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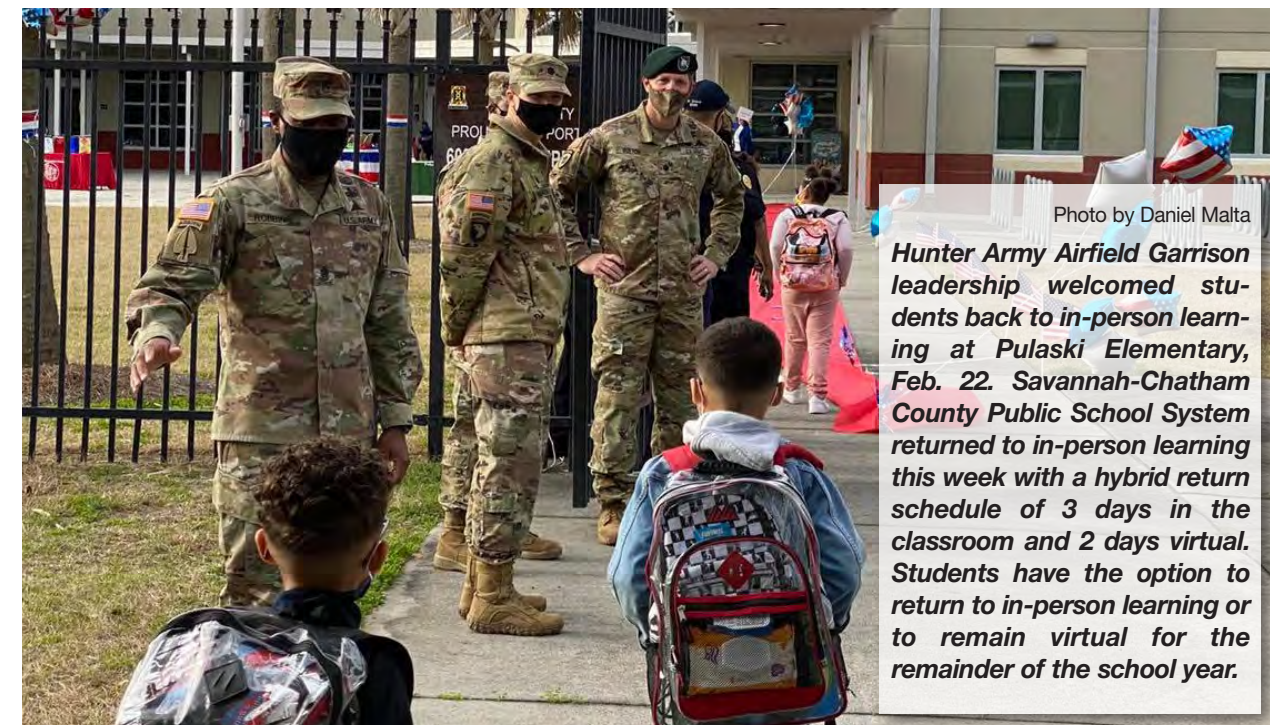


Photo by Daniel Malta

Hunter Army Airfield Garrison leadership welcomed students back to in-person learning at Pulaski Elementary, Feb. 22. Savannah-Chatham County Public School System returned to in-person learning this week with a hybrid return schedule of 3 days in the classroom and 2 days virtual. Students have the option to return to in-person learning or to remain virtual for the remainder of the school year.

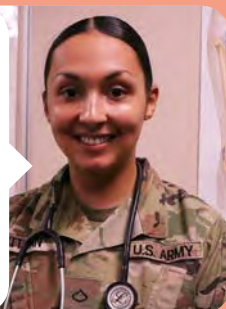
Marne Voices Speak Out

How do you feel about the new AR 670-1 grooming standards?

Photos by 3rd SB and 2nd ABCT

"I think the regulation change is good because it gives female and male Soldiers the opportunity to individualize themselves while in uniform."

Pfc. Kaitlin Pittman
2nd ABCT, 3rd ID



"It's more convenient because I don't have to worry about cutting my hair too short since I prefer my hair shorter. I am more comfortable wearing my hair as short as it can be now."

Sgt. Princess Navarro
258th MCT, 3rd SB



"I have dread locks, the updated version of AR 670-1 gives us more leeway during the growth process when they're too short or too long"

Staff Sgt. Jessica Young
396th CTC, 3rd SB



"I think the change is good because it allows female Soldiers to feel better about themselves which ultimately helps bring a better attitude to the work environment."

Pvt. Kencye Jackson
2nd ABCT, 3rd ID



"I think the new standards makes it easier for female Soldiers to get ready in the mornings."

Sgt. Mirage Williams
258th MCT, 3rd SB

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Cover: A Soldier assigned to 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, provides security from a fighting position during Warfighter 21-3, Feb. 4 on Fort Stewart. The 2nd ABCT Soldiers provided security during the exercise. (Photo by Sgt. Marquis Hopkins)

Fort Stewart hosts law enforcement symposium

Lt. Col. Lindsey Elder

3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

Officials from 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield hosted a law enforcement symposium, Feb 18-19 on Fort Stewart. The event was a collaboration with law enforcement partners from across the region to include Liberty County Sheriff, Hinesville Police Department, Bryan County Sheriff, Richmond Hill Police Department, Garden City Police Department, Statesboro Police Department, U.S. Marshals Office and members of the FBI, Georgia State Patrol, Long County Sheriff, Chatham County, and the Savannah Police Department were also invited. Command teams from across 3rd ID and garrison also attended.

The 385th Military Police Battalion and the Fort Stewart Directorate of Emergency Services organized the event. Maj. Gen. Antonio Aguto, the commanding general of the 3rd ID, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, wanted the event to be both educational and relationship-building.

“The safety of our force and community is a team effort,” said Aguto. “Collaboration events like this are not just about what we can do better for our Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Community, but what we can help with for the greater law enforcement enterprise in the area. It’s important to ask what we can be doing better in their eyes, while keeping them informed of where we might need more of their expertise or assistance.”

The two-day event included briefings from several different agencies to address issues and educate each other on their challenges, capabilities, and best practices. It also included a briefing by Bonnie Sharp, an analyst for the National Counterterrorism Center.

“The law enforcement symposium was an event created to highlight our regional law enforcement and ensure commanders were aware of the law enforcement capabilities both on and off the installation,” said Maj. Erin Peterson, the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Directorate of Emergency Services operations officer and lead planner for the symposium.

Since the Fort Hood Independent Review was published in December 2020, the Army has outlined an updated framework of recommended actions, considerations, and activities to commanders and Army law enforcement to assist in determining whether a Soldier’s absence is voluntary or involuntary.

The symposium helped ensure commanders were informed of crimes and procedures both on and off installation. It also outlined further responsibilities that commanders and law enforcement personnel must execute for involuntary missing persons’ cases and desertion cases.

It’s important for civilian law enforcement to understand because the changes in Army policy may lead to an increase in attempt to locate requests for the Soldiers and family members that reside off post.



