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INSTALLATION WELCOMES NEW COMMANDING GENERAL

Assistant Secretary of the Army visits installation

Staff Report

The acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Environment & Energy), Mr. Jack Surash, visited Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield June 17-18 to discuss energy resilience initiatives; environmental achievements; and Fort Stewart's Facility Investment Program.

During his visit, the Fort Stewart team discussed energy, water, and sustainability initiatives and their alignment with the Army's Installations Strategy (AIS) and the Army Installation Energy and Water Strategic Plan which focuses on energy and water resilience, efficiency and affordability. The team also provided information on Fort Stewart's resilience capabilities to support energy requirements for critical missions for three to 14 days in the event of a grid power outage.

"Visits like this one are important in order for them to see firsthand the great strides Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is making towards environmental restoration and energy resilience," said former Garrison Commander Col. Bryan Logan. "We are one of the leading Department of Defense installations, not only for cultural resource management, but also in energy and water efficiency."

Surash said he was impressed with Fort Stewart's energy initiatives to include the 30 megawatt solar project that was a result of collaboration between Fort Stewart, the Office of Energy Initiatives and Georgia Power. The grid-facing energy generation project has been operational since January 2017 and produces power that feeds into the regional power grid. It improves resilience by adding distributed generation sources and diversifying the power supply chain. GPC financed, owns, operates, and maintains the project.

Surash also attended a ribbon cutting at a 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team's barracks complex, which were renovated prior to the unit's redeployment.



Photo by Molly Cooke

The acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Environment & Energy), Mr. Jack Surash, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison senior enlisted leader Command Sgt. Maj. Bryan Buchanan and Directorate of Public Works Planning and Engineering division chief Kyle Wemett tour a renovated 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team's barracks rooms, June 18 on Fort Stewart.

"Before the renovation, each Soldier who occupied these barracks had 76 square feet of living space," Logan said. "The Army standard is 90 square feet of living space and the newly renovated barracks now have about 110 square feet. It's a good living space for our service members."

Fort Stewart representatives also briefed Surash on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield privatized utility system, energy savings performance contracts, water resilience capabilities to support water requirements for critical missions for greater than 14 days in the event of a water utility outage, climate and extreme weather resilience plans, status of the Installation Energy and Water Plan, cybersecurity assessments, as well as energy resilience and conservation investment program projects.

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Marne Voices Speak Out

What would you do on your ultimate Summer vacation?

Photos by Spc. Jose Escamilla

"I would take my family somewhere tropical, like Jamaica for the summer."

Staff Sgt. Aaron Terry
HSC, HHBn, 3rd ID



"I would love to go back to Hawaii for the summer."

Sgt. Christien Ridgel
HSC, HHBn, 3rd ID



"For my ultimate summer plan, I'd head to the beach with my friends and have a picnic"

Pvt. Aquizette Dorsey
HSC, HHBn, 3rd ID



"I'd go swimming in Dubai for my ultimate summer plan."

Sgt. Khoa Vo
HSC, HHBn, 3rd ID



"I would take my kids to Disney World in Florida."

Cpl. Austin Tate
HSC, HHBn, 3rd ID



Cover: Aviators from 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, fly over the 3rd ID change of command ceremony, June 21 on Fort Stewart. Maj. Gen. Charles D. Constanza assumed command of the division from Maj. Gen. Antonio A. Aguto. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot)

Installation welcomes new garrison commander



Molly Cooke
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison hosted a change of command ceremony, June 22 on Fort Stewart, from outgoing Garrison Commander Col. Bryan Logan, to incoming Garrison Commander Col. Manuel Ramirez.

The ceremony marked the official welcome for Ramirez and his Family to Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield and Coastal Georgia.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command Directorate-Readiness, Director Brenda Lee McCullough presided over the ceremony.

“He is ideally suited to lead the Fort Stewart team and support the priorities and requirements set by the Maj. Gen. (Charles) Costanza and the IMCOM priorities set by Lt. Gen. (Douglas) Gabram,” McCullough said of Ramirez.

Ramirez said he is happy to be back in the South.

“My Family and I have been hugely impressed with the Southern hospitality of Fort Stewart, my fellow commanders and surrounding communities, as you all have welcomed us to our new home with open arms,” Ramirez said. “I’m extremely honored to take command and serve alongside a distinguished team that directly supports the Army’s number

one priority, people.”

Prior to arriving on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, Ramirez was assigned as the director for the U.S. Army G-2’s Foreign Intelligence Directorate in Washington D.C. Ramirez has multiple combat deployments to Iraq, most recently in 2008, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn as an Intelligence Planner in the United States Forces-Iraq’s Intelligence Directorate.

“One of [my] priorities is people. From renovations to the barracks, making sure that the Families and the Dogface Soldiers that we support here on Fort Stewart have the proper things that they need, that their children are taken care of and that their schools are good,” Ramirez said.

Additionally, Ramirez hailed the over 180 services provided by the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison on a daily basis in an effort to support the communities both on and off the installation.

“This is going to be a great opportunity that I look forward to,” Ramirez said. “It’s going to be a challenging opportunity but it’s also going to be a great one.”

To learn more about Col. Ramirez, check out the latest editions of the Marne Minute and the Marne Report podcast.

Photos by Diane Jonson

Left: The U.S. Army Installation Management Command Directorate-Readiness Director Brenda Lee McCullough passes the Garrison colors to incoming Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander Col. Manny Ramirez, June 22 on Fort Stewart.

Right: Col. Manny Ramirez addresses the audience after assuming command of the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison, June 22 on Fort Stewart.



MWR recognized with ‘double whammy’ IMCOM awards

Molly Cooke

Fort Stewart Public Affairs

A Fort Stewart employee with the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation was recently recognized for excellence in her craft by Installation Management Command, continuing a tradition of winning here.

Each year, IMCOM awards the most qualified candidates across U.S. Army garrisons with the prestigious James A. Carrol Jr. Award for excellence in food and beverage management.

Lesley Ryckman, business manager for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield’s FMWR’s Club Stewart was recently named as the 2020 recipient of the award recognizing her efforts not only during the past year but during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I’ve been working for [F]MWR for 10 years and I love everything about it, the challenge and the daily hustle,” Ryckman said. “It’s great to be recognized for the work and dedication.”

During the year, as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, Ryckman not only implemented the required protocols to keep her staff and customers safe; but she also recognized an opportunity to support the Fort Stewart community through creative food service opportunities. These opportunities included the transfer of excess inventory to local DoDEA schools to help feed on-post children during remote learning, and a boxed meal program for pick-up and delivery while all other food operations were closed due to the shut-down.

