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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, ARMY COMMUNITY RELATIONS, OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, 1500 ARMY PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, DC 20310-
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SUBJECT: Nomination for Patrick Young for the 2011 Keith L. Ware Community
Relations Individual Achievement Award.

1. I strongly recommend consideration of Patrick Young for the Department of the Army Community Relations Individual Award.
2. Patrick Young is a consummate professional whose experience and work ethic crosses all boundaries of Public Affairs. In 2011, he revitalized the Fort Stewart Cemetery Council as the Fort Stewart Historic Communities Council; coordinated more than 70 visits to installation cemeteries, including two Installation-wide visits in the Spring and Fall; and helped coordinate more than 225 community relations events for 12 counties in Southeast Georgia. He also helped coordinate two state level visits by the GA Board of Regents, and the GA Board of Public Safety. He has produced more than 20 articles for the installation newspaper, and posted more than 300 social media products on Face Book, and other electronic media.
3. Mr. Young is a role-model and considered a total team player. He performs duties as the Deputy Community Relations Officer and performs additional duties as a budget analyst, workforce and man hour data to accurately report Performance Manager, Quality Management Board representative, and Installation Status Reports coordinator. In addition, he helps keep the office running smoothly as the Information Management Officer and alternate Contract Officer Representative for the installation Newspaper. During his free time he assists communities as a volunteer with several councils and committees that provide cultural and recreational activities to both the military and civilian communities, to include a non-voting board member of Bryan County Public Television.
4. Point of contact is Ronald J. Elliott, Director of Public Affairs, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, (912) 435-9870, Ronald.elliott@us.army.mil.


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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY COMMUNITY
RELATIONS AWARDS PROGRAM FOR EXCELLENCE**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS – CATEGORY A
Community Relations – Individual Achievement (Patrick Young)
Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, GA
9 January 2012**

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**2011 MG Keith L. Ware Public Affairs
Community Relations - Category A – Individual Achievement**

Nominee: Patrick M. Young for Community Outreach and the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Historic Communities Council

Unit: Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

a) **Duty Description:** Patrick Young, Deputy Chief, Community Outreach, USAG FS/HAAF Ga. Public Affairs, is responsible for coordinating community relations events for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield with nine primary surrounding counties, and communities of influence in SE GA., SC, and FL.

b) **Additional Duties:** Mr. Young manages the Public Affairs Quarterly Performance Management Review, Quality Management Board reports; and the office's installation Status Report. He also performs duties as Information Management Officer, alternate Government Purchasing Card Approving Official, alternate Contract Management Representative, and serves on the installation's Continuous Improvement Team, and the Crisis Management Team.

c) **Scope of duties:** The scope of work includes executing strategic communications, providing PA policy and advice, executing media and community relations activities, and producing command information products.

d) **Justification:** In 2011, Patrick Young has successfully revitalized the Fort Stewart Cemetery Council as the Fort Stewart Historic Communities Council, expanding awareness of the installations partnerships with communities, and the need to preserve more than 5000 historic sites, and sixty historic cemeteries on FS/HAAF. He coordinated more than 70 visits to installation cemeteries, including two Installation-wide visits for the Spring and Fall seasons. He helped coordinate more than 225 community relations in 12 counties in Southeast Georgia, and coordinated two state level visits by the GA Board of Regents, and the GA Board of Public Safety. Patrick Young also volunteers in several community councils and committees that provide cultural and recreational activities to residents, such as his non-voting membership on the Bryan County Television Public Broadcasting Board. Patrick Young enhanced the strategic communications goals of the Senior Commander and Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander by producing more than 20 articles for the Frontline Newspaper, and 300 social media products for publication on Face Book, Twitter, Marne Messages, and FLIKr. He has compiled and analyzed budget, workforce and man hour data to accurately report Performance Management, Quality Management Board Reports, and Installation Status Reports.