Photo by Heather Teter, City of Hinesville

Maj. Gen. Antonio Aguto, commanding general, 3rd Infantry Division, speaks to Hinesville Chief of Police Lloyd Slater during the law enforcement symposium, Feb. 18 on Fort Stewart. The symposium was a collaborative event between regional and military law enforcement agencies and Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield command teams to address issues and educate each other on their challenges, capabilities, and best practices.

“A secondary objective of this event was for commanders to become acquainted with the local law enforcement agencies and build ‘connective tissue’ to enhance our relationships with them in order to address corrosive behaviors that Soldiers may be participating in both on and off the installation,” Peterson said.

As a precursor to the Secretary of Defense-ordered stand down on the topic, the symposium also included a brief about “Extremism in our Ranks,” by Supervisory Special Agent Robert Payne, a U.S. Army War College research fellow from the Atlanta FBI Office.

The Army is committed to working closely with the FBI and local law enforcement on any accusations to charges pertaining to extremist behavior.

“Events like this are important for ensuring we are being proactive with information sharing to reduce crime in areas like drug suppression and increase joint law enforcement operations on the installations,” said Lt. Col. Craig Giancaterino, commander of the 385th Military Police Battalion and provost marshal and director of emergency services for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. “It’s also important as policies change to contin-

uously inform our law enforcement partners and commanders on how the military law enforcement operates and educate ourselves on the crime areas off-post so we can assist in getting the information out to our community.”

Organizers said the symposium, the first of its kind for the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield community, opened dialogue and increased awareness of off-post hot spots and future partnership and networking opportunities to prevent and solve crime. The goal is for this to become reoccurring event.

“We are excited for the future law enforcement engagements beyond this symposium as we work together to provide analysis, feedback, and general situation awareness to the commander toward facilitating and enabling this posture and work rapidly toward crime incident reduction,” said Giancaterino.

“This symposium was a great start to future endeavors. I look forward to working with the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield leadership in caring for and protecting America’s greatest asset, our servicemen and women,” said Liberty County Sheriff William Bowman.

AAFES adds new services

Sylvia D. Carpenter
AAFES

Whether your car needs a tune-up, your hair needs a fix-up or you need a pick-me-up, the Exchange has the Fort Stewart community covered thanks to three new services.

New Beginning Automotive, Studio 78 Hair Salon and Ralphie's Theatre & Pizzeria are new businesses the Exchange opened at Fort Stewart recently.

"The PX is always looking for ways to make life better at Fort Stewart," said Fort Stewart PX General Manager Hollie Heft Morales. "These three new businesses provide more options and add convenience for our shoppers."

The Exchange also plans to open a Bun-D restaurant in the food court later this year. Bun-D focuses on natural, unprocessed ingredients and offers salads, wraps, rice bowls and smoothies.

Where the Fort Stewart community shops matters. 100% of Exchange earnings are reinvested in the community, including through critical funds for Quality-of-Life programs on post. In 2019, shopping Fort Stewart stores, restaurants and mall vendors generated \$964,000 for these programs.

Protecting the force remains the Exchange's priority. The Exchange is

diligently following recommended health guidelines, including requiring face masks, encouraging social distancing and cleaning customer touch points frequently.

New Beginning Automotive is a full-service car care center at 42 Bundy Avenue. The center is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Studio 78 Hair Salon offers men and women's haircuts, styles and treatments. It is in the Exchange mall and open Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ralphie's Theatre & Pizzeria offers pizza, pasta and wings along with family-friendly motion pictures. Food also can be ordered for delivery or pickup. Ralphie's is at 217 Wurzburg Street and is open Sunday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Active-duty military are cleared to attend indoor movies on the installation per the Senior Commander.

"These three new businesses provide more options and add convenience for our shoppers."

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YOUR WEEKLY TOP 3 FROM AROUND FORT STEWART AND HUNTER

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TOP 3 NOTABLE GROOMING STYLE CHANGES TO AR 670-1

1



Female haircuts shorter than 1/4",
Natural highlights and earrings

2



Medium length hair secured in a
ponytail,

3



Multiple new hairstyles
(pictured above: Locs)



ACS, MWR, Coastal Happening Briefs

General Order 1 updates posted

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

New virtual newcomers orientation

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

Face masks required in on-post facilities

Until further notice all personnel, military and civilian, on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will wear face coverings or masks when inside on-post public buildings and facilities. Personnel are not required to wear masks inside individual work spaces if they work alone or they can maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social distancing. Face coverings with valves are not permitted.

Senior Commander hosts COVID town hall

Maj. Gen. Aguto will host a COVID-19 Town Hall March 3 at 6 p.m. on the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Facebook page at facebook.com/FortStewartHunterArmyAirfield.

Logging operations on Fort Stewart

Logging operations have resumed in the wooded areas between Hero Road, New Guinea Street and the motor pools off Ricker Avenue. Caution signs will be posted as logging trucks will be utilizing Ricker Avenue and Hero Road to access the sites. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to use extra caution when traveling in these areas. For information, call 767-2010.

MCSC scholarship and grant applications

The Marne Community and Spouses Club's scholarships and grants for 2021 are now open. Military dependents and local businesses are welcome to apply. For more information or to access the application visit marnecommunityandspouses.club.com.

Housing on post

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

Fort Stewart lost and found property

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

Marne Report podcast is online

Check out the Marne Report podcast online at home.army.mil/stewart. Listen for the latest news and updates on the installations.

Visitor Control Center updated hours

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

3rd ID Equal Opportunity hotline

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

Fort Stewart and Hunter CIF closures

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Central Issuing Facilities will be closed March 25-26 and April 15-16 due to inventory. Hunter Army Airfield CIF will reopen at 8:30 a.m. the following working day. The Fort Stewart CIF will continue to provide customer service during this time. For more information call 435-0302/0193 or the CIF Accountable Officer/PBO at 210-0027.

Download the Digital Garrison app

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

Marne Chapel offers Buddhist services

All are welcome to join us for Sunday Buddhist services, at Marne Chapel from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Follow us at facebook.com/fortstewartthaafso/ for all RSO news and updated information on events.

DPTMS Security Division relocates facility

The DPTMS, Security Division has relocated to the Soldiers Service Center, Building 253, Suite 1050. Fingerprints for garrison employees and contractors are by appointment only Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information please call 912-767-1910.

Hunter Golf Course opens new snack bar

Birdie's Snack Bar is now open at the Hunter Golf Course, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy lunch specials such as a smoked brisket sandwich, quarter ribeye steak burger or wing combo. Lunch is available for dine-in or to-go. Call 315-9115 to place your order.

Pro-Am offers volunteer caddy opportunity

The Club Car Championship at The Landings Club on Skidaway Island is offering a volunteer opportunity to Caddy for the Pro-Am competition, March 24, from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Caddy slots are available to Active Duty, National Guard and Reserves Service Members from in and around Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. All Service Members are responsible for attaining their individual unit's approval. Passes to the course, parking, and food and beverages will be provided at no charge. Uniform is appropriate golf attire. Volunteers must provide their own transportation. There are a limited amount of slots available. Register now through March 12 at: eventbrite.com/e/savannah-club-car-championship-military-caddy-day-tickets-142543919701. Caddies will be contacted by organizers after close of registration window with further instructions for the day's events.

