. Also, networking and relationship building with your peers is essential.

#### Q: What has motivated you over the last 30 years?

A: My wife Cynthia and my three daughters, Latoya, Jinaye and April have motived me. My parents as well, they gave me a solid foundation. My mom was strict. She wasn't real real strict, but she was a little strict, and she gave me my foundation and values. I know they speak of me with admiration and it makes me feel good to provide them with a sense of accomplishment and success as parents. That motivates me to be the best I

#### Q:What role did your wife play in your career?

A: My wife retired as a sergeant major four years ago after serving 23 years, and ten months. She was in the Sergeant Audie Murphy club as well and she did it before I did in 1996. She motivated me to do it. She was the first female in 10 years to make Audie Murphy at Fort Sill, and she was pretty squared away. We have been married for 26 years, and I definitely wouldn't be where I am right now without her. My wife and I are from the same hometown. We were junior low sweethearts, but we broke up. I was a little jock, and I wanted to play the field. I thought she was the kind of girl I wanted to marry. I wasn't ready for marriage then. I was trying to have fun, but it backfired on me because we ended up getting married and 26 years later, look us. We are still married.

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Q: What would she say is your legacy?

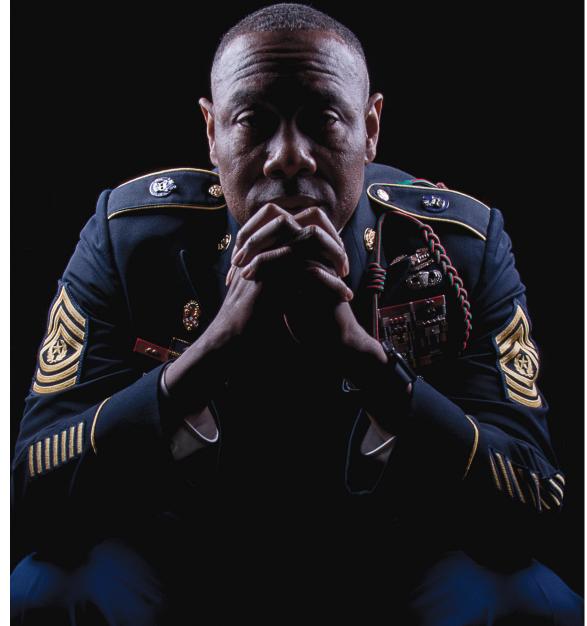
A: I think she would say my legacy is taking care of and mentoring Soldiers. If I'm at home, I always answer calls. My position requires me to be available. She hears the way I handle, and respond to my Soldiers and she is kind of impressed. I don't know, but I can see it in her face.

### Q: What sacrifices have your children made for you to have a long successful career?

A: My daughter Jinaye she is 22, and she has PCS at least ten times and hasn't served a day in the Army. My daughter April has PCSd nine times and has never served a day in the Army. My daughters have sacrificed a lot. Especially, being that both of their parents were serving.

#### Q: What does retired life look like for you?

A: I would like to spend more time with my family because I missed so much since



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Faiza Evans

A candid interview with Command Sgt. Major John Johnson, former Task Force Marne
senior enlisted leader, as he shares motivations, experiences and leadership advice.

my wife and I both made sergeant major. It has been hard. I would like to volunteer because I love helping people. I see myself running an ROTC program at a high school. I will be in the Huntsville Alabama area, and there are some bad neighborhoods in that town. I would like to mentor the kids in the area. Some of my friends have told me that I will go crazy not working because I stay so busy now, but I think I will be okay.

#### Q: Do you have any regrets?

A:My only regret is that I never got to sit on a promotion board. I had the opportunity when I was a DIVARY sergeant major, but I had less than a year left, and that disqualified me. I got extended after that so that I could have sat on the board, but I missed my opportunity. I wanted to experience that for myself.

#### Q:What was your most significant challenge in the Army?

A: My biggest challenge probably came recently. It bothers me that NCO's, are scared to do their job. We ask a lot of them, and we ask them to do more than when I was a sergeant and staff sergeant. I think the culture has changed over the years. You have to learn your Soldiers and leaders don't do that anymore, but it's so important. If you learn the Soldiers, you will understand how to handle them and know how you can communicate effectively with them. I see we have a lot of issues with the younger Soldiers, but if you learn your Soldiers, you won't be scared to interact with them. If you listen to them, you will know what's going on with them.

#### Q: What will you not miss about the Army?

A: That is the hard question because I don't know what I'm not going to miss. I have been doing this for thirty years. I don't think I will miss waking up early every morning, and I won't miss being tied to a schedule every day.

#### Q: What are the most important things an Army leader can do for themselves, their Soldiers and their unit or organization?

A: The best thing a leader can do personally is to make sure they take time to take care of themselves physically and mentally and take care of their families by spending time with them every opportunity they get. The most important thing they can do for their Soldiers is to listen to them, learn them, take care of them, protect them from higher and foster an excellent climate. A good command climate will solve SHARP, EO and IG issues.

Lastly, the most important thing leaders can do for their organization is to be supportive of the commander's intent, even if you don't agree with it. I didn't agree with all of policy and regulation I enforced. The only person that would probably know about it is my wife, Cynthia. The Soldiers that worked for me would never know.

#### Q: Do you have any parting leadership advice?

A: Learn when to pick your battles. When you take a firm stance on an issue, know the right time, place and attitude to apply when standing your ground. Learn your leaders and anticipate how they will react in certain situations. Your job is to push forward the commander's intent. Learning him is part of that. Don't complain about everything, because when you have something that is valid, it won't be taken seriously. Lastly, try your best to do the right thing all of the time.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Faiza Evans

Task Force Marne Command Sergeant Major John Johnson retires after more than 30 years of service June 1, on Fort Stewart, Georgia. Retired Sgt. 1st. Class Lee Bennett (right), Johnson former NCO, attend the ceremony. Johnson attributes his long career to the leadership Bennet provided, which had a lasting effect on him.

## STB inducts new NCOs In Bagram

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

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - "Who sponsors these Soldiers to be inducted into the NCO Corps?" The question, posed by Command Sgt. Maj. Katrina Herzfeld, boomed across the clamshell auditorium on Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, May 19, as more

clamshell auditorium on Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, May 19, as more than two dozen newly-promoted sergeants and corporals waited their turn to walk across the stage into the NCO Corps.

In response, First Sergeants in charge of the new NCOs read off their names as each one signed into the rolls and walked through an arch, signifying their entry into the Corps.

"The NCO induction ceremony signifies a rite of passage," said Herzfeld, the senior enlisted advisor to Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade. "It signifies a huge step in a junior enlisted Soldier's career."

In the Army, becoming an NCO is seen as more than just another promotion. Sergeant is the first rank which requires a leader's recommendation, based on that Soldier's leadership aptitude and

potential. Candidates for promotion in the active component must also appear before a withering board of senior enlisted Soldiers to prove themselves worthy of the rank.

Herzfeld wanted to make sure the NCOs understood the importance of their new positions.

"I didn't want it to be just another ceremony," she said. "I want them to get some professional development out of it. I wanted to give them some tools that will help smooth the transition into the role of an NCO."

For two days the young NCOs went through a series of classes on leadership and other Army-related knowledge that will help them train and mentor Soldiers. The classes, planned and taught by senior NCOs throughout the STB, included how to prepare and write NCO Evaluation Reports, developing a leadership style, conducting Physical Readiness Training, and many other subjects.

"I feel like they'll give me more knowledge to help prepare my own Soldiers for promotion," said Sgt. Peter Smith, Jr., a human resources technician with the STB HR section, about the classes they went through. "I got a lot of new knowledge. Going in depth in the classroom

and working with peers was a great experience."

"They really embraced the classes," said Herzfeld. "It's great watching a group of young NCOs ready for the future."

Smith said he felt like he'd really achieved something as he walked across the stage.

the stage.

"I've been working for the last three years on getting promoted and I really



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Ben. K. Navratil

Sgt. Peter Smith, Jr., a human resources technician with STB, 3rd ID RSSB, salutes during a drill and ceremony class at Bagram Airfield, May 18.