“When you take a look at all the transformation that Club Stewart has been undergoing, especially under Lesley’s management, not just in her tenure, but especially over the last year during COVID, she really has taken the entire program and flipped it completely upside down,” said FMWR Business Operations Chief Tyler Gierber. “We took a look at what our new operating environments were going to be coming out of a COVID environment and from buffets, sanitation and safety to social distancing, we decided to revamp our entire activity and really go forward. Some of it was a little bit of a leap of faith.”

According to Gierber, there are three elements an employee must meet in order to be considered for the James A. Carroll Jr. Award. This includes financial performance, innovation and creativity, and future projections.

“It was a pretty easy thing to outline because all I did was take a look at all the great work that Lesley has done, is doing, and will continue to do,” he said. “In the end, Lesley came out on top across the entire Army enterprise, which is why this is one of the most coveted awards for food and beverage entertainment.”

Throughout the past year, Ryckman and her team have introduced a new menu at Club Stewart’s



Photo by Molly Cooke

Lesley Ryckman, Business Manager for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield’s Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Club Stewart, prepares cups of chili with the Club’s kitchen staff, June 16 on Fort Stewart. Club Stewart was recently awarded a catering contract to prepare 16,000 meals for National Guard troops currently training on Camp Oliver.

Thunder Run restaurant, converted a bus into a mobile food operation, introduced a new food and beverage operation to the Hunter Army Airfield community, and created countless COVID-friendly events for the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community enjoy such as second Sunday brunch and Friday night dinners.

“Our focus at the beginning of the pandemic was that supply chains were strained,” Ryckman said. “We made the decision that everything had to be made fresh and more often, which really kind of revamped the quality that a lot of folks would see which echoed into our dinner services.”

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield FMWR is no stranger to awards. Last year, the Marne Lanes Bowling Center manager, Roni Steven’s took home the 2019 IMCOM Excellence in Management Award for Bowling Programs.

“Roni has been a part of the organization for years and it’s her first time [to win] in her decades of working with MWR,” Gierber said. “The award came in

the latter half of the year because everything was overshadowed by COVID. I was really fortunate to hear that I had two winners in such a short period of time so I really look at them both as a double whammy of winners.”

Throughout the pandemic, Stevens and her team also took the opportunity to revamp their facility with a fresh coat of paint, the addition of e-sports gaming systems and added a new menu with fresh, made-to-order options.

Gierber also emphasized the importance of FMWR programs giving back to the community.

“Whenever you visit one of our [F]MWR facilities, you’re also giving back to your community,” he said. “You know that saying ‘shop local’, you can’t get any more local than what’s inside this containment area, knowing that there’s a great added value for our customers to support folks that are here to support them.”

To learn more about Club Stewart check out the June 11 edition of the Marne Report podcast. Now available on iTunes and Spotify.



ACS, MWR, Coastal Happening Briefs

General Order 1 updates posted

To learn more about what is permitted during COVID-19 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

Virtual newcomers orientation

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

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.

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.

FEMS offers new facility manager course

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

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Fort Stewart lost and found property

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

Visitor Control Center updated hours

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

3rd ID Equal Opportunity hotline

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

Podcast now on iTunes, Spotify

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

Library offers Summer reading program

Sign up for the 2021 Summer Reading Program at Hays Library today for a chance to win incentives for meeting weekly reading goals. There will be weekly activities for children. Each event will be virtual, held outdoors, or issued through take-home kits. This program is open to all ages. Cost is free. Those who register will receive a free t-shirt. To register, call 767-2828.

Fort Stewart vaccine services

The Moderna vaccine is available to TRICARE beneficiaries 18 and older at Newman Gym 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Thursday. No appointment is necessary for the first dose. The second dose appointment is automatically scheduled an annotated on your vaccination card for at least 28 days later.

MWR Independence Day celebrations

MWR will host 2 Independence Day celebrations for the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community. The Hunter Army Airfield event will take place July 3 on Family Day Field. The Fort Stewart event will be held July 4 on Donovan Field. Both events begin at 7 p.m. and will feature the 3rd Infantry Division Rock Band, food trucks and fireworks. Event is open to authorized DOD ID card holders. For more info visit stewarthunter.armymwr.com.

EFMP to offer Summer sports program

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Families with children who are enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program are invited to register their children for the upcoming EFMP Summer sports program. The program is open to ages 4 and up and the cost is \$20 per child/per sport. The season will run July 6-22 and will feature t-ball, soccer and flag football. For more information call 767-2312 (FS) or 315-5425 (HAAF).

DASG internship program

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

WINN BRIEFS

Winn to offer school health screenings

Winn Army Community Hospital will host Georgia public school health screenings and athletic exams on June 26, July 31, and Aug. 7. Services include prescriptions for poor sight, dental hygiene, hearing evaluations, immunizations, nutrition optimization, and scoliosis screenings. Medication refills, action plans, and referrals will not be offered during the screenings. To make an appointment, call 435-6633.

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 Kyle McKelvey at kyle.l.mckelvey2.mil@mail.mil for more information. We look forward to hearing from you. The meeting is the second tuesday of each month at noon. Location will be listed on the Fort Stewart SAMC Facebook page.

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](https://www.facebook.com/SFABRecruiting) every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Visit [goarmy.com/sfab](https://www.goarmy.com/sfab) 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.

Drug suppression team offers assistance

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

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.

DANTES reimbursement program to end

DANTES, the sponsored college and career readiness exams reimbursement will sunset Oct. 1. Service members must submit exam reimbursement requests via the DANTES Exam Reimbursement Center no later than June 30. Be sure to attach a copy of your payment receipt and score report. Exams that will no longer be offered and/or reimbursed by DANTES, as of July 1, 2021, include the: GED, ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, and the Praxis Series. If you have any questions, please contact the Fort Stewart Education Center at 767-8331

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notice of Public Comment Period Proposed Plan HAA-01 Former Fire Training Area and DAACG Chlorinated Solvents Area, Hunter Army Airfield

The Department of the Army invites the public to review and comment on the Proposed Plan (PP) for the HAA-01 Former Fire Training Area and DAACG Chlorinated Solvents Area, at Hunter Army Airfield.

The PP presents the U.S. Army's preferred alternatives to clean up groundwater and contaminated soil at HAA-01. The PP describes investigations, risk assessments, cleanup activities, and risk to human health at the HAA-01 Site. The PP is issued by the Army as the lead agency for cleanup at the HAA-01 Site in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, as support agency, and in accordance with the public participation requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq. as amended) Section 117(a) and under 40 CFR Section 300.430(f)(2) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan.

The preferred alternative proposed for public comment at this time is to remediate groundwater utilizing Enhanced Reductive Dechlorination, Monitored Natural Attenuation, and land use controls and treat the soil

through capping with a vegetative cover. ERD consists of the injection of emulsified vegetable oil into the subsurface to accelerate the natural degradation of chlorinated volatile organic constituents.

