

Photo by Spc. Leo Jenkins

Both 1st and 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Teams of 3rd Infantry Division, shake hands after the announcement of the 2nd ABCT winning crew. This year the 3rd ID will be sending two teams to the U.S. Army Sullivan Cup. See story, Page 7A.

# Winn ACH earns Level IV Trauma designation

**Kaytrina Curtis** Winn ACH Public Affairs

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Fort Stewart, Winn Army Community Hospital, held a designation ceremony at the emergency room entrance to signify Winn ACH as a Level IV Trauma Center April 18. Winn is a state-of-the art, 25-bed emergency room and fully accredited 39-bed hospital.

tions are based off of vital signs. Anatomic conditions, which have to do with injuries that occur to the patient, multiple injuries or certain areas of the body. The third area is called mechanism of injury, which poses the questions-what caused the accident, or caused the injury? Lastly there are special considerations, diving into burns and extremes of ages, small children, older folks, folks that have additional medical problems which relate as comorbidities. "Those are all of the things that are included on that inclusion criteria to the trauma center," Ochoa said. "If they meet that criteria based off of how they present, most of them, if their very seriously injured, should be going to the level one trauma center in Savannah. However, in some instances these patients are so severely injured they may not survive a 45-50 minute transport to Savannah. And us being here

closer, Winn being a designated trauma center they can at least began that process for resuscitation, stabilization, and then moving them to the level one trauma center for further services."

Keynote speaker and former Winn ACH Commander, Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Place, Director, National Capital Region-Atlantic Medical Directorate, Defense Health Agency said as a participant in some of the original planning of the designation, he was proud

more. The first session is June 11-29. The second session is July 9-27. To register or for more please contact Jacqueline Auberger at 435-5725 or Jacqueline.s.auberger. civ@mail.mil.

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As one of 26 hospitals state wide with this level of distinction or higher, and the only military hospital in the state of Georgia with this merit, Winn's accomplishment makes it capable of taking care of more complex medical trauma related emergencies.

MEDDAC Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Jim Ochoa, said the Centers for Disease Control has a standard, which outline four different areas. Physiologic condi-

See TRAUMA

of the team's ability to accomplish the mission.

"It is not an overstatement to say that in some fashion you are pioneering the future of trauma care here at Fort Stewart," Place said. "American medicine has talked for a long time about the importance of a truly integrated national trauma system that melds the strengths of the military and civilian health systems."

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# **3rd ID thanks** Volunteers

Photo by Spc. Noelle E. Wiehe

Col. Jason Wolter, garrison commander of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, presents a symbolic check to Brig. Gen. Sean Bernabe, Task Force Marne commander, for the money saved thanks to the 48,534 volunteer hours put in by Soldiers and Family Members of the 3rd Infantry Division during the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Awards Ceremony April 20 at Club Stewart on Fort Stewart. Volunteers were presented awards and honored during the annual ceremony. See story and additional photos, Page 1B.



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Blue "Marne Spirit" ribbons are displayed on a table waiting to be presented to volunteers in appreciation for their time given to the 3rd ID during the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Awards Ceremony, April 20, at Fort Stewart. More than 30 Soldiers and Family members were recognized for their combined total 48,534 hours volunteered.

# **3rd ID recognizes community volunteers**



Task Force Marne Commander, Brig. Gen. Sean Bernabe, expresses his appreciation on behalf of the 3rd ID to volunteers honored at the volunteer of the year awards ceremony, April 20, at Fort Stewart.



Master Sgt. Erick Ritterby 3rd ID Public Affairs

The 3rd Infantry Division held its annual volunteer appreciation ceremony, April 20 at Club Stewart to recognize more than 30 volunteers for contributing approximately 48,500 hours in services to the community.

Task Force Marne Commander, Brig. Gen. Sean Bernabe presented the volunteers with the Marne Spirt Award and thank them for their sacrifice and service. Bernabe said the volunteer appreciation ceremony was important to the division because it recognizes the volunteer spirit; especially during times of limited resources.

3rd ID Volunteer of the Year awards were presented to Staff Sgt. Ziyah Judson, 188th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Soldier volunteer of the Year; McKenzie Stone, Medical Department Activity Command, Spouse volunteer of the year; Audrey Stauffer, U.S. Army Garrison, youth volunteer of the year; the Webb Family, Family volunteer of the year; and Jaime Waterbury, U.S. Army Garrison, Department of the Army civilian volunteer of the year.

Many of the volunteers try to work under the radar, he added, avoiding the spotlight. It is important to recognize them – first to say thanks, but also because it is important to show how much we need and appreciate volunteers.

"President Nixon saw the need for such formal recognition," Bernabe said. "In fact it was on this day, 20 April, 44 years ago, President Nixon officially designated one week in April as National Volunteer Week."

The volunteers recognized included Soldiers, spouses, Families and DA civilians, who contribute in various ways to benefit the community.

"Those we honor tonight are no strangers to service and sacrifice," Bernabe said. "Among them are Soldiers. Soldiers who spend their week days training to answer the nation's call. But who spend their weeknights, weekends and holidays; coaching sport teams, playing in a church choir – even organizing Thanksgiving Turkey drives."

Audrey Stauffer, U.S. Army Garrison, middle, is recognized as the 3rd ID youth volunteer of the year by TF Marne Commander, Brig. Gen. Sean Bernabe and TF Marne Senior Enlisted Leader, Command Sgt. Maj. John Johnson.



The Webb Family, Medical Department Activity, middle, is recognized as the 3rd ID Family volunteer of the year by TF Marne Commander, Brig. Gen. Sean Bernabe and TF Marne Senior Enlisted Leader, Command Sgt. Maj. John Johnson.

He said spouses run households and family readiness groups, volunteer in the school classrooms and lead scouting programs. There are military children who help run the teen center, landscape at schools and raise funds for projects.

Bernabe also applauded the military Families who support the volunteer program. They not only build stronger bonds in the Family unit, but also help teach the spirit of volunteerism.

Community members can learn more about volunteerism by contacting Army Community Services at 767-5058, or visiting online at *http://www.stewart.army. mil/index.php/about/Garrison/acs/volunteer*.



Staff Sgt. Ziyah Judson, 188th IBCT, middle, is recognized as the 3rd ID Soldier volunteer of the year by TF Marne Commander, Brig. Gen. Sean Bernabe and TF Marne Senior Enlisted Leader, Command Sgt. Maj. John Johnson.



McKenzie Stone, Medical Department Activity Command – Fort Stewart, middle, is recognized as the 3rd ID spouse volunteer of the year by TF Marne Commander, Brig. Gen. Sean Bernabe and TF Marne Senior Enlisted Leader, Command Sgt. Maj. John Johnson.



Jaime Waterbury, U.S. Army Garrison, middle, is recognized as the 3rd ID DA Civilian Volunteer of the Year by TF Marne Commander, Brig. Gen. Sean Bernabe and TF Marne Senior Enlisted Leader, Command Sgt. Maj. John Johnson.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sierra A. Melendez, 50th Public Affairs Detachment

Task Force Marne commander, Brig. Gen. Sean C. Bernabe; Nina Elison, president of the Marne Community and Spouses Club; and Command Sgt. Maj. John K. Johnson, Task Force Marne Senior Enlisted Leader, present a grant of \$1,250 to the SD Gunner Club during the MCSC's Grant and Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Fort Stewart, April 23. The MCSC raised over \$20,000 in grants and scholarships to award to various programs throughout Fort Stewart's surrounding communities, local high school seniors and military spouses looking to continue their higher education. The SD Gunner Fund of Richmond Hill, Ga., assists veterans and disabled children with the financial expense of owning service animals.



Above: TF Marne commander, Brig. Gen. Sean C. Bernabe; Nina Elison, president of the MCSC; and Command Sgt. Maj. John K. Johnson, TF Marne Senior Enlisted Leader, present a \$750 scholarship to Baylee Brown-Proffitt during the MCSC's Grant and Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Fort Stewart, April 23. Brown-Proffitt is a military spouse continuing her education at New York University in New York, Ny.

Below: TF Marne commander, Brig. Gen. Sean C. Bernabe; Nina Elison, president of the MCSC; and Command Sgt. Maj. John K. Johnson, TF Marne Senior Enlisted Leader, present a \$2,000 scholarship to Mecca Aikens during the MCSC's Grant and Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Fort Stewart, April 23. Aikens is a high school senior at Liberty County High School in Hinesville, Ga.



# Soldiers experience new approach to SHARP

Capt. John May 50th Public Affairs Detachment

The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division rear detachment conducted Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention training an effective springboard that lead into the open forum, interactive discussions amongst peers."