## Single, married Soldiers discuss relationships in Afghanistan

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

**BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** - The 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade held single and married Soldier forums to prepare them for reintegration upon redeployment.

"The purpose of the married forum was to provide marital tools and ideas on ways to reconnect with spouses when we get home," said Capt. Victoria Cashio, the behavioral health officer with the 3rd Inf. Div. RSSB. "For the single Soldiers, it was a discussion about healthy relationships and challenges of being single in the military."

On May 29, a small group of single Soldiers gathered around a bonfire to roast s'mores and talk about their experiences being single in the military. Cashio and the brigade and Special Troops Battalion chaplain assistants helped facilitate the event, and were able to offer their perspectives on the transition from being single to getting

married

"A couple of married individuals gave their perspectives," Cashio said. "[We] tried to put a lot of thought into the event, with ideas and discussions people wanted to hear and offer each other, and get each other's opinions."

The Soldiers who attended the event were able to talk openly about their experiences while enjoying the relaxed nature of the forum.

"I enjoyed the scenery, the bonfire and s'mores while discussing our thoughts," said Sgt. Kieara Hill, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company orderly room, STB, 3rd Inf. Div. RSSB. "I attended the event to hear other opinions and views about how they feel on being single and dating."

While the singles event was more relaxed and openended, the married Soldier forum was more formal, with dinner and discussion at one of the dining facilities on Bagram.

Cashio helped lead the forum and talked to married

individuals about their expectations going home to their spouses and gave them methods to navigate through reintegrating with their families.

"We gave them tools and ideas on ways to reconnect through reintegration, the honeymoon period and to normalcy," she said. "We gave them something actionable to put the skills we taught them to work, such as a 20 questions-type game for spouses."

"I learned that there are multiple ways to approach certain aspects of your marriage such as different love languages that you and your spouse wouldn't have the same," said Sgt. Caroline Robinson-Gray, the senior information technician with the 3rd Inf. Div. RSSB. "If we held a similar event in the rear I would want to attend it with my spouse."

Whether it was tools to help reconnect with spouses or advice shared around a bonfire, the Soldiers were able to use each other's experiences and gain valuable lessons for their personal lives.



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## SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: **Boating Safety**

Richard W. Rudolph AFSBn Safety Office Commentary

Summer heat brings out a lot of boaters to our lakes, rivers and oceans celebrating the summer. There can be a lot of boats, jet skis, and swimmers in or on a small lake or river enjoying their watercraft. Some might be swimming near their watercraft or in the designate swimming area and some unfortunately maybe drinking a little too much alcohol and not paying full attention to their surrounding's as they a maneuvering around others in the water. Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Labor Day often account for more than one-third of annual boating accidents and fatalities according to https://patch.com . Here a few safety tips to use before you get in the water.

That you have enough serviceable lifejackets for the number of personnel on you craft and wear them. Ensure children have them on correctly and securely.

Learn how to swim if you don't already know.

Check the weather before going out and pay attention to the weather channel for any sudden changes. Avoid alcohol till you get home, this way you won't be driving on the

roads under the influence of alcohol.

Always operate your craft at safe speeds (especially in crowded areas) you are not the only one the water and you don't own it, because you were

Some states require you take a boating safety course. Georgia boating license requirements

Known as the "Kile Glover Boat Education Law," the new law requires that anyone born on or after January 1, 1988, who operates any motorized vessel on Georgia waters must complete a boating safety education course and carry a Georgia Boater Education Card (also referred to as the Georgia Boating License). In Georgia, it is a crime to BUI: boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The state has stiff penalties for a person piloting a boat if his or her blood-alcohol content is 0.08 or higher - the same limit for operating a motor vehicle on the state's roadways. You can find other Safety tips and laws on the internet at such places,

but not limited to www.uscboating.org and https://www.boat-ed.com/ georgia/boating\_law.html.

### Learn more about local snakes

**Courtesy of DPW** 

Snakes are more active when the weather is warm, thus there is greater chance that humans may come in contact with them.

Venomous snakes. Fort Stewart has six venomous species that have the potential to harm humans if a bite occurs and venom is injected. Often bites to humans from venomous snakes are considered dry bites, which no venom is injected. If you are bitten, try to safely take a photo of the snake, and get to the closest emergency room for treatment.

Snake venom varies greatly, even between individuals of the same species. It may target the victim's tissues at the cellular level, or the nervous system, or the vascular system, or any combination thereof.

The venomous snakes found on Fort Stewart include the Eastern Diamondback rattlesnake; Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake; Pigmy Rattlesnake; Cottonmouth (Water Moccasin); Copperhead, and the Eastern Coral Snake. With the exception of the Eastern Coral Snake, all of these are pit vipers and may be difficult to see in leaf litter or underbrush The Eastern Coral Snake's bright red, yellow, and black alternating colors make it easy to see, though it may be confused with some harmless mimic species like the Scarlet Kingsnake. Coral Snakes are not pit vipers, they are in the family Elapidae (with cobras, mambas, sea snakes, etc.). The Elapidae family of vipers have fangs that are fixed in the upper jaw and cannot be folded back. Some of the most common non-venomous snakes that an individual is

likely to encounter at Ft Stewart include: Rough Green Snake, Black Racer, Eastern Kingsnake, Corn Snake, Eastern Hognose Snake, Eastern Garter Snake, and a variety of water snakes and rat snakes.

All non-venomous snakes are protected by law, and even venomous snakes should not be killed unless the snake is threatening you. It is best to simply leave all snakes alone. Your chance of being bitten by a snake you are trying to kill is much greater than the chance of the snake biting you if you simply walk away.



### **Liberty Emergency Management Agency**

Special to the Frontline Patty Leon

Community leaders, first responders and emergency services providers gathered together in the Liberty County annex building

Thursday to discuss the upcoming hurricane Liberty County Emergency Management Agency Deputy Director Larry Logan and EMA Specialist Robert Dodd presented information

on the various emergency support functions that operate before during and after a hurri-They also provided information on how the community should prepare, the responsibilities

of each municipality and what is expected for this hurricane season. Hurricane season started Friday. It runs

through Nov. 30. Dodd said forecasters expect a normal to

just above normal hurricane season but reminded everyone that it only takes one direct hit to significantly impact an area. Dodd said Liberty County does not have

hurricane shelters except for shelters of last resort. He said emergency season from one personnel called to duty will be provided shelter during the storm. Dodd said the evacuation zones were updat-

ed for this season after collecting feedback from hurricane Matthew in 2016 and Irma in 2017. "We changed evacuation zone A," he said.

"It is going to be all of Riceboro, and all of Midway from Coastal Highway 17 East and along Barrington Ferry Road east. The rest of the county is zone B."

Dodd said local evacuations would be decided by county and city officials.

The Shuman Center will be the meeting point for evacuees without their own transpor-Dodd said each municipality is responsible

finding the means of getting those without their own transportation to the Shuman Center and for when they return, post storm. Liberty County IT Specialist Clint Stanley

reminded emergency support function leaders and operational providers that they needed to complete emergency operations center webbased training. He said they've changed security measures at the EOC and only a select few individuals will be granted access. Those individuals must sign in and out, and be given an access pass which denotes what areas of the EOC they are allowed to be. Logan explained how the EOC is activated

and said not all personnel need to respond to the EOC during the monitoring and partial activation stages. He said that city and county personnel need to know that placing requests for generators and supplies from GEMA or FEMA could cost them money down the line. "You have to be careful when you request

resources," he said adding that if the area has not been declared as an emergency by the Governor the municipality will not be reimbursed for those requested expenses. County Administrator Joey Brown also added

that GEMA will not honor any requests for generators or resources prior to a storm.

Liberty County Fire Service Fire Chief Brian Darby said each fire and volunteer fire department will be responsible for their respective day-to-day operational costs before, during and after a hurricane in their coverage areas. He wanted the community to understand that emergency fire, EMS and police services do not operate during sustained 45 mile per hour winds.