Vaccine appointment notice

The screening station at Donovan Field has been shifted to the corner of East Ninth Street and Niles Avenue on Fort Stewart as of Feb. 22. (Between the Fort Stewart Soldier Recovery Unit and Winn Army Community Hospital). Individuals must have an appointment. Please remain in your car. For your safety and the staff's, face masks are required and do not bring children to the vaccination appointment. If you cannot make the appointment, please notify your unit or organization or the vaccine call center at 435-6633, Option 3.

Johnson indoor pool closure

The Johnson indoor pool is currently closed until further notice for repairs. Please use the Newman indoor pool during this time. Operational hours for Newman will be Monday thru Friday 0600-1300 and closed 1000-1130 for cleaning. For further information, call 767-3034.

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Join the SAMC

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

SFAB Recruiting Facebook Live event

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

CIF equipment issue, turn-in change

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

Controlled burn season ongoing

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Forestry Branch has begun the controlled burn season and will initiate controlled burns at various locations on the installation each week. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to use extra caution when traveling through areas that may be affected by smoke. For information, call 767-2010.

Have medication delivered to your home

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

Virtual CIED, CUAS training

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

Mass warning notification system test

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will conduct a MWNS monthly test on the first Tuesday of every month at noon. The next test will be Mar. 2. The monthly tests are required to ensure the systems function properly and to identify issues before presented with a real world emergency. For information call the military police desk 767-4264.

Virtual unit TARP training offered

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

Equal employment opportunity

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

Traffic alert to affect post access

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

Closings and cancellations

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

ASMIS 2.0 update available

The Army Safety Management Information System 2.0, mishap, near miss reporting, and analytics modules are now active. Leaders, USO and ADSOs are encouraged to view the tutorial videos and information that is currently available on the Army Combat Readiness Center website and also on the 3ID Safety Portal. For more information, visit the Army Combat Readiness Center website, safety.army.mil/MEDIA/ASMIS2.

GoArmyEd system update

On Feb. 12, the GoArmyEd system deactivated to facilitate the transition of the Tuition Assistance program data from GoArmyEd to ArmyIgnitED. The ArmyIgnitED system will be offline from Feb. 25 through March 8. Pending non-LOI tuition assistance requests that have not been approved by an Army Education Counselor in GoArmyEd before Feb. 12 will be transferred to ArmyIgnitED. Soldiers can activate an ArmyIgnitED account by going to armyignited.com and selecting “Get Started”. For more information contact the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Education centers at 767-8331, Fort Stewart or 315-6130, Hunter Army Airfield.

Blood drive slated

The Fort Stewart Main Post Chapel will host a blood drive, March 26. For more information follow the Religious Services Office online at facebook.com/fortstewartthaafrsol.

Volunteer actors needed

The DPTMS Plans and Operations Division seeks volunteer role players for the upcoming Stewart Guardian exercise to be held the week of April 12-16. Volunteers should be registered in the VMIS system through Army Community Service and will be required to attend a concept brief on April 8. Children are allowed to accompany volunteers during the event. Those who are interested are asked to call the ACS volunteer coordinator at 767-5058.

Legal Assistance office open on Tuesdays

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Legal Assistance Offices are open Tuesdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m. The offices are open for walk-in notary services and powers of attorney only. Appointments can be scheduled by email at usarmy.stewart.forscom.mbx.fsga-legal-assistance-office@mail.mil or by calling 767-8819 (Fort Stewart) or 315-5117 (Hunter). Fort Stewart Legal Services is located in Bldg. 620, 944 William H Wilson Ave. The Legal Assistance Office is still conducting will executions for Soldiers. For Powers of Attorney and notary services for Active Duty Soldiers, please go to your Brigade Legal Office. If you are a tenant unit, you will go to DIVARTY.

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Army IG to Soldiers: ‘celebrate the differences that make us stronger’

Joseph Lacdan
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—The Army’s inspector general preaches building trust when he meets with Soldiers and civilians at Army installations throughout the country.

Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith demonstrates that in the way he listens to Soldiers as they tell their life stories or talk about their backgrounds. With Southern charm and a humility that comes from a blue-collar upbringing, the Atlanta native speaks to Army members the way he speaks to his family or old friends.

He and his wife of more than 30 years, Vanedra, have also instilled trust and respect for others in their two daughters, Taylor and Tori. Tori, the youngest, is an Army officer attending medical school at Howard University and plans to become an Army doctor.

The couple taught their children that building trust comes from treating others equally.

“We always fall back on things that our parents taught us,” Vanedra Smith said. “My mom always said, ‘It’s important to treat people the way that you want to be treated.’ And that’s one of the things that I’ve always instilled in my daughters, and I also let them know that there’s one race: the human race.”

Leslie Smith also believes that a more diverse force will make the Army stronger. Smith also joined acting Secretary of the Army John E. Whitley to speak virtually with cadets at Alabama A&M and Alabama State universities Feb. 18 and 19, as part of the Army’s wider effort to recruit more African-Americans into its ranks.

“We want to make sure that we focus on a diverse group of people coming into our Army and into our armed forces, because we are representative of the nation,” Smith said by video conference on Feb. 9. “So we need to fight for that talent.”

Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith, the Army’s inspector general, stands with two ROTC scholarship award winners Dec. 21, 2020. Smith said recruiting more at historically black and Hispanic colleges and universities makes the Army stronger.

Smith also recorded a special Black History Month message for the NBA’s Washington Wizards to air during the team’s historically black college and university night on Feb. 27. Later this year, Smith will visit Army installations as part of the Project Inclusion listening tour.

Smith praised the efforts of Project Inclusion, an initiative that includes listening sessions that are scheduled to continue on Feb. 23-25 at Fort Irwin, California. The program collects data from the sessions to identify social issues related to diversity and inclusion that can be brought up to Army leadership.

To mold the Army into a welcoming, inclusive place for all backgrounds, Smith understands Army units must be united from the ground up.

Sergeant Major of the Army Michael A. Grinston strives to foster trust at the squad level through the “This is My Squad” initiative to build greater team unity, similar to



Courtesy photo

Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith, the Army’s inspector general, awards a coin to a Soldier during one of his visits around the Army. Smith preaches trust and encourages Soldiers to learn more about their peers.

the bonds formed in special forces units. Other Army leaders, including Smith, have taken it upon themselves to spread that message throughout the force.

As the Army’s inspector general, Smith doesn’t take his position of influence lightly.

“If I say one thing and I do something else, that’s a problem,” Smith said. “So I have to make sure ... I demonstrate what I expect [Soldiers] to be. So if I expect someone to be in good physical shape, I have to be in good physical shape. If I expect people to treat everyone with dignity and respect, I have to do the same.”