**2011 MG Keith L. Ware Public Affairs
Community Relations - Category A – Individual Achievement**

Research

Nominee: Patrick M. Young for work in Community Outreach and the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Historic Communities Council

Unit: Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Historic Communities Council Research: One of his most visible community relations accomplishments for Patrick Young in 2011 was through the Fort Stewart Historic Communities Council.

Goal: The ultimate goal for revitalizing The Historic Communities Council was to bring the military and surrounding community closer together based on a common interest – the history of the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Area.

Objectives:

- 1) Recognize the Historic Significance of the area, articulating the known cemeteries.
- 2) Standardize requests to visit Fort Stewart Cemeteries.
- 3) Delineate a process for cemetery burial requests for pre-military residents.
- 4) Increase local community's awareness of the Installation's good stewardship.
- 5) Help Soldiers, Families and leaders feel a part of the areas' history.

Pre-Military History: Subsequent to the founding of Savannah in 1732, Georgia Governor, General James Oglethorpe had Fort Argyle built in 1733, in the areas of what is now Bryan County inside the Fort Stewart's Eastern border. The fort was built to help defend Savannah from the Spanish to the South and against Native American tribes in the area. (www.stewart.army.mil/dpw/PC_Cultural0Resources_Pre-Military.asp)

First Residents: Recorded settlers moved into the area around Fort Stewart in the late 1760's, settling near the Ogeechee and Canoochee Rivers, north along the Ogeechee Rivers.

Military History: As World War II threatened to bring America into the War, the lands around Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield were acquired by the Federal government to establish Camp Stewart to create a Military Reservation and one of six Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Centers (AAATCs) in 1940. The government purchased/or condemned more than 279,000 acres of land in Bryan, Evans, Liberty, Long and Tattnall counties in southeast Georgia.

Cemetery Council: Initiated in 1003 by the 24th Infantry Division Commanding General, Major General Paul E. Blackwell, the Fort Stewart Cemetery Council was created to provide former residents a voice regarding their Family plots shattered throughout Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

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Planning

Nominee: Patrick M. Young for work in Community Outreach and the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Historic Communities Council.

Unit: Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Historic Communities Council Planning: The intent was to demonstrate good stewardship and strength in Community partnership. Coordinating with legal, the Directorate of Public Works, and the command, Patrick Young, worked with three of the prominent local cemetery associations including the Taylors Creek Cemetery Association, The Pleasant Grove Cemetery Association, Jerusalem Cemetery Association, to have a proclamation of support signed at one of the Installation's Regional Information Sharing Forum, followed by a historic sign laying at one of the older cemeteries, and a installation – wide tour of several of the cemeteries.

Historic Communities Council By-Laws: As the Council evolved into a forum for the installation to provide information about its historic preservation efforts to the general public and helps provide input from local residents about the historical communities once located on Fort Stewart, the intent was to develop by-laws for a more formalized written framework. These by-laws were submitted and reviewed by legal 18 February and reviewed by members of the Council's for initiation in 2012.

Proclamation Signing: The Proclamation signing would be a 5 minute portion of the Regional Information Sharing Forum, 9 March; which would include reading of the proclamation, culminated with the signing by the Garrison Commander and Mr. Wyman May, and photo opportunity. Cultural Resources' Mr. Greer would provide historic photos to be displayed during reading. (Slide Show included.)

Cemetery Visits: Two Historic Site visits were planned for 2011 including a spring visit, April 21, to Todd-Ray, Gaulden, Pinholster, Golden Family, and Taylors Creek Cemetery; the latter being the largest and oldest cemetery on the installation – dating back to the 1760s. The Fall Historic site visit was scheduled for 16 November 2011, to Little Creek and Irene Driggers Cemeteries, and designed to include a familiarization tour of the installation's Close Combat Tactical Trainer, a simulation center, at Evans Field.

Marketing: Holding the Proclamation of Support signing at the Regional Information Sharing Forum, and subsequent Cemetery visits were announced in separate press releases. The cemetery visits were also announced to email users on Fort Stewart as part of a compiled "Marne Blast" and through the installation's social media (Facebook and Twitter).