MNA is defined as a variety of physical, chemical, and biological processes that, under favorable conditions, act without human intervention to reduce the mass, toxicity, mobility, volume, or concentration of contaminants in groundwater. Groundwater monitoring and institutional controls will be implemented and monitored to achieve protection of human health and the environment until groundwater concentrations meet federal cleanup criteria. Interested members of the public may review and comment on the PP during a 30-day Public Comment Period, from July, 1, 2021 to July 30, 2021.

The PP may be reviewed at the Southwest Chatham County Library located at 14097 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31419 or Fort Stewart, DPW Prevention & Compliance Branch, 1550 Veterans Parkway Building 1137, Fort Stewart, Georgia 31314 between the Hours of: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or online at

the following link: home.army.mil/stewart/index.php/about/Garrison/DPW/environmental/prevention-and-compliance/adminrecord.

Written comments on the PP may be sent to Tavy J. Wade, Acting Remediation Section Leader, Civil Engineer, DPW Prevention & Compliance Branch, 1550 Veterans Parkway, Building 1137, Fort Stewart, Georgia 31314 or tavy.j.wade.civ@mail.mil.

Comments must be received no later than midnight of the last day of the comment period to be considered. A public meeting has not been scheduled due to COVID-related concerns; however, the Army will do so if the Army receives a request for a public meeting within the 30-day comment period which ends on July 30.

If a public meeting is requested, then the Army will extend the public comment period by 60 days and hold the public meeting within that 60-day extension of the public comment period. The public will be notified of the date, time, and location of the meeting through a notice in the Fort Stewart Garrison newspaper, The Frontline.

Provider Soldier inducted into Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe

Sgt. Laurissa Hodges
3rd DSB

Staff Sgt. Ingrid Brown, the 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and small arms/artillery repairer assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, was inducted into the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe on Fort Stewart, June 17.

According to the Ordnance Corps Association website, the Order of Samuel Sharpe was created in honor of Samuel Sharpe, a member of the Council of 13 freemen of the original 13 American Colonies. On April 17th, 1629, Sharpe was appointed the master gunner of ordnance by the Massachusetts Bay colonies for his knowledge, expertise and professionalism.

The purpose of the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe is to recognize those individuals who have displayed the same qualities as Sharpe, serving the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps with demonstrated integrity, moral character and professional competence.

“It takes a lot of achievement to be recognized for the regimental award because you’re actually recognized not just among your unit peers, but throughout the Army as a whole by fellow ordnance personnel,” said Maj. Eric Shumpert, 188th Infantry Brigade simulation officer assigned to 188th Infantry Brigade, First Army Division East. “It takes a certain amount of pride and hitting certain milestones to achieve this award.”

Brown was submitted for being ambitious and accomplishing milestones in her military career.

“I knew her in Korea when she was the arm’s room and training room noncommissioned officer,” said Shumpert. “She’s an extreme go-getter, a team player and consistently pushes herself to achieve bigger and better things. She received a perfect on her organization inspection program and was also the Southeast

Asian USO volunteer of the year.”

From the time Shumpert knew Brown she always set out to accomplish goals while also mentoring peers and subordinates alike.

“While working with her she actually listens to mentorship advice on how to further her career not just with the Army but in life such as completing her Society and Logistics Expert certification upon finishing ALC,” said Shumpert. “She stands out because while in ALC she spoke with her peers about the opportunity and then they went and completed their certification. By doing this she has become a better individual by making others around her better.”

Brown worked towards receiving the award by accepting opportunities within her scope of her military occupation specialty as well as broadening assignments outside her career path.

“As PV2 Brown from Staff Sergeant Brown I’ve done six years,” said Brown. “The award is a regimental award for ordnance but I look at being more than a 91 Foxtrot and fixing weapons.”

Brown waited on receiving the award since she was a promotable sergeant, but could not receive only because she had only served the military five years.

“I’ve been waiting for this award for a while,” said Brown. “When I work hard I like that recognition. I like to see my name on a certificate and display it to inspire others. I worked hard for this so to me it’s an accomplishment.”

Brown advises and mentors those around her to volunteer for things to set themselves apart.

“Don’t put your eggs in one basket,” said Brown.

In the future, Brown plans to make the military a career.

“My long-term goal is to become Command Sergeant Major Brown or Chief Warrant Officer Brown,” said Brown. “I gave myself 20 years and I have 14 more to go.”



Photo by Sgt. Laurissa Hodges

Former 3rd Sustainment Brigade Commander Col. Steve Erickson (left), and Christine Erickson (right), present the Order of Samuel Sharpe induction award to Staff Sgt. Ingrid Brown (middle), June 17 on Fort Stewart.

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Army major stresses importance of diversity during Pride Month

Staff Sgt. Brian Ragin
2nd ABCT

Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, New York. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the U.S. the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as “Gay Pride Day.”

Now celebrated the entire month of June, the US Army recognizes its Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning service members and civilians for their dedicated service to both the Army mission and to our Nation.

“Pride Month to me is an opportunity to highlight diversity,” said Maj. Donald A. Schmidt II, the executive officer of the 9th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. “It’s to recognize the hard work that others put in, in the past to get us [the LGBTQ community], where it is today, especially across the services.”

Schmidt, a 34-year-old Latham, New York native and LGBTQ Engineer officer, grew up as an Army brat. He went to seven different grade schools and two different high schools.

“Growing up an Army brat is hard on anyone, but it allowed me to meet people from all walks of life, share in their experiences, introduce them to my experiences and grow,” said Schmidt.

In 1994, the Department of Defense adopted the policy “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” as the official federal policy on military service by lesbian, gay and bisexual service members. The rule was considered discrimination against LGBTQ service members by stopping them from being open about their gender identification and sexual orientation.

DADT was based on the assumption that the presence of LGBTQ individuals in any branch of the military would undermine the ability of people to carry out their duties. Throughout the policy’s life, thousands of brave service members were discharged simply for who they were.

“If you’re fit and you’re qualified to serve, and you can maintain the standards, you should be allowed to serve,” said Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III in January 2021.

Schmidt who started his military career as a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 2003 and commissioned four years later in 2007. He started serving when the DADT policy was still in effect.

“It was not too long ago, that it was essentially illegal to serve openly, under DADT,” added Schmidt. “The hard work, dedication and conviction of strong men and women before we set conditions for me, and others in the LGBTQ community to serve openly.



Courtesy photo

Maj. Donald Schmidt, executive officer of the 9th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, poses for a photo with his spouse Matt.

In 2011, DADT was repealed, and there was not this mass disruption of unit cohesion across the force. In my experience, people and service members, in large part, did not care.”

Shortly after the repeal, Schmidt met his spouse Matt before deploying to Afghanistan.