“All of it comes back down to trust at the individual level, the team level, the organization level and then on the Army level.”

Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith, the Army’s inspector general, awards a coin to a Soldier during one of his visits around the Army. Smith preaches trust and encourages Soldiers to learn more about their peers.

After recent events at Fort Hood, Texas, which included the deaths of missing Soldiers, the focus on race relations and accountability within the Army’s ranks has been pushed to the forefront.

Last summer, then-Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy ordered an independent review that revealed significant improvements must be made to the Army’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention

program as well as Soldier accountability procedures.

“There are areas that we need to work on,” Smith said. “I think the Fort Hood independent review showed us some things that we need to continue to highlight. But for me, it comes down to how we’re building trust. And the only way you build trust is getting to know the people that are around you.”

Smith spoke at a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at Fort Lee, Virginia, last month and has participated in similar events over the years. He said he encourages Soldiers to honor King’s legacy by acting against incidents of sexual harassment/assault, racism, extremism and bullying, and reporting occurrences to their chain of command.

Vanedra Smith supports the Army in any way that she can, as a member of the Army Spouses’ Club of the Greater Washington Area and by attending events that promote diversity. General Smith said that Soldiers must not only know their peers better, but should also encourage their families to become involved.

“The atmosphere of a place, or the success or the failure of it, starts at the top,” Vanedra said. “So in order for an organization or person or people to succeed, we need everybody involved.”

Smith said understanding the nation’s diverse history will help foster that trust. At speaking engagements, he talks about Black pioneers such as Benjamin Banneker, a surveyor who helped Andrew Ellicott map the initial layout of Washington, D.C., in the late 18th century.

The Atlanta native also frequently speaks about his summer visits to Mound Bayou, Mississippi, a farming community where his family originated. Mound Bayou became a prosperous Black community amid racial segregation in the Deep South. Smith spent time learning from his uncles and cousins about his background and what was expected from him.

“To this day, my relatives still have high expectations of me as a leader, not only in the Army but in my family and community,” Leslie Smith said.

He also spoke of Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III, a close friend of the Smiths who became the nation’s first African-American to hold the position on Jan. 22.

Austin broke several barriers in his military career, becoming the first Black operations officer of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. A native of Thomasville, Georgia, Austin also became the first Black commander of U.S. Central Command and the first Black vice chief of staff of the Army. He retired from active duty after 40 years in the Army.

“He’s been blazing a trail for a long time,” Smith said. “We have to talk about those things.”

Smith said that the Army must continue to honor not only Black History Month, but other months that celebrate diversity including Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May and Hispanic Heritage Month during September and October.

“We celebrate the differences that make us stronger,” Smith said.

Army announces new general officer assignments



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The Chief of Staff of the Army announced Brig. Gen. Charles D. Costanza, deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., has been selected to command the 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart. A date for the change of command ceremony has not been set.



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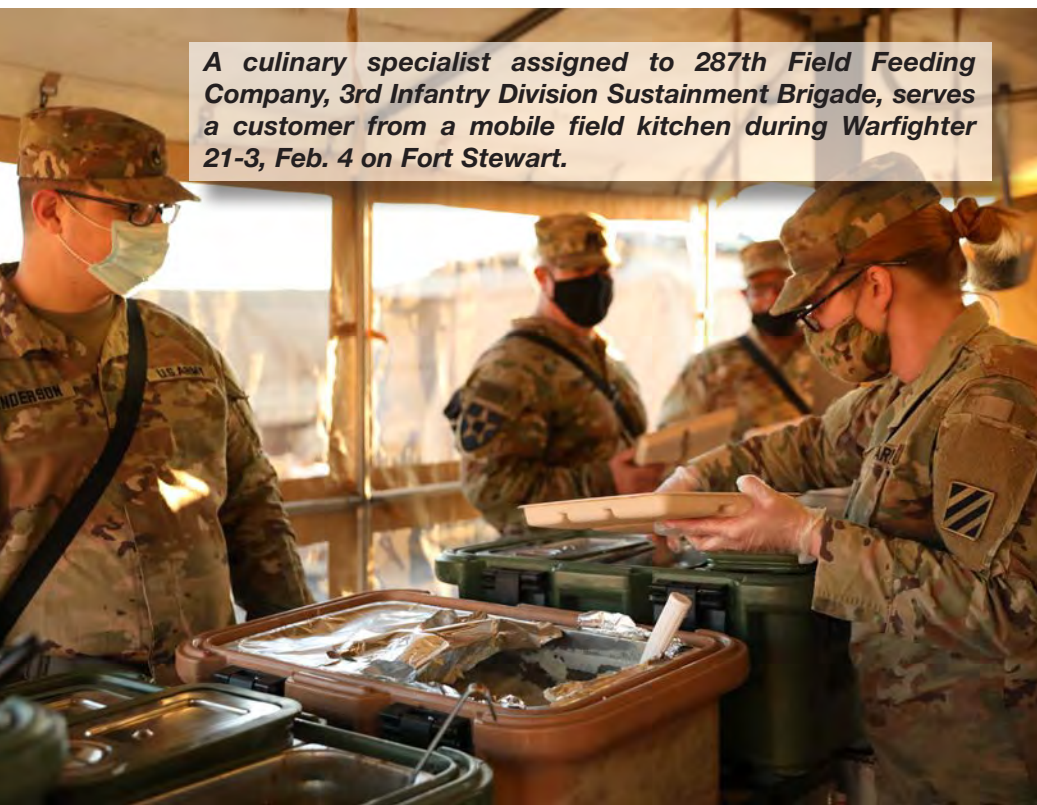
BEHIND THE SCENES OF WARFIGHTER 21-3

Photos by Sgt. Marquis Hopkins

Sgt. 1st Class Akia Crutchfield, a senior supply noncommissioned officer assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade logistics section, conducts logistical tracking during Warfighter 21-3, Feb. 4 on Fort Stewart.



A culinary specialist assigned to 287th Field Feeding Company, 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, serves a customer from a mobile field kitchen during Warfighter 21-3, Feb. 4 on Fort Stewart.



A petroleum supply specialist assigned to 135th Quartermaster Company, 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion,, 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, fills a fuel canister during Warfighter 21-3, Feb. 4 on Fort Stewart. The 135th QM Co provided real world fuel support to the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd SB and 3rd ID Headquarters during the exercise ensuring unit's vehicles and generators were able to continue supporting the exercise.



Photo by Sgt. Marquis Hopkins

A culinary specialist assigned to 287th Field Feeding Company, 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, prepares peppers and onions to supplement a steak meal during Warfighter 21-3, Feb. 4 on Fort Stewart. The 287th FFC provided real world meal support to the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd DSB and 3rd ID Headquarters during the exercise to ensure Soldiers were given quality meals while in a field environment.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Salgado

Col. Steve Erickson, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade logistics section, watches a commander's update briefing during Warfighter 21-3, Feb. 4 on Fort Stewart. The 3rd SB participated in the Warfighter exercise, a simulated military operations involving several division elements, as the primary logistical support for 3rd Infantry Division maneuver units providing all classes of supply and direct support to the simulated units.