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Implementation

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Unit: Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Historic Communities Council: More than 200 individuals, with membership in several associated cemetery groups (Taylors Creek, Pleasant Grove, Sand Hill, Jerusalem, and Thomas Hill) confirmed their participation and attended Family/Community Reunions within 2011.

a) Taylors Creek Cemetery Association: More than 100 individuals attended the Taylors Creek Cemetery Council Meeting, 16 October 2011, attended by Colonel Kimo C. Gallahue, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Commander. During that event, 4th BCT also set up a vehicle static display and provided a color guard to post the colors.

b) Sand Hill Cemetery Association: Approximately 50 Family Members attended the Sand Hill Cemetery Association Meeting, 1 October 2011.

c) Jerusalem Cemetery Community Reunion: Traveling from as far as Atlanta, and as near as Liberty County, more than 30 individuals attended the Jerusalem Communities reunion 13 August 2011.

Historic Communities Council By-Laws : The Historic Communities by laws were submitted to participants of the Fall Historic Communities Council Meeting and Historic Site Visit. The event was attended by approximately 60 individuals and also attracted several Soldiers and Family Members interested in the history of the Fort Stewart area.

Proclamation Signing: The Proclamation was signed 9 March 2011 by the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander 9 March 2011 and endorsed by the Historic Community Council's Vice-President, Mr. Wyman May. Articles were well received in The Frontline Newspaper and Coastal Courier.

Cemetery Visits: The Two Historic Site visits were planned for 2011 were attended by more than 50 individuals each. The familiarization tour of the installation's Close Combat Tactical Trainer was a huge success and helped explain part of the installations mission to keep Soldiers trained - while wisely managing resources.

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Community Relations - Category A – Individual Achievement**

Evaluation

Nominee: Patrick M. Young for work in Community Outreach and the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Historic Communities Council

Unit: Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Historic Communities Evaluation: The Historic Cemetery Council Proclamation of Support and subsequent visits are very well received and continue to make local news quarterly. The Team Stewart Website was updated to provide the latest information about the history of Fort Stewart, including the cemeteries and has an active directory for individuals to research their genealogy. (Provided by the FSGA Directorate of Public Works). The effort has help clarify time lines and procedures for cemetery visits, and has help expand understanding of the mission at Fort Stewart and its efforts to be good stewards.

Overall Evaluation: Patrick Young is a very versed in all aspects of Army Public Affairs. His enthusiasm for his work is a cornerstone of his success. He is a self starter and is example for all his fellow employees.

Support Data/Media Includes:

- Recognition - Employee of the Quarter for 3rd Quarter FY 11, a star letter of appreciation, letters of appreciation from Pembroke Mayor and letters from community members.
- Fort Stewart Historic Communities Council Research
- Cemetery Visit Plan
- Proclamation of Support
- News Stories for Proclamation signing and cemetery visit.

Draft (18 Feb 2011)

**BY-LAWS OF
THE FORT STEWART AND HUNTER AAF
HISTORIC COMMUNITIES AND CEMETERY COUNCIL**

ARTICLE I

NAME OF THE BOARD

The official name of this organization is the “For Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Historic Communities and Cemetery Council” (hereinafter, the “Council”). It may be commonly referred to as the “HCAC” or the “Historic Communities Council.”

