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# Spartans welcome new enlisted leaders



Photos by Staff Sgt. Justin McClarran

*Left: Lt. Col. Thomas Lamb, center, receives the colors from Command Sgt. Maj. Johnny Herrera-Lozano, right, and passes them to Command Sgt. Maj. Eddy Perez, left, symbolizing Perez as the new senior enlisted advisor for the “Mustang Squadron,” 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, at Cashe Garden on Fort Stewart, April 14. The passing of the unit colors is a time-honored tradition that signifies the change of responsibility from one command sergeant major to the next in order to serve as the units caretaker and senior enlisted advisor to the commander.*

*Right: Amy Morgan, spouse of Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Morgan, the incoming senior enlisted advisor for the “Panther Battalion,” 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, receives a bouquet of yellow roses at the beginning of the change of responsibility ceremony at Cashe Garden on Fort Stewart, April 13. The presentation of roses is a change of responsibility tradition that is a symbol of transition and new beginning for the unit.*

## Marne Voices Speak Out

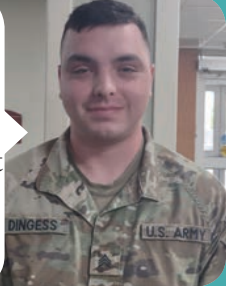
### How are you preparing for hurricane season?

Photos by Jenny Walker

“I have a go box that has important documents in it for me and my children. I also have an action plan that starts out with another place to live when hurricane season comes about.”  
**Selinda Torbert**  
Survivor Outreach Services



“Me and my wife have been preparing for hurricane season by getting bottles of water, canned food, just making sure we have enough supplies to get through.”  
**Sgt. James Dingess**  
HHC 3-67 AR

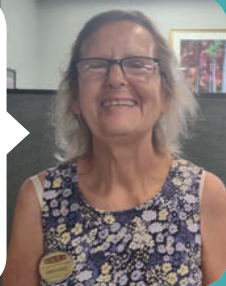


“I haven’t really been planning, but now that I know about hurricane season I am going to start planning.”  
**Spc. Jevon Williams**  
92nd Eng.



“I know my evacuation plan. Also, I am from Puerto Rico. I know that we need candles, food, water. The most important thing is not waiting to the last minute.”  
**Staff Sgt. Victor Ramirez**  
Soldier Recovery Unit

“I am prepared for hurricane season because I will pack up and leave.”  
**Qwen Dykes**  
Volunteer



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**Cover: Sgt. Mark Hawkins, MQ-1 operator, 224th Military Intelligence Battalion, navigates the obstacle course at Fort Stewart during the 116th Military Intelligence Brigade’s Best Warrior competition, April 5. See pages 10-11 for coverage of the best warrior competien. (Photo by Daniel Malta)**



# U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff visits Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield



Photos by Sgt. Robert Wormley III

*U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Joseph R. Lee, a master gunner assigned to 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, shows senior U.S. Senator from Georgia Jon Ossoff an M1A2 SEPv3 Abrams Tank during Ossoff's visit to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, April 19. Ossoff visited to learn about modernization, readiness and capabilities of the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division. He also observed and was informed about renovation projects geared towards improving the quality of life and welfare for 3rd ID Soldiers and Families.*



*U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Charles D. Costanza, commanding general of 3rd Infantry Division, greets senior U.S. Senator from Georgia Jon Ossoff for his visit to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, April 19. Ossoff visited to learn about modernization, readiness and capabilities of the 3rd ID. He also observed and was informed about renovation projects geared towards improving the quality of life and welfare for 3rd ID Soldiers and Families.*



*Senior U.S. Senator from Georgia Jon Ossoff holds a round table discussion with junior enlisted Soldiers from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, April 19. Ossoff visited to learn about modernization, readiness and capabilities of the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division. He also observed and was informed about renovation projects geared towards improving the quality of life and welfare for 3rd ID Soldiers and Families.*



# CAB heads to border, deploys from Wright AAF



Photos by Sgt. Savannah Roy

Senior Airman Josie Pitts, an airman assigned to the 911th Airlift Wing and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jan Lubbe, a UAS operations technician assigned to Echo Company, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, load a connex onto a C-17 Globemaster III at the Mid-Coast Regional Airport, Fort Stewart April 8.



Soldiers assigned to Echo Company, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, prepare to board a C-17 Globemaster III at the Mid-Coast Regional Airport, Fort Stewart April 8. The Soldiers deployed to Fort Huachuca, Arizona in support of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection security efforts over the next two months.



An American flag hangs from a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 911th Airlift Wing as Soldiers assigned to Echo Company, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, prepare to deploy from the Mid-Coast Regional Airport, Fort Stewart April 8.



Soldiers assigned to Echo Company, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, load a satellite communications system onto a C-17 Globemaster III at Mid-Coast Regional Airport, Fort Stewart April 8. The Soldiers deployed to Fort Huachuca, Arizona in support of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection security and reconnaissance efforts utilizing the new MQ-1C-25 Extended Range Gray Eagle.





# ACS, MWR, Coastal Happening Briefs

## Mask guidance update

Mask requirements remain in place on all installation medical treatment facilities for the protection of patients and staff. This includes all medical and dental treatment facilities and pharmacies on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, to include the Richmond Hill Medical Home. Winn Army Community Hospital leaders will continue to review DOD and CDC guidance related to healthcare facilities, Winn Army Community Hospital will provide updates and changes when available.

## Masks required in all CYS facilities

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Child and Youth Services programs will continue to require masks in all facilities in accordance with U.S. Army Installation Management Command guidelines. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

## Download the Digital Garrison app

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

## Podcast now on iTunes, Spotify

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

## Virtual newcomers orientation

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

## Manny on the Street web series

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

## Marne Bistro Options

Effective immediately Marne Bistro will be closed until further notice. However, meal card holders can get to go meals from Bldg. 512 for breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner

from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The Food Truck will also be available for all customers in the parking lot of Marne Bistro bldg. 726 or breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m., and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Fort Stewart lost and found property

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

## ChristFit Bible study offered

Fort Stewart's community Bible study, ChristFit runs through May 3 at the Main Post Chapel, building 500 every Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. Various classes are offered and for all age groups. WildFire Youth Club meets at Victory Chapel. Childcare is available for those under 2 years old. For more information, call 767-2797.

## DEERS update

When is the last time you checked to see if your information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System is up to date? If it's been a while, take time to log in to DEERS and review your information. Inaccurate information in the DEERS database could prevent you from being able to use your TRICARE benefits properly. Learn more at [newsroom.tricare.mil/Articles/Article/2935925/is-your-deers-information-up-to-date?utm\\_medium=email+&utm\\_source=go-vdelivery](http://newsroom.tricare.mil/Articles/Article/2935925/is-your-deers-information-up-to-date?utm_medium=email+&utm_source=go-vdelivery).

## Georgia Pre-K lottery now open

Registration for the Georgia Pre-K Lottery is now open. This program is free of charge, and operates 6.5 hours per day from Monday-Friday. Children must be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1 to register. There are no exceptions. The sponsor of the child must be a DOD ID cardholder. For more information on registration, call Parent Central Services at 767-2312 or 315-5425.

## ASAP hosts dodge ball tournament

Visit Tominac Fitness Center April 11 and 12 for the first ever Drunk Dodge Ball Tournament. Teams of eight are invited to play dodge ball with half of the players wearing drunk goggles to demonstrate how alcohol affects our brains and reflexes. To register call 315-5592 or email [terry.s.duncan5.civ@army.mil](mailto:terry.s.duncan5.civ@army.mil).

## Commissary offers early bird hours

The Fort Stewart Commissary has reintroduced early bird hours of operation Tuesday through Friday from 7:30-9 a.m. No more than 20 items per customer.