Photo by Sgt. Marquis Hopkins

Soldiers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, dig a fighting position during Warfighter 21-3, Feb. 4 on Fort Stewart. The 2nd ABCT Soldiers provided security for the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade and 3rd ID Headquarters tactical operations centers during the exercise.

Army plans smart barracks pilot on Fort Benning

Lori Egan
Fort Benning Public Affairs

FORT BENNING— Imagine a barracks room having USB ports and working thermostats. That's what is slated for the \$4.4 million Smart Barracks Initiative on Kelley Hill.

A modernization project for Building 9164 kicks off in April. This is an Army pilot program, said Geoff Ray, a mechanical engineer with Fort Benning's Directorate of Public Works' Operations and Maintenance Division. The agencies working with Army Materiel Command on this pilot include Installation Management Command and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Milhorn, USACE deputy commanding general for Military and International Operations, visited the Maneuver Center of Excellence Jan. 21 for a briefing on the project and ongoing construction here.

Brandon Cockrell, chief of Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, said the smart barracks initiative is a key part of the Installations

of the Future.

It is divided into two phases, the first phase starts in April on Kelley Hill. The location of the second phase, scheduled for FY22-23, has yet to be determined, Ray said.

During the first phase, the barracks will be fitted with a state-of-the-art utility monitoring and control system, improved heating ventilation and air conditioning equipment, electrical retrofits and smart fire detection and protection devices.

The Army wants to modernize its housing and permanent party barracks. Ray said they hope to improve security, quality of life, facility maintenance, improve energy and water efficiency along with capturing data to analyze to provide better user comfort.

Phase 1 includes increased filtration and ultraviolet lights, increasing air quality in the building, improving the controls for the building — the building automation system, to tie all the wiring, HVAC, electrical together so you can see it and program it better, he said.

"The point of this is to give Soldiers more control over their environment and provide better quality of life," Ray said.



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This barracks building on Kelley Hill will undergo modernization as the Army's pilot for the smart barracks initiative.



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COVID-19 vaccination opportunities offered

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Are you and your Family looking to get a COVID-19 vaccine near you? If so, you'll soon have more options for where you can go to get it. As part of the ongoing response to COVID-19, the federal government has launched the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination. This new program is a collaboration between the federal government, states, territories, and 21 national pharmacies and independent pharmacy networks to increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S.

"Vaccination is a critical step in protecting your health and slowing the spread of COVID-19," said Colonel Markus Gmehlin, acting chief of the Pharmacy Operations Division at the Defense Health Agency. "This program will provide TRICARE beneficiaries with more opportunities to get vaccinated at a location near them."

Here are some details about distribution and how you can get the vaccine with your TRICARE benefit.

How does the program work?

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program will supply COVID-19 vaccines to retail pharmacies in phases. As part of the initial phase, 1 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine will be sent to a select group of pharmacies. These pharmacies will then administer vaccinations to those who are eligible. Some pharmacies have already begun offering a limited amount of the vaccine through this program. Other pharmacies are set to begin offering doses soon. As stated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "As vaccine supply increases, more retail locations will be added."

Will my local pharmacy offer the COVID-19 vaccine?

Pharmacies that are part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program may vary by state and territory. Pharmacies participating in the program may include TRICARE network pharmacies (<https://militaryrx.express-scripts.com/find-pharmacy>) and non-network pharmacies (<https://www.tricare.mil/nonnetworkpharmacy>). You can find a list of pharmacies that are currently participating in your area on the CDC website.

The availability of the vaccine may vary by location. If you're a TRICARE beneficiary, you'll eventually be able to get the COVID-19 vaccine at:

- Your local military hospital or clinic

- Local or state health department COVID-19 vaccination sites
- Your civilian provider
- Pharmacies participating in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program

"At this stage of the program, the vaccine supply is limited," said Gmehlin. "So, it's important to make sure you contact your local pharmacy in advance to see if the vaccine is available and if you can schedule an appointment to receive it."

There is no cost-shareA percentage of the total cost of a covered health care service that you pay. if you get the COVID-19 vaccine at a TRICARE network pharmacy.

Planning to get the vaccine at a non-network pharmacy? There's no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine itself. Keep in mind, TRICARE doesn't cover other vaccines and most prescription drugs at non-network pharmacies.

Remember, there may be a cost based on your health plan for an office visit with a provider, or if you need follow-on care. If you have questions, you can contact your TRICARE contractor.

Do you prefer to get the vaccine at a military hospital or clinic? If you're eligible for TRICARE, you can get the COVID-19 vaccine at any military hospital or clinic that offers it. This is true even if you don't get your routine care there. Phase 1A of the Department of Defense (DoD) COVID-19 vaccination plan is currently underway at many military hospitals, clinics, and DoD installations. This phase includes vaccinating health care workers, first responders, and residents of Armed Forces Retirement Homes. Keep in mind, some military hospitals and clinics may be in different phases of the vaccination plan. So, make sure you check first to see if the vaccine is available at your location.

TRICARE is committed to supporting you and your health. Stay up to date on vaccine guidance through the TRICARE and Military Health System websites. You can also check with your local health department and talk to your health care provider about when you may qualify to receive the vaccine as well as where you can go to get vaccinated. The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination is the latest of several resources introduced to help you and your Family.

Special Deliveries

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

Feb. 16

Twins: *Nico Anthony Chaves*, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and *Remy Rose Chaves*, a girl, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Capt. Louis Chaves and Capt. Ashley Chaves.

Sage D'shea Hodges, a boy, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Laurissa Hodges.

Amir Jayshawn Holmes, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. Kendell Holmes and Spc. Jasmine Custodio.

Feb. 18

Huxten Rae Pafford, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Dylan Pafford-Hosier and Britni Pafford.

Feb. 19

Anthony Neil Harridge, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Craig Harridge and Tabitha Harridge.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Buddhism in the Army

Capt. Songkran Waiyaka
2nd ABCT Chaplain

It is an honor to to work with chaplains from different religions and denominations as part of the Chaplain Corps at 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. Chaplains offer spiritual support to commanders, Soldiers, their Families, and the community.

In the Army, physical and mental fitness are a necessity, as is spiritual fitness. Military chaplains share God and other spiritual figures with soldiers to help nurture their spirituality.

Theravada Buddhism is considered a low-density faith group in the Army. As a practicing Theravada Buddhist, I teach Soldiers about Buddhism for educational purposes. My Asian Buddhist background serves as cultural awareness education. The 703rd BSB, 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID slogan is "Maintain the Line". This slogan is on par with the Buddhist philosophy of "Maintain the Mind". If Soldiers maintain physical, mental, and spiritual fitness, they will accomplish the mission successfully. Buddhism focuses on the mind, because the

mind controls the body. All actions, speech, and thoughts originate in the mind, whether positive or negative. Therefore, taking good care of the mind is very important.