"If the winds are 45 M.P.H. sustained...for the safety our personnel, we are not sending out a police car or fire truck," he said. "So if you do stay in the county, understand that at some point, no matter how desperate you might be for life-saving services, you may not get it because of wind speeds."

Liberty County Sheriff Office Chief Deputy Jon Long echoed the message saying officers can't be on the road during those sustained winds. Long along with representatives from the Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia State Patrol and Georgia Power all advised the best thing to do is to stay off the roads if possible.

Georgia Power representative Randy Mayfield cautioned the group about the hazards of downed power lines. He said the may appear to be dead but could be a live wire capable of causing severe harm. He said live wires don't always spark and when clearing tree debris and limbs people should be mindful that a line touching a tree limb could be harmful.

"A tree is 80 percent conductive because it is full of water so you can get hurt," he said. Mayfield said the best thing to do if you come across a power or cable line is to go through the 9-1-1 call system. He said Georgia Power and other power

companies will stage utility workers at safe locations pre-storm so they can enter an impacted area soon after the storm. He noted that the bucket trucks can't operate under sustained winds of 35 M.P.H.

Dodd talked about the new five-phase re-entry plan adopted by GEMA.

Re-entry permits will now be issued electronically and are for use state-wide following a disaster which requires a phased re-entry. GEMA/Homeland Security will be the lead agency in issuing permits, Dodd

Permits will only be issued for entities that qualify under Phase 2 or Phase 3.

- Phase 1: Render Safe Task Force Team Re-Entry (no permits issued)
- Phase 2: Emergency Response and Life Safety Workforce Re-Entry (re-entry permits required)
- Phase 3: Essential Public and Private Sector Personnel Re-Entry (re-entry permits required)
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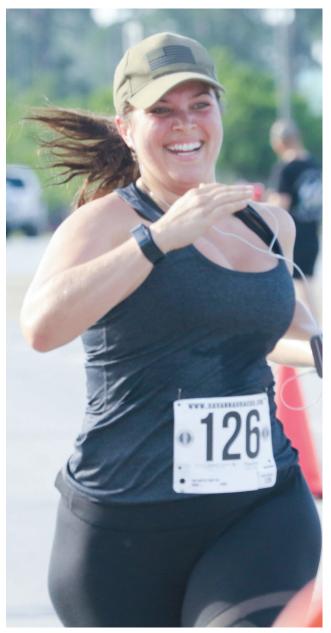
# COMMUNITY LEISURE



## **Community Remembrance Run**

**Kaytrina Curtis**Winn ACH Public Affairs

In the early morning hours, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Fort Stewart Soldiers placed 468 American flags attached with photo ID cards, which represented each fallen Soldier's white Crape Myrtle tree along Warriors Walk, in preparation for the first-ever Fort Stewart Remembrance Run, June 2.



Photos By Kaytrina Curtis

Tuttle Army Health Clinic's Spc. C,athryn McFarland, smiles exuberantly as she crosses the finish line during the Fort Stewart Remembrance Run June 2. MEDDAC Commander, Col. Christopher Warner, said bringing the run to Fort Stewart was important to connect the event to Stewart, to make the connection with the community for those who served under the 3rd Infantry Division and those who gave their "last full measure in support of the country."

"Prior to coming to Fort Stewart, I served as battalion commander at Fort Hood," Warner explained. "One of my command sergeant majors wives, Ms. Theresa Johnson, ran the Fisher House there, and had organized what was called the Fort Hood Remembrance Run. This was an event that they did annually that helped everyone connect and remember the sacrifice to our nation of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Families of runners, speed walkers and various military groups throughout the local coastal Georgia community came to the free event to show their support for those who lost their Soldier in death while serving in Operation's Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Senior Commander, 3rd ID, Maj. General Leopoldo Quintas Jr., gave the opening remarks before the run, thanking those in attendance as well as those who donated their time and resources to make the event possible.

One of the Gold Star Families in attendance were the Lamies. Linda Lamie, whose son Sgt. Gene Lamie, tree No. 354, was killed by an improvised explosive device, July 6, 2007, said talking about Gene is her favorite subject.

"My Gene was a good old southern boy," Lamie said.
"[He] loved to get in his pickup truck, ride up and down the dirt roads; watch Tony Stewart drive, watch the Georgia Bulldogs win, the Atlanta braves do the tomahawk chop. He just loved living in Georgia ... now since both my children served I understand what Memorial Day's about, and I understand the loss. So it's so important that even I, at my age learned the importance of his sacrifice."

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Family member, Rebecca Rosario, said she wanted to come out to remember and honor those Soldiers who

gave their all for the nation. She said she is looking for-



Photos By Kaytrina Curtis

In full military uniform, Winn ACH's Staff Sgt. Kayla Williams, and Sgt. Cassandra Louis (left) and William's Family prepare to speed walk the 5K course, June 2.

ward to next year's event.

"Next year my husband will be here so we will both be able to run," Rosario said.

Warner said he hopes this run will now become a tradition as a way to broaden the connection with Fort Stewart and the community.

"We know that we're in a time when less and less of our population is serving in the military," Warner said. "And we're very blessed here that we have great support from the surrounding community. They're amazing, supportive, friendly and understanding."

Sgt. Cassandra Louis, a license practical nurse at Winn Army Community Hospital said she ran to show support to the Families of her fallen brothers and sisters.

"It is just a small gesture on my part and a way to commemorate our heroes who did the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives," Louis said. "Crossing the finish line made me feel that I accomplished something for the sacrifice made by my fallen comrades."

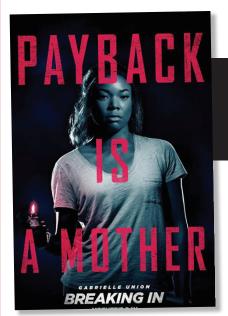
Many of the runners said they are anticipating an even larger turnout at the second annual Remembrance Run in 2019 and said they want to participate again.

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#### Friday / Saturday

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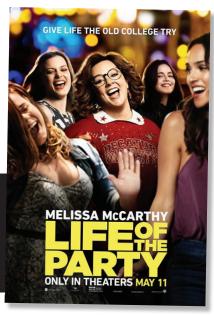
#### **Friday**

#### Life of the Party(PG-13)

Friday, June 8 - 9 p.m. After her husband abruptly asks for a divorce, a middle-aged mother returns to college in order to complete her degree. Stars: Gillian Jacobs, Melissa McCarthy, Debby Ryan

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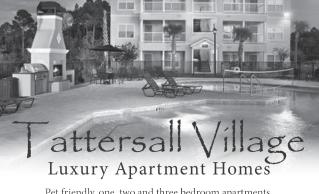
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#### **May 27**

Koda Z Hope-Hernandez, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Emmanuel Z Hernandez and Brittany Nicole Hope-Hernandez.

#### **May 28**

Kehlani Marie Arneson, a girl, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Maangelica Arneson and Sgt. Nad A. Arneson.

Catherine Burns Farley, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Burns M. Farley and Chelsea Farley.

Harper Maeve Kriske, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. David Benjamin Kriske and Stephanie Kriske.

#### **May 29**

Aaliyah Deavani Moore, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Pfc. Marquise Deshawn Moore and Brianna Nicole Moore.

Emory Iman Moore, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to U.S. Navy Hospital Mate Kalon Veshawn Moore and Janessa Mechelle Moore.

Griffin Thomas Smith, a boy, 9 pounds, ounce, born to Spc. Robert Daniel Smith and Britney Eitutis Smith.

Juliana Serenity Vargas, a girl, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. Lorenzo Vargas and Amanda Louise Vargas.

#### **May 30**

Arlynn Rae Hogan, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Bradley A. Hogan and Savanah B. Hogan.

Astrid Sol Kirkwood, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Luke Martin Kirkwood and Shannon Loreal Kirkwood.

#### **May 31**

Annabeth Lane Long, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Capt. John Hunter Long and Kailyn Long.

Riley Ann Valera, a girl, 5 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Pfc. Christian Elias Valra and Leann Michaela Valera.