## EAP Civilian Workforce Training

Depression and Anxiety w/ Relaxation and Meditation 08 April 2022, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Social Security 101- Alicia Lipscomb 22 April 2022, 1 to 2:30. All classes are presented virtually via Microsoft Teams 365. Preregistration is required for access. Classes are open to all DA civilians, family members, and retirees. Call 912-767-5672 Cell 912-631-5140 or email [Saundra.k.poole.civ@army.mil](mailto:Saundra.k.poole.civ@army.mil) for more information.

## Trusted Traveler reinstated

Trusted Traveler resumed today at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Trusted Traveler allows all DOD ID card holders to vouch for all occupants in their vehicle. The DOD ID card holder must be the driver unless observed medical conditions prevents vehicle operation. Trusted Traveler hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, Monday through Sunday at all gates. After 9 p.m. all occupants of the vehicle will be subject to 100% ID card check at open gates except Rio gate at Hunter. After 9 p.m. use Montgomery Gate at Hunter. Contractors and AIE card holders are not authorized Trusted Traveler. Visitor Control Center hours remain 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Stewart and Hunter.

## State carry act does not apply on post

The recently passed Georgia Constitutional Carry Act does not apply to Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield or any Army installation in Georgia. Per Army Regulation 190-11, the carrying of privately owned weapons and ammunition is prohibited on post unless authorized by the Senior Commander. Also, the carrying of a concealed weapon on the installation is prohibited regardless of whether a state or county permit has been obtained. For questions about the regulation or how to register personally owned weapons on post, call the Directorate of Emergency Services at 767-2285.

## Death Notices

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Capt. James T. Bellew must contact Capt. Chelsea Menser, the Summary Court Officer for the Soldier at [chelsea.m.menser.mil@army.mil](mailto:chelsea.m.menser.mil@army.mil)

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Pfc. David Sarco Climaco, must contact 2nd Lt. Jackson McInvale, the Summary Court Officer for the Soldier. Call McInvale at 845-797-5548.

## Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

### Join the SAMC

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

### Commute to Fort Stewart with Enterprise

Open seats are currently available in an Enterprise Commuter program for those who commute from Savannah, Pooler, or Richmond Hill to Fort Stewart. This government program is free of charge and pays for the cost of commute. Van arrives at Fort Stewart at 7:30 a.m. and departs for Savannah at 4 p.m. Save on fuel, wear and tear on your personal vehicle, insurance, and more. For more information, email [charles.e.woodward8.civ@army.mil](mailto:charles.e.woodward8.civ@army.mil)

### Personal Property ends virtual applications

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

### 3rd ID Equal Opportunity hotline

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

### Vaccine services offered

Vaccine services are updated every Monday on the Winn Army Community Hospital Facebook page at [fb.com/winncares](https://www.facebook.com/winncares). They are also posted to [winn.tricare.mil](https://www.winn.tricare.mil).

### Dwight D. Eisenhower AMC shuttle service

Government transportation is provided for medical appointments to Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon each Tuesday, Thursday, and

Friday. As a general rule patients electing to use their privately owned vehicles in lieu of government transportation will not be reimbursed for their travel and per diem. For info, contact the Transportation Coordinator at 435-6564.

### Commissaries offer Click2Go option

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

### TARP training offered

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

### EEO offers Reasonable Accommodation brief

The Office of Equal Employment Opportunity is hosting a Workforce Reasonable Accommodation brief, April 6, from 9-10:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. The course is designed to help employees and supervisors understand the reasonable accommodation process and their roles and responsibilities during the interactive phase of the process. Supervisor's permission is required. For further information and to register for the training, email [usarmy.stewart.usag.list.eeo-all@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.stewart.usag.list.eeo-all@army.mil). or contact Shameka Howard at 767-1522.

### CIF clothing records and appointments

To access the Guest My Clothing Self Service page in ISM without requiring initial access via AKO, visit [ism.army.mil/ism/SelfServiceServlet?nav.nav\\_id=ss-MyClothing](https://ism.army.mil/ism/SelfServiceServlet?nav.nav_id=ss-MyClothing). An active CAC and the DoD ID must be present on their OCIE record to allow access. Any OCIE records without associated DOD ID will receive a message that a record could not be found when attempting to access. Conflicts should be reported to the Home CIE. CIF no longer accepts appointments through AKO. To make an appointment for CIF on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, call 435-0302 or 0193. All services are by appointment only.

### Apply for the DASG internship program

The Department of the Army Security Guard Internship Program on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is seeking new applicants. Start six months from your ETS date through SFL-TAP. Contact the POC at 767-3675.

### Garrison seeks super saver submissions

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Resource Management Office is seeking submissions for the Garrison Super Saver program. Is there something you see on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield that is potentially wasting money? Is it a problem that can be solved locally? Garrison employees who submit the best idea for saving the Garrison money are eligible to win a \$500 cash award. Garrison employees are asked to fill out the Super Saver submission form found in the Garrison Employee Handbook, Annex B and forward your submission to: [barbara.cardinal3.civ@army.mil](mailto:barbara.cardinal3.civ@army.mil) for board review. Nominations are boarded with the Garrison of the Quarter Award submissions.

### Pre-K slots available

Good news, we have additional slots available at both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. This program is free of charge, and operates 6.5 hours per day from Monday-Friday. Children must be four-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2022 to register. There are no exceptions. The sponsor of the child must be a DOD ID cardholder. For more information, contact Parent Central Services at 767-2312 for Fort Stewart or 315-5425 for Hunter.

### April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Drive a go-kart while wearing drunk goggles at the Fort Stewart Main Exchange. Participants will have the opportunity to put on the drunk goggles and wheel around to educate everyone on the importance of low-risk behavior and staying sober if you intend on driving.

### Hourly care available

Fort Stewart Child Development Center 403 has hourly care available 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Hourly care is limited to 16 hours per week. Reservations are based on priority and must be paid at the time of reservation. Participants must be registered with CYS. To register, visit Parent Central Services in building 438, or call 767-2312.

### Triathlon winner, amputee to speak

Scott Rigsby, the first double-amputee to complete the Hawaiian Triathlon, speaks 2 p.m., April 22 at the Main Post Chapel. Come hear his story, “Doing the Unthinkable Drive, Determination, and Success.” For more information go to [www.facebook.com/fortstewartthaafrsol/](https://www.facebook.com/fortstewartthaafrsol/)

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# 911 dispatcher honored during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

By Kevin Larson

Fort Stewart Public Affairs

When you call for help, they are the calm voice on the other end of the line. They are unruffled, asking for addresses and other details to send help. They are composed, giving instructions to the caller on how to respond.

When people call 911 seeking help, the dispatchers that answer are the unseen but heard people who get first responders on the way.

Kim Borresen is a dispatcher at Fort Stewart's 911 center. On April 15, the final day of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, she was honored with a certificate from the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority for going above and beyond.

How Borresen went above and beyond was balancing her a personal situation with her work. Borresen was diagnosed with breast cancer almost a year ago. Throughout her treatment, she did not miss work, said Ben Collins, the 911 center director.

"Through the whole thing, she's been right here. The fact that she did not tuck tail and run and go to the house is impressive.

— Ben Collins, 911 dispatch center director

"Through the whole thing, she's been right here," Collins said. "The fact that she did not tuck tail and run and go to the house is impressive."

Together, Collins and Borresen worked on ensuring she covered her shifts and still got the medical treatment she needed, Collins said.

"Her goal all along was to balance her work mission and her treatments and doctor's appointments," he said.

Borresen knew Collins had submitted her for the recognition was surprised and shocked to be selected for the honor. She has worked as a dispatcher for three years. Before that she served as a Department of the Army police officer.