“We connected through a dating app as I was leaving for a deployment,” said Schmidt. “Once I left, we kept in touch writing to each other, pretty much daily, old school pen pals, when we each had time to do so.”

Shortly after Schmidt’s nine-month deployment, because of the operations tempo the Army has, the couple had to make the decision quickly, to continue dating or part ways.

“We chose to stick it out, move in together, and move to the next adventure the Army had in store for us,” added Schmidt.

Now in year five of marriage, the couple spends their time traveling, trying to maintain a healthy relationship at home, and hopes to one day expand their family beyond fur-babies.

“I grew up in a loving and cohesive family, said Schmidt. “Matt and I want that for ourselves one day too. Growing a family in a same-sex relationship presents its own set of challenges, financially, timing and legally. But it is something that Matt and I want

to do, raise a child or children in a loving family.”

At the moment, Schmidt is focused on his profession and serving those he leads.

“Professionally, I’m here to serve. I told myself when I commissioned after much counseling from my father, who retired as a Command Sgt. Maj., that I should not set unrealistic goals, to stay grounded and work hard, and if I take care of enough Soldiers, accomplish the right missions, and continue to grow, the Army will remain a place for me,” Schmidt explained.

Schmidt conveyed that the simple but complex Army initiative “People First” is the hardest thing leaders do.

“Leaders, all of us, can have either a positive or a negative impact on others,” said Schmidt. “I believe observances, like Pride Month helps and reminds us that we are all different. To really put ‘People First’ we have to recognize these differences, embrace and learn from them before we can truly put our Soldiers and Families first.”

For Schmidt, it all comes back to recognizing each Soldier for who they are as an individual.

“If we get that right,” concluded Schmidt. “All the rest, tied to readiness, lethality and cohesion, everything that makes it possible to do our jobs and serve effectively, will come easier.”

ASSASSINS BUILD COHESION, SHARPEN SKILLS

Staff Sgt. Daniel Guerrero
1st ABCT

Nothing brings a team together like a challenge. Which is just what happened with the Soldiers of Company A, "Assassins", of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade combat team, 3rd Infantry Division, as they successfully negotiated the challenging obstacle course at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, June 15.

Not to say the Assassins are not already a tight knit group, but negotiating tough obstacles like these, forces any team to find creative ways to grow together and overcome.

"My Soldiers and I are always mission focused and moving forward," said 1st Lt. James Mbony, the lead planner for Assassin Company, 2-7IN. "We always have a lot going on, however the Soldiers of Assassin Company will never pass up an opportunity to train, compete, and get better every day."

The course consisted of 15 different obstacles of varying difficulty. The

Assassins were tasked to negotiate all of these in buddy teams and squad size elements.

Mbony adds that conducting the obstacle course was an opportunity for our Soldiers to challenge themselves physically and mentally, as well as build teamwork skills. This was an opportunity for them to get repetitions at a tested event which some will face in the future for those with aspirations of attending Ranger School and Air Assault School.

"The Soldiers in the platoon are fit and highly motivated," said Staff Sgt. Nathan Romeny, the noncommissioned officer in charge assigned to Assassin Company, 2-7IN. "However, for many of them it was the first opportunity since OSUT (One Station Unit Training) to conduct an obstacle course. We conducted the training to re-familiarize Soldiers with the challenge of negotiating obstacles."

The Troops of Assassin Company will continue to grow together as a family and sharpen their skills as they move forward, which is what they will always do, move forward together.



Photo by 1st Lt. James Mbony

From left, Pfc. Colten Gresham, Spc. Victor Avila, and Pfc. Devon Merrell, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, negotiates the obstacle course at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, June 15.

'Tis the season for firework safety

Charles Woodward
Division Safety Office

Celebrating the 4th of July with fireworks is a fun American tradition. In the next few weeks, millions of Americans will gather across the Country to watch the spectacular displays.

Each year in the U.S., there are thousands of injuries and deaths reported that are attributed to fireworks related incidents.

In 2019, an estimated 10,000 injuries were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms. Additionally, at least 12 fireworks related deaths (non-occupational) occurred due to misuse and malfunctions. Over 60% of these injuries and deaths occurred in the month surrounding July 4. Injuries sustained to the hands and fingers were the most common, followed by legs, eyes, face, ears and arms; 36% of these reported injuries were for children.

In the military, we train to have a healthy respect for the power of explosives and incendiaries. Let's not forget, that fireworks, no matter how small, pose they are explosives that can burn and injure you and your loved ones.

Additionally, it's important to not disregard potential injuries from smaller fireworks, such as firecrackers and sparklers. Sparklers may seem innocuous, but they are known to burn as hot as 2,000 degrees, and are a leading cause of injuries, especially to small children.

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3RD INFANTRY DIVISION WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

Maj. Angel Tomko
3rd Infantry Division

Soldiers, Family members, and friends of the 3rd Infantry Division gathered on Cottrell Field on Fort Stewart, to witness the Division change of command on June 21. Maj. Gen. Antonio A. Aguto, Jr. relinquished command of the Marne Division to Maj. Gen. Charles D. Costanza after 24 months in command.

Costanza returns to the Division after commanding the now-deactivated 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID, on Fort Benning from 2013 to 2015.

The presiding officer for the ceremony was Lt. Gen. Michael E. Kurilla, commanding general of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. He shared his personal thoughts of the two commanders, as well as the milestones the Division had encountered throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Dogface Soldiers were not stopped by COVID,” said Kurilla. “Gunnery continued. Schools remained open. Scheduled Combined Training Center rotations were supported. 2020 was a defining moment. You all met that moment.”

Kurilla thanked Aguto and his wife, Melanie, for their service to the 3rd ID Soldiers, Families and the community. Under Aguto’s command, the Marne Division provided support through Hurricane Dorian and COVID-19, all while balancing planned mission requirements and training.

“What an unprecedented time it’s been these last couple of years,” said Aguto. “I don’t think I have to say the word COVID-19 to understand what it meant to all of us. I don’t think I have to say things like hurricanes or deployments... Sometimes the hardest decisions we have to make are those not covered by doctrine.”

Aguto went on to reflect on how proud he was of how the Soldiers, Families and community leadership came together to overcome these nontraditional adversities as a whole, from Hinesville to Savannah.

The passing of the Division’s colors from Aguto to Costanza symbolized a new chapter in the Division’s history. Costanza shared his excitement to return as a 3rd ID Soldier and lead the Division.

“For everyone out on the parade field, all the Families and civilians, thank you for your service,” said Costanza. “I look forward to having the opportunity to serve with you and I think that’s an important way to phrase it.”