Jace Ward Wilson, a boy, 7 pounds, born to Sgt. Tyree Leon Wilson and Joscellyn Nicole Wilson.

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Kian Finn Porter, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Adam Lawrence Porter and Anne Rebecca Porter.



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## Winn Briefs

#### TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

On Dec. 31, the Defense Health Agency's TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end.

However, as directed in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, retired uniformed service members and their families, who were eligible for TRDP, will have the opportunity to enroll in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program. The end of TRDP is part of the historic reforms that began rolling out in the Military Health System on January 1, 2018. The implementation of the provisions under the 2017 NDAA and the beginning of new TRICARE support contracts is meant to improve health and enhance medical readiness for the uniformed services.

The first opportunity to enroll in FEDVIP will be during the next Federal Benefits Open Season, which runs from November 12 through December 10, 2018, with coverage effective January 1, 2019.

If you are currently enrolled in a TRDP plan, you will not be automatically enrolled in a FEDVIP plan for 2019. You must enroll during open season. To get answers to frequently asked questions about the transition, go to the FAQs section of www.trdp.org. Active-duty uniformed service members: The TRDP transition to FEDVIP doesn't impact you.

#### Fort Stewart school screenings planned

The pediatric department will host three Saturday clinics in order to facilitate Georgia school screenings and annual physical exams required for the 2018/2019 upcoming school year. The dates are June 9, July 14, and Aug. 4 from 7:30 a.m.-Noon. Our intent is provide 10 minute appointments, which parents may schedule via the call center at 435-6633. New medical problems, medication refills, nor paperwork for action plans will be addressed during these appointments.

#### Tuttle ACH school screenings slated

Tuttle Army Health Clinic will host two Saturday clinics in order to meet the requirements for Georgia school screenings and annual physical exams for this upcoming school year. Two dates have been selected and we are now actively seeking volunteers for this event. We are asking for Providers, RNs, LPNs, and MSAs for support on July 28, 2018 and August 11, 2018 from 0800-1200. Annual physical exams and sports physical exams will be given with the intent that these appointments are solely for this purpose. New medical problems, medication refills, or paperwork for action plans will NOT be addressed during these appointments. Please call the appointment line at 912-435-6633 to schedule your slot.

#### Power outage care plan

During the Fort Stewart power outage, Hawks and North Troop Medical Clinic and Mower will be closed for the division training holiday on June 15. We will conduct sick call at Winn Primary Care (Family Practice). Winn Army Community Hospital will remain open during the power outage. The area of impact is to the Prescription Re-fill pharmacy in building 419, which will be closed.

#### Mosquito surveillance available

Now that it is springtime, USA MEDDAC Environmental Health will be conducting weekly mosquito surveillance on the installation. Trapped mosquitoes will be used to determine if mosquito control is needed and tested for disease agents causative (Chikungunya, Dengue, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile, & Zika). Feel free to request that we set up a trap near you, as we make our rounds: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ **G3NTRKF** 

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### Memorial Day demands the living honor the fallen

Capt. David Dyrenforth 6-8 Cav. Chaplain

As we take time to visit Warriors Walk and the other monuments around Fort Stewart and the surrounding communities, we acknowledge what President Lincoln called 'the last full measure of devotion.'

On Memorial Day, our nation remembers and honors those who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation. Across the land, Americans are cleaning monuments, planning parades, laying wreaths, and placing new flags at graves.

I ponder the balance of pausing to reflect on death and loss in the midst of spring's exuberant frenzy. I also consider the words of the ancient Roman poet Horace, "dulce et decorum est pro patria mori" (It is sweet and proper to die for one's country). I align these words with Christian scriptures, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21) and

conclude that the desire for a noble life culminating in an honorable death is ingrained in us. However, only a small portion of Americans over our country's history have given that last full measure. Our nation is grateful for their faithfulness and sacrifice. The American values and freedoms they died protecting live on today. We rightfully honor these men and women.

We must also remember that they are not the only ones who sacrificed. Every gravestone and each engraved name in town squares throughout America represents someone with buddies and families that were left with loss. Our nation and each of us have been touched by their loss. Each battlefield death may have helped to secure America's future, but it also meant that America lost a future father or mother, a potential doctor or poet, and so many other possible contributing citizens.

The English poet John Donne wrote of such a loss as ours nearly

400 years ago:

No man is an island, Entire of itself. Each is a piece of the continent, A part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea,

Europe is the less.

As well as if a promontory were. As well as if a manor of thine own

Or of thine friend's were.

Each man's death diminishes
me.

For I am involved in mankind. Therefore, send not to know For whom the bell tolls, It tolls for thee.

As we remember and honor our fallen this Memorial Day, let us also grieve our loss. Memorial Day is not just for those who have died; it is also for the living. So, we the living must carry on the unfulfilled legacy of our brothers and sisters in arms by making the world a better place to live.



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Kids' Church (Sundays)
K- 6th Grade Main Post Chapel 1:00 p.m.

PWOC (Check <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stewartPWOC">https://www.facebook.com/stewartPWOC</a>, or email <a href="mailto:stewartpwoc@gmail.com">stewartpwoc@gmail.com</a> for upcoming events.)

Islamic (Fridays)Main Post Chapel1:00 p.m.Buddhist (Last Sunday)Marne Chapel11:00 p.m

Hunter Army Airfield

 Catholic
 Location
 Time

 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.

Kids' Church Hunter Chapel 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

PWOC (Thursday) Main Post Chapel 9:30 a.m.

Religious Education Contacts
Fort Stewart Religious Education,
Bill Agnew: 767-9789
Hunter Army Airfield
Religious Education,
Charles Archer: 315-5934







## **Army Community Service**



#### Register now for ACS classes

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

#### Learn, empower yourself with ACS

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

#### Like ACS on Facebook

Search for "Army Community Service, Stewart/ Hunter AAF." 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.

#### 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

The following are upon request from the chainof-command • Sponsorship training

• Risk management for senior NCOs (E7-E9)

• FAP commander/senior leader briefing Every Monday

Financial planning for PCS, 10 to 11:30 a.m. ACS Stewart, building 86

\*Mandatory for E-4 and below.

### Free classes offered at Hunter Call for appointment for the following:

• Army Family team building infant massage

• FAP commander/senior leader briefing Weekdays

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

#### Baby boot camp for dads

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

#### **REAL FRG:** leader training

The Family Readiness Group Leader course is a three hour course designed to provide the volunteer FRG leader with an understanding of their roles and responsibilities within the FRG. While the course topics mirror those in the FRG training the focus of the training is on the volunteer and how they can execute the commander's vision of the FRG.

From tips on how to get started to how best to leverage different communication modalities FRG leaders will leave the course with the knowledge needed to begin implementing the mission essential tasks associated with the FRG.

Training will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 767-1257 to register or register on the ACS Eventbrite page.

#### Anger, stress management help available

Are you looking to fine tune your overall health and well-being? Enhancing stress and anger management skills improves one's overall physical and mental health. ACS-Family Advocacy Program offers cutting edge stress and anger management classes that are proven to help manage every day stressors including personal, family and work life. Come by ACS or call 767-2882 for more information. We are located at building 82 on Fort Stewart.

#### Spouse reintegration training available

As Soldiers from 3rd Infantry Division return from deployment, ensuring Spouses and Families are properly prepared remains a top priority. Rear detachment commanders and Family Readiness Groups are encouraged to reach out to ACS and schedule spouse reintegration training, which consists of small group discussions regarding finances, stress management, effective communication and more. For more, call 767-1257.

#### Play mornings held

Did you know that play is important to healthy brain development? Please join us to learn and play at the Army Community Service play morning. Play Morning features music, story time, crafts, interactive play and an awesome way for parents and children to make lasting friendships.

Fort Stewart play morning is located inside the Youth Sports and Fitness Center, building 7338 on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Hunter Army Airfield Play Morning is located in building 6054 on Tuesdays from 10 -11:30 am. For questions or concerns please contact the ACS New Parent Support Program at 767-2882 at Fort Stewart or 315-3816 at Hunter.