"I've learned more here in the past year than I thought I could," Borresen said. "I don't think I ever appreciated the dispatchers that I have had my whole professional career until I came in and sat in this seat."

The flexibility and understanding Collins showed her was appreciated, Borresen said. She worked every day since she started treatment. Staying on the job kept her active and mentally challenged.



Photo by Kevin Larson

**Kim Borresen, 911 dispatcher at Fort Stewart's 911 dispatch center, returns to work at her call station April 15 after being recognized by the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority with a certificate of appreciation for going above and beyond the call of duty. Borresen did not miss a day of work despite being diagnosed with breast cancer a year ago and undergoing treatment.**

"Allowing me to work helped," Borresen said.

Lt. Col. Craig Giancaterino, director of emergency services, said Borresen is a valued teammate and deserved the recognition. She and her fellow dispatchers are the tip of the spear, giving first responders the information they need to respond properly every day of the year, 24/7.

"This is a great way to end Telecommunicators Week," he said. "What a better way to go above and beyond to recognize one of our employees who doesn't always get the face recognition."

Pam Waters, the emergency communications field coordinator for the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority presented Borresen with the certificate. Waters worked as a dispatcher herself two years ago and was touched by Borresen's story and dedication, one of the several submissions sent to her for her consideration from across the region she is responsible for.

"It's just something I do to give back," Waters said. "It was one that touched my heart and I wanted to make sure she was recognized."

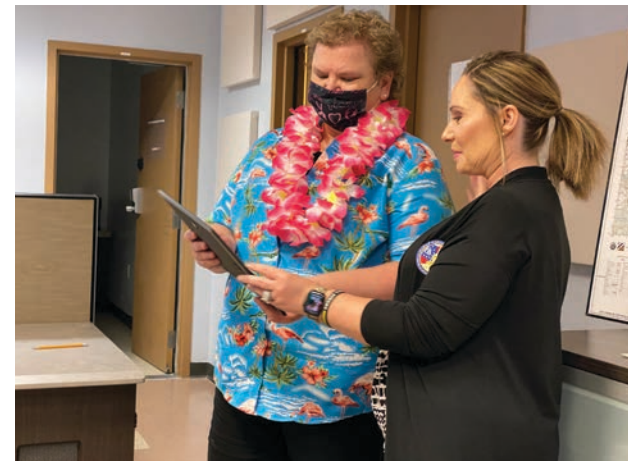


Photo by Kevin Larson

**Pam Waters, right, the emergency communications field coordinator for the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority presents Fort Stewart 911 dispatcher Kim Borresen with a certificate of appreciation for going above and beyond the call of duty April 15 at Fort Stewart's 911 dispatch center.**



# Fort Stewart hosts spring cemetery tour

**Kevin Larson**

*Fort Stewart Public Affairs*

Fort Stewart hosted the installation's spring cemetery tour April 14. Nearly 15 participants visited two of the installation's over 50 cemeteries, with stops at Green Bay and Wells cemeteries.

Some of the attendees had connections to the land before the government turned it into a military installation. The land on Fort Stewart was purchased by Congress in 1940 to build an anti-aircraft training facility in preparation for World War II.

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, Col. Manny Ramirez greeted participants and thanked the former residents and their descendants for their continued support of Soldiers and their Families.

Cultural historians from the Fort Stewart Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division provided detail information regarding each of the stops and background for many of the families who lived in the area.

Fort Stewart holds two cemetery tours a year in April and November.

For more information on the history of Fort Stewart visit the Team Stewart website at: <https://home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/about/Garrison/DPW/environmental/prevention-and-compliance/crm>.

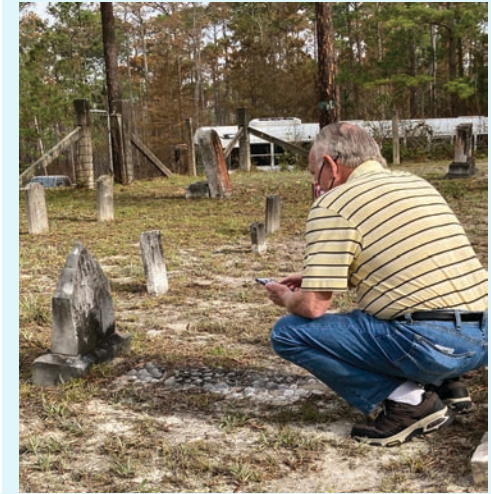


**Col. Manny Ramirez, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, welcomes attendees at the Liberty County Recreation Department in Hinesville at the start of the installation's spring cemetery tour. Fort Stewart hosts two cemetery tours a year as part of the installation's ongoing commitment to maintain the history of the towns that dotted the land that would become Fort Stewart in the 1940s.**



Photos by Dina McKain

**Above: Jessie Larson, curation specialist, in the installation's cultural resource management office talks to cemetery tour guests about the communities that once dotted the landscape, now Fort Stewart.**



**Right: Bob Carter, Greensboro, NC, studies a headstone of an ancestor in the Green Bay Cemetery April 14 on Fort Stewart.**

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# MI SOLDIERS VIE TO BE BEST

By Daniel Malta

*Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs*

The 224th Military Intelligence Battalion hosted the 116th Military Intelligence Brigade Best Warrior competition at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, April 4-8.

The brigade-level competition consisted of 19 events ranging from the Army Combat Fitness Test and obstacle course to land navigation and essay writing. The goal of the competition was to test every core competency of a Soldier, from knowledge to physical ability.

"It's a great competition," said Lt. Col. Charles Rouzer, 224th MI commander. "We see Soldiers all the time that are physically fit and they can come out here and excel on the ACFT, excel in the obstacle course and still come in last. This competition is not just about being physically fit... A well-rounded Soldier is what we're looking for."

## Day 1

The first event was the ACFT, where competitors scored between 490 to 567, with the maximum possible score being 600. A timed and scored layout of equipment and a written essay on the Army's suicide prevention program also took place that day.

## Day 2

The next day, competitors were flown into Fort Stewart's training area where they quickly ate and then moved to the obstacle course for a competition of strength, endurance, mobility and confidence. After this, competitors visited the grenade range before heading into their Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills. The WTBD events ranged from weapons assembly to map reading.

## Day 3

On day three, competitors conducted both night and daytime land navigation. Between navigation events, Soldiers were tested on their knowledge of sexual harassment/assault response and prevention, equal opportunity and troop leading procedures.

## Day 4

The day started with a ruck march, and competitors were then scored on the M4 and M17 qualification ranges as their final events.

## Day 5

On the final day, two Soldiers were awarded 116th MI Brigade Best Warrior. For the non-commissioned officer category, Sgt. Brandon Long with 15th Military Intelligence Battalion was the winner. For the junior enlisted category, Pfc. Bryan McCollum with 206th Military Intelligence Battalion was the winner. Sgt. Mark Hawkins and Pfc. Tyrus Jackson with 224th MI Bn. were the runners-up.

"I guess I just wanted to do something that was bigger than just my regular, everyday job. Something that I could feel good about at the end of the day," said Jackson, a satellite communications system operator and maintainer with 224th MI Bn.

Sgt. Cameron Thompson, unmanned aircraft systems operator with 224th MI Bn., was one of the main organizers of the competition. With putting this event together,



Photo by Daniel Malta

***Spc. Dawson Abernathy (left), intelligence analyst with 204th Military Intelligence Battalion, practices grenade throw before scored event during the 116th Military Intelligence Brigade Best Warrior competition hosted on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, April 5. The competition consisted of 18 other events ranging from the Army Combat Fitness Test to written essays on various subjects.***



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***Competitors of 116th Military Intelligence Brigade Best Warrior competition land at Fort Stewart during day two of the 4 day competition. The brigade level competition consisted of 19 events ranging from the Army Combat Fitness Test and obstacle course to land navigation and essay writing. The goal of the competition is to test every core competency of a Soldier, from knowledge to physical ability.***

he stated his main objective was to simply provide the Soldiers with some good training.