Photos by Staff Sgt. Todd Pouliot

Lt. Gen. Michael “Erick” Kurilla, XVIII Airborne Corps commander, passes the 3rd Infantry Division colors to Maj. Gen. Charles D. Costanza, incoming 3rd ID commander, during a Change of Command Ceremony, June 21 on Fort Stewart.



Lt. Gen. Michael “Erik” Kurilla, XVIII Airborne Corps commander, flanked by Maj. Gen. Charles D. Costanza, incoming 3rd Infantry Division commander, and Maj. Gen. Antonio A. Aguto, outgoing 3rd ID commander, inspect the troops during a Change of Command Ceremony, June 21 on Fort Stewart.

Photo by Spc. Robert Wormley

Maj. Gen. Charles D. Costanza, 3rd Infantry Division Commander, hugs Maj. Gen. Antonio A. Aguto, outgoing 3rd Infantry Division Commander, after Aguto delivers his final speech to his Dogface Soldiers and their families at the Change of Command Ceremony, June 21 on Fort Stewart.



Photo by Spc. Robert Wormley

Maj. Gen. Charles D. Costanza, 3rd Infantry Division Commander, delivers his first speech to his Dogface Soldiers and their Families at the Change of Command Ceremony, June 21 on Fort Stewart. Costanza comes from U.S. Army Forces Command, where he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 since June 2020.

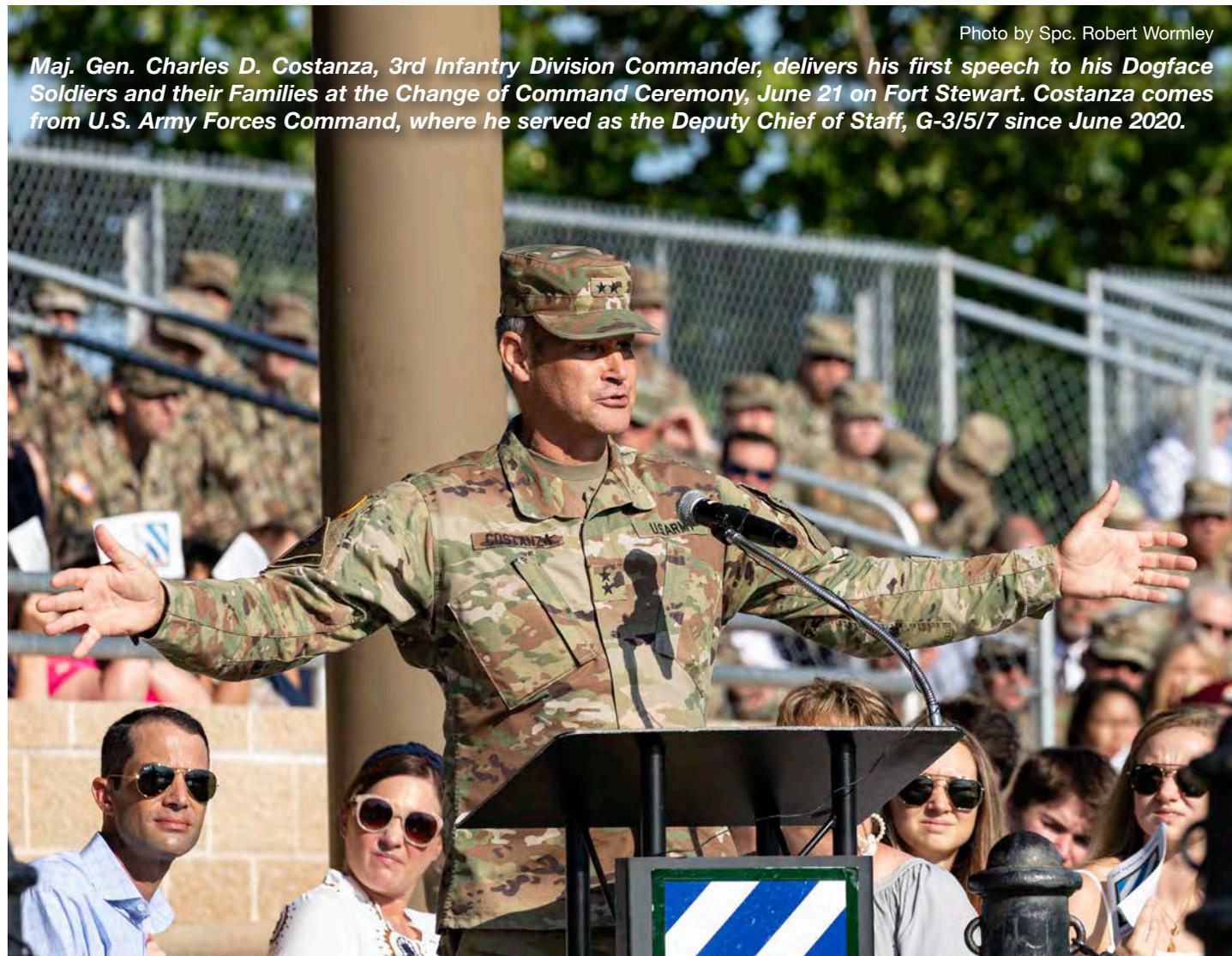


Photo by Pfc. Caitlin Wilkins

The 3rd Infantry Division Band plays the national anthem during the Division Change of Command Ceremony, June 21 on Fort Stewart.



Photo by Pfc. Anthony Ford

Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, depart an airplane, June 8 on Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Black Lions arrive for Orient Shield

Pfc. Anthony Ford
50th PAD

The final group of Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment "Black Lions," 3rd Infantry Division, arrived in Japan June 8,, to begin a 14-day restriction of movement prior to the start of Exercise Orient Shield 21-2. Groups of Soldiers in this unit began arriving earlier this month.

Upon completion of the mandatory RoM, these Soldiers will take part in Orient Shield, which is the largest annual bilateral field training exercise in Japan between the U.S. Army and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force. This exercise is designed to enhance interoperability between the two nations.

The exercise is comprised of approximately 1,700 U.S. and roughly 3,000 JGSDF personnel.

Orient Shield has been held since 1985, this being the 35th installment. This exercise is a demonstration of the U.S.'s and Japan's shared promise to promote peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

"This is a partner force mission to enhance relations with the JGSDF and to show the capabilities of the U.S. Army to deploy anywhere at any time," said Lt. Col. Daniel Pecha, commander of 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt."

During the exercise, Black Lion Soldiers will live and work closely with their Japanese counterparts as they share tactics and techniques in a realistic environment. This training will exercise the knowledge, capabilities and leadership abilities of the participants.

"We are extremely prepared for the baseline tasks we've been asked to do including squad and platoon-level live fires," said Pecha.

Pecha said that Black Lion Soldiers trained extensively for this exercise in the previous months, including time spent qualifying their Soldiers during Expert Infantry Badge, Expert Medical Badge, and Expert Soldier badge training.