## FMWR and Coastal Happenings

#### CYS offers summer camp opportunities

Stewart/Hunter Child and Youth Services is offering an array of summer camp opportunities for first-to fifth-graders registered with CYS. Themes such as All About Me, Young Chef Academy, International Week, Exploring Under the Sea and Super Soaking Week are offered. Camps also include educational and fun field trips. Register today. Check out details at *StewartHunterMWR.com* under the drop-down Child and Youth Services menu. Or, call Parent Central Services at 767-2312 (Stewart) or 315-5425 (Hunter).

#### Sunday family fun day at Hunter golf

Enjoy a fun afternoon of golf with your Family at a discounted rate every Sunday after 1 p.m. at Hunter Golf Course. Free greens fees for junior golfers (ages 5-15) with a paid parent's greens and golf cart fees. For more information, call 315-9115.

#### SKIES offers cheer, tumbling classes

School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills is now offering competitive cheer and tumbling classes for youth 5-18 years old at both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Participants must be enrolled in Child and Youth Services. The cost for competitive cheer is \$50-55 per month and the cost for tumbling is \$45-50 per month. To register, or for more information, call Parent Central Services at 767-2312 at Stewart or 315-5425 at Hunter.

#### Kids bowl free at Marne, Stewart lanes

Sign up at *KidsBowlFree.com* for the "Kids Bowl Free "program at Marne Bowling Center, building 402, and Stewart Bowling Center, building 450. Each registered child ages 0-15 can bowl two free games a day Monday-Friday (not available on holidays). Shoe rental is \$2.50. No charge to register online for free games. Program runs through September. Family passes, at discount prices, available so parents can bowl with their children. For more information, call Marne Center at 767-4866 or Stewart Center at 767-4273.

#### 2nd ID reunion slated

The 2nd (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and our 97th annual reunion in Jacksonville from Sept. 19 – 23, contact Mike Davino at 2IDA.PAO@charter.net, visit www.2ida.org/2018-reunion.

#### Outdoor Pools open for season

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield outdoor swimming facilities opened Memorial Day weekend for the new season. At Stewart, Corkan Outdoor Pool, building 446, will be open Thursday-Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays) and Bryan Village Pool (building 7098) will open weekends only 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Hunter outdoor swimming pool and water spray park, behind Hunter Club, will be open Thursday-Monday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays.) Pricing is as follows:

Daily fee: \$4 per person (Children under four admitted free. Season Family pass:

• \$80 E1-E4

- \$90 E5-E6, W1, W2, O1, O2
- \$110 E7-E8 O3, O4

\$130 All other ranks and DoD employees

Pool telephone numbers are: Corkan 767-8575, Bryan Village 767-2701 and Hunter 315-5786. For questions call Newman Pool at 767-3034 or 315-2819.

#### All-Army Ten-Miler qualifier races

Earn the honor of representing the 3rd Infantry Division in the 34th Annual Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C., Oct. 7 by being a top finisher in one of three Qualifier Races at Donovan Field, Fort Stewart. Qualifier runs will be held at 6 a.m. on June 9, July 14 and Aug. 11. Runners can register on-site beginning at 5 a.m. each date. Based on best times, two females and four males will qualify. Only active duty may qualify, but Family members, retirees and DoD civilians are welcome to participate. For more information, call 767-8238.

#### Taylors Creek club championship

The Taylors Creek club championship will be played Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10, at Taylors Creek Golf Course on Fort Stewart. Play begins at noon both days. The tournament is open to the public. The cost of \$70 per player includes greens fee, cart fee, range token and trophies. Players are asked to register by Thursday, June 7. For more information, call 767-2370.

#### Army birthday discounts, giveaways

June 14 is the Army's 243rd birthday, and MWR is celebrating that special day with drawings and discounts for the community! You could win two tickets for a free Old Town Trolley Tour of Savannah, or a free oil change at Libby Auto or Hunter Auto Skills center. Register free by June 14 at *Stewart/HunterMWR.com*. And while at the Web site, be sure to check out the host of discounts and specials being offered during the month of June in honor of the Army's birthday.

#### Golf courses membership plan

Enjoy access to both Taylors Creek Golf Course and Hunter Golf Course with just one membership! A Bronze membership plan, for just \$99, is being offered for the first time. Bronze plan members receive discounts on green and cart fees each time they play at either course. For details about the clubs' bronze, silver or gold membership plans, visit *StewartHunterMWR.com*, or the pro shops. Membership plans are open to all. Phone numbers are at Taylors Creek is 767-2370 or Hunter at 315-9115.

#### Youth sports camps at Stewart/Hunter

Registration is under way for Youth sports camps at Stewart and Hunter. At Stewart, camps are being offered for functional fitness, track and field and football. The camps are free, but youths must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Visit *StewartMWR.com* or call 767-2312 for additional details. At Hunter, camps are offered for 1st-5th graders in baseball, basketball, Be Fit Be Strong and volleyball. The cost is \$10, except for participants already enrolled in full day School Age Center summer camp. Visit *HunterMWR.com* or call 315-5851for

details.

#### Shuttle offered payday weekends

For a worry-free night out in Savannah on payday weekends - check out Safe Ride! Service members can enjoy downtown without asking "should I be driving home?" Only \$10 per person (active duty Soldiers only). Picking up at various locations on Fort Stewart. Limited space. Tickets can be purchased at Leisure Travel or from the driver (exact change required). For pick-up and drop-off locations click the Safe Ride link on *stewartmwr.com* or call 767-2841.

#### Get 'Rock Solid'

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

#### Low Country adventure trips 2018

Go river tubing down the Ichetucknee River near Lake City, Fla., on Saturday, June 9. Depart from Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental (building 8325) at 5 a.m. and return about 7:30 p.m. Registration required by Tuesday, June 5. The \$35 cost includes transportation, tube and armband to go back up the river. Participants will stop briefly for breakfast in route. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase food on-site. For more information, visit *StewartMWR.com* or call 435-8205.

#### CYS summer camp

The School Age Centers at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield are an ideal place for first to fifth-graders to spend their free time this summer. Summer Camp weekly themes at Stewart include Art Camp, Sports Camp, Science Camp and Gardening Camp and a Just for Fun Camp. At Hunter, the themes include Rolling Into summer, International Week, Exploring Under the Sea, Military Heroes and Healthy Habits. For details, visit *StewartMWR.com* or call Parent Central Services at 767-2312 (Stewart) or 315-5425 Hunter.

#### Free teen baby-sitting courses

Free, 16-hour baby-sitting Certification Courses for CYS-registered teens ages 13-18 will be held at Stewart and Hunter June 18, 19. Classes are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day and teach basic skills necessary to safely care for children. Attendance at both sessions required for certification. Minimum of eight students required per class. Stewart classes at Youth Activity Center, building 5655. Hunter classes at Youth Activity Center, building 6054. Pre-registration required at Parent Central Services. For more information, call 767-2312 (Stewart) or 315-5425 (Hunter) or visit *StewartHunterMWR.com*.

#### **Hunter Commander golf scramble**

Start the summer season off with some friendly competition and camaraderie in the Hunter Garrison Commander's golf scramble June 20, at 9 a.m. at Hunter Golf Course. Tournament fee of \$35 includes golf cart, range balls, prizes and light lunch. For more information, call 315-9115.

## FORT STEWART AND HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD 2017 Water wality Report

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The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) is pleased to present Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's Annual Water Quality Report (Water System Identification CG1790024 and CG0510107, respectively). This report provides you with a detailed account of all water monitoring and testing results gathered in 2017 confirming the gathered in 2017 confirming the Installation's good water quality. As always, our goal is to provide our patrons with safe and dependable drinking water. Additional copies of this report are available at the Installation's

Environmental Offices: Fort Stewart Building 1137 and Hunter Army Airfield Building 615.