ARTICLE II

BACKGROUND, AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

1. The Installation Commander created the Council on January 28, 1993. The Council functioned as means of community outreach through which the installation leadership addressed concerns local area residents’ about the Army’s management of historical private cemeteries located on Fort Stewart. The Council has met regularly since then and over the years has successfully resolved many concerns raised by the local residents
2. The Council evolved into an forum through which the installation provided information about its historic preservation efforts to the general public and sought additional input from local residents about the historical communities that were once located on Fort Stewart.
3. These by-laws are meant to provide a more formalized written framework under which the Council’s activities will be undertaken.
4. The Council is governed by the requirements set forth in Army Regulations 210-190, and 200-1, and shall comply with any other Federal law, regulation or policy applicable to any Council activity or undertaking.
5. The purpose of this Council is to recognize the Historic significance of the area cemeteries, help standardize requests to visit Fort Stewart Cemeteries, and delineate a process for cemetery burial requests for pre-military residents.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1. The Council consists of five (5) voting members. Three (3) members will be designated by the Garrison Commander. Two (2) members will be nominated by a simple majority vote by members of the general public in attendance at the Council meeting when the vote takes place. Nominees shall have strong interest or background in historic preservation in the local area and/or have family ties to individuals buried in a private or public cemetery. All nominees from the local community will be subject to the approval of the Garrison Commander before they may serve as a Council member. Council members from the local community shall not be paid or otherwise compensated by the Army for their time or efforts.
2. The number of voting members may not be increased or decreased without the approval of the Garrison Commander.
3. Non-voting members. The Council may be augmented, as needed, with additional non-voting personnel required for technical and professional support. The Council's legal advisor will be an attorney from the Garrison's legal staff. The Council's secretary shall be responsible for preparing minutes and maintaining the official records of the Council.
5. All proposed Council actions will be subject to the prior written approval of the Garrison Commander.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES

1. The Council is charged with recognize the Historic significance of the area cemeteries, help standardize requests to visit Fort Stewart Cemeteries, and delineate a process for cemetery burial requests for pre-military residents. .
2. The primary duties of the Council are make recommendations to the Garrison Commander on access to and maintenance of historical communities and cemeteries and upon request review and comment on policies and procedures related to the same.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS DUTIES

1. A Council President shall designated by the Garrison Commander. The Chairman must be a member of the Garrison or Division staff and will normally serve a two year term unless sooner relieved by the Garrison Commander.
2. The President shall be responsible for arranging and conduct all meetings of the Council, and appointing sub-committees to function on behalf of the Council, as needed. The President shall be the official spokesperson for the Council.

3. A Vice President shall also be designated by the Garrison Commander. These positions may be filled by any voting member of the Council.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

1. Before the beginning of each calendar year, the Council will set a Regular Meeting schedule of no less than one (1) meeting per calendar quarter. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President. Special Meetings will also be scheduled by the President upon receipt of a written request signed by at least fifty percent (50%) of the voting members. Absent an emergency, voting members will receive no less than thirty (30) calendar days advance notice prior to the scheduled meeting date

2. Meeting notices and the written agendas will be provided to all voting members and legal counsel no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the meeting. If there no significant business scheduled to come before the Council for a Regular Meeting, the President by mutual agreement with the Vice President may cancel the Regular Meeting; provided that two Regular meetings are held each calendar year.

3. No action of the Council will become official unless a quorum is present during a meeting. A quorum will exist if three (3) or more voting members are present for a meeting. A simple majority vote of the members present during a meeting in which quorum exists is required for approval of any actions taken by the Council.

4. Meetings will be open to the public, and will be conducted in accordance with standard rules of order adopted by the Council. Attempts should be made to provide sufficient public notice of all Council meetings.

5. Written Minutes will be taken during each meeting, and a meeting book will be maintained. Minutes of the prior meeting must be reviewed and will be subject to Council approval at its next meeting.

6. Each meeting Agenda shall contain an Order of Business, consisting of the following, as may be applicable: Approval of Minutes, Old Business, New Business, Other Business, and Scheduling of the Next Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

1. Any voting member may make motion to amend, modify or repeal these By-laws at any scheduled meeting, provided no change will be effective until the next or subsequent scheduled meeting. A simple majority of the voting members is required to amend, modify or repeal these

By-laws. Any and all changes to these By-laws will be subject to approval of the Garrison Commander. The Garrison Commander may also unilaterally amend these By-laws or terminate this Council. The Garrison Commander will notify seek input from each Council members prior to taking such action.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

1. No provision of these By-laws will require the Army to expend any funds in violation of the Federal Anti-deficiency laws.
2. If any Article or Paragraph of these By-laws conflict with any applicable Federal law, rule or regulation such Article or Paragraph shall be deemed null and void.
3. While Georgia state laws, rules and relations may be consulted and instructive on any action or undertaking proposed by the Council, it is understood that Federal laws, rules and regulations control.