Leaders in 1st ABCT who attended the SHARP Solariums found the discussions to be valuable and beneficial.

"The Solarium showcased how effective culture

# Marne Voices Speak Out

# Can you think of a good place to volunteer?



"I think it would be fun helping at the 3rd ID Museum."

**Lisa Pokorny** ASAP

"Hospitals. They have a lot of opportunities, and can always use the help."

Tia Garrett ASAP





"ACS. The majority of people who visit there need assistance. I think it would be nice help them."

Mischelle Magmanlac ASAP

"The chaplain's office. They offer a lot of ways to help give back to the community."

Chakiris Moss ASAP





"The schools. There are so many ways volunteers can help. For example -- supporting field trips. They can always use chaperones."

Beretha Ball ASAP

**3RD INFANTRY DIVISION COMMANDER SENIOR COMMANDER STEWART-HUNTER** MAJ. GEN. LEOPOLDO QUINTAS

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April 9-13 at Fort Stewart, Georgia, that was different from traditional Army SHARP training.

Each April, civilian and military communities observe Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. SAAPM provides an opportunity to shine a light on a continuing problem, highlight available resources, and develop and provide prevention initiatives.

"The Solarium was designed as an open forum discussion for groups of Soldiers to speak openly, frankly and honestly," said Staff Sgt. Jason Mosley, 1st ABCT SHARP victim advocate. "Each rank echelon has its own unique challenges. In order to adequately capture the widest range of insight, the groups were broken up by rank: private through specialist, sergeant through staff sergeant, and sergeants first class and above."

Mosley said SHARP training traditionally consists of one-way instruction that is delivered through lengthy slide presentations, but the Solariums took a different approach.

"We wanted to foster an environment of participation and thoughtful reflection," Mosley said. "We used a video that demonstrated a poignant illustration of just how detrimental sexual harassment and sexual assault can be to an organization. The video provided change drives successfully mitigating the problems we see in our formations," said Sgt. 1st Michael Perry, an armor crewman with 1st ABCT.

Staff Sgt. Gary Johnson, an infantryman with 1st ABCT said the Solarium shed light on different ways to engage with Soldiers and how to effectively address behaviors that can lead to sexual harassment and sexual assault incidents.

The goal of the Solarium was to obtain feedback about the SHARP program and the effectiveness within the unit from the Soldiers' perspective, as well as learn how the program can be more effective as opposed to the traditional SHARP PowerPoint presentation, Mosley said.

"The overarching goal of the training was to gain a deeper understanding of the brigade climate," said Roger Taylor, civilian victim advocate for 1st ABCT.

Mosley said the Solarium was a very effective event for the brigade SHARP team to learn and understand Soldiers' perspectives.

The Solarium training materials such as the discussion-sparking video and a survey were sent to 1st ABCT Soldiers deployed to South Korea. The survey was designed to capture the climate and attitudes about SHARP, command support as it relates to making reports, and the effectiveness of SHARP training.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Jason Mosley, 1st ABCT SHARP victim advocate, facilitates discussion with Soldiers during SHARP Solarium training on April 9, at Fort Stewart. LT. COL. KENNETH M. DWYER

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AT THE MOVIES

Reel Time Theaters

Friday



Paul, Apostle of Christ (PG-13) Friday - 6 p.m. The story covers Paul going from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Jesus Christ's most influential apostle. Stars: Jim Caviezel, James

Faulkner, Olivier Martinez

Saturday

# Acrimony (R)

Friday - 9 p.m. A faithful wife, tired of standing by her devious husband, is enraged when it becomes clear she has been betrayed. Stars: Taraji P. Henson, Lyriq Bent, Crystle Stewart



EXCHANGE



# **Ready Player One (PG-13)**

Saturday - 3 p.m. When the creator of a virtual reality world called the OASIS dies, he releases a video in which he challenges all OASIS users to find his Easter Egg, which will give the finder his fortune. Stars: Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke, Ben Mendelsohn

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#### Photos by Lisa Pokorr

# **DHR Employer of the Quarter Ceremony**

Lisa Pokorny DHR, ASAP

Directorate of Human Resources employees attended the second quarter DHR All-Hands-Update for fiscal year 2018, which included employee recognition for significant accomplishments and the employee of the quarter ceremony.

The event was held at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center auditorium, April 19. The event serves as a platform to share upcoming events, provide information on key topics of interest, and boost the morale of directorate employees.

The DHR director, Thomas Allmon, recognized new and departing employees, and announced nominees and the final winner for the employee of the quarter.

The only new employee recognized this month was Brian Tiner, who joined the Military Personnel Division.

Departing DHR employees were James Sharp of the Army Continuing Education System and Nicholas Bess at MPD.

Don Sell, MPD, received a certificate honoring his 25 years of civilian service

and Shameka Howard received a certificate honoring her 20 years of civilian service.

Personnel nominated for the DHR EOQ represented ACES, the Army Substance Abuse Program and MPD.

Nominees included Olga Garrett from ASAP; Lucinda Johnson-Wallace, from ASAP; William Rodriguez from ACES, and Eunice Rothwell from MPD.

Lucinda Johnson-Wallace was recognized as employee of the quarter. She received her nomination due to her commitment to her role as a dedicated ASAP specialist.

David Curran, the narrator said one example of her commitment to reaching a diverse audience, was her suggestion and assistance in the creating English and Spanish versions of an ASAP Alcohol Awareness promotional video broadcast for the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Facebook Town Hall.

The winner also received a \$250 cash award along with a certificate and a 24-hour time off award. The next DHR All-Hands-Update is scheduled for July 19.

# Exchange online pet photo contest held

The Director of Human Resources, Thomas Allmon, stands with Lucinda Johnson-Wallace, April 19; after she was recognized as the DHR employee of the 2nd Quarter.



Nominees for the DHR employee of the quarter, William Rodriguez, Lucinda Johnson-Wallace, Olga Garrett, and Eunice Rothwell, pose for a photo with DHR director, Thomas Allmon, on Fort Stewart.



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Sylvia D. Carpenter Exchange Service Public Affairs

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The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is partnering with Blue Buffalo and Hills Science Diet to award the cutest animal members of the military community. The grand-prize winner will receive a \$1,000 Exchange gift card, while \$500 gift cards will be awarded to two first-place winners. Eight runner-ups will win \$250 gift cards.

"Pets are an important part of our families," said Fort Stewart Exchange General Manager Common Orris. "The Exchange enjoys being a part of this contest every year to appreciate the role pets play in the lives of our service members and their families. I encourage Soldiers at Fort Stewart to show off their pets. It would be terrific to have a winner from Fort Stewart in this worldwide contest." Photo entries can be submitted from May 4 to June 1 at ShopMyExchange.com/ sweepstakes, where shoppers can also find the complete rules of the contest. Winners will be selected at the end of June.



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1st Lt. Andrew Irwin (right) and 1st Lt. Colton Giordano (left) of 3-15th Inf., 2ABCT, 3rd ID, await their spot on the range at this year's Best Ranger Competition April 15, at Fort Benning,

Photo by Spc. Calab Franklin

Behind The Lens

# RANGERS REPRESENT THE "ROCK" AT BEST RANGER

# Staff Sgt. Nathan Berry 2ABCT Public Affairs

This is a personal commentary of my experience at the 2018 David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition (BRC) and does not reflect the opinions of the U.S. Army.

I had the chance to follow three Ranger buddy teams from 3rd Infantry Division while they competed against the U.S. Army's top Rangers during the 2018 David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition April 13-16, at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The Best Ranger Competition is a threeday event hosted annually at Fort Benning by the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade. This year's competition marked it's 34th year.

If you aren't familiar with BRC, it is widely regarded as one of the toughest, most physi-



Photo by Spc. Calab Franklin

1st Lt. James Kinsey (right) and Staff Sgt. Duane Wilson (left) of 2-69 Armor, 2ABCT, 3rd ID, pull a weighted sled during the 2018 Best Ranger Competition April 14, at Fort Benning, Ga.





Sgt. Dane Wilson of 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 2nd ABCT( team 52).

Capt. Lindol Adkisson, an operations officer in 3-15 Inf.and coach of the Fort Stewart-based Ranger teams said, "That this year's teams performed exceptionally well and held their own against teams with more competition experience. This spoke volumes of their commitment, character, and personal drive to him."

Competitors were assessed during several events on day one of the competition to include a buddy run, a body armor run, obstacle courses, weighted carries, swimming, weapon ranges, night stakes and more.