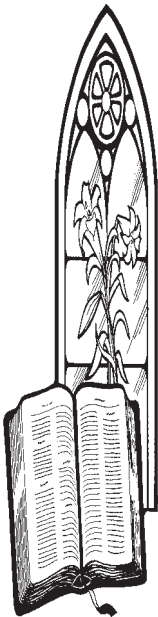
One can maintain their mind through meditation, a spiritual practice used throughout many faiths. In Buddhism, meditation is called "Samathi", which means concentration. It is a process of investigating your individual life, seeking inner peace in order to eradicate negative thoughts with the right understanding, or wisdom, known as "Vipassana".

Throughout my teaching, I introduce "secular meditation" to Soldiers. Anyone can practice this type of meditation and there are no religious requirements. This simple form of meditation is all about understanding reality by looking into individual performances and finding solutions to meet our goals as Soldiers, sons, daughters, parents, and so on. It helps Soldiers to be fit spiritually in order to "Maintain the Line" emotionally and walk through any discomforts or discontentment in their work or Family life with confidence.

Soldiers are welcome to talk with me or attend the Buddhist service at Marne Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Weekday Mass	Main Post Chapel	11:45 a.m.
Protestant (Sundays)		
Traditional	Marne Chapel	9 a.m.
Chapel Next	Main Post Chapel	10:45 a.m.
Gospel Adult Sunday School	Main Post Chapel	11 a.m.
Multi-Cultural Gospel Service	Main Post Chapel	12:30 p.m.
Kids' Church (Sundays)		
K- 6th Grade	Main Post Chapel	1 p.m.
PWOC (Wednesdays)	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Islamic (Fridays)		
	Main Post Chapel	1 p.m.
Buddhist (Last Sunday)		
	Marne Chapel	11 p.m.
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Hunter Chapel	11 a.m.
Catholic CCD	Building 129	9:30 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Hunter Chapel	9 a.m.
Kids' Church	Hunter Chapel	9 a.m.
PWOC (Thursday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.

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455 & 459 E.G. Miles Parkway. \$300,000. Listing is for 455 & 459 E.G. Miles Parkway. Prime commercial tract adjacent to Hinesville Professional Park and across from Liberty Regional Medical Center. This is 1,000 LF off of the hard corner of General Screven Way and E.G. Miles PKWY. There is also 221 ft of road frontage. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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0 Oglethorpe Hwy Midway - \$1,390,000

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863 Oglethorpe Highway, Suite #260, Hinesville

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135-139 Martin Luther King, Jr Drive, Hinesville

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HOMES FOR SALE



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Come see this beautiful home!! More pictures coming soon!! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



50 Myron Magnum Circle, Hinesville - \$147,500 SALE PENDING

Don't miss out on this beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath home located in Long County! Kitchen features white cabinets, white appliances, wood counters with a beautiful brick backsplash! Wood laminate throughout the house including bedrooms! Huge fenced in backyard surrounded by trees to include a shed. 15 minutes to Fort Stewart! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



811 Forest Street, Hinesville - \$369,000

Rare Find in the city limits of Hinesville with an inground pool!! This stately home sits on 2.86 Acres surrounded by trees and features 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms, a formal dining room, family room with a wood burning fireplace and a beautiful Florida room. The master bedroom is on the second floor along with one other bedroom and 2 bathrooms. The first floor has two bedrooms and a bath and 1/2. The inground pool is great for entertaining on a hot summer day and it also has an unfinished pool house/shed/workshop. The side entry two car garage faces the back of the house and pool house. Home being SOLD AS-IS. Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



56 Carrie Street, Hinesville - \$189,900

NO HOA, NO City taxes and outside the city limits!! This adorable 4 bedroom, 3 bath, split floor plan home located on a cul-de-sac won't last long!! Additional pictures coming soon! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com

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1097 Live Oak Drive, Hinesville - \$72,500 SALE PENDING

Investors Only, tenant occupied! This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is a spectacular investment located 10 minutes to Fort Stewart, GA! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



60 Montgomery Street, Allenhurst - \$229,900 SALE PENDING

You will not have cabin fever here!! This 3 bedroom, 3 bath home has been freshly updated and sits in a private setting on 5.56 Acres. The kitchen is absolutely beautiful, white cabinets, stainless steel appliances and vinyl plank flooring and carpet throughout the home. The living room features a wood stove, the Garage conversion has a wood burning fireplace and could be used as an additional bedroom or family room. This property is a horse lovers dream home!! It has a covered back porch, barn, partially fenced pastures & a huge pond with a fishing dock! This includes two parcels, Liberty County 052D007 and Long County 080B051. Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



970 Oak Creek Road, Riceboro - \$339,900 PRICE REDUCED!

Be the first to see this beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with a POOL surrounded by majestic oaks! Great room has a wood burning fireplace and the bonus room a laundry shoot. The kitchen has an island, double ovens & bright white cabinets and appli-

ances. The master bedroom is on the main floor, beautiful trayed ceiling and His and Hers walk in closets. The master bathroom has a double vanity, separate shower and a jetted jacuzzi tub. New carpet, tile and laminate flooring throughout the house, fresh paint & 1 new HVAC unit upstairs. Corner lot, 2 car side entry garage and a 24X30 workshop. The backyard is surrounded by trees, the open patio to grill on and the sparkling pool is designed for entertaining! This property includes two parcels. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com.

LAND/LOTS FOR SALE

0 Shyam Road - Hinesville - \$475,000. 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 Southern Coast, 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 I95 and Ft.Stewart zoned IC. Perfect for retail, fuel, or restaurant. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0 Willowbrook Drive, Hinesville - \$499,900. Incredible opportunity to own a parcel inside the city limits of Hinesville that is correctly zoned and engineered for a multi-family development. Located off Veteran's Parkway and EG Miles parkway centrally located between Fort Stewart Gate 8 and Walmart, Lowes, and the TJ Maxx Shopping Center. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

504 West Oglethorpe Highway Hinesville, GA 31313 - \$295,000

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

Tenant Occupied. Please do not disturb the tenant. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern

Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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

Great mixed-use opportunity adjacent to Fort Stewart Gate 7. Approximately 56.156 acres of land. This property is ready to go and visible from the entrance of Fort Stewart Gate 7. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

5.93 Old Ludowici Road, Ludowici - \$37,900 REDUCED

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

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

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

135 Kallquist Drive Flemington - \$61,500

Great lot to build your perfect home. Just outside the city limits so there are no city taxes. Approximately a mile from Fort Stewart and less than a five mile commute to schools. Extremely quiet neighborhood tucked away from all the noise but yet still unbelievably close to the center of it all. You definitely don't want to miss this rare gem. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

901 Pine Street Hinesville - \$64,900

New on the Market and conveniently located. Minutes away from shopping, restaurants and Fort Stewart Gate 8. Currently Zoned for a duplex, can be re-zoned for a four plex. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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