APPROVED by a majority of a quorum of the voting members this _____ day of _____, _____.

[Insert Signature Blocks for the President]

[Insert a Signature Block for the Garrison Commander.]



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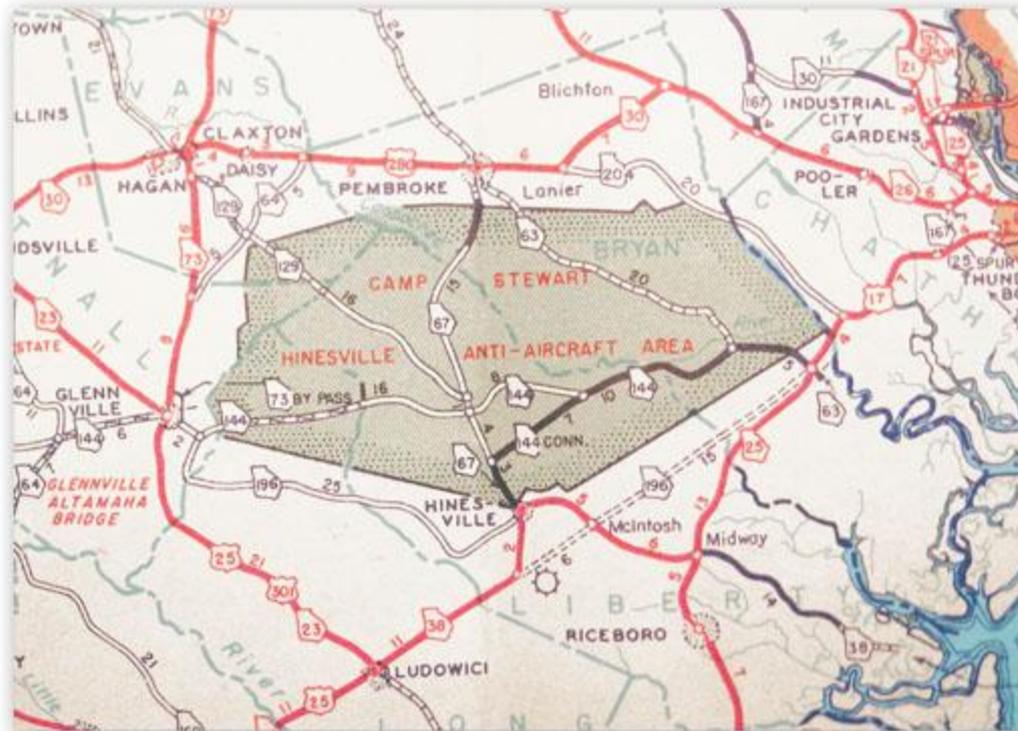
Tattnall

Bryan

Liberty

Long

Chatham



Map Collection of Ed Jackson



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Lewis Mound



At a point south of the Canoochee River on the eastern half of Fort Stewart, a small man-made hillock known is perhaps one of the most significant prehistoric Native American sites on Stewart.

Paintings by Martin Pate, courtesy of National Park Service, SE Archaeological Center.



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Fort Argyle



Fort Argyle 1733. Fort Argyle is the first known European settlement on Fort Stewart, and is one of the first colonial settlements in the Georgia colony.



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Taylors Creek



Early Settlers moved into the area that would later become Fort Stewart in the mid 1700's with the community of Taylors Creek soon following. The Taylors Creek Campground (from around 1819 to 1941), was a quiet area of mixed hardwood and pine, close to the confluence of Canoochee Creek and Taylors Creek, was a Methodist camp meeting place.



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Turpentine



Beginning in the 1880s, farmers began tapping pine trees for their gum. The gum from the pine tree was distilled to produce turpentine and rosin (also known as naval stores). Soon southeast Georgia became the world's largest producer of turpentine, and the Fort Stewart area boomed.