After a night of marching on the first day, all three Marne teams made it through the first cut. On day two of the competition, the teams competed in day stakes and a Spartan Sprint race. Unfortunately, Kinsey and Wilson of team 52, suffered an injury and were unable to continue the competition. After the day stakes, the 24 teams were cut down to 16, and those teams were flown by helicopter to Camp Merrill, near Dahlonega, Georgia, where they performed night orienteering. They then returned by bus to Camp Darby located at Fort Benning to compete in the Darby Queen obstacle course. Giordano admitted that even though they had a very good feel for the competition prior to starting, it was a very humbling 60 hours. He said he thinks they had unforeseen highs and lows at different points in the competition, but teamwork always got them through. When weather forced the cancellation of the helocast event, the teams were bused from Camp Darby to Victory Pond for the completion of the water confidence course and buddy run. Each team crossed the finish line where the competition began three days earlier with their rifles and their heads held high. The Marne Division teams finished at 15th and 16th place out of 51 teams.

cally demanding competitions in the world.

This year was no exception with a field of 102 highly skilled Rangerqualified Soldiers battling through 16 events, all in the hopes of earning the title as Best Ranger.

Since 1982, Rangers have devised the most difficult, challenging obstacles to determine which teams are the best.

While at the competition I got the chance to ask our competitors a few questions about their experience.

1st Lt. Colton Giordano, a platoon leader with 3rd Combined Arms Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID, said that every year the competition gets tougher and that they were very disciplined in their training program. He added that even though they were as prepared as they could be, a 60-hour event with no scheduled food or sleep will challenge even the strongest and most prepared.

The three Marne Division teams were Capt. Dustin Lawrence and Staff Sgt. Michael Danielson of Task Force 1-28 Infantry stationed at Fort Benning (team three), 1st Lt. Andrew Irwin and 1st Lt. Colton Giordano of 3-15 Inf. (team four), and 1st Lt. James Kinsey and Staff Photo by Spc. Calab Franklin

1st Lt. Andrew Irwin and 1st Lt. Colton Giordano of 3-15 Inf., 2ABCT, 3rd ID, carry a casualty dummy during a medical evacuation lane at this year's Best Ranger Competition April 15, at Fort Benning, Ga. Photo by Spc. Calab Franklin

Staff Sgt. Michael Danielson of Task Force 1-28 Inf. climbs down a rope during an urban assault course at this year's Best Ranger Competition April 16, at Fort Benning, Ga.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan C. Berry

Capt. Dustin Lawrence and Staff Sgt. Michael Danielson of Task Force 1-28 Inf. are recognized by Gen. Mark Milley, Army Chief of Staff, during the awards ceremony for this year's Best Ranger Competition April 16, at Fort Benning, GA.

Winn Briefs

# Special Deliveries

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# Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

# April 15

*Griffin William Reynolds*, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Capt. Tyler Reynolds and Kelli Renee Reynolds.

# April 16

*Mila Lupe Cantu*, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Javier Jesus Cantu and Spc. Ashley Iannone.

#### Adrian Carlito Jamaal Knox,

a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Adrian Jamaal Knox and Selina Breanna Adame (dependent daughter of Staff Sgt. Carlo James Adame).

# April 18

*Amanda Charlotte Bosque*, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Yamil A. Bosque and Priscilla Bosque.

*Charles Lee Bouie III*, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Spc. Charles Lee Bouie Jr. and Larkisha Sherri Bouie. *Silas Elliott Halse*, a boy, 9 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Timothy Halse and Nicole Halse.

# April 19

*Maddox Jason Barrett*, a boy, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Harry Barrett and Charissa Barrett.

# April 20

*Eyan Lavon Sanders*, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Eric Lavon Sanders and Angel Monique Sanders.

# April 21

*Kayden Thomas Preston*, a boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Pfc. Madison Shantel Preston and Whitney Bleue Preston.

#### April 22

**Isaiah Jordan Smith**, a boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Dreyvin Anthony Smith and Spc. Rachel Smith.



# TRICARE Scam alert (PII)

We wanted to let you know that there may be another telephone scam escalating that is targeting TRICARE beneficiaries. Someone is calling and asking them to verify their Personal Identifiable Information so they can send them a free cancer screening kit. So far, the numbers showing up on caller ID's are: (516) 253-2565 – Primary, (919) 521-8124. Please be aware, TRICARE never ask for PII when calling our beneficiaries.

# Ladies night returns

Save the date! The 2nd Annual Ladies Night is scheduled for Thursday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Come out and join us for an evening of entertainment, health education, and door prizes. Do you or a family member need volunteer hours? Please reach out to us as we are looking for support for this event. We are requesting that all departments donate a basket to be raffled off at Ladies Night- recommended themes are spa day, movie night, relaxation, hobbies, gourmet foods, etc. Please, only include non-perishable items in your basket. We are requesting all baskets be turned into the contacts no later than April 20. The contact for this event is 1st Lt. Jennifer Lopera @ Jennifer.c.lopera.mil@ mail.mil

# **EFMP** Autism workshop

Did you know that April is Autism Awareness Month? The Exceptional Family Member Program will conduct a workshop entitled: "Shine a Light on Autism," Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at ACS building 86. Bring your lunch and join us for this informative workshop. For more information call 767-5058.

# **EFMP May support group**

Come join your Fort Stewart Exceptional Family Member Program for our May support group. Come ask the question: What can we do for you? The workshop will be held at Winn Army Community Hospital, conference room across from EFMP office on the first floor. For more information call 767-5058 or 767-5059.

## Mosquito surveillance

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

# **TRICARE** Japan, South Korea

The Military Health System Nurse Advice Line launches in Japan and South Korea. The line is a service available to TRICARE beneficiaries living in the U.S. and Europe since 2014. It is now available to those living in Japan and South Korea. Read the full article here: *https:// tricare.mil/CoveredServices/BenefitUpdates/ Archives/3\_29\_18\_MHS\_NAL*.

## **TRICARE** after retirement

Retiring from active duty, whether a medical retirement or a regular retirement, is a significant life event. You should know before you retire which TRICARE programs best suit your and your family's needs.

Once you retire, you'll only have 90 days from your retirement date to enroll in a TRICARE plan to continue TRICARE coverage. During the time without selection of plan coverage (TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select) you will be eligible in DEERS as "Direct Care."

This term only means "access to use the Military Healthhcare System(MHS)," but with limitations. "Direct Care" should never be considered as insurance.

Read the full article here: https://tricare.mil/ CoveredServices/BenefitUpdates/ Archives/03\_28\_18\_TRICARE\_After\_ Retirement.







Photo by Beau Bradley, ACS

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Col. Jason Wolter (right) and former Garrison Senior Enlisted Leader, Command Sgt. Maj. Martin Conroy (left) present Army Community Service staff member, Renee McClinton, the Commanders Award for Civilian Service, April 20. Renee was the action officer that spearheaded the 2018 Volunteer Awards Ceremony.



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Sgt. Travis Stockmyer, a transportation specialist with HHC, 704th BSB, 2IBCT, 4th ID, disassembles an M4 rifle at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 18. Stockmyer was competing in the final event of the 3rd ID RSSB's Best Warrior Competition, in which seven Soldiers attached to the 3rd ID RSSB competed to represent the brigade at the 1st Theater Sustainment Command's competition later this year.

# **RSSB Soldiers Compete for 'Best Warrior' Title**

Sgt. 1st Class Ben Navratil 3rd Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

**BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** - Seven Soldiers attached to the 3rd Infantry Division Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade competed for the title of "Best Warrior" in a competition on Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 16-18.

The winners, one Soldier and one NCO, of the contest will go on to represent the RSSB at the next level of competition, which will be hosted by the 1st Theater Sustainment Command in Kuwait.

"I've done a Best Warrior Competition before with the National Guard," said Sgt. Parris Andrews, a Religious Affairs NCO with 165th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of the Louisiana National Guard, which is attached to the 3rd Inf. Div. RSSB, "and this was completely different. The physical wear it had on the body, it was rough!"

After the APFT, they went into a map reading refresher course, which was followed by a challenging circuit of exercises based on the proposed Army Combat Readiness Test, and finally a situational training exercise in which the Soldiers had to treat and recover a casualty during a simulated chemical attack.



Andrews said the circuit training was one of the toughest parts of the three-day competition, and at least one of his competitors agreed.

"The circuits were all so close together we didn't have time to recover between events," said Spc. Eyan-Michael Wanyama, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with 704th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, whose unit is attached to the RSSB during this deployment.

Early the following morning the contest continued, this time with a 12-mile ruck march carrying 60 pound rucks.