"We don't get to do this very often with our MOSs," Thompson said. "Hopefully quality training gets taken

out of this and they can take what they learned back and train their own units."

Winners will go on to compete at the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command level.





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***Pfc. Bryan McCollum (left), intelligence systems maintainer and integrator with 206th Military Intelligence Battalion, practices grenade throw before scored event during the 116th Military Intelligence Brigade Best Warrior competition hosted on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, April 5. McCollum was awarded junior enlisted Best Warrior at the conclusion of this competition. He will go on to compete at the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command level.***

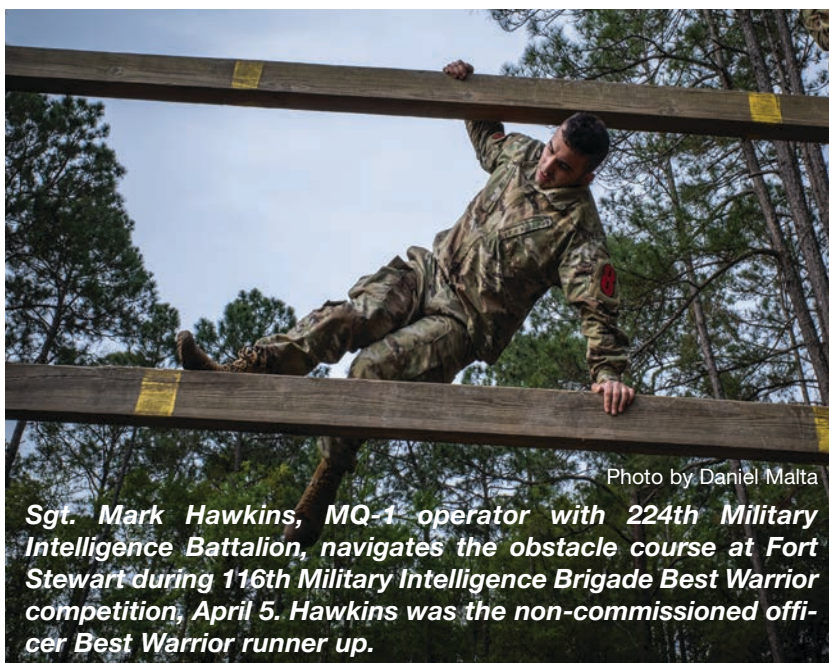


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***Sgt. Mark Hawkins, MQ-1 operator with 224th Military Intelligence Battalion, navigates the obstacle course at Fort Stewart during 116th Military Intelligence Brigade Best Warrior competition, April 5. Hawkins was the non-commissioned officer Best Warrior runner up.***

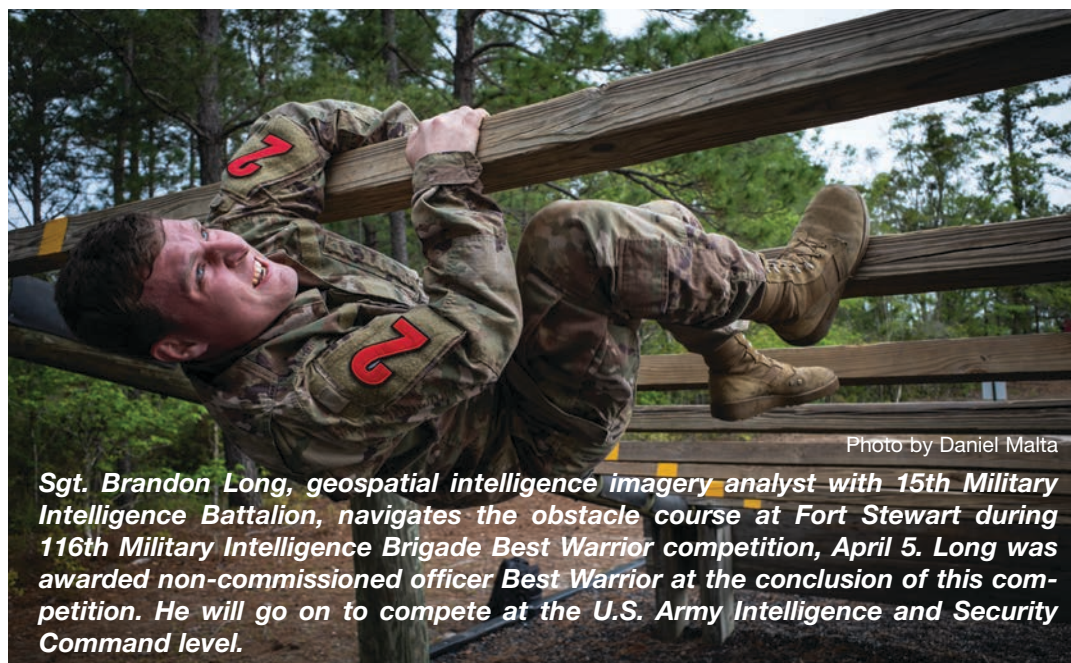


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***Sgt. Brandon Long, geospatial intelligence imagery analyst with 15th Military Intelligence Battalion, navigates the obstacle course at Fort Stewart during 116th Military Intelligence Brigade Best Warrior competition, April 5. Long was awarded non-commissioned officer Best Warrior at the conclusion of this competition. He will go on to compete at the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command level.***



# Op-Ed: Remembering the Sledgehammer Brigade, “Not Fancy, Just Tough”

**Spc. Andrew Torrance**  
Guest writer

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, known as “Sledgehammer,” was deactivated on April 15, 2016, yet the legacy of the unit’s actions in combat, reputation for excellence and unique character remain an incredible source of pride in 3rd ID Soldiers, current and former.

The 3rd BCT, 3rd ID, is a historical unit tracing its roots back to 1917, when the 3rd ID was originally activated. Ahead of the 6-year anniversary of the brigade’s deactivation, I wish to reflect on the characteristics that made the Sledgehammer unique and exemplary within the 3rd ID and the U.S. Army.

What made 3rd BCT such a special organization goes back to exemplary leadership and an extensive sense of family, despite being so far away from the rest of the division located at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

“Sledgehammer Brigade was special because of three key factors. Because we were the brigade away from the division at Fort Benning, we were really a family, we had our own cantonment area at Kelley Hill, and it was just a really great group of people,” said Maj. Gen. Charles Costanza, commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division and Ford Stewart.

Costanza was the brigade commander of 3rd BCT from 2013 to 2015.

“We had great community relations with Columbus and that was like our broader family. While Fort Benning was largely a [Training and Doctrine Command] post and we were not a part of the Maneuver Center of Excellence, they too supported us and treated us like we were part of the family.”

“Lastly, the motto we all know, “Not Fancy, Just Tough” was that brigade. You could throw anything at that brigade and they could accomplish it, and I think that goes back to some of the incredible leadership they had there,” said Costanza.

Costanza also believed that from company level leaders to the battalion, they were an incredible group, many of which are still contributing to the Army and development of leaders to this day.

Effective leadership is a foundational corner stone of any effective organization. A high number of young leaders in the 3rd BCT continued to develop in their Army careers and became general officers, colonels, command sergeants major, and other senior leaders. Sledgehammer Veterans have stated that their experiences in the unit were essential in developing them into the leaders they have become.