For many of the participants, this is their first trip abroad and their first time training with international partners.

Spc. Jordan Colgoazier, an indirect fire infantryman with 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., is excited to train with Japanese forces.

"It's my first time overseas, and it will be a cool experience to be training overseas with the Japanese," he said.

Although restricted to U.S. military installations in Japan during this 14-day period, Black Lion Soldiers continue to hone their warfighting skills in preparation for the upcoming exercise. Soldiers have already begun to utilize the tactical training facilities located on Camp Fuji, where many of the Soldiers are staying, while ensuring they are limiting exposure to both Japanese locals and JGSDF Soldiers.

This year, the exercise was designed specifically to test the ability to move Soldiers into Japan during a COVID-constrained environment while adhering to both U.S. and Japan health standards.

"This fourteen day restriction of movement upon arrival is to ensure the safety of our force, but also the safety of our Japanese partners," explained Pecha.

Orient Shield continues to be a premiere partnership opportunity in the Pacific region and Black Lion Soldiers recognize the importance of being invited to take part.

"This mission is a reward to us for all the hard work our organization has been doing," said Pecha.

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June 14

Sirius Nu'Ulua Harris, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Terry Harris and Pvt. Angeles Harris.

Oliver Gregory Simms, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Brandon Simms and Christine Simms.

Calla Rose Blake, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Daniel Blake and Staff Sgt. Candace Blake.

June 18

Iyani Naomi Monae Felder, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pvt. Divine Felder and Ronna Gittens.



File graphic

Iron Guardian Soldiers relax on the river

Staff Report

SRU

The Adaptive Reconditioning Team at the Soldier Readiness Unit on Fort Stewart held a Kayak adventure June 4 on the Canoochee River.

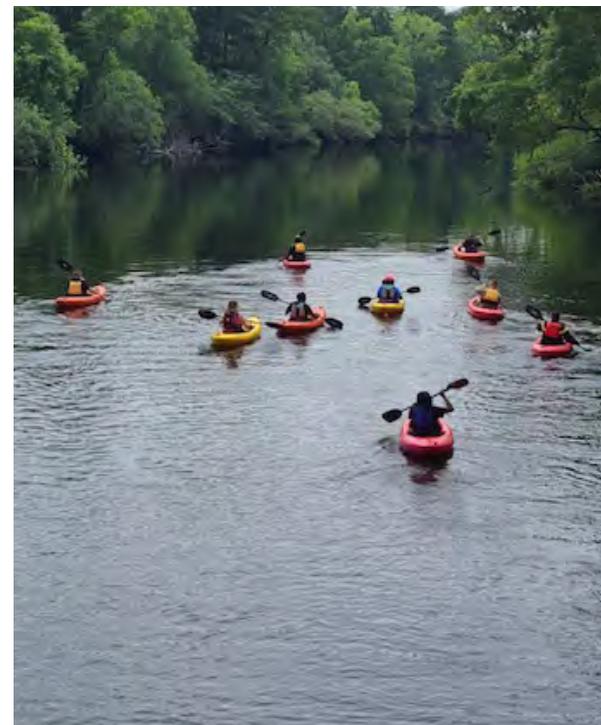
About a dozen members of the Iron Guardian Battalion made the trip, which was scheduled to help provide recuperative training.

The experience, which started at Landings No. 3 on Fort Stewart proved challenging but fun.

Staff Sgt. David Anderson said he felt at home on the water. He said it offered a peaceful experience that calmed thoughts and help people relax.

Sgt. 1st Class Edward Lavoisier echoed Anderson noting how the time flew while they were kayaking, adding that even after an hour, it felt like they had just arrived.

Although the group did see some of the local alligators, it didn't deter the fun and they said they look forward to the next adventure.



Courtesy photos

Above: Iron Guardian Soldiers from the Soldier Recovery Unit – Fort Stewart participate in a Kayak adventure June 4 at Landing 3 on the Canoochee River on Fort Stewart as part of SRU Adaptive Reconditioning training.



Left: Iron Guardian Soldiers prepare to enter the Canoochee River for a day of kayaking, June 4 on Fort Stewart.

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Hounds welcome new commander

Spc. Devron Bost
2nd ABCT

The 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, hosted its change of command ceremony on June 16 where Lt. Col. Steven L. Chadwick relinquished command to Lt. Col. Daniel G. Hodermarsky on Cottrell Field on Fort Stewart.

Chadwick has commanded the 3rd Bn., 67th AR, an armored tank battalion with the call sign "Hound," since June 2019 and thanked his Family, veterans, and Soldiers on the field for their support.

"I have discovered the last few weeks that when you are finishing battalion command you spend a great deal of time reflecting on the privilege and experience of command and the many accomplishments of your Soldiers," said Chadwick.

Chadwick's commitment to continue a legacy of success and determination in the Hound battalion was followed with results.

"Steve, you possess the spirit of a warrior," said Col. Terry R. Tillis, commander of 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID. "To the Chadwicks, thank you for investment, your sacrifice, your perspectives and your unique ability to accomplish the mission. You spearheaded multiple initiatives having an impact on the battal-

ion, brigade and division."

During his time in command, Chadwick served as a commander who led Soldiers through their recent deployment to Europe and Germany. He will continue his journey at the National Training Center operations group at Fort Irwin, California, as the task force senior trainer.

For Hodermarsky, this is his second time serving in the Division. He previously served as the operations officer of the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID, completing multiple deployments to the Baltics, Poland and Germany.

"Daniel, welcome back to our division, we are excited to have you and your family again," said Tillis. "I know you will continue to do great things. I ask you to continue to lead by example and hold yourself and others accountable."

Hodermarsky most recently served as the Professor of Military Science at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

"I'm incredibly honored, humbled, and excited to be back here at Fort Stewart with the 3rd ID," said Hodermarsky. "Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. All policies and procedures remain in effect. Ready for war! Send me! Rock of the Marne!"



Photo by Spc. Devron Bost

Lt. Col. Daniel G. Hodermarsky, incoming commander of the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, receives the unit's colors from Col. Terry R. Tillis, commander of the 2nd ABCT, 3rd ID, during a change of command ceremony at Cottrell Field, June 16 on Fort Stewart.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The benefits of living in the present

Capt. Gibson Garwo
385th MP Bn. Chaplain

The concept of living in the present moment often seems strange to some since most of our conversations are either about the past or the future.

When we speak to each other our discussions are often about what has happened almost as if there is something we can do to change to the past.

The Scripture says "today is the day of salvation". In the most practical part of the book of Romans, Paul writes "And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11). There is a reference to "now and the present time" which underscores the value of the present.