"It's been a while since I did a 12-mile ruck," said Wanyama. "Everyone told me I made good time, but I was really hurting at the end."

Shortly after the ruck march was complete, the exhausted Soldiers had to face a board of sergeants major grilling them on Army knowledge ranging from US and Afghan history to Army regulations, programs and policies. To add more stress, they had to answer some of these questions while plotting points on a map or caring for a simulated casualty.

"You're trying to do casualty care under fire while they're asking you, 'What's the regulation for X-Y-Z,'" said Andrews, who said he thought the board was the most mentally challenging portion of the contest. "I was trying to concentrate on the task at hand and at the same time multi-task and listen for the questions."

"I'm not really set up for multi-tasking," said Wanyama, "but I pulled through."

On the final day of the competition the Soldiers all zeroed and qualified on their M4 rifles, and raced to assemble and disassemble several weapons systems.

The three days left the Soldiers exhausted and beaten up. Several were still limping on raw feet from the ruck march when they received their awards for finishing.

Andrews and Wanyama will go on to compete again with other entrants from the 1st TSC in Kuwait.

Despite competing with each other, both Andrews and Wanyama felt like all the participants were a team working together to get through the event.

"A positive mindset helped me get through," said Wanyama. "I'm doing it with my battle buddies. They're all struggling, but they're all doing it, so why not me?" Andrews felt the same way.

"I was able to see other competitors struggle like I was," said Andrews. "It made it easier, because when you're struggling with somebody, it's a little better than when you're struggling by yourself."

Pfc. Juventino Bella, a geospatial engineer with HHC, STB, 3rd ID RSSB, swings a kettlebell during a circuit training event at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Apr. 16.



Sgt. Caroline Robinson-Gray, an information technology specialist, coaches Spc. Isac Suazo, an orderly room clerk, both with HHC, STB, 3rd ID RSSB, as he zeroes his rifle at a range on Bagram Airfield, Apr. 18.

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# **Dog Face Soldiers excel in 2ID Best Warrior Competition**



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Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Chang, assigned to HHC, 1st ABCT, 3rd ID, a Flushing, N.Y. native, flips a tire during the Functional Fitness Challenge on the third day of the 2ID/RUCD Best Warrior competition at Camp Casey, April 11. The 2nd ID/ROK-U.S. Combined Division conducted a weeklong Best Warrior Competition to identify and recognize the most outstanding officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, junior enlisted Soldier, and Korean Augmentation To the United States Army within the division.



Maj. Peter Bogart 1st ABCT, 3rd Infantry Division

**CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea** – The 3rd Infantry Division patch was a frequent sight in the steep hills of Korea where Dog Face Soldiers won three of the five categories at the 2018 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Best Warrior Competition.

The five-day long competition tested the competitors on their tactical, physical, and mental soldiering skills. The events included a stress shoot, physical fitness test, 12-mile ruck march, combat swimming test, media engagement lane, and a formal board.

The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division is deployed to Korea as the rotational brigade supporting 2ID. The "Raider Brigade" arrived in Korea in February, marking the return of 3rd ID to the Peninsula for the first time since the Korean War.

Winner of the Officer category, 1st Lt. James Reed, a platoon leader assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment (2-7 Inf.) and a native of East Islip, NY, trained for the competition while also preparing his infantry platoon for an air assault training mission.

"I was only able to successfully prepare for the Best Warrior because my excellent noncommissioned officers are always able to meet my intent, and operate within that intent without additional guidance," said Reed. "They fully prepared our Soldiers for the operation, and this showed with our success during that mission," he added.

Sgt. Maj. Joseph Gaskin, the 1st ABCT Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, was responsible for assembling and training the team.

"Upon receiving the opportunity to compete in the competition, the selection process was easy," said Gaskin. "Every formation within the Raider Brigade had many quality, energized, and willing competitors eager for a chance to represent the Brigade."

Gaskin said the real challenge was in selecting the right trainers and training plan on short notice and bringing the competitors from several battalions together as a cohesive team. "Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Murray (HHC Brigade) and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Wood (2-7 Inf.) quickly rose to the challenge and prepared a first-rate training plan including weapons, medical skills, water survivability, CBRN, fitness, and board preparation training to name a few," said Gaskin. "The training plan facilitated that needed team dynamic where each competitor assisted each other with their individual strengths."

That dynamic was on display throughout the week as the competitors pushed and encouraged each other through each challenging event. The 24 competitors were from 1st ABCT, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Sustainment Brigade, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, and HHBN, 2ID.

Five 1st ABCT Soldiers made up the "Raider" Brigade team and three field artillerymen from 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment competed as part of the team from 210th FA BDE, who they are attached to during the rotation.

Spc. Christepher Colon, a cannon crew member with B Battery, 1-41 FA, was selected for the division competition after winning the 210th FA BDE's Best Warrior Competition. Colon, a native of Chicago who has been in the Army for less than two years, said that the 12-mile ruck march was the hardest event for him, but overall it was a great experience.

"My favorite part was meeting all the other competitors and bonding with them as the competition progressed," said Colon. "I learned a lot from the officers and NCOs who were competing alongside me," he said.

The other winners from 1st ABCT were: Cpl. Jacob Bee, an infantryman with 2-7 Inf. Reg. and Naples, Florida native and Cpl. Tae Heon Song, a Korean Augmentation To the United States Army assigned to 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment and a Seoul native.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Chang (HHC Brigade) was the runner-up in the Warrant Officer category and Sgt. Chad Jessie (2-7 Inf. Reg.) was the runner-up in the NCO category. The winners will be part of the 2nd Infantry Division team at next month's 8th Army Best Warrior Competition, with the winners there moving on to the Pacific Command Best Warrior Competition in Hawaii.

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# **Intangible empathy: Fuel for connection**

## Capt. Jason M. Davis 3-15 Inf. Battalion Chaplain Commentary

There are many things we can invest energy into, but none are more important than relationships.

"The most important part of readiness are the intangibles," said the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, General Mark A. Milley at the 2016 Center for Army Profession and Ethic forum. He said while you can't see or measure it, they remain important. Trust, cohesion, unity and esprit de corps are just a few. These intangibles all revolve around relationships. That is why leader attributes are so important to the Army. The attribute of character lists empathy as one of its descriptors.

So, for the sake of taking a broad topic and drilling down, allow me to extract this element out of relationships that I find extremely important if not the most important. We all know that relationships can be tricky and are highly subjective. Without trust they can't exist. In an effort to develop that trust, empathy has to be present. Why is empathy so important you may ask? My simple answer is it always fuels connection. experience something from another person's point of view. It is the ability to identify with and enter into another person's feelings and emotions. It says you are important and you matter to me. Ultimately it is the desire to care for and take care of Soldiers and others.

However, empathy is a learned skill. For some it doesn't come naturally. That statement alone invokes empathy for you, especially if you do not possess this skill. It is important to show empathy to those who are not empathetic. Sometimes things are better caught than taught. All behavior communicates something. People's lives in their entirety inform how they do life in the current.

Empathy is not trying to find the silver lining or trying to fix something. It is all about taking perspective into a person's situation. It's resisting the temptation to judge. Ultimately, it is learning to recognize the emotion in others and feeling it with them. This takes a certain amount of personal introspection. Because in order to connect with you I have to connect with something in myself that knows that feeling.

Let me give an example, I visited a Soldier who was admitted to the acute behavioral health stabilization ward at Winn Army Hospital. He was admitted for suicidal ideations. After spending some time with this Soldier and working hard to create an environment that was emotionally safe, this Soldier began to share of his tumultuous past. Now 19 years old, he had been in 17 foster homes since the age of 5. As I listened and stared into the tear filled eyes of this Soldier, all I could see was defeat, hopelessness, loneliness and fear. In his opinion everyone who mattered or should have mattered had given up on him. The only response I could muster up with tears in my own eyes was, "I am so sorry." I then went on to say, "If I had your story, I'm not sure I would be handling life much different." Now this story has a good ending, but many don't.

Sometimes we never know where people truly are and what their experiences are. I am often reminded that people really don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. As an Army, people are our greatest asset. They are worth the investment. Connections and relationships are what keep people alive. Empathy is that fuel that allows people to know you care.