Examples Costanza cited include Command Sgt Maj. LaVares J. Jackson of the U.S. Army Armor School and Command Sgt. Maj. Darien D. Lawshea from the U.S. Army Signal School, were both first sergeants in 3rd BCT. Other leaders still serving the 3rd ID staff who are Sledgehammer alumni include Sgt Maj. John J. Kirkpatrick, the division’s plans noncommissioned officer in charge, Sgt Maj. Marion C. Wilson, chief of culinary management,



Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Knowles

***Maj. Gen. James Rainey, the commander of the 3rd Infantry Division, and Col. Michael Simmering, the commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, salute the colors as the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, cased its colors during an inactivation ceremony April 15, 2016, after nearly 20 years of being a part of Fort Benning’s community.***

and Col. Alexis (Pancho) Perez-Cruz, the chief operations officer.

The division senior enlisted leader, Command Sgt. Maj. Quentin Fenderson, was also amongst the leaders that regard Kelley Hill as among the most impactful assignments of their career.

“I learned selflessness from this unit specifically. It heavily shaped my career,” he said.

A source of unit pride and cohesion was possibly born from a 3rd BCT rivalry with the rest of the division’s subordinate units. Located at Fort Benning while the other 3rd ID brigades were located at Fort Stewart, Sledgehammer stood separate and was regarded informally by some as the “Black Sheep” of the division.

According to Kirkpatrick, “Black sheep was a really important term: it put a really big fighting chip on everyone’s shoulder. Sledgehammer Soldiers would not accept mediocrity or complacency. The unit endeavored consistently prove themselves and outperform the other 3rd ID brigades.

Fenderson remembered that it was Sledgehammer’s separate stationing that spurred a drive for excellence at greater intensity than with the collocated division units. The feeling that Sledgehammer Soldiers were separate and special inspired a higher standard discipline.

Pride in an organization can also emerge from a symbol that differentiates an organization from its peers. For Sledgehammer, Soldiers sported a green Marne patch during the initial deployments in the Global War on Terror, instead of the tan Marne patch that the other 3rd ID units wore. This subtle variance in iconography from the division’s status quo allowed 3rd BCT Soldiers to be quickly identified while forward deployed.

Esprit de corps forged during tough realistic training and later proven on the battlefield was yet another alleged hallmark of Sledgehammer. The brigade’s tactical procedures were in constant refinement based on lessons

learned while fighting an ever-evolving insurgency. Sledgehammer’s close proximity to the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning also provided ease of access to the newest counter-insurgency doctrine. Frequent deployments to the most dangerous areas of the Global War on Terror caused the BCT to constantly develop new strategies.

Perez-Cruz remembered the unique methods of Sledgehammer’s training doctrine as “Effective because we focused on effectively training ourselves. The command team did not require much overhead from the division headquarters. The BCT trained as one cohesive team, often on our own.”

Recalling simplicity and smoothness of planning the BCT’s major training events, Perez-Cruz said, “We always trained as we fought, which allowed a seamless transition to the real world combat environment.”

Since the operational frequency was high, there was little time to waste while on Kelley Hill. Leaders and Soldiers insist that the best training must be provided and executed, or lives would be lost.

As the only brigade-sized Forces Command unit located at Fort Benning at the time, 3rd BCT was a highly sought-after assignment with intense competition for leadership positions. Quality leaders and Soldiers competed to stay and as a result, Sledgehammer had a very high retention rate.

While building a lasting reputation from unassuming roots as the “Black Sheep” of the division, Sledgehammer Brigade held the distinction as one of the most deployed BCTs in the Global War on Terror and was not surpassed until after its inactivation. Along the way, the brigade produced many noteworthy senior leaders and cemented itself in the pages of history as a key asset in the liberation of Iraq and the transition from a brutal dictatorship to a free republic.

Kelley Hill is now a shadow of its former self and the brigade’s former buildings no longer display the Sledgehammer heraldry. In its wake, the Veterans of the brigade leave a history of exemplary combat performance that is “Not Fancy, Just Tough!”



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# Mission complete: Spartan Soldiers supported Operation Allies Welcome

By Sgt. Trenton Lowery

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team

The “Spartan Brigade,” 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, recently supported Operation Allies Welcome with one Soldier at Fort Pickett, Virginia, and two Soldiers at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, from September to December 2021.

Sgt. Shafaq Yuhanna, Sgt. Martinez and 1st Lt. Mohammed Anees were selected to be translators based on their backgrounds, which helped make OAW a success through making communications between personnel and Afghan guests possible.

As both military installations completed their OAW mission in February, the three Soldiers reflected on the Department of Homeland Security-led operation that provided Afghan evacuees essential support at secure locations around the United States.

Yuhanna, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle mechanic, and a native of Pakistan, was uniquely qualified because of her language skills and her shared experience living in the same region of the world.

“As linguists, we closed the gap between the [Afghan guests] and civilian agencies ... They see the [Army] uniform and to them, the U.S. Army means something,” she said.

Yuhanna moved from Pakistan to the United States in 2009 and joined the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps in high school. Joining JROTC sparked her interest to enlist in the Army in 2013 because she wanted to give back to the military that helped protect her family.

Martinez, assigned to the “Gila Battalion,” 9th Brigade Engineer Battalion, supported OAW as a translator at Fort McCoy. Martinez joined the Army in 2013 with a focus to better himself.

“I wanted something more, and I wanted a little more out of my life,” Martinez explained.

During OAW, Martinez took on several roles while starting and ending at different geographic locations.

“I was originally sent to Al Udeid Air Force Base, Qatar, but then ended up at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin,” said Martinez. “I was translating for everything: during processing, assisting medical teams, food distribution and crowd control.”



Photo by Sgt. Trenton Lowery

**Sgt. Martinez, left, Sgt. Shafaq Yuhanna, center, and 1st Lt. Muhammed Anees, right, assigned to the “Spartan Brigade,” 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry, pose for a group photo upon returning from Operation Allies Welcome at Fort Stewart in January. The Department of Defense, through U.S. Northern Command, and in support of the Department of Homeland Security, provided transportation, temporary housing, medical screening, and general support for Afghan evacuees at suitable facilities, in permanent or temporary structures, as quickly as possible; this initiative provided the Afghans essential support at secure locations outside Afghanistan.**

Anees, an armor officer assigned to the “Mustang Squadron,” 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, and a native of Afghanistan, joined the Army in 2017 after being inspired by his interactions with U.S. military personnel in his native country.

“They encouraged me to become a U.S. citizen,” Anees said. “I could join because anyone could. [They said] You can do anything, and it was true.”

Anees was given the opportunity to serve in an administrative role at Fort McCoy to assign translators and provide cultural training for the personnel on base. Anees said he tangibly saw the impacts his administrative role was having daily.

“We took sleep shifts, but we were all excited for it,” he said, as he and his team were happy to help.

All three Soldiers felt accomplished during OAW by the positive impact they were making on the lives of the Afghan refugees.

“It was a great honor to serve and be able to help firsthand,” said Yuhanna.

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**MORPHEUS:** *I imagine that right now, you're feeling a bit like Alice. Hmm? Tumbling down the rabbit hole?*

**NEO:** *You could say that.*

**MORPHEUS:** *I can see it in your eyes. You have the look of a man who accepts what he sees because he is expecting to wake up. Ironically, this is not far from the truth. Do you believe in fate, Neo?*

**NEO:** No.

**MORPHEUS:** *Why not?*

**NEO:** *Because I don't like the idea that I'm not in control of my life.*

We all want control (to be in control). There is a great article in Psychology Today titled, "How Far We Will Go to Feel in Control" (Apr 2014). In it there is this quote that has stuck with me over the years, "Indeed, having a sense of control is so important that if we don't have it, we make it up." The article goes on and talks about the power this "sense" can have on us. When I reflect on this I am reminded that life has its difficulties. The last few years we've all faced adversity. Whether physiological or psychological adversity is common to all.