Too often we worry about the past. As a result we become fearful of the future as if by that reaction we can control the future. While it is true that we can influence the future, controlling it is out of our reach.

It is what we do in the present that has the potential to influence the future and create the outcome that we desire. It is what we do in the present that can help correct the mistakes of the past.

A quote often attributed to mother Teresa said "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet." Her conclusion would like be, so live in the present moment. Enjoy the relationships you have now, along with everything else that is good. Leadership guru John Maxwell wrote "The changes we want to make in our lives come only in the present. What we do now controls who we become, and where we are in the future. If you need changes in yourself, and your environment don't dwell in your past. You can't change it. Focus on the current moment and what you can do now."

The next time you find yourself worried about tomorrow's problems, and yesterday's troubles, look around you. Today is beautiful and there is much to love and live for if we simply live in the present.

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uses including but not limited to a fuel center, retail, hospitality, or restaurant. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

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

Excellent development opportunity adjacent to I-95 exit 76 on the south bound side. This development tract features 15.91 acres. Property features easy access. There are approximately 5,430 vehicles per day on US/84 and 44,790 vehicles per day traveling I-95. This site is suitable for fuel stations, restaurants and hotels. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

0 Cypress Street Ludowici - \$299,900

This property has it all! Curb cuts, deceleration lane and GDOT access in place. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

286 Hardman Road Walthourville - \$349,900

Industrial opportunity located in Walthourville GA. Located minutes to I95 south and to the Ft. Stewart commercial gate #7. 6.49 Acres offers a chain link security fence and warehouse. 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

606 East Oglethorpe Highway Hinesville - \$750,000 REDUCED

Commercial property in the rapidly growing highway 84 corridor with approximately 289 linear foot of state highway frontage. Its location is central to the Hinesville VA Clinic, Ft. Stewart gates 1, 2, and 3 as well as being located inside the downtown overlay district and military opportunity zone. There are approximately 30,650 vehicles per day. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

230 W General Screven Way Suite 100 Hinesville - \$15NNN

This is a 4200 sq ft former pizza restaurant. There is a walk-in cooler in place. It is less than one mile from Ft. Stewart Gate

863 Oglethorpe Highway, Suite #260, Hinesville

Fantastic Business Opportunity existing Barberitos Southwestern Grille & Cantina Franchise, \$150,000 for fixtures & equipment. Buyer must assume existing lease on 2200 SQFT, Rent \$4,033.33, \$22 NNN. Located in the TJ Maxx, Hobby Lobby Anchored Shopping Center. Co-tenants include Wayback Burgers, Chick-fil-A, Five Below, PetSmart, Panda Express and Car Wash. Please don't disturb the employees, they have no information. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

135-139 Martin Luther King, Jr Drive, Hinesville

The Brantley Building has been renovated and is in the heart of Downtown Hinesville. Available for lease: Suite 201 is approximately 755 SQ FT. This suite features: Walk-in waiting area, reception window, 2 private offices, storage closet, space available for conference set up, another office, or additional storage. The Brantley Building Rent: Suite 201 A, B, C \$1750 per month, Suite 200 A, Conference Room \$100 1/2 day, \$200 full day, Suite 200 B & C \$1,000 per month, Suite 101 A, B & C \$1,500.00 and Warehouse \$1,000 per month. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

430 Industrial Blvd. Midway - \$2,048 per Month

2,048 Heated square feet of office space for sublease in the Midway Industrial Park. Convenient to I 95 north and south off of US Highway 84. 4 private offices, conference room restrooms and ample parking. Current tenant is a manufacturer looking to lease excess space. Call for private showing!! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

621 West Oglethorpe Highway, Hinesville - \$899,900

1 Acre Pad Site! All utilities in place. Seller to provide access road with cross access easements with Chili's Grill & Bar, curb cuts in place, designed with a drive thru in mind. Excellent visibility from Hwy 84, Oglethorpe Highway. Tenants in the area include Chili's Grill & Bar, Cook Out, Sonic Drive-In, Krispy Kreme, Lowe's, and Walmart. This

is 1 Acre parcel taken from parcel #057C257. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

736 Veterans Parkway, Glennville - \$295,900

Excellent Owner Occupied or Investor Opportunity in Glennville, GA across from Glenview Nursing Home! Pizza Hut just renewed on a 2 year option on 1 Nov 2020. Clear Span Metal Building can be reconfigured to accommodate many uses. Located 22 miles West of Fort Stewart, GA. Seller is a licensed realtor in the State of Georgia. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

131 North Macon Street, Ludowici - \$399,900

Exciting opportunity in central Ludowici! 4,000 SQ FT Steel Building plus 2,452 SQ FT office. Excellent opportunity for daycare, retail or the right industrial business just behind Ludowici Bank and IGA, close to City Hall and Health Department. Building is easy to reconfigure! Call us today! Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

16 E Cypress Street, Ludowici- For Lease \$3,000 per month

Excellent Lease Opportunity! ONLY Signalized corner in Ludowici, located in one of the fastest growing communities in GA. Former Auto Parts Store building has a showroom, warehouse with 2 oversized rooms. Combination Lock, please call for the code. Co-listed with Skyler Wingate Lic #357833, contact at 912-387-3076 or skyler.wingate@outlook.com.

20.81 East Oglethorpe Highway, Hinesville - \$1,100,000

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. Two Parcels 084023/083C017. Jimmy Shanken, Coldwell Banker Southern Coast, 912-368-4300 or 912-977-4733 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

759 Veterans Parkway, Hinesville - \$899,900

Room to grow, possibilities are endless!! 3,600 SQFT Steel Building currently operating as an automotive repair shop. Access from Veterans Parkway and cross access easement to Elma G

Miles Parkway. Zoned C3. Sale is real estate only, no equipment included! Call Jimmy Shanken 912-977-4733 to make an appointment.