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

1.4 Acres - 00 East Oglethorpe Highway Flemington - \$600,000

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

260 Interchange Drive Richmond Hill - \$199,900

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

0 Coldwell Road NE Ludowici - \$59,900

This tract of land is perfect for a family wanting to build a house with some seclusion! This +/- 10 acres is only 15 minutes away from Hinesville! Come build your dream home! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

4.5819 West Oglethorpe Highway Walthourville - \$299,900

This is 4.5819 acres of Commercial land. It is centrally located on the East West freight corridor between Valdosta and the Port of Savannah. It is also located in the Military and SBA oppor-

tunity zone. This is a corner lot. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

.24 Acre Veterans Parkway, Hinesville - \$225,000

Last available frontage road on drive home side of Veterans Parkway zoned C-2. Off site water retention included. Property can be combined with 777 Veterans Parkway for a total asking price of \$495,000 Owners are licensed Real Estate Brokers in the state of Georgia. Jimmy Shanken Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Belvedere Island Plantation Lot 216 Riverpoint Lane, Townsend - \$69,900

Excellent opportunity for gated community living!! Great lot to build your dream home in this tranquil community with deep water access club house and horse stables. Enjoy remarkable sunrises from The Club House and Community Deep Water Dock. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 acres John Wells Road - \$25,000

2 acres of property that is less than ten minutes to Fort Stewart Gate 7! Culvert in place manufactured homes okay. Quiet country setting on a paved road!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lot 3 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

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

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

Lot 5 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

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

Lot 6 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

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

Lot 7 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

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

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

Located in the Downtown Overlay district. Redevelopment in the heart of downtown Hinesville. Entire city block with access to four paved roads! City water, city sewer and NO FLOOD ZONE! Walking distance to Municipal Buildings, Main Street and Bradwell Institute. Excellent multi-family site. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

5163 Leroy Coffey Highway Fleming - \$75,000

This land has it all! Electricity, telephone, cable television and trash collection available in the area. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

5163 Leroy Coffey

Highway Fleming - \$299,000

Commercial land available! Stop by today and see the endless possibilities! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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

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

0A Highway 23 Reidsville - \$200,000

This land is located on the main truck corridor through Tattnall County to I-16. This would make an excellent sit down, family restaurant. The property is in close proximity to Optim Medical Center and sits next to Harvey's grocery store, Pizza Hut, and The Reidsville Bank. Directly across the road is a proposed fuel center. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0B Highway 23 Reidsville - \$200,000

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1 Terrell Drive Hinesville - \$2,442,000

Shovel ready apartment pad sites. 132 total units, 3 buildings with 8 units, 9 buildings with 12 units. Roads and utilities are in place. Conveniently located near Ft. Stewart Gate 7. Ft. Stewart's the largest Department of Defense Installation East of the Mississippi River. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

1135 West Oglethorpe Highway Hinesville - \$499,900

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

B25-B28 David Road Gumbanch - \$22,500

This is a fantastic lot! It is located in a private, secluded setting. It is cleared and has the corners marked. This lot is ready for your mobile home! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

1.61 Acres Barry McCaffrey

frey Boulevard - \$65,000

Centrally located Town home site, minutes to Fort Stewart gates and shopping. 1.61 Acres, zoned RTH near the intersection of Barry McCaffrey Blvd. and Shaw Rd. Contact us today for more information! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

2.47 Acres Barry McCaffrey Boulevard - \$130,000

2.47 Acres on the corner of Kelly Dr. and Barry McCaffrey Blvd. would make for an excellent Retail, Self Storage or small Multi-family Property zoned R4. Property is ready to be yours! Call us for more information today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

10 Acres Scrub Oak Lane, Glennville - \$69,900

Private Setting! 10 Acres suitable for a small farm, partially wooded some former pasture. No improvement in place, stick built homes or manufactured homes ok. Seller is a licensed realtor in the State of GA. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



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‘We go together, Katchi Kapshida’: Raiders team with Korean counterparts

Sgt. In Ha Chung
1st ABCT

CAMP HOVEY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA— Soldiers across the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division conduct their daily activities and training with Korean Augmentation to the United States Army, or KATUSA counterparts. Ever since their establishment in July, 1950, KATUSAs have served in many military occupational specialties, from human resources specialist to infantry. They have been the cornerstone of the RoK-U.S. alliance and still play an important role to this day within the 2nd Infantry Division and rotational units.

The KATUSA soldiers are an elite group who go through a comprehensive selection process including an English proficiency test. Most Korean soldiers who are selected for the KATUSA program are enrolled into college or have already graduated. They are required to follow not only the Korean Army regulations, but U.S. Army regulations as well. KATUSA troops stand side by side with their U.S. counterparts during daily activities such as physical training, Soldier tasks and battle drills, and field training exercises.

During his 18 months of service, KSgt. Jin Ho Kwon, a KATUSA with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team “Raider”, 3rd Infantry Division, has been to multiple gunnery exercises, ranges, ceremonies and field training. Rain or shine, hot or cold, he was always there to complete his mission alongside his U.S. brother and sisters.

“Working as a KATUSA was definitely an honorable experience. I served in public affairs which gave me an opportunity to learn many helpful techniques in life, such as how to conduct an interview, how to

effectively communicate with people, how to shoot and edit a video, how to write articles etc.,” said Kwon. “Finally, I feel fulfilled since I learned a lot about leadership by seeing good examples of it, and practicing it myself as a senior KATUSA in the shop.”

On Feb. 10, 2021, Kwon was both congratulated and a farewell won, and thanked for his outstanding service to his country, the RoK-U.S. alliance, and his fellow Soldiers.

KATUSA soldiers also bring more to the table than training with the U.S. Army troops. For many U.S. Soldiers, KATUSAs teach them things like customs, culture, and even the language. They also show them many different parts of the peninsula other than the typical tourist attractions, as COVID-19 mitigations allow of course.

“Serving alongside Sgt. Kwon was an excellent experience,” said Staff Sgt. Daniel Guerrero, Raider Brigade’s public affairs noncommissioned officer in charge. “This is my first time to the Republic of Korea, and my first time integrating my team with one from a host ally nation. I learned a lot from him, both culturally and professionally. I am sad to see him go, but I am also proud of him and happy to see him start his next chapter.”

Kwon impressed his U.S. counterparts with his great leadership, and has been a role model for his fellow KATUSAs and U.S. Soldiers. His future plans include graduate school and a successful career in bio-fluid mechanics.

The KATUSA program was originally designed to strengthen the U.S. Army during the outbreak of the Korean War. Today the KATUSA program also stands as a symbol of the ROK/U.S. alliance and resolve to deter war.



Photo by 1st Lt. Hope McCraw

Sgt. Kalito Lasenby, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, welcomes Cpl. Jung Gwang-Min, a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army assigned to 2-7IN, to the Battalion after the 2-7IN KATUSA Patching ceremony, Nov. 16, on Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea. U.S. Soldiers and KATUSAs first executed a circuit of exercises while wearing their body armor and M50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask, then held a ceremony to switch the KATUSAs’ former unit patch with the 3rd ID patch. This ceremony formally welcomed the KATUSAs into the Cottonbaler battalion and promoted unity between the Soldiers.