The creators of our English language acknowledge the power of adversity and what it can do to us. The word adversity is derived from the meaning "turn towards" as if it is an opportunity. Adversity is one of the most powerful forces in life as it can – bring out your best or worst – ultimately it is up to you. Even in our most challenging moments there is control. We have a choice to learn and learning that comes from adversity creates opportunity for growth. You don't have to like it, you don't have to enjoy it, but you have to believe in it. The philosopher Seneca describes this opportunity of adversity in this way, "You have passed life without an opponent – no one can ever know what you are capable of, not even you."

Every one of us is capable of being extraordinary. It is easy to be enslaved to our immediate emotional reactions. It is easy to run from adversity and allow it to control us (loss of control) rather than being in control. If you find yourself in that panicle moment to choose to turn towards and find yourself lost or confused reach out to a friend, seek out help from any one of FT Stewarts services and allow someone to journey life with you – together we will discover what you are capable of.

## Fort Jackson test site for DoDEA pilot

By Tracy Fidler  
DoDEA Public Affairs

The Department of Defense Education Activity approved Fort Jackson for a three-year pilot program to open enrollment to children of full-time, active-duty military personnel living off post.

"We are always looking for new ways to help our soldiers and their families," Fort Jackson Garrison Commander Col. Ryan M. Hanson said. "The pilot program gives our families additional options for their children's education."

The pilot program, authorized by the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, allowed DoDEA to select four sites to gauge interest and expand options for military-affiliated children. To be eligible for the pilot program, students must be a dependent of a full-time, active-duty service member with orders to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

"As part of our quality-of-life efforts, education options are one way we are making Fort Jackson a destination of choice for our Army families," Hanson said.

"Between Pierce Terrace and Pinckney elementary schools, we expect to educate about 150 additional students," said Brian Perry, the DoDEA community superintendent for South Carolina and Fort Stewart.

"The Department of Defense long has recognized the significance of family readiness and its impact on overall military readiness, performance, retention and recruitment. Quality education is both a stabilizing influence in the lives of children and their families and an overall element in the readiness, retention and morale of America's Force," said Perry.

Parents can learn more about the pilot program. For information on local school programs contact the School Liaison Office.

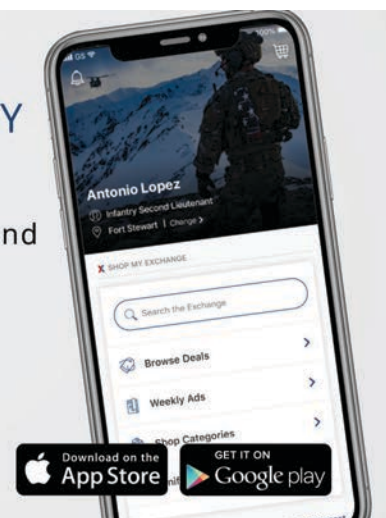
## How to Apply

The application for off-base, active-duty military dependents opens May 2 at 7:30 a.m. and is available here <https://www.dodea.edu/Americas/southeast/fortjackson/pilot.cfm>; it needs to be accessed via a personal computer or personal wireless device due to security limitations with Department of Defense computers. The application will remain open, and administrators will periodically review applications as school enrollment changes. Decisions will be made based on space available at the school for each grade level. Administrators will contact parents directly if their child was selected for the program.

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## 2.02 AC Highway 196 West Hinesville - \$499,900

Commercial land located in a rapidly expanding trade area just minutes to Fort Stewart's Gate 8. This property sits near the intersection of Veterans Pkwy and Elma G. Miles Pkwy, which makes it the perfect location for retail development, a car wash, self storage, fuel station, or even restaurants- the possibilities are endless! This property sits in a high traffic area with nearly 17,000 vehicles per day, making it a prime commercial real estate location! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

## 4821 West Oglethorpe Highway- \$179,900

Two parcels of land make up this property. Fabulous flipping opportunity, mixed-use opportunity, or duplex. Building was formerly a store. Sits on a corner lot with lots of room to grow! Corner of West Oglethorpe Highway (US Highway 84) and Kent Street/King Road. Both buildings need renovations. Ready for a first time investor! Call Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com.

## 230 W. General Screven Way Suite 200- \$17/NNN

Former dental office located 3/4 of a mile +/- from Fort Stewart Gate 1, with the main entrance sitting at a traffic light. This 2732 SF space is an annual NNN lease at \$17/SF plus CAM positioned in a high traffic area with approximately 20,040 vehicles per day. It features 7 exam rooms, a reception area, 3 restrooms, and 4 offices. Incredible opportunity for medical or dental use, office, or retail. Call Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com.

## PRICE REDUCED: 2636 Oglethorpe Highway- Hinesville- \$699,900

7.71 AC lot presents a dynamic opportunity to own this redevelopment commercial property in the rapidly growing Fleming-ton area. Gateway to Hinesville, with over 26,000 vehicles per day passing by this property. With over 1000 new residential lots in the area, this site makes for a great retail or mixed use redevelopment. 15,000 SF steel frame building features 720 LF +/- . It sits on US 84 and is just a couple of miles from Fort Stewart gates. Fort Stewart has a \$4.5 billion economic impact on the region. Call Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 or 912-368-4300.

## 402 Oglethorpe Highway -

## Hinesville \$799,900

Coldwell Banker Commercial Southern Coast is pleased to present this excellent retail development opportunity. This approximately 4.45-acre lot is conveniently located on US Highway 84 inside the Hinesville Downtown Development Overlay District. Approximately 33,000 vehicles pass by daily! This parcel is currently zoned C2 and features 2 freshwater ponds, one of which could potentially be filled in and used for water retention. Lots of room for expansion! Call Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com.

## HOMES FOR SALE



## JUST LISTED - SALE PENDING! 62 Bridle Way NE - Ludowici \$349,900

Looking for a dream home with an in-ground pool, 5 bedrooms, 1 on main floor, open floorplan, endless customized details, and upgrades on 3.65 acres of land? We have your home! This impeccable home welcomes you! Beautifully landscaped, solar-powered fountain. Two story high foyer, open floorplan, customized staircase, walls, formal dining room, large family room, one full bedroom and bathroom downstairs, a kitchen made for entertaining, stainless steel appliances, bistro area, large outdoor screened porch, 16x32 inground saltwater pool with heater and self-cleaning system. Large outdoors with shed and garden area. This gorgeous retreat sits in the Horsecreek Subdivision, just 5 minutes from shopping, schools, and 10 minutes to FSGA gates.



## SALE PENDING! 1386 Coalition Circle - Hinesville, \$209,900

Are you looking for a home that is in a quiet area, but also close to Hinesville shopping and restaurants, as well as Fort Stewart Gates 1, 7, and 8? This beau-

tiful brick, one-story home may just be the right one for you! There are many features to love about this gorgeous home: an open entryway, vaulted ceilings, luxury lighting from Europe, solid surface countertops, and new appliances. In addition to the 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, this home features a formal living room, formal dining room, family room, breakfast nook, and a galley-style kitchen with a backsplash. The outdoor space is just as amazing, featuring an uncovered patio with an oversized privacy fence, perfect for backyard activities!



## SALE PENDING! 913 Churchfield Drive - Hinesville, \$159,900

Take a look at this cute and cozy 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located just minutes from Fort Stewart Gates as well as Hinesville restaurants, schools, and retail! Set in a desired subdivision right in the heart of town! Features wood laminate flooring in living areas and carpet through the bedrooms! The backyard is the perfect size for nights spent outside doing barbecues, and has a combination privacy and chain-link fence! SOLD AS-IS!



## SALE PENDING! 624 Parish Loop - Hinesville, \$229,900

Take a look at this cozy 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in a beautiful subdivision on the edge of Hinesville! Just minutes to Fort Stewart Gates as well as Hinesville restaurants, retail and schools! Beautiful, manicured front lawn! Front doors open to a living area with lots of natural light coming in through the windows! Open kitchen has lots of cabinet space! Large backyard has a privacy fence, allowing for plenty of room for outdoor activities in the summer!