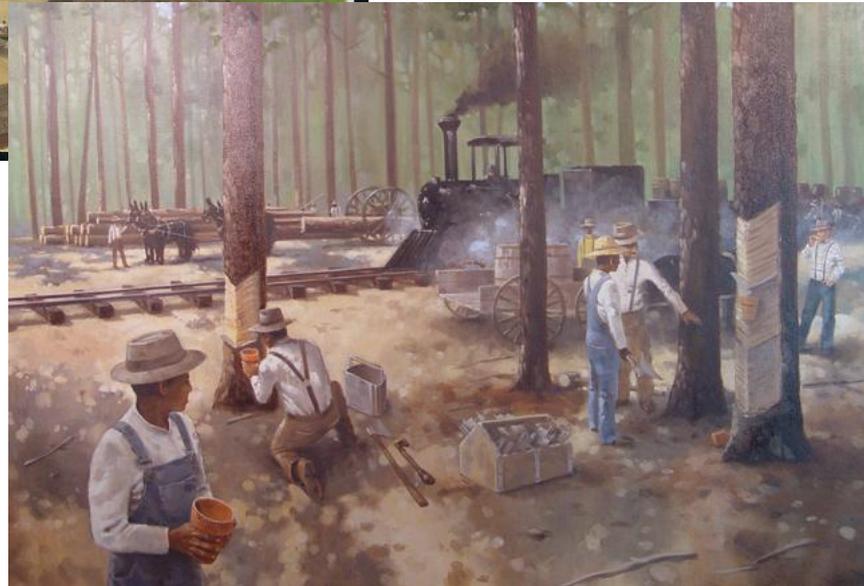


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Communities evolve



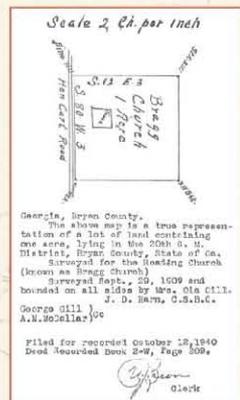
In the early 1900s, William G. Tuten began the Savannah and Southern Railroad, which bisected the Fort Stewart area, originating at a point east of Pembroke on the Seaboard Airline Railroad and terminating at Glennville, those efforts helped establish communities like Clyde and Willie.



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Bragg Cemetery

BRAGG CEMETERY marks the former location of Roding Baptist Church (also called Bragg Baptist Church). The community of Roding, located south of the Canoochee River and along Redbug Road (also called Hencart Road), was established in the late 1800s and was an active turpentine center for the area. The leading turpentine company of James Ellis was located near Roding and was one of the most important turpentine stills in Bryan County. In 1893, William Bragg became Roding's first postmaster. He was succeeded by James M. Campbell in 1904, William G. Gill, also in 1904, and Ola B. Gill in 1905. The population of Roding was 61 in 1906.



Plat of Roding (Bragg) Church, Fuel, Surveyed September 1909 (Bryan County Plat Book B:93).

By the late 1890s, the Roding Baptist Church and cemetery had been established. The first marked burial occurred at Bragg Cemetery in January 1897. There are 190 marked burials within Bragg Cemetery, many of which are members of the Gill family.

Ola Gill, a member of the Roding community, ran the Roding post office from 1905 until its closure in 1924. She also operated a store in Roding until 1942. In 1939, Ola Gill granted the Savannah Electric and Power Company the right to construct and maintain power lines through her land. Also that same year, she granted rights to AT&T to construct, operate, and maintain telephone lines.