Photo by Sgt. In Ha Chung

Korean Augmentations to the U.S. Army and Soldiers form the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, stand together during a patching ceremony Nov. 12, on Camp Hovey, Republic of Korea. This ceremony involved the Raider Soldiers placing the 3rd ID patch on the KATUSAs’ left arms which formally welcomed them to the team.

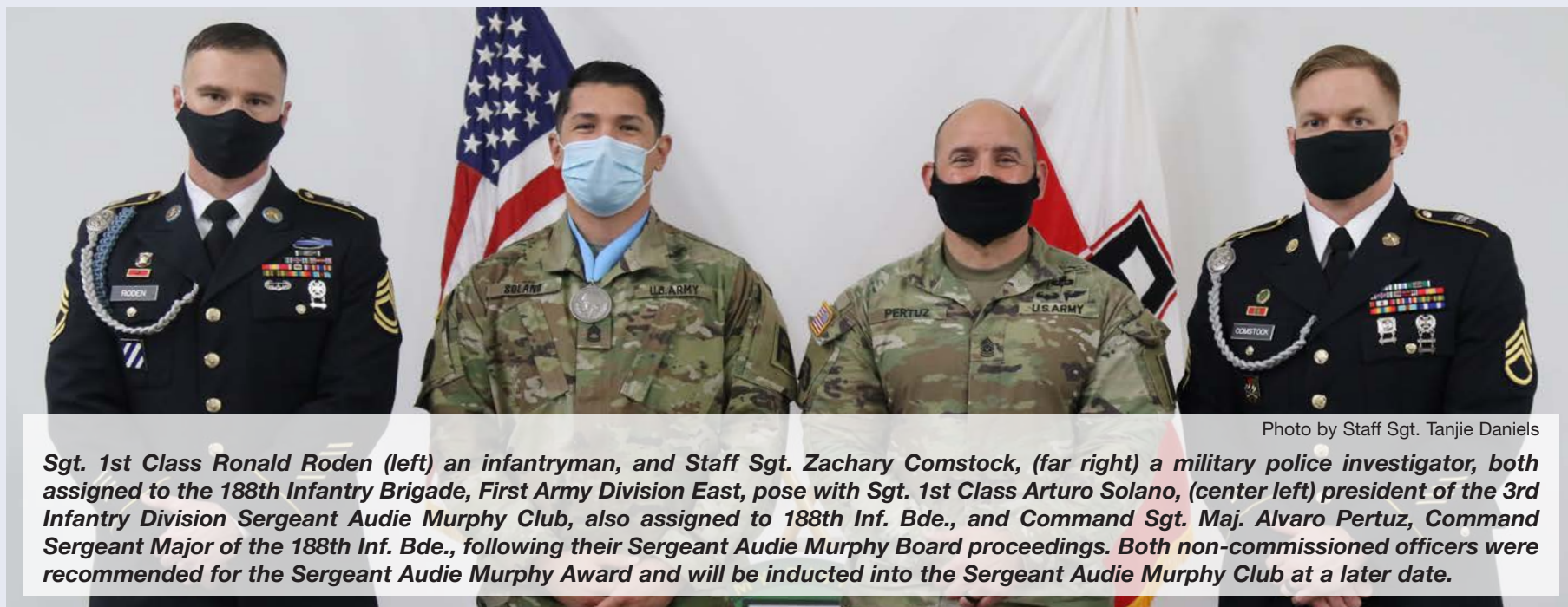


Photo by Staff Sgt. Tanjie Daniels

Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Roden (left) an infantryman, and Staff Sgt. Zachary Comstock, (far right) a military police investigator, both assigned to the 188th Infantry Brigade, First Army Division East, pose with Sgt. 1st Class Arturo Solano, (center left) president of the 3rd Infantry Division Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, also assigned to 188th Inf. Bde., and Command Sgt. Maj. Alvaro Pertuz, Command Sergeant Major of the 188th Inf. Bde., following their Sergeant Audie Murphy Board proceedings. Both non-commissioned officers were recommended for the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award and will be inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club at a later date.

Soldiers compete for elite Sergeant Audie Murphy Award

Staff Sgt. Tanjie Daniels
188th Inf. Bde.

With the recent changes made to the promotion system, where promotions will be based off of merit instead of time served, noncommissioned officers need to set themselves apart from their peers now more than ever in order to achieve that next rank.

Two Soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Roden and Staff Sgt. Zachary Comstock within the 188th Infantry Brigade, First Army Division East, decided to do just that by participating in First Army's second quarter Sergeant Audie Murphy Board.

"I've wanted to participate in this board for a very long time but never made the time," said Comstock, a Military Police Investigator, assigned to 4-306 Brigade Engineer Battalion, 188th Infantry Brigade, First Army Division East. "However being here at Fort Stewart, and having leadership like Lt. Col. Morrow, Command Sgt. Maj. Kelly, and Sgt. 1st Class Hutton encourage me to participate really set me on the path to accomplish what I've wanted for so long."

Sgt. Audie Murphy was a NCO who, as a squad leader, consistently demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership, professionalism, and regard for the welfare of his Soldiers. The

FORSCOM Sgt. Audie Murphy Award (SAMA) is an elite award for NCOs whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition.

"It says that the club is reserved for NCOs who have demonstrated exceptionally high standards. When I saw that, I said to myself, that's where I belong." Said Roden, an infantryman assigned to 3rd Battalion, 395th Regiment, 188th Infantry Brigade, First Army Division East.

The entire board spanned over three days and included an Army physical fitness test, where the candidates had to score 90 percent in each event; a written exam, used to assess their knowledge using current Army doctrine; a written essay, on current events; and an oral board where they had to demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Roden said, this was the hardest board he had ever competed in.

"Knowing that the questions were going to be situational, and not a typical Q&A format made it almost impossible to know what to expect," he said. "The questions that the command sergeants major presented definitely challenged your ability to think quickly in regards to leadership, and what you would do given different scenarios."

Comstock agreed with Roden on the level of

difficulty this board presented.

"In other boards you're typically competing against other competitors for an overall winner; however, with this board you are competing against yourself," he said. "Having the division command sergeant major as the president of the board as well as the brigade and battalion CSMs as board members also made the environment that much more stressful."

After spending a grueling 45-60 minutes each being grilled heavily by the board members, each candidate was successfully recommended for both the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award (SAMA) and induction into the club (SAMC).

"It feels great," Roden said. "I proved to myself that I can overcome my weaknesses through hard work and dedication to whatever it is I aspire to do."

Cornstock kept himself under pressure and believed he was lucky.

"Even after the board was over and they said I was being recommended; I was just surprised," he said.

First Army Division East Command Sgt. Maj. David Bass, who sat as the president of the board said, "I am very proud for what those non-commissioned officers represented not only for themselves but also for the unit."