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| Catholic                    | Location              | Time          |
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| Sunday Mass                 | Main Post Chapel      | 9:00 a.m.     |
| Weekday Mass                | Main Post Chapel      | 11:45 a.m.    |
| (Confession available daily |                       |               |
| and before Sunday Mass)     |                       |               |
| Protestant (Sundays)        |                       |               |
| Traditional                 | Marne Chapel          | 9:00 a.m.     |
| Chapel Next                 | Main Post Chapel      | 10:45 a.m.    |
| Gospel Adult Sunday School  | Main Post Chapel      | 11:00 a.m.    |
| Multi-Cultural Gospel       | Main Post Chapel      | 12:30 p.m.    |
| Service                     |                       |               |
| Kids' Church (Sundays)      |                       |               |
| K- 6th Grade                | Main Post Chapel      | 1:00 p.m.     |
| PWOC (Wednesdays)           | Main Post Chapel      | 9:00 a.m.     |
| PWOC (Check https//www.fac  | ebook.com/stewartPW   | <u>OC,</u> or |
| email stewartpwoc@gmail.com | for upcoming events.) |               |
| <u>Islamic (</u> Fridays)   | Main Post Chapel      | 1:00 p.m.     |

| uddhist (Last Sunday) | Marne Chapel | 11:00 p.m |
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#### Hunter Army Airfield

| <u>Catholic</u><br>Sunday Mass<br>Catholic CCD | <u>Location</u><br>Hunter Chapel<br>Building 129 | <u>Time</u><br>11:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m. |
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| Protestant                                     |  | 0.00                                   |
| Sunday Service                                 | Hunter Chapel                                    | 9:00 a.m.                              |
| Kids' Church                                   | Hunter Chapel<br>Fellowship Hall                 | 9:00 a.m.                              |
| PWOC (Thursday)                                | Main Post Chapel                                 | 9:30 a.m.                              |

Religious Education Contacts Fort Stewart Religious Education, Bill Agnew: 912-767-9789 Hunter Army Airfield Religious Education, Charles Archer: 912-315-5934

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# Hotel or mixed use. Pro

Charming ranch style 3 bedroom 2 bath home sits on 1.18 acres of land in the Cutter's Gap subdivision.Home features walk-in closet in the master bedroom, stainless steel appliances, and beautiful vinyl flooring throughout. Call us to schedule a personal tour today!

\$138,500



34 Arbor Ridge Way, Midway \$204,900

Remarkable 4 bedroom 2 bath homes located in the Arlen Oaks subdivison is ready to be yours! Home features huge floor plan, screened in porch, 2car garage, shed, and backyard. Conveniently located between Hinesville and Richmond Hill and minutes from Hotel or mixed use. Property fronting Main Street, across from the Historic Liberty County Courthouse. \$79,900 Zoned General Commercial Less than 025 Acre.

: \$39,900 648 South Main Street Hinesville, GA 31313



Great multi family opportunity near the proposed new super Kroger and TJ Max Retail developments. Centrally located between Fort. Stewart gates 1 & 8. Convenient to all gates. \$39,900.



kin 912-610-8304.



595 Lake Rosalind Dr, Midway \$100,000.

A truly rare find. 2.48 acres on Lake Rodalind Dr. This listing includes two lots with two wells, two septics, four driveways, and a pond. Land is in the Isles Of Wright area. There is also an inhabitable mobile home on the property that would need to be removed. There is also a metal framed building which was never completed

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**0** Shyam Road - Hinesville -\$750,000. Seven (7) acres of commercial potential. Located just off of US Hwy 84 in Hinesville. Centrally located between Fort Stewart Gates one (1), two (2) and three (3). There are thirty thousand six hundred and fifty (30,650) V.P.D. May also access from Sandy Run Drive. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



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way and EG Miles parkway centrally located between Fort Stewart Gate 8 and Walmart, Lowes, and the TJ Maxx Shopping Center. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REAL-TORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



Lot 1 Spartina Way, Midway -\$75,000. 3 Acre lot nestled beneath majestic oaks, hickory's & pine trees. Located off Bluff Creek Waterway. Access to community dock clubhouse to enjoy views of the salt marsh. Electric in area. Area offers a lot of history to be learned. Call today for a showingel limmy chapter.

Fort Stewart and the new Oglethorpe Shopping Center. Call us today for your own personal tour!



508 Wellington Way, Hinesville \$189,900

Charming 3 Bedroom 2 bath home in the Arlington Park Subdivision is ready to be yours! Home features an eat-in kitchen, fireplace, 2-car garage, and a fenced backyard. Conveniently located minutes from Fort Stewart and the new Oglethorpe Shopping Center. Call us today for your own personal tour!



2545 Parkland Blvd, Hinesville \$109,700

Remarkable home ready for occupancy! This is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, large family room, kitchen has stainless steel appliances, laundry room, tile floors throughout the home, ceiling fans, fenced and private backyard, one car garage with additional parking pad. Great home located near Fort Stewart Gate 7, shopping areas, schools and more. This home is waiting for you to make it YOURS! We are ready to show it to you!

#### LAND/LOTS FOR SALE



0.24 Commercial

\$799,900 402 West Oglethorpe Highway Hinesville, GA 31313



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1 acre John Wells Rd. \$20,000 Less than ten minutes to Fort Stewart Gate 7! Quiet country setting on a paved road. Manufactured homes ok. Non restricted lots. Call us today!!!



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

2.25 Acre home site located in Long County Restricted to stick built homes, paved road access. Excellent opportunity to build your dream home. Call us today!



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2 acres of property that is less than ten minutes to Fort Stewart Gate



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



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



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

**12746 East Oglethorpe Highway, Midway** - \$69,900. Excellent Commercial Opportunity near the proposed Midway City Hall. This location is convenient to 195 and Ft.Stewart zoned IC. Perfect for retail, fuel, or restaurant. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



**0 Cattle Hammock Road, Midway** – \$299,900. 9.10 acres of pristine deep waterfront +/- 270 liner feet marsh and deep water front. 10 minutes to 195 Exit 76. Seller has dock permit. Amazing views! Convenient to Savannah, Bruinswick, and Jacksonville, FL. Features: – Paved Road Access, +/-270 LF Deep Water Frontage, Dock Permit in hand, 10 minutes to 195. Call us today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Holtzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



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



**0** Willowbrook Drive, Hinesville -**\$499,900**. Incredible opportunity to own a parcel inside the city limits of Hinesville that is correctly zoned and engineered for a multi-family development. Located off Veteran's ParkHoltzman, REALTORS, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy. shanken@coldwellbanker.com



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



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# TRAUMA

Place talked about the necessity of the trauma care Winn provides.

"As military medical professionals, that means maintaining the medical readiness of our forces so they are healthy and prepared when the nation calls, and it means being ready ourselves to deploy alongside them and, if necessary, to provide lifesaving care," Place said.

Executive Director of the Georgia Trauma Commission, Dena Abston, said she was proud and thankful to be a part of the event.

"From what we have learned in trauma, all of our trauma education comes from the military field for the most part," Abston said. "That bridges a large gap that we have been needing for so long and I'm just proud that Georgia is going to be leading the pack on this as well."

Doctor (Capt.) John Jennette, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity – Fort Stewart, Department of Emergency Medicine said the trauma designation provides Winn the opportunity to serve the community with increased services. With readiness as Winn's top priority, Jennette said the team here strives to deliver the best medical care to not only the military beneficiaries, but anyone seen at Winn for emergent care.

"I think that you really only have to ask anyone whose been through a significant event here to understand that we're really doing a very good job," Jennette said. "We're striving to give everybody the highest level of care that we can. I think that that's a perception that you see at every military facility, and we fight actively to show what a good job we can do and that we don't just meet, but exceed the capability of many other similarly sized hospitals."

For the past two years of his command, MEDDAC – Fort Stewart, Winn ACH Commander, Col. Christopher Warner, provided a major push for the trauma designation.

"This designation today just continues to solidify our pledge to you, our Soldiers, Families, Soldiers for Life, and our community, that our committed staff will be ready to provide safe, high quality healthcare you can trust in times of emergency," Warner said.

Receiving the designation required countless hours of research, dedication and perseverance to overcome many of the challenges faced during the process. One of the progenitors of making the designation possible was Michele Evans, Winn ACH, Assistant Head Nurse Emergency Department, and Trauma Program Manager.

"We're going to send our doctor's and our nurses and our medics downrange and they are going to do this in a less than hospitable environment with not as many resources as we appreciate here in the United States," Evans said. "So in this instance, this gives them an opportunity to practice this skill in an environment where there's resources and folks to kind of help guide them through that process."

Jennette gives much credit to the dedication Evans provided. He said Evans learned the process and requirements, as well as discussed progress constantly with the Georgia Trauma Commission.

"[She] did all of the legwork for our local protocol,



Photos by Kaytrina Curtis

Winn Army Community Hospital emergency room, in conjunction with one of the ancillary support services Life Star Medi-Vac, held a mock trauma exercise, April 16.