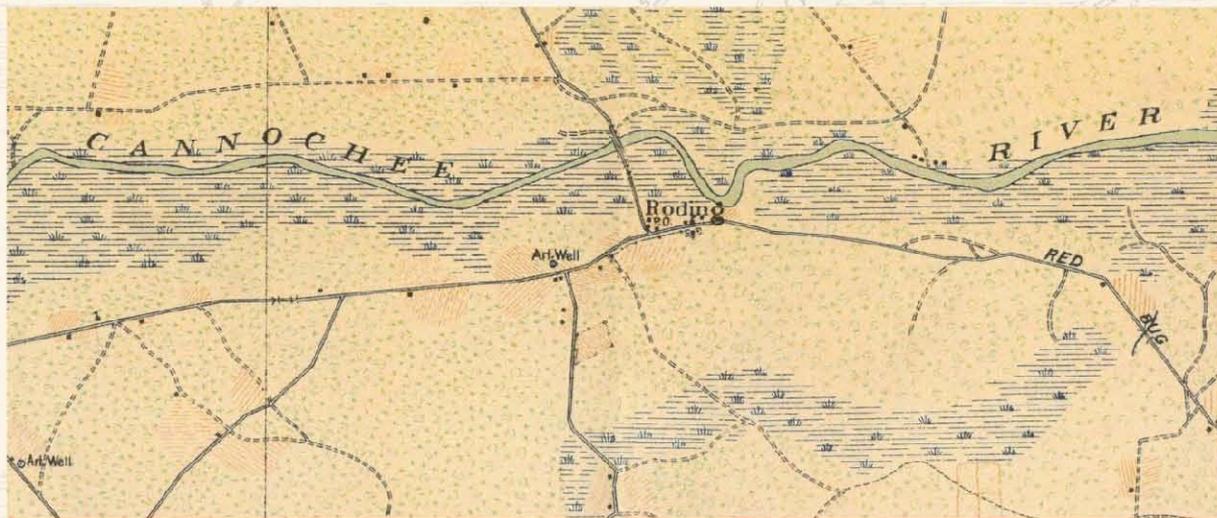
In 1940 the military began establishing Camp Stewart to train US Army anti-aircraft units. Ola Gill, along



Early image of Roding Church and cemetery.

with hundreds of other landowners within the confines of the new Camp Stewart reservation, was compelled to sell her property around

Roding to the federal government on February 13, 1942. The Gills moved a few miles east to Richmond Hill, where Ola died on April 25, 1956.



US War Department 1920 Map, GA quahange showing location of structures at Roding.





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The Banner Community

CONGREGATIONAL, SMITH, AND SMITH CHAPEL CEMETERIES are the last remnants of *Banner*, an African-American farming and turpentine community active from at least the 1880's until 1941. *Banner* was on the *Hencart Road* (present-day Highway 144), a major transportation route which lead to Savannah. James H. Durrance, a successful turpentine operator residing in Tattnall County, owned much of the land in the *Banner* area by the 1880s. Durrance would eventually own 11,000 acres in Tattnall County, making him the largest landowner in that county, and was also a founding stockholder in the Glennville Bank.



Daughters of Jim and Catherine Durrance. (L-R) Alma, Ida, and (seated) Kate

In 1899 Durrance sold one acre of land to David Baldwin, R.J. Jenkins, and Amos Bragg, the Trustees of the African-American *Oak Grove Congregational Church*. Baldwin was a farmer born in North Carolina who, by 1910, had seven children and a hired man to help run his farm. Amos Bragg was another farmer who in 1910 lived in the Glennville area