### Protecting your Water Source

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally-occurring minerals. Therefore, water can pick up substances as by-products from both the presence of animals and human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and
- · Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturallyoccurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial and domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, or mining and farming activities.
- Pesticides or herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban runoff, and residential uses Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic
- chemicals (VOCs), which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and they can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- · Radioactive contaminants, which can be either naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same public health protection. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

www2.epa.gov/learn-issues/health-and-safety



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## State Required Monitoring Frequencies Only EPA approved laboratory methods are used to analyze your drinking water. Our personnel

take water samples from numerous locations throughout the distribution system and residential taps; samples are then delivered to an accredited laboratory where water quality analyses are performed. At a minimum, samples are analyzed as follows

Parameter	Fort Stewart Monitoring Frequency	Hunter Army Airfield Monitoring Frequency
Biological Contaminants Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOCs) Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOCs) Inorganic Contaminants (IOCs) Lead and Copper Nitrates/Nitrites Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Once a month Once every 3 years Waived Once every 3 years Once every 3 years Once every year Once a quarter	Once a month Once every 3 years Waived Once every 3 years Once every 3 years Once every year Once every 3 years
Unregulated Contaminants	Approx. once every 3 yrs	Approx. once every 3 yrs

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) issued Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield a SOC monitoring waiver until 2019 because EPD studies have shown that the drinking water is not vulnerable to contamination from SOCs at either Installation

### Conserving our Water Supply

Everyday throughout the world, nations are facing water problems in terms of both quantity and quality. Between 1950 and 1970, global water demand tripled and is expected to double within 35 years. Although 75 percent of the earth is covered by water, only 1 percent is available as renewable fresh water, and only about one-third of all precipitation that falls on the land goes back to the oceans by rivers and runoff. We are a nation whose water needs are rapidly rising while available supplies are



shrinking; regional water crises are becoming increasingly frequent as water tables are falling and stream flow is decreasing. We can no longer take our drinking water for granted. This means that individuals, municipalities, industries, and governments must be proactive in conserving and protecting our water supplies. The consequences of recurring long duration droughts are far-reaching, affecting wildlife, vegetation, and humans. Additionally, drought impacts on society are often exacerbated by the demand that people place on the water supply. Water is the most precious commodity we have on this planet; we ought not to treat it as if it were an unlimited resource. By shifting our priorities for water usage, we can prevent water scarcity. The well has run dry in many places—let's not make our community next!

#### Health Effects of Lead in Water



If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Water Systems are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using

water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead

mental health counseling to job training and placement. The event is also open to the public "for non-military related services" according to a press release, and will additionally focus on poverty and homelessness prevention.

McIntosh said putting a wide range of services in one spot makes them more accessible to those who need them most. And he's already set June 30 as a rain date.

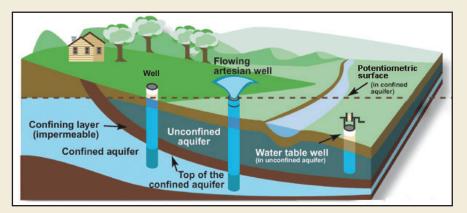
Stay tuned.

For more information, call McIntosh at 271-3192 or email libertyhomeless@gmail.

2017 Water Quality Report 🬘

#### Where does my water come from? Fort Stewart's main water supply comes from eight municipal

groundwater wells that are no less than 500 feet deep, while Hunter Army Airfield residents are serviced by four 500-foot deep wells and one 1100-foot deep well. Groundwater is stored in permeable rock layers called aquifers, which are like underground lakes. Our groundwater is supplied by the Floridan Aquifer. Before the water is distributed, the water is chlorinated to kill disease-causing organisms and fluoridated to promote dental health.



#### Georgia Water Restrictions

Georgia has received significant rainfall over the past year. However, the state still restricts outdoor water use to conserve our water resources. Homes and businesses with odd-numbered addresses may water on Sundays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays and even numbered or

unnumbered addresses water on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Saturdays from 12 midnight to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 12 midnight. All outdoor water use is prohibited on Fridays





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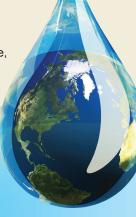
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#### Source Water Assessment

A source water assessment has been performed on the source of your drinking water (the Floridan Aquifer). The Wellhead Protection Plans at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield were developed to determine the susceptibility of contaminants entering our drinking water supply and to better identify ways for protecting our water source. For further information, a copy of these Wellhead Protection Plans may be reviewed at the Fort Stewart Environmental Office, 1550 Veterans Parkway (Bldg. 1137), Fort Stewart, GA 31314. Point of contact is Mr. Stanley Thomas,





#### Vulnerability

Both MEDDAC'S Preventive Medicine and the DPW continually monitor the drinking water for contaminants. Our water is SAFE to drink; however, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### Operation Stand-down slated for June 23

Courtesy Jeff Whitten

Coastal Courier

In military terms, the phrase "stand down" can be an order to rest and recover after a battle.

For the Rev. Jim McIntosh, head of the Liberty Regional Homeless Coalition and a veteran himself, it means a hand up by helping area service members, veterans and their families address some of life's basic needs through Operation Stand Down 2018.

Set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 23 at Bradwell Park, the event in downtown Hinesville is expected to draw almost 60 agencies, McIntosh said, noting, "We're going to need a bigger downtown."

Among the LHRC's partners in the event are the Fort Stewart Garrison Command, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Georgia Department of Veterans Services and "more than 50 community organizations and businesses," McIntosh said.

The event, geared toward serving active duty military as well as veterans and those in the reserve or National Guard, is a first for Hinesville, according to McIntosh, but it's not a new concept.

The first Operation Stand Down of its kind took place in San Diego in 1988 was organized by Vietnam veterans to help one another, he said. Similar events have spread across the country in the 30 years since.

McIntosh is billing this event as a one-stop shop of sorts for residents of Liberty,

Long, Bryan, McIntosh, Tattnall and Wayne counties. Those who come will learn about available services ranging from health care and

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## 2017 Water Quality Data

Below is a table that indicates the constituents that have been detected during sampling of Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield's water supply system.

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS <sup>1</sup>
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			Fort Stewart (CC	Hunter Army Airfield (CG0510107)							
Parameter	MCL	MCLG	Detected	Range of Detection	Sample Date <sup>2</sup>	Violation	Detected	Range of Detection	Sample Date <sup>2</sup>	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminants
REGULATED CONTAMINANTS											
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.92*	0.70-1.20	Jan-Dec 2017	NO	1.01*	0.70-1.30	Jan-Dec 2017	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.70*	0.20-1.45	Jan-Dec 2017	NO	0.81*	0.21-1.57	Jan-Dec 2017	NO	Water additive used to control microbes
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	15	1.6 **	1 of 30 Sites exceeding AL	Aug-Sep 2017	NO	2.67**	1 of 20 Sites exceeding AL	Sep 2017	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppb)	AL=1300	1500	170**	0 of 30 Sites exceeding AL	Sep 2017	NO	126**	0 of 20 Sites exceeding AL	Sep 2017	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
TTHMs [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	80	80	3.63*	n/d-10.9	Mar-Dec 2017	NO	8.1	8.1	Jun 2017	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	60	0.15*	n/d-1.4	Mar-Dec 2017	NO	0	0	Jun 2017	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination

#### **UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

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Strontium	n/a	n/a	327*	310-360	Feb-Aug 2014	NO	n/a***	n/a***	n/a***	n/a	It is naturally-occurring element and is used as strontium carbonate in pyrotechnics, in steel production, as a catalyst and as a lead scavenger
Chloroform (ppb)	n/a	n/a	1.41*	n/d-3.8	Mar-Dec 2017	NO	0.42*	n/d-1.3	Mar-Jun 2017	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	n/a	n/a	0.81*	n/d-3	Mar-Dec 2017	NO	n/d	n/d	Jun 2017	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Sodium (ppb)	n/a	n/a	11,900*	5,100-14,000	Aug 2015	NO	25,400*	9200-89,000	Jun 2017	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching through soils high in sodium
Iron (ppb)	n/a	n/a	n/d	n/d	Aug 2015	NO	34*	0-170	Jun 2017	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion
Dichlorobromomethane (ppb)	n/a	n/a	1.33*	n/d-4.1	Mar-Dec 2017	NO	n/d	n/d	Jun 2017	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination

1The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk as some contaminants naturally occur in drinking water systems

2Based on most recent sampling requirement \*Average of all detections.