## SALE PENDING! 907 Ringneck Way - Hinesville,

## \$199,900

Take a look at this super cute and recently refreshed 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home! Front patio is perfect for sitting out and reading on summer days! Vinyl plank runs throughout with carpet in all four bedrooms. Lots of natural light comes in through the windows in the living/dining room combo, as well as in the eat-in kitchen, which features wood cabinets, granite countertops, and brand new stainless steel appliances! Backyard features a privacy fence and shed. Located close to Fort Stewart gates as well as Hinesville shopping and restaurants! This home is a must-see! Seller is a licensed real estate agent in the state of Georgia.



## SALE PENDING! 198 Middleton Lane - Allenhurst, \$149,900

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS OUT ON THIS BEAUTIFUL, SERENE LOT featuring a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom remodeled mobile home and a huge pond with dock access! A cozy mobile home features a spacious living room and upgraded kitchen appliances, an enclosed porch, a covered open porch, and a chain-link fenced-in backyard! Backyard has a woodshed, metal shed, AND a chicken coop! Around the pond, you will find lots of natural beauty, and your summer days will feature long walks along the walkways and summer nights out on the dock! This 5.48-acre property is zoned AR1 for Agricultural/Residential, and with such a tranquil atmosphere, it will not last long! Another single-wide mobile home sits on the site, which could be used for investment income!!!



## SALE PENDING! 267 Pee Wee Road SE - Ludowici, \$169,900

18.91 acre retreat located in a private, tranquil setting! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom mobile home is located off Tibet Road in Ludowici! Approximately 7 miles from Talmadge

Road. Driveway if on the right off Hope Circle. Property covers two parcels, #084002001 and #084002002. Will not qualify for VA or FHA Loan, being sold AS-IS! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



## 933 Hollywood Drive, Hinesville, GA 31313

## Price reduced \$74,900

Incredible opportunity, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom mobile home located in Hinesville, Georgia! Do you want to live close to shopping, restaurants, and Ft. Stewart gates? This is the home for you! Featuring a fenced in yard, sitting on a .32 acre lot. The kitchen offers above-head cabinets, with a hood fan and stove-oven combo. This property was bought as an investment property, so there is no Seller's Disclosure to be attached. Metal Roof and A/C were replaced within the last few years. Sellers are licensed real estate agents in the state of Georgia. Tenant occupied, will not be available for showing until Tuesday 1/4/2022. Thank you! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



## SALE PENDING! 44 Logan Ct SE, Ludowici, GA 31316

## Price reduced \$231,900

Take a look at this beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home built in 2020, featuring an open floor plan, with a rustic-styled interior. Did we mention this beautiful home offers TWO living areas, a family room and living room?! The open-concept kitchen with a large island sits in between these two living areas. Wide plank vinyl flooring runs throughout, with carpet in two of the bedrooms. Step into a large master suite, with the master bath featuring double vanity sinks, and a large shower. The dining room offers ample lighting, with sliding doors leading to a large uncovered deck and above-ground pool! Also has a huge open back yard with a storage shed! Two Par-

cels included in sale 056057043 / 056057042. Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



## 302 Floyd Street, Hinesville, GA 31313 \$169,900

This INVESTOR ONLY home is one you don't want to miss out on! This 1,491 square foot, brick, single-family home built in 1968, features 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, and a one-car garage. It is located conveniently in Hinesville, GA, minutes away from grocery stores, shopping, churches, restaurants, and so much more! Also, it is only a 45-minute drive to Savannah, GA! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com

## LAND/LOTS FOR SALE

**0 Shyam Road - Hinesville - \$475,000.** 3.5 acres of commercial potential. Located just off of US Hwy 84 in Hinesville. Centrally located between Fort Stewart Gates one (1), two (2) and three (3). There are thirty thousand six hundred and fifty (30,650) V.P.D. May also access from Sandy Run Drive. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

## 0 Willowbrook Drive, Hinesville - \$499,900.

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

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

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



or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

### 5.93 Old Ludowici Road, Ludowici - \$44,900

Homesite with a small pond and No City Taxes!! Unrestricted lot, mobile homes are ok. 5.93 Acres adjacent to Aaron's Mobile Home Park in Walthourville. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

### Lot 21 Fair Hope Drive Townsend - \$239,000 PRICE REDUCED!

BELVEDERE ISLAND PLANTATION LOT! This beautiful wooded lot shares a private dock. Enjoy the many amenities that Belvedere Plantation has to offer! Community club and guest house, swimming pool, tennis court, dock, horse stable and the gorgeous view of the river. If you look on the water it is not unusual to see the dolphins enjoying the clear waters. Have you always wanted to own a piece of land close to the river? Well this is your chance. 0.86 acres of land ready to be yours! Contact us for more information today! Take a look of all that this beautiful community has to offer. All it's missing is your house! <https://belvedereislandplantation.com/communitysite.com/> Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733, Co-Listed with Brigitte Cabeza-Shanken 912-222-8279 [brigitte.shanken@coldwellbanker.com](mailto:brigitte.shanken@coldwellbanker.com).

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

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

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### East Oglethorpe Highway Flemington - \$600,000

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

### 260 Interchange Drive Richmond Hill - \$199,900

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

### 4.5819 West Oglethorpe Highway Walthourville - \$299,900

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

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

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

### 1.98 AC Fiddlers Cove Townsend - \$30,000

Build your dream home on this private & secluded 1.98 Acres

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

### 30.8 AC US Highway 84- Jesup, GA 31545 \$299,900

Very strategically located 30.8-acre site available immediately for development. Sits in a prime location, on the NW corner of US Highway 84/SR 38 and Camden Street on the primary retail corridor in Jesup. Perfect for retail, self storage, or multi-family development and has multiple access points. This is a great lot, and includes two parcels! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Last available frontage on drive home side of veterans parkway zoned C-2. Off site water retention included. Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state

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### Lot 3 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

Great .7 acre lot located in Lakeview Estates. Don't miss an opportunity to build your dream home on this gorgeous lot. Additional lots available. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

### Lot 4 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

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

### Lot 5 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

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



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#### Lot 7 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

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

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

Located in the Downtown Overlay district. Redevelopment in the heart of downtown Hinesville. Entire city block with access to four paved roads! City water, city sewer and NO FLOOD ZONE! Walking distance to Mu-

nicipal Buildings, Main Street and Bradwell Institute. Excellent multi-family site. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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

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

#### BACK ON THE MARKET! 1 Terrell Drive Hinesville - \$2,250,000 PRICE REDUCED!

Shovel ready apartment pad sites. 132 total units, 3 buildings with 8 units, 9 buildings with 12 units. Roads and utilities are in place. Conveniently located

near Ft. Stewart Gate 7. Ft. Stewart's the largest Department of Defense Installation East of the Mississippi River. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

#### 1135 West Oglethorpe Highway Hinesville - \$499,900

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

#### 1.61 Acres Barry McCaffrey Boulevard - \$65,000

Centrally located Town home site, minutes to Fort Stewart gates and shopping. 1.61 Acres, zoned RTH near the intersection of Barry McCaffrey Blvd. and Shaw Rd. Contact us today for

more information! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

#### 5. 24 AC West 15th Street- \$655,000

Two parcels! Incredible commercial land opportunity centrally located on West 15th Street near Fort Stewart Gate 7 in a rapidly expanding residential growth area. Both parcels are accessible from West 15th Street and Curtis Road. This land presents an excellent opportunity for self-storage, retail, or service-related development. Call Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com.