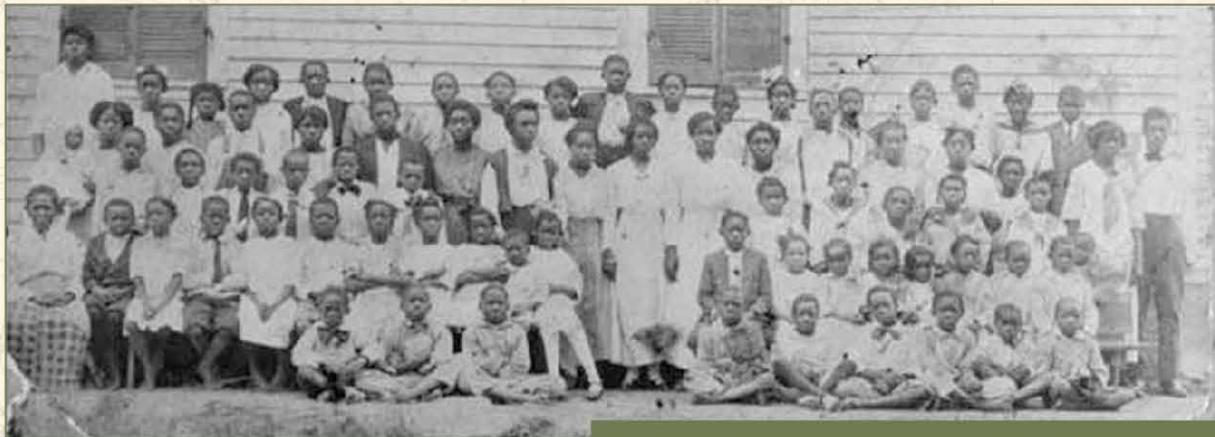
of Tattnall County, and could neither read nor write. *Congregational Cemetery*, located 150 yards north of this cemetery, now marks the site of the *Congregational Church*. Durrance died in 1911. In 1915 his estate sold four acres of land just south of *Congregational Church* to the Trustees of the *Smith Chapel African Methodist Episcopalian Church*, listed as C.B. Porter, S. Stafford, D.W. Smith, A.P. Dekil (or Dekle), A.T. Porter, and J.B. Boggs.

By 1920, when the area was transferred from Liberty County to the newly-formed Long County, this site was the center of the *Banner Community*, which included the two churches, the *Oak Grove*



School and the *St. Johns Masonic Lodge*, which would have been to your left next to *Smith Chapel Church*. For a brief time (1917-1923) residents even had easy access to the *Savannah and Southern Railroad*, which had been established at the town of *Kent*, about a mile north of *Banner*.

In 1941 the Federal government acquired the property and members of the *Banner Community* relocated to surrounding communities. Over time, the only visual reminders of this once prosperous community are the cemeteries which honor the remains of their loved ones.



Above Inset: Workers 'tapping gum' for turpentine production in 1930s, Hinesville. Above: Cecil County, ca. 1912. African-American students and teachers in front of their school.



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**PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT
For the Fort Stewart Historic Communities Council**

WHEREAS Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, was established in June of 1940 when Congress authorized funding for the purchase of property in coastal Georgia for the purpose of building an anti-aircraft artillery training center. It was to be located just outside of Hinesville, GA, some 40 miles southwest of Savannah; and

WHEREAS Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River, and covers 279,270 acres, which include parts of Liberty, Long, Bryan, Evans, Tattnall, and Chatham Counties, providing about 39 miles across from east to west, and 19 miles from north to south capable of providing training for infantry, tank, field artillery, helicopter, small arms and live fire training; and

WHEREAS the areas within the boundaries of Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is steeped in history with Native Americans lived near the banks of the Canoochee River as early as 10,000 BC; and

WHEREAS the areas' first military installation, Fort Argyle, named in honor of John, Duke of Argyle, and garrisoned by Captain McPherson with a detachment of Rangers, was established in this area around 1733 to give protection to settlers and protect from hostile invasion; and

WHEREAS the area grew with communities starting to form as early as the late 1760's with around what would later be known as the community of Taylors Creek; and

WHEREAS Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield has more than three thousand five hundred recorded historic sites on the installation to include 58 cemeteries on Fort Stewart and two cemeteries on Hunter Army Airfield; and

NOW THEREFOR; Fort-Hunter Army Airfield and the Fort Stewart Historic Communities Council are resolved to protect and honor the installation's cemeteries and historical communities as an important and respected historical resource.

SIGNED:

COL. KEVIN MILTON
Colonel, US Army
Commanding

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Fort Stewart Historic Communities Council
Vice-President



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Fort Stewart Fall Cemetery Visit

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Fall Cemetery Visit

(16 Nov 11)



Who: Fort Stewart Cemetery Council (