\*\*Value represents 90th percentile value of most recent sampling, see frequency below. \*\*\*Sampling not required at Hunter Army Airfield

#### **Terms and Abbreviations:**

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): Level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): Highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking

MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ppm: Parts per million; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in \$10,000

Questions. Any concerns can be addressed at our quarterly Environmental Quality Control Committee meetings. You may contact the Environmental Division at 912-767-2010 for the next ppb: Parts per billion; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**TTHM:** Total Trihalomethanes; by-products of drinking water disinfection.

Range: The range of the highest and lowest analytical values of a reported contaminant. For example, the range of an unregulated contaminant may be 10.1 (lowest value) to 13.4 (highest value). EPA requires the range to be reported for certain analytes.

n/d- Not Detected.; n/a- Not applicable; pos- Positive for the presence.

**TT**: Treatment Technique. MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfection Level.

MRDLG: Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal

**DPW Environmental Division** 



## New GEMA Hurricane re-entry, placard process

Randall McPherson

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency officials briefed all Area-5 emergency managers at the monthly meeting.

GEMA has revised the state's hurricane re-entry program to include all 159 counties rather than the 13 Area-5 coastal and adjacent counties; which include Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. This program replaces the 4 phase re-entry and critical workforce (green) placard, which was implemented during Hurricanes Matthew and Irma by coastal counties in 2016 and 2017.

GEMA and the majority of the state emergency managers felt the phase 4A and 4B complicated the re-entry process for local law enforcement along designated re-entry routes at county lines in post storm and recovery environments.

#### The new process includes five phases.

Phase 1 - Render safe Task Force Team re-entry. This is the initial phase of re-entry. During this phase, teams from state and local response agencies, as well as private sector utility providers, will gain access to impacted areas. The primary objective of Phase 1 personnel is to render the area safe for first responders; who will follow them to conduct life safety oper-

Phase 2 – Emergency response and life safety workforce re-entry. Phase 2 consists of personnel conducting life safety operations in the impacted areas. These operations include, but are not limited to, search and rescue, emergency medical services, fire suppression, hazardous materials control and containment, preliminary damage assessment, essential relief staff to critical medical facilities and immediate utility restoration to critical incident facilities. Phase 2 allows for select Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield critical work force personnel supporting actions listed above, to reenter the installation.

Phase 3 - Essential public and private sector personnel re-entry. During this phase, designated individuals in the public and private sector reenter to restore essential operations, services and commerce in support of re-entry by the general public. These systems and networks include, but are not limited to,

petroleum distributors, food distributors, non-emergency medical facilities; such as dialysis centers, pharmaceutical providers, members of the media, medical facility support staff, and local government essential workers. Validation of issuance of re-entry permits for this phase requires close coordination between state and local emergency management and local public safety officials to ensure appropriate individuals and private sector partners are being allowed to access damaged areas.

Personnel entering during Phase 3 are required to possess a Georgia Disaster re-entry permit, employee credentials (marked vehicle ID badge, etc.), as well as a valid state-issued photo identification card, to public safety personnel controlling access. Individuals working as contractors or subcontractors for an organization or business approved for Phase 3 re-entry are also required to have an employer authorization letter. Phase 3 allows for entry of the remainder of Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield critical workforce

Phase 4 - Local residents, property and business owners. Phase 4 is desingated for local residents and those who own property or businesses in the impacted areas. The timeframe of this phase is dependent upon the extent of the damage caused by the hazard and the status of recovery and restoration operations in the preceding phases. During Phase 4 re-entry, access may be limited to certain portions of impacted counties, and restrictions may be in place only allowing access during daylight hours.

Residents and individuals attempting to gain access during this phase will be expected to present valid state-issued photo identification that includes an address in the impacted area; or, valid state-issued photo identification along with a property deed, recent utility bill verifying an address, current voter registration card, recent property tax statement, business credential, or paystub from a local business. No State of Georgia re-entry permits are issued for Phase 4 re-entry.

Once Phase 4 clearance has been issued by the local surrounding counties, the senior commander would rescind his mandatory evacuation order for the installation and set a timeline for personnel to return and report for duty. An example could be 24, 48, or 72 hours. During this phase, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield personnel living in the surrounding communities would begin to return to their home. Following guidence outlined above.

Phase 5 - Open to public with limited access. In Phase 5, local officials will determine which county or portions of the county are relatively safe for entrance by the general public. Restrictions may remain in place for specific periods - such as daylight

Georgia re-entry permitting process: The green placards from 2017 are invalid for the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season. The new re-entry permitting process is based on feedback and recommendations in coordination with county emergency management agencies, private sector representatives, as well as law enforcement and state partners.

Re-entry permits will be issued electronically and are for use state-wide following a disaster which requires phased re-entry - not only for post hurricane

GEMA/Homeland Security is the lead agency in issuing permits; however, local EMs will foresee a role in assisting with verification of businesses in their counties.

Installation Placards have been requested for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The installation should receive placards authorizing Phase 2 re-entry and Phase 3 critical work force personnel to return once authorized by the local counties and GEMA state operations center.

The issuance of the Phase 2 andPhase 3 placards will be strictly controlled. An authorization letter and photo ID, signed by the garrison commander must accompany CWF personnel along with a placard in order for it to be considered valid at state, county and local traffic control points established along county lines on designated re-entry routes.

The installation's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security will be responsible for issuing placards and authorization letters to CWF person-

For more information, contact the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield emergency manager, Randall "Mack" McPherson, at 767-4414 randall.t.mcpherson.civ@mail.mil.

# SPORTS RECREATION

## RSSB Soldiers train to fight during combatives course

Sgt. Elizabeth White 3rd Inf. Div. RSSB

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan Soldiers with the 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade participated in a four-day combatives level one certification course on May 27.

Ten Soldiers from various military occupational specialities and ranks attended the class. For about eight hours every day, they learned and practiced all of the level one drills to earn their certifications.

"The course consists of four days of strenuous activity, such as jiu jitsu, a lot of pummeling, wrestling and how to finish a fight during a hostile environment," said Sgt. Corey Sones, a network operations noncommissioned officer with the 3rd Inf. Div. RSSB. "Combatives, when it was first created, took a lot of the different fighting styles, such as muay thai, jiu jitsu and judo, combined them and took the best of everything, making it what we know now as the Modern Army Combatives Program."

Sones, certified level two in combatives, instructed the group of students with the help of other level one certified Soldiers.

"This class in particular is four days, usually it is a bit longer but, due to Soldiers being needed elsewhere in this deployed environment, we've been able to shorten it down," said Pfc. Juventino Bella, a geospatial engineer with the 3rd Inf. Div. RSSB, and one of the assistant instructors during the course. "It's been tough, mind boggling and very

hard on the body physically and mentally. This is something you have to be prepared for going into."

The combatives program prepares Soldiers for hand-to-hand combat with an enemy. Once they are certified in level one, these Soldiers can then teach other service members in their unit the level one

"It's important to learn, not only to instill discipline,



Spc. Bryan Tenberge, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 212th Hazard FSC, 165th CSSB, 3rd ID RSSB, takes a break after doing rolling drills during a combatives level one certification class at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, May 26. Tenberge and other Soldiers were practicing how to escape mounts and gain dominant positions over opponents.

but at the same time, regardless of your MOS, you'll never know when you may need to use it or when you need to train up another unit," said Spc. Dominique Goldsborough, an intelligence analyst with the 3rd Inf. Div. RSSB, and one of the students in the course.

"Combatives is to instill the knowledge base for Soldiers so if they go out to an area and they have to do hand-to-hand combat they know how to survive, protect themselves, finish the fight and dominate the enemy," Sones said.

The unit will be heading home in the near future and Sones hopes to continue teaching combatives to Soldiers back in Georgia.