#### 7.89 AC Flowers Road Ludowici, GA 31316 - \$69,900

Are you looking for the perfect location to build your dream home? Look no further than this peaceful 7.89-acre lot in Long County, Georgia. Close to Highway 196 (Elma G. Miles Parkway), this corner lot features developable land with lots of greenery. Horses are okay! Co-listed with Brigitte Cabeza-Shanken at 912-222-8279.



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# A Dog Faced Hero



Photo by Sgt. Robert Wormley

***Chips, the dog hero of the 3rd Infantry Division, was posthumously awarded the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Dickin Medal in January 2018.***

**Spc. Caitlin Wilkins**  
3rd Infantry Division

The ground shook beneath my paws and my ears ached as everyone dove into the ground. The air around me cracked again and again as the Soldiers fired their weapons back at the mystery enemy ahead. White smoke clung to a small structure ahead, I realized that is where I needed to be. I took off as fast as possible. I could hear Rowell screaming my name behind me, but I didn't wait.

As Rowell's voice became distant, the sound of bullets whizzing past my head became more apparent. I picked up as much speed as I could, leaping onto the first man I saw, wrapping my jaws around his neck. The small building quickly filled with chaos while I bit down with all my might, whipping my head back and forth like I was trained to do. The machine gun and mount fell over. He ran out of the fighting position with me still at his throat, and I almost didn't hear when Rowell started calling my name. I could feel a sharp burning on my head and that's when Rowell took a closer look at me.

Following the scuffle in the machine-gun nest, military dog Chips' handler, Pvt. John R. Rowell, most likely tended to the burns on his dog's head, ensuring the animal was healthy after saving the American group from four enemy Italian soldiers hidden in a guard post.

Chips was one of thousands of dogs used in World War II as part of the Dogs for Defense program. He was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division from October 1942 until he was discharged in December 1945. He served on a variety of missions including the Algerian-Moroccan, Tunisian, Sicilian, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. His bravery throughout the war quickly made him the most decorated World War II working dog, in keeping with the 3rd ID's long history of being the most decorated unit with the most Medal of Honor recipients, and the U.S. most decorated service

member of World War II, Sgt. Audie Murphy.

Originally born and raised in Pleasantville, New York, Chips was a family dog. The German Shepherd, Border Collie and Siberian Husky-mix spent the first part of his life with his owners Mr. and Mrs. Wren and their son John. After the U.S. entered the war in 1941, the Dogs For Defense program was established and families across the country were asked to donate their dogs to the war efforts. In 1942, the Wren's donated Chips and he was sent to the War Dog Training Center in Fort Royal, Virginia. While there he went through rigorous training before being assigned to the 3rd ID in October of 1942.

The war dog started his military career in North Africa through the Algerian-Moroccan and Tunisian Campaigns. In January 1943, he was assigned sentry duty at the Casablanca Conference, a meeting between U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, where they finalized Allied plans for the war. Chips and his military police handler were part of the protection force tasked with guarding the leaders throughout the meeting. He then moved with the Division to Sicily in Operation Husky, where he was recognized after breaking away from his handler to attack a hidden machine-gun nest, resulting in the surrender of four enemy soldiers.

Rowell would later describe the incident saying, "There was an awful lot of noise and the firing stopped. Then I saw one soldier come out of the door with Chips at his throat. I called him off before he could kill the man."

Sources also allege that later that night, while on guard duty, Chips alerted Rowell of ten Italian soldiers trying to sneak into the U.S. camp. The warning allowed the American troops to capture all of the intruders.

According to a New York Times article published in 1944, Chips was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross on Nov. 19, 1943, from Maj. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott for "courageous action in single-handedly eliminating a dangerous machine-gun nest and causing surrender of its crew." He was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in the attack and the Silver Star for bravery.

During his three-year enlistment, Chips met President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and General Dwight D. Eisenhower. It's rumored that Chips tried to bite Eisenhower on the hand when he went to pet him. A 1944 New York Times article reported that Chips was also anxious to bite Hitler.

Despite Chip's bravery during combat, his awards were quickly redacted after complaints they were not meant for animals. Before his discharge, men in his unit unofficially awarded him the Theater Ribbon with an Arrowhead for an assault landing and Battle Stars for the campaigns he participated in.

After his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to New York to spend the rest of his days with his family, passing away about a year after returning home from his war injuries.

While Chips' Distinguished Service Cross, Purple

Heart and Silver Star were redacted, he was posthumously awarded the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Dickin Medal in January 2018. The PDSA Dickin Medal is a British decoration that recognizes animals for their acts of bravery and devotion to duty while serving in the Armed Forces. The bronze medallion includes the inscription, "For Gallantry" and "We also serve" and there is the highest award any animal can receive for service in military conflict.

Lt. Col. Alan Throop, a U.S. Africa Command staff officer assigned in the U.K., accepted Chips' medal on his behalf. He said, "It is a privilege and an honor to represent Chips and the U.S. Army on this very special day. The soldiers that served during World War II faced untold hardships and the dogs that served alongside them truly helped them defeat the enemy. Chips' story demonstrates the vital role that these animals played, and continue to play today. I am proud to play a small part in recognizing his actions."

John Wren flew to the U.K. for the medal presentation. "Chips was something of a celebrity when he returned from the war, but we were just pleased to have our dog back," said Wren. "The letters that my father received from the Soldiers that Chips served with prove just what a valuable asset he was to the U.S. Army and I am so thrilled to see his service recognized here today."

After the Dickin Medal was presented, it was housed at The National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, before being brought to the 3rd Infantry Division Museum, Fort Stewart, Georgia, on April 13, 2022. The medal is now a part of the museum's permanent collection, allowing 3rd ID Soldiers to learn more about the division's involvement in the war.

In 2019, Chips also received the Animals in War and Peace Medal of Bravery, an American equivalent to the British PDSA Dickin Medal. A statue of Chips has been placed in Lasdon Park in Katonah, New York, about a 20-minute drive from Pleasantville where Chips was raised.

Throughout Chip's life, he was the epitome of a 3rd ID Soldier. Not a fancy purebred, Chips was a mongrel dog that spent his days sleeping in the dirt with his fellow Soldiers. He was tough and brave enough to single-handedly take down a machine-gun nest and force its occupant's surrender. He was wily and disciplined enough to stop ten Italian soldiers' devious ambush. Chips was not without a wicked side, however, as he is also alleged to have bitten the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force on the hand. He became the most decorated dog to serve in World War II, continuing the Army and 3rd ID's long history of selfless service, personal courage and duty, true to the 3rd ID's motto "Not fancy, just tough."

***Beneath: Chips, the dog hero of the 3rd Infantry Division, became the most decorated U.S. World War II working dog after attacking a machine-gun nest during Operation Husky. His bravery throughout the war saved numerous 3rd ID Soldiers' lives. (Photo from the National Archives)***



# PANTHER TANK CREW TRAINS HARD FOR 5TH SULLIVAN CUP



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Sgt. Colby J. Kuberski, left, and Staff Sgt. Steven D. Shives, right, assigned to the "Panther Battalion," 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, conduct training at Fort Stewart, April 12 in preparation for the upcoming 5th Sullivan Cup. The Sullivan Cup is a biennial competition which brings tank crews together at Fort Benning to test individual and crew-level proficiencies in a variety of physical and mental challenges to determine the best tank crew across the Army and across the world.



Soldiers assigned to the "Panther Battalion," 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, operate a M1A2 SEPv2 Abrams through gunnery tables to prepare for the Fort Benning 5th Sullivan Cup in the training area at Fort Stewart, April 12. The Sullivan Cup is a biennial competition which brings tank crews together at Fort Benning to test individual and crew-level proficiencies in a variety of physical and mental challenges to determine the best tank crew across the Army and across the world.

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