HOMES FOR SALE



34 SW Factory Street, Ludowici - \$229,900

GREAT MULTI-FAMILY INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN LUDOWICI!!! Updated Quadplex features 4, 1 bedroom, 1 bath units. New A/C units, New Water Heaters, New Windows, New doors, New Kitchen Cabinets, New Counters, New Sinks, New Appliances, New Linoleum Floors, Fresh interior & exterior paint! New Washer & Dryer in the laundry room and Attic Insulated to R-38. Vacant unit is fully furnished and 3 occupied are unfurnished! Convenient to schools and Downtown, 15 minute drive to Fort Stewart Gates. Pictures coming soon! Don't miss out! Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 cell or Jimmy.shanken@theshankenteam.com



970 Oak Creek Road, Riceboro - \$339,900 SALE PENDING

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 appliances. 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



70 Shady Oaks Loop, Midway - \$135,000 SALE PENDING

WOW! Don't miss out on the opportunity to own this beautiful home! Enjoy an open concept living room and kitchen area while entertaining friends & family or cooking your favorite meal. Freshly painted! NEW HVAC system (less than 1 yr. old!) This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms; including the master with a master bath and walk in closet! The main level hosts a beautiful kitchen area with plenty of counter space and cabinets for all your culinary needs. The laundry area has an incredible room for pantry use or storage! Sit back and relax on the patio to enjoy the serenity of nature or kick back on the couch in the spacious living area! Take a look at this home TODAY! Co-listed with Katrina Lee 912-215-9102



1352 Forest Lake Drive, Hinesville - \$119,900 SALE PENDING

Investment Only! Long term tenant in place. This 2 bedroom & 1 bath home is convenient to Fort Stewart, shopping & schools! Tenant occupied, by appointment only. Please contact Jimmy Shanken at 912-977-4733 or jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



506 Idlewood Circle, Hinesville - \$134,900 SALE PENDING

This adorable 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on a cul-de-sac won't last long!! New Metal Roof! Windows & HVAC replaced within the last two years! Wood laminate and tile floors throughout. Convenient to Fort Stewart, shopping & schools! Please contact Jimmy

Shanken at 912-977-4733 or jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com



52 Charleston Court, Midway - \$219,900 SALE PENDING

THIS AMAZING 4 BEDROOM, 2 BATHROOM BRICK HOME LOCATED IN ARLEN OAKS SUBDIVISION, MIDWAY, WON'T LAST LONG!! Open floor plan with formal living room, dining room and large family room with a fireplace. Large kitchen with breakfast area and plenty of storage space and pantry. Tile floor in kitchen. Split floor plan. Large main bedroom and bathroom. Fenced in backyard, open patio, sits in a cul-de-sac. Close to Fort Stewart, Hunter Airfield and Richmond Hill. NO HOA!!

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 Inter-

section 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

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

.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 or email jimmy.shanken@coldwellbanker.com

Lot 4 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

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

Lot 5 Lakeview Drive Glennville - \$19,900

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

lay 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 Harvery'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 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



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B25-B28 David Road Gumbranch - \$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 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 SALE PENDING

2.47 Acres on the corner of Kelly Dr. and Barry McCaffrey Blvd. would

make for an excellent Retail, Self Storage or small Multifamily 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, Greenville - \$69,900 SALE PENDING

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

Lot 177 Dogwood Lane, Hinesville - \$2,600

Looking for a staycation? Load your RV up and stay the weekend at your new home away from home! Be sure to bring your bathing suit & fishing pole. There's a community pool and a large pond with a dock. There are two dumping stations in the community. Water and electricity in the area. Optional pool membership. The seller's daughter is a licensed real estate agent in the state of Georgia. Co-listed with Nikki Gaskin, contact her at 912-610-8304 or nikkigaskin@theshankenteam.com.

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Lighthouse hosts spouse spur ride

Sgt. Andrew McNeil
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Cheering filled the morning air as the Spouses and Family members of the Soldiers in the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, completed an Army Combat Fitness Test. The test was the first event to kick off the unit's Spouse Spur Ride, June 18 on Hunter Army Airfield.

"We haven't had a chance to get together like this since COVID, so this is a great opportunity to come together; Soldiers, Families and kids and have a good time," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Paulus, the commander of the 3rd Sqn., 17th Cav. Regt.

The spur ride allowed Soldiers and their Families an opportunity to come together and share in the Army experience. Before the event began, the Spouses and Family members were broken down into four teams. After completing the fitness test, the teams were loaded onto medium tactical vehicles and taken to various lanes across the installation they had to complete.

The lanes consisted of an obstacle course, a trip to the installation's engagement skills trainer, a combat lifesavers course and land navigation with troop movement drills. Each lane gave the Family members a hands-on experience putting them in the shoes, or in this case the boots, of their Soldier.

"It is cool to have this opportunity," said Catherine Mathias, the spouse of a C Troop Soldier. The military can be intimidating, so opportunities like this help in showing what Soldiers have to be able to do, Mathias continued.

After the teams completed the lanes, the squadron held a barbecue and lunch for the Soldiers and their Families. The Families were able to get food from local food trucks and play various lawn games.

The lunch was held outside of the hangars where there was a static display. The display allowed Families to see the various types of aircraft and equipment their Soldiers get to work with on a daily basis. The display also included fire trucks from Hunter Army Airfield Fire Emergency Services as well as police officers on horseback from the Savannah Police Department.

During the lunch, the participants of the spur ride were presented with their spurs, and the unit conducted a fly over with their AH-64E Apache helicopters.

"Events like this help us build esprit de corps and bring our families together," Paulus said.

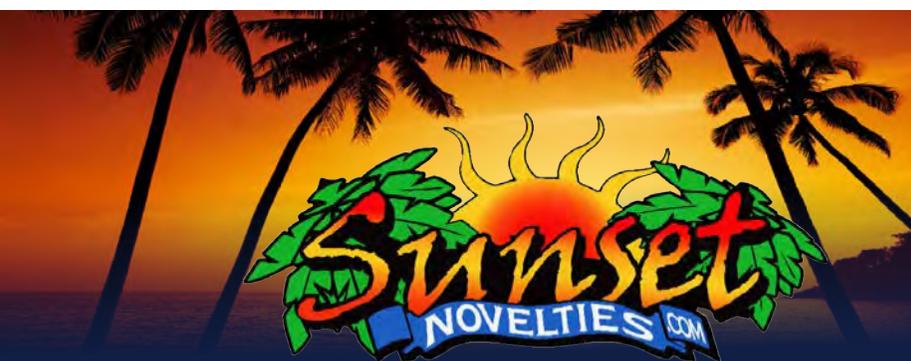


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Spouses of the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, help each other over a wall during an obstacle course run for the Spouse Spur Ride, June 18 on Hunter Army Airfield.



Left: Mounted Patrol units from the Savannah Police Department pose in front of an AH-64 Apache helicopter during the Spouse Spur Ride barbecue, June 18 on Hunter Army Airfield. A Spur Ride is a Cavalry tradition where Soldiers will complete tasks and exercises to earn their spurs and be inducted into the Order of the Spur, and while spouses aren't inducted, it allows them to take part in Cavalry traditions and share their Soldiers' experiences.



Raiders return from Republic of Korea



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Above: The Timms and Franquei Families cheer in preparation for reuniting with their Soldiers during the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division welcome home ceremony, June 8 on Fort Stewart.

Right: A Soldier assigned to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, hugs a loved one following a welcome home ceremony, June 12 on Fort Stewart. (For more photos visit the 3rd Infantry Division Facebook page.)



Soldiers assigned to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division stand on Cottrell Field during the brigade's welcome home ceremony, June 12 on Fort Stewart.