"This is the first class that I've been able to get for the RSSB, I hope to do more," said Sones. "When we get back home I do hope to be able to train more Soldiers so we can get level one certified Soldiers across the entire brigade."

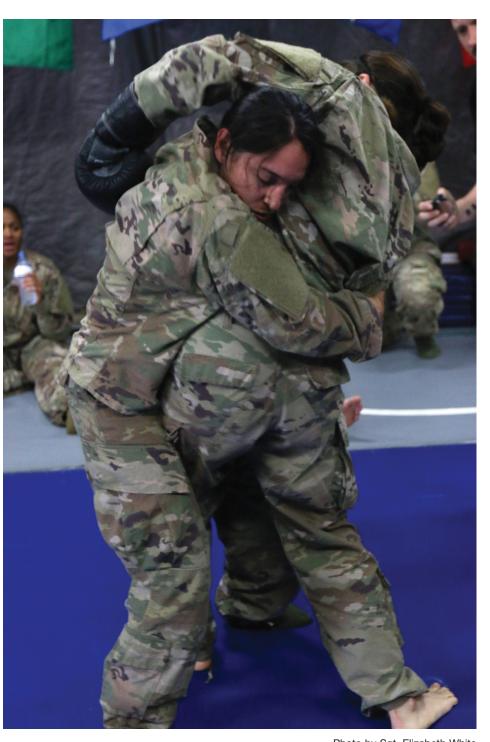


Photo by Sgt. Elizabeth White

Spc. Alexandria Gonzales, an intelligence analyst, wraps her arms around Capt. Victoria Cashio, the behavioral health officer for STB, both with the 3rd ID RSSB, during clench drills in a combatives level one certification class on Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, May. 27. Gonzales, a student in the course, was training to restrain an opponent during these drills.

## Hole-in-one at Hunter



David Meeks, stands with Mike McGreevy and Eddie Rappe, after Meeks and Rappe witnessed McGreevy's second hole-in-one at Hunter Golf Course, May 32 on Hunter Army Airfield. McGrevy scored the shot on a 114 par 3, at Hole 6.

#### Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

#### Safe Ride Shuttle available

For a worry-free night out in Savannah on payday weekends - check out Safe Ride! Service members can enjoy downtown without asking "should I be driving home?" Only \$10 per person (active duty Soldiers only). Picking up at various locations on Fort Stewart, limited space. Tickets can be purchased at Leisure Travel or from the driver (exact change required). For pick-up and dropoff locations click the Safe Ride link on stewartmwr.com or call 767-2841.

#### **Super Saver Program**

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

#### Online food handlers class

Anyone interested in taking the food handlers course now has the ability to do it online. Certification is good for one year. Register online at eventbrite.com, or log on to *www.winn.amedd.army.mil*. Click on the healthcare services tab, click preventive medicine and wellness, then environmental health. The basic food handlers course study material and quiz are at the bottom of the screen.

#### Army food truck is here

The Culinary Outpost is a Soldier-run, Soldier-focused food truck that is making its way around Fort Stewart. We are open in multiple locations from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook at *@ftstewfoodtruck* for daily locations and specials!

#### **FLEP** opportunity

Interested in a career as a judge advocate? Officers in the grade of O-1 through O-3 with two to six years of active duty service are encouraged to apply for the 2018 Funded Legal Education Program selection board. Applications must be received at the Judge Advocate General Corps Personnel, Plans, and Training Office and at Human Resource Center no earlier than Aug. 1 and by Nov. 1. Applicants should schedule interviews with Nancy Seaton, *nancy.e.seaton.civ@mail.mil* for Septermber. The selection board convenes Dec. 3-4. The results will be posted in January 2019 at *www.jagcnet.army.mil*. Please see the Milper message for further details at *https://www.hrc.army.mil/Milper/18-081*.

#### Bible study offered

Wednesdays at noon at the Marne Chapel. This year the focus is, "The Bible and Current Events." Each week we will take a look at the news of the week and how God's word can bring understanding and perspective to what's happening and how we can apply it to our lives. Military personnel, civilian employees, contractors, retirees and Family members are welcome to attend. Bring your own bag lunch. Study materials will be provided. For more information, contact Bill Agnew at 767-9789 or william.f.agnew4.civ@mail.mil.

#### Prescribed burns scheduled

Fort Stewart's Forestry Branch is in the midst of controlled burn season and will be conducting controlled burns at various locations on the installation each week. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to use extra caution when traveling through areas that may be affected by smoke. For more information, please contact Amanda Price at 767-2010. Up to date burn notices are posted to the Fort Stewart Hunter Army Airfield Facebook page, www.facebook.com/FortStewartHunterArmyAirfield.

#### Youth volunteers are available

The American Red Cross Summer Youth Program is here! Another summer is approaching and the Red Cross youth volunteers are available to support your activity. The American Red Cross summer youth program runs June 11 through July 27. Our volunteers will be working 15 to 40 hours a week, based on supervisor need. To request one or more youth volunteers please fill out the needs assessment below and email it to FortStewart@redcross.org. The deadline for requesting youth volunteers is Friday. If you have any question please contact us at 767-2197 or *FortStewart@redcross.org*.

#### Family fun day at Hunter golf course

Enjoy a fun afternoon of golf with your Family at a discounted rate every Sunday after 1 p.m. at Hunter's golf course. Free greens fees for junior golfers (ages 5-15) with a paid parent's greens and golf cart fees. For more information, call 315-9115.

#### **Summer safety**

Water safety - To prevent drowning, avoid alcohol when swimming or boating. Wear a lifejacket whenever you are on a boat. Make sure young children are supervised at all times when near the beach, on a boat, or by a pool or hot tub. Don't swim alone or in bad weather. Learn to swim and teach your children to swim. We also recommend that you learn CPR in case of an emergency.

Sun safety - Protect against sunburn and heat stroke. Wear sunscreen with at least a sun protection factor 15 or higher and apply it generously throughout the day. Wear a hat outdoors and a good pair of sunglasses to protect your eyes. Drink plenty of water, especially when in the sun or if you are sweating heavily. If you feel faint or nauseous, get into a cool place immediately.

Travel safety - Do not drink and drive or travel with anyone who has been drinking. Take along a first aid kit to help you be prepared for common emergencies. Wear your seatbelt at all times. Make sure your vehicle has been properly serviced and is in good working shape before a long road trip. Familiarize yourself with your surroundings if you are in an unfamiliar place and know where the nearest emergency room is. Also, avoid talking or texting on a cell phone while driving.

#### **Education Matters**

#### Support available

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



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3/160th SOAR	3	0
SAVANNAH CORPS ENG	3	0
B CO 603rd AVN	2	1
224th M.I.	2	1
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CID/MP's	1	2
317th CAV	0	3
HSC 6703rd AVN	0	5

## Local youth visit Hunter Army Airfield

#### Steve Hart

Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Twenty-five students in grades seven through ten from the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System's summer program called Operation 15 spent the day at Hunter Army Airfield June 5.

"Operation 15 began last year by the SCCPSS' Campus Police staff as a way to depict law enforcement in a positive light," said Brittny Johnson, executive director of Operation 15.

The three-week-long program targets at risk students. We included a visit to Hunter this year to expose the students to Soldiers and see the discipline and drive they possess as an example of individuals who have

achieved success in their lives."

While on Hunter, they negotiated the Hunter Mile obstacle course and rappelling tower alongside Soldiers.

They also toured the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, had lunch in the Hunter Dining Facility and heard testimonials from Soldiers how they chose the Army as a way to undesirable environments in urban areas.

Private Carzaria Williams, a chaplain's assistant, talked to the students about her life in urban Chicago which included drug use by Family members and how she saw the Army as a way to provide a stable life for her future Family. She told them how for her, life is about making right choices.



Photos by Steve Hart



Dmitri Fields, age 13, an advancing eighth grade student at Hubert Middle School, climbs the obstacle using a rope on the Hunter Mile obstacle course, June 5.

Private Carzaria Williams, a chaplains assistant at Hunter Army Airfield, speaks to students visiting Hunter Army Airfield, June 5, during lunch at the Hunter Dining Facility.