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Winn Army Community Hopsital emergency room, in conjunction with one of the ancillary support services Life Star Medi-Vac, held a mock trauma exercise in the Winn trauma room, April 18.

Trauma Operations Committee meetings, and coordinated the site visit from the Georgia Trauma Commission," Jennette said.

Along with the trauma designation, Winn staff is active in the Fort Stewart and the surrounding communities instructing first responders and teachers

the Stop-the-Bleed initiative, which is a life-saving skill.

Winn continues to strive to serve as the premier patient centered, highly reliable health readiness platform for Fort Stewart and the surrounding communities.

# Safety Spotlight



# Be safe when you bicycle

# Richard W. Rudolph AFSBn-Stewart Safety Office Commentary

On Fort Stewart, there are 237 bike trails. The trails range from 1.3 miles to 40.70 miles.

Now that it is springtime and summertime is on the horizon; children and adults will be outdoors enjoying the fitness, friendship, and fun inspired by a nice bike ride. Regardless of the reason for your ride; ride safely.

Army Regulation 350-10, the Army Safety Program states, a consumer product safety commission helmet will be worn by all personnel, including family members who ride bicycles, on Department of Defense installations.

Wearing headphones, earphones, or any other listening device while bicycling on, or adjacent to, roadways on DoD installations is prohibited. When riding on roads on the installation, during the hours of darkness or reduced visibility; all bicycles will be equipped with operable headlights and tail lights, and the bicyclist will wear a reflective upper outer garment.

Next, take the time to inspect your bicycle before riding. Follow the manufactures directions and maintenance recommendations. Some common things to check are brakes, chain, tires, lights, and seat. Check your bicycle before you ride. It may reduce the chance of a breakdown; which could cause injury, or lead to you having to push or carry your bicycle home.

It is also a good idea to let someone know your route when you are leaving and returning.

Finally, enjoy your riding and wear your safety equipment on and off-post. Remember, safety first, safety always.

Additional bike trail information can be found at *www.MapMyRIDE*.

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Winn Army Community Hospital Commander, Col. Christopher Warner and former Winn ACH Commander, Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Place, Director, National Capital Region-Atlantic Medical Directorate, Defense Health Agency, and staff cut the ribbon signifying the designation of the Winn ACH Level IV Trauma Center, April 18.





# **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 AAE." 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 chain-ofcommand

- 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

# **EFMP** autism workshop

Did you that April is Autism Awareness Month? The Exceptional Family Member Program will conduct a workshop entitled: "Shine a Light on Autism," noon to 1 p.m., April 26 at ACS, building 86. Bring your lunch and join us for this informative workshop. For more information call 767-5058.

# Fort Stewart Job Fair

Spring is in the air at Fort Stewart! That means it's time for the ACS Spring job fair! Join us at Club Stewart on May 2, for an event featuring over 25 employers actively recruiting for jobs in retail, hospitality, education, food service, and law enforcement. Bring your resume! Come prepared to shine! For additional information, visit the *erp1stop.com* web site, look on the job board under current events for the list of participating vendors. For more information or tips on how to prepare, visit your Fort Stewart Employment Readiness Program office in building 87.

# Foreign Born, Hearts Apart Support Group

Did you know one of the most forgotten demographics of Spouses in the Army are those Families that have a Foreign Born Spouse? Join the ACS Team on May 8 as we hold another Foreign Born Spouse/ Hearts Apart support group. These events provide an opportunity for a cultural blended experience to interact with others and build friendships that will last a lifetime. Children are welcome. Please call questions 767-1024 or 767-5058.

# 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 FRL 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 on 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.

# FMWR and Coastal Happenings

# 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.

# Get 'Rock Solid'

Get in the know with the 'Rock Solid' newsletter. The 'Rock Solid' newsletter is filled with events and services from Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Air Field Family and MWR. 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 at *https://stew-* on Old Sunbury Road). Public welcome. Ride tickets, games, food and drinks available for purchase at Carnival. Hours are: Thursday, May 3, 5-10 p.m.; May 4, 5 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, May 5, noon-midnight; and Sunday, May 6, 1-7 p.m. For more information, visit *StewartSpringCarnival.com.* 

# 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 from April-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. *html?wbp=1* Contestants in 10 age categories will complete three high intensity, constantly varied, functional movement workouts to determine if they are the fittest in their category. For more information, call 767-4763.

# **Garrison Organizational Day**

Directorate of Human Resources managed facilities will either be open, have limited services or be closed April 27 due to the Garrison Organizational Day. Affected services include:

Soldier for Life, Transition Assistance at buildings 526, 621 will be open.

Building 253 will offer limited services for retire-

art.armymwr.com/promos/rock-solid-email.

## 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.

# Spring carnival at Donovan Field

Spring Carnival, with rides, food and fun for young and old alike, is coming to Donovan Field at Fort Stewart May 3-6. Free to enter (open gate access through Gate 3

# **Community Fitness Challenge offered**

Soldiers, Family Members, Army Civilians and those in the surrounding community are invited to compete in the Fort Stewart Community Functional Fitness Challenge scheduled Saturday, May 12 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Caro Fitness Center, building 708. The cost is \$15 for Active Duty Soldiers and \$30 for all others. Registration under way on *Fort Stewart MWR WEBTRAC at https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/ webtrac103/wbwsc/stewartrectrac.wsc/wbsplash.* 



Photo by Kevin Larson

Task Force Marne commander, Brig. Gen. Sean Bernabe, welcomes guest from The Landings community in Savannah, March 15, as the groups toured Fort Stewart. ment services; in/out processing; ID cards; transition services; casualty; and levy.

Mower Processing Center in bulding 208 will also offer limited services.

DHR facmilities closed for the organization day are the education center, building 100; FOIA/PA in building 161; building 201; building 201C; and Official Mail and Distribution.

The Hunter SFL/TAP, buildign 1289 will be open.

Hunter DHR facilites closed for the day are OMDC in building 1212; building 1283; the Hunter Soldier Support Center in building 1286; and the Hunter Education Center in building 1290.

# 'The Springs' Water Splash Park opens

'The Springs' Water Splash Park at Cypress Creek opens for a new season May 19. The park, featuring 11 water spray features, is open to children up to 12 years old. Cost is \$2.50 per person. (All persons entering the Splash Park gated area will be charged.) Children 2 and under admitted free with a paying adult. Military or DOD ID required. Hours of operation are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Monday. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Waterproof diapers ("swimmers") required for children not potty-trained. Family Splash Park season passes (up to 6 Family Members) cost \$80. Family Splash Park/Mini Golf season passes (also up to six Family members) cost \$140. For more information, visit **StewartMWR.com** or call 767-4273.

# **NOW ENROLLING!!**



SUMMER CAMP! Kindergarten - 5th Grade \$95/week (Field Trips Extra). Now Registering for August 2018 GA Pre-k Class. Call or visit our website for more information.

Spaces are limited so CALL US TODAY!



# Newest ABCT plans to release "Hounds of Hell" at Sullivan Cup

### **Spc. Leo Jenkins** 2nd ABCT Public Affairs

A crew with Bravo Company, 3rd Combined Arms Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, was triumphant following the 2nd ABCT Tank competition April 18 at Fort Stewart.

Two tank crews from both 3-67 AR and 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment competed to determine which unit would advance and represent the 3rd ID at this year's U.S. Army Sullivan Cup competition.

Best tank crews from across the Army, the Marine Corps, and international partners will travel to Fort Benning, Georgia, to compete in the upcoming Sullivan Cup competition April 30 to May 4.

The Sullivan Cup serves to recognize excellence throughout the force and across the armor branch. It also highlights the importance of mastering the fundamentals that the military must preserve as a fighting force to maintain a lethal edge over potential adversaries.

B Co, 3-67 AR, tank commander, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Werner is no stranger to the Sullivan Cup competition.

"I've been in the Army for eight years," he said. "When I was a gunner back in 2012, my team was selected to attend the Sullivan Cup, but we were unable to compete." This week Werner's team won the competition with a score of 1567.5 points out of 2000, and a crew with Delta Tank, 6-8 Cav., placed second with a score of 1329.5.

"We have been training for about a month and a half during the equipment fielding and training process," said Werner. "Our brigade recently received the first shipment of tanks earlier this year after converting from a light to an armored brigade combat team."

During the competition, the crews were scored on their ability to accomplish eight tasks.

"We had to mount a mine plow, break track, perform recovery operations, and complete additional gunnery tables with new engagements that half of my crew had never experienced," said Werner. "Fortunately, my guys were up for the challenge."

The Spartan Brigade is the Army's 15th and most recent armored brigade combat team. Earlier this spring the fleet of armored and tracked vehicles began to arrive. The 'Hell Hound' Battalion (3-67 AR) is one of four battalionsized elements in an ABCT that have tanks in their formations.

Cpl. Justin Harris, gunner of winning crew, said, "Our goal is to set the standard for all armored brigades. We may be the newest armored brigade combat team in the Army, but we plan to release 'Hounds of Hell' at the competition."



Photo By Spc. Leo Jenkins

A tank crew with Co. B, 3-67 Armor, 2ABCT, 3rd ID, fires down range during a 2nd ABCT tank competition, April 18, at Fort Stewart.



Photo By Spc. Leo Jenkins

Armor crewmen with 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, take turns raising a 50 pound dummy round over their head during the tanker fitness assessment portion of the tank competition, April 18, at Fort Stewart.

# 1-9 FA transfers from light to heavy field artillery battalion

**Spc. Zoe Garbarino** *50th PAD* 

Soldiers from 3rd Infantry Division Field Artillery, conducted their first live fire exercise using M109A6 Paladins following months of training, April 13, on Fort Stewart.

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment provides fire support for the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team and recently received their first set of Paladins as part of the battalion's conversion from towed artillery to self-propelled artillery.

Rob Haines, an M109A6 Paladin trainer from Advanced Design Corporation, based in Virginia, worked with Paladins for more than 20 years while he served his country. As an Army veteran, he teaches new Soldiers how to use the equipment. assigned to Btry. B said it was neat to learn all the equipment thoroughly from a subject-matter experts. She enjoyed the longer length of training she received versus the more customary accelerated training she has received in the past.

"This training is unique because we got three weeks of in-depth training in the motor pool with civilians who are experts on the equipment before we were sent out to certify and qualify, which is what we did," Cummings said.

Once the Soldiers learned their roles, the battery then conducted a dry-fire exercise to ensure the Soldiers were confident with their roles prior to the live-fire. "All our knowledge based on light carried over well to heavy," said Sgt. David Roberts, a gunner assigned to Btry. B. "Although the crew drills changed a little bit, everything ran pretty smooth. Our unit and the civilians did a great job setting us up for success." Cummings said her Soldiers are eager to get back into a battle rhythm after going months without weapons. "It was exciting to see my Soldiers put forth everything they have learned," Cummings said.

Soldiers in the battery successfully qualified with their respective crews and will continue to train until they qualify as a battalion.



Soldiers from Battery B, 1-9 FA, take rounds out of an M109A6

Paladin, April 13, on Fort Stewart.

"When I went through [Advanced Individual Training], I learned how to operate and shoot all types of artillery," Haines said. "Nowadays, they separate and train half the Soldiers on the light side of artillery and train the other half on the heavy side. I am here to help them make a smooth transition from one to the other."

The training process began with conducting inventory on all the new equipment. The Soldiers obtained hands on experience with the tools, followed by instruction on how to use the equipment.

Photo by Spc. Zoe Garbarino

1st Lt. Kelsey Cummings, a field artillery officer

# Assumption of responsibility ceremony at the Marne Garden





Photo by Sgt. Joseph Truckley

Lt. Col. Luke Richards, the commander of the 3rd Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, passes a noncommissioned officer sword to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Pauletta Abraham during an assumption of responsibility ceremony at the Marne Garden, Fort Stewart, April 24. The passing of the sword signifies the responsibility Abraham accepts as the new battalion command sergeant major.

Photo by Sgt. Joseph Truckley

Incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Pauletta Abraham addresses the audience for the first time as the command sergeant major of the 3rd ID HHHB, April 24.



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# SPORTS RECREATION



Photo by Spc. Calab Franklin

Soldiers with 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, compete in the Panther Challenge, April 21, at Fort Stewart. The Panther Challenge consisted of bear crawls, crab walks, weighted carries, and a one-mile run. Each unit in the "Panther Battalion" raced to complete the series of events in the fastest time.

# 2018 Lacerda Cup competition





Photo by Spc. Calab Franklin

Pfc. Hope Tran, a lightweight fighter with the 3rd Infantry Division combatives team defends from the ground during the 2018 Lacerda Cup combatives competition, April 15, at Fort Benning, Ga. The Lacerda Cup is an All-Army combatives competition that tests Soldiers' capabilities in hand to hand combat by facing each other in a fight won by submission, points, or knockout.



Photo by Spc. Calab Franklin

Soldiers with 2-69 Armor, 2ABCT, 3rd ID, run one mile during the Panther Challenge, April 21, at Fort Stewart.



Photo by Spc. Calab Franklin

1st Lt. Jared Howell a welterweight fighter with 3rd ID combatives team goes toe-to-toe with an opponent during the 2018 Lacerda Cup combatives competition, April 15, Fort Benning.

# Insane Inflatable 5K attendance record

#### Courtesy photo

More than 3,000 "racers" participated in the Insane Inflatable 5K at Hunter Army Airfield April 14. The 5K course featured ten unique obstacles to the delight of the racers. Competitors of all ages and fitness levels engaged the course that began with an obstacle at the starting line that runners had to climb, bounce through and slide down. The course also featured a ball maze that was like a bouncy house with inflated balls that stood six-feet high. Climbing skills were tested on The Wall - a 20-foot-high and 80-foot long inflatable and wrecking balls would strike you as you ran through a 110-foot-long challenge.

"We had 2,000 competitors last year, so our getting 3,000-plus this year was an amazing increase," said Kristy Adams, the event coordinator from the Hunter Army Airfield Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "In fact, the vendor said ours had the most participation of any he's conducted this year."



# 904th Contracting BN returns home, uncases colors during ceremony

**Staff Sgt. Sierra A. Melendez** 50th Public Affairs Detachment

The 904th Contracting Battalion, a tenant unit of the 3rd Infantry Division, uncased its colors following a nine-month long deployment to Afghanistan during a ceremony at Fort Stewart, April 19.

The unit was operationally aligned with the 3rd Infantry Division's headquarters in Bagram Airfield, located in northern Afghanistan. The deployment was in support of Operation Resolute Support.

In 2000, the Department of the Army determined that contingency contracting battalions should be formed to harness and direct all contract support to combatant commands.

The 904th Contracting Battalion was established on Oct. 1, 2008, at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California as a result of an independent commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in expeditionary operations to review recent lessons learned and recommended ways to improve future military operations.

In June 2016, the unit moved to Georgia to provide contracting support to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

During the unit's most recent deployment with the 3rd ID, the 904th delivered support to the United States Forces Command-Afghanistan and coalition forces within central and northern Afghanistan. "The 904th Contracting Battalion obligated \$280,000,000 in theater and external support contracts ranging from trash removal, internet and phone service and minor construction to the more complex like private security contracts and providing dining facilities in remote locations," said Col. Jason Wolter, commander of United States Army Garrison Fort Stewart.

Additionally, the 904th played an integral role in the successful in-theater reception of the Army's 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade for their first deployment as a unit.

"We had to lay the ground work for the SFAB to come in," said Command Sgt. Maj. Barrett S. Taylor, command sergeant major of the 904th Contracting Battalion. "We were able to effectively receive them in country and positioned to where they needed to be with the services that were needed to sustain them."

Taylor stressed the importance that his unit's function serves to warfighters.

"Anything that the warfighter needs – eats, sleeps on, shoots, uses in their office – we are behind the contracts that supply that for them," said Taylor.

Taylor said that his unit was directly involved with the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan, coordinating contracts that supported their counterpart Afghan units in terms of maintenance, fueling, and other logistical aspects that would aid to the Afghan government maintaining their self-sufficiency and bolster their economy.

"It was unique contracting that we don't typically get to do at home station," said Taylor. "It was a great opportunity for our folks to cut their teeth on different types of contracts, especially in a contingency operation setting where the tempo is fastpaced."

The 904th will assume its garrison duties now that they have returned. Wolter expressed the significant impact the unit's functions plays stateside – equal to the fundamental role they played downrange.

"Soldiers of the 904th will work alongside the civilians of the U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command to train with civilian contracting officers to develop the unique skills required in government acquisitions," said Wolter. "I am sure the 904th's merger with our MICC will be seamless and our contract services will only be stronger now that you and your team have joined our team."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sierra A. Melendez

Lt. Col. Anthony Hughley, commander, 904th Contracting Battalion, and Command Sgt. Maj. Barrett S. Taylor, uncase the unit's colors during an uncasing ceremony at Marne Gardens in Fort Stewart, April 19.



Photo by Sgt. Ian Thompson

Spc. Justin Thompson, a cavalry scout assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Combined Arms Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, emplaces a simulated Claymore mine using an M68 Inert Training Kit, April 18, at Fort Stewart. The kit simulates an M18 Claymore mine, and allows Soldiers to learn how to handle, emplace, detonate, and recover equipment safely.



# **48th IBCT trains at Stewart for Polk, JRTC**

Photo by Staff Sgt. William P. Mcinnis

48th Infantry Brigade Commander, Col. Matthew Smith, talks to 48th IBCT Soldiers in April, during the unit's combined arms rehearsal at Fort Stewart. Representatives from the seven different battalions meet to conduct to discover friction points for movement to Fort Polk, La. for a rotational training unit at the Joint Readiness Training Center. Inset: Members of the 48th IBCT set up the tactical operations center for the command post exercise.

# 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 following 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 amount civ@mail.mil 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 May 18. If you have any question please contact us at 767-2197 or *FortStewart@redcross.org.* 

#### National Latina service award offered

Submit your nomination for the National Latina Style Distinguished Military Service Award no later than May 15. The Office of Equal Employment Opportunity is now soliciting Military and Civilian nominees. The purpose of the 2018 National Latina Style Distinguished Military Service Award is to recognize women in the military and the Department of Defense civilian workforce who through their service have enhanced the role of Latinas in their organization and the DoD. Award to be presented at the 15th Annual National Latina Symposium, Sept. 5-6, in Washington, D.C. See http://nls.latinastyle. com/14-th-national-latina-symposium/event-information/). For more information on this award or the submission process, please contact Hatherlee Zeigler, Diversity Awards Program Mgr. at 767-1522 or hatherlee.l.zeigler. civ@mail.mil.

# Fort Stewart dining facility hours

Thunder Café, located in building 3003, 1600 West 6th St. and Spartan Dining Facility in building 8439 on Vanguard Road, will be open for weekday breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals, Monday – Friday in April. The Fort Stewart weekday meal hours for breakfast at Thunder Café is 8-9:30 a.m.; and at Spartan DFAC from 8-9:30 a.m. Weekday lunch hours are 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for Thunder Café and noon-1:30 p.m. for Spartan DFAC. Thursday lunch and dinner meal hours for Thunder Café and Spartan is noon to 1:30 p.m. and dinner is 5-6:30 p.m. Weekday dinner hours are 5-6:30 p.m. for Thunder Café and Spartan DFACs, with the exception of the Friday dinner meal hours, 4-5:30 p.m.

#### Fort Stewart weekend/holiday hours

*S*partan and Thunder Café DFACs will be operational for weekend and holiday meals during the month of April. Designated weekend and holiday meals begin with the dinner meal on Friday at 4-5:30 p.m. Hours are brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner 5-6:30 p.m. On April 26, after the lunch meal Spartan DFAC will be closed and Thunder Café will be the only operational weekend and holiday dining facility, April 27 – 30.

#### Hunter dining facility hours

Hunter Army Airfield Consolidated DFAC (Bldg. 110, 89 William Barksdale Cir) weekday meal hours are breakfast 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch from noon-1:30 p.m.; and dinner from 5-6:30 p.m. Weekend and holiday meal hours are brunch 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and supper 5-6:30 p.m.

#### Supervisors class held

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will host a human resource training for supervisors class, May 22 - 24, at the Army Education Center, room 243. All supervisors must apply for the class at the CHRTAS website at h*ttps://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/student/ main.aspx*. If you have any questions, please contact Kaskha Anthony at 767-1261. *erp1stop.co*m web site, look on the job board under current events for the list of participating vendors. For more information or tips on how to prepare, visit your Fort Stewart Employment Readiness Program office in building 87, at the Family Readiness Center.

#### Spring carnival at donovan field

Spring Carnival, with rides, food and fun for young and old alike, is coming to Donovan Field at Fort Stewart May 3-6. Free to enter (open gate access through Gate 3 on Old Sunbury Road). Public welcome. Ride tickets, games, food and drinks available for purchase at Carnival. Hours are: Thursday, May 3, 5-10 p.m.; Friday, May 4, 5 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, May 5, noon-midnight; and Sunday, May 6, 1 -7 p.m. For more information, visit *StewartSpringCarnival.com*.

# Fort Stewart fitness challenge

Soldiers, Family Members, Army Civilians and those in the surrounding community are invited to compete in the Fort Stewart Community Functional Fitness Challenge scheduled Saturday, May 12 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Caro Fitness Center, building 708. The cost is \$15 for Active Duty Soldiers and \$30 for all others. Registration under way on Fort Stewart MWR WEBTRAC *at https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/ webtrac103/wbwsc/stewartrectrac.wsc/wbsplash. html?wbp=1*. Contestants in 10 age categories will complete three high intensity, constantly varied, functional movement workouts to determine if they are the fittest in their category. For more information, call 767-4763.

#### Legal assistance office closures

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Legal Assistance Offices will be closed today and tomorrow. The offices will resume normal hours April 30.

#### Garrison Organizational Day

Directorate of Human Resources managed facilities will either be open, have limited services or be closed April 27 due to the Garrison Organizational Day. Affected services include:

Soldier for Life, Transition Assistance at buildings 526, 621 will be open.

Building 253 will offer limited services for retirement services; in/out processing; ID cards; transition services; casualty; and levy.

Mower Processing Center in bulding 208 will also offer limited services.

DHR facmilities closed for the organization day are the education center, building 100; FOIA/PA in building 161; building 201; building 201C; and Official Mail and Distribution.

The Hunter SFL/TAP, buildign 1289 will be open.

Hunter DHR facilites closed for the day are OMDC in building 1212; building 1283; the Hunter Soldier Support Center in building 1286; and the Hunter Education Center in building 1290.

#### Marksmanship Unit seeks instructors

The United States Army Marksmanship Unit is currently accepting applications from Active Component NCOs for the Instructor Training Group. ITG provides marksmanship training and expertise to units throughout the Army. The ITG seeks sergeants through sergeant first class for open positions. Assignment to the ITG is a three year assignment located at Fort Benning, Ga. Visit the following link for more information. *https://www.milsuite. mil/book/docs/DOC-462448.* 

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## Annual work plan available

The garrison commander approved the fiscal year 2018 annual work plan, published on the Direcotrate of Public Works SharePoint site. Log into the link at *https://sps13.stewart.army.mil/imcom/dpw/home*; then select GC Approved DPW FY18 Annual Work Plan. Updates will be made as changes occur.

# **Control burns**

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.* 

# Kids bowl free at bowling centers

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 children up to 15-years-old, 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 from April-September. Family passes, at discount prices are available so parents can bowl with their children. For more information, call Marne Center at 767-4866 or Stewart Center at 767-4273.

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### Youth volunteers are available

The American Red Cross Summer Youth Program

# Finding balance workshop held

Back by popular demand! As a member of the USAG Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield workforce, you are invited to attend, Finding Balance for Civilians: Strategies for Managing Stress. The Employee Assistance Program and the Army Wellness Center will host the class Today from 11 a.m. to noon at the Army Wellness Center, 808 Worcester Avenue, building 201A, Fort Stewart. To reserve your seat, please contact Lisa Pokorny at 767-5672 or *lisa.m.pokorny.civ@mail.mil.* 

# 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 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.

# Mosquito surveillance now available

Now that it is springtime, US Army Medical Command, 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 causative agents. Feel free to request that we set up a trap near you, as we make our rounds at *www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3NTRKF*.

# Fort Stewart Job Fair

Spring is in the air at Fort Stewart! That means it's time for the ACS Spring job fair! Join us at Club Stewart on May 2, for an event featuring over 25 employers actively recruiting for jobs in retail, hospitality, education, food service, and law enforcement. Bring your resume! Come prepared to shine! For additional information, visit the

# **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-educationcounselor@mail.mil* for assistance, or Facebook at *www.facebook.com/FtStewartACES* 

# Powerlifting, bench press competition

You've put in the time, the effort and the discipline. Now, see how you stack up against others in the Powerlifting and Bench Press Competition starting at 9 a.m. May 19 at Newman Fitness Center. Cost is \$30 for entries received by May 4 and \$40 after that. Program will consist of squat, bench press, and dead lifts. Each competitor will be given three lifts per event, for a total of nine lifts. Top three lifts will be combined, for a total weight lifted, to determine final place of competitors. Awards will be given to the top three competitors in each weight class. Open to DoD cardholders ages 17 and older. For more information, go to *StewartMWR.com* or call 767-3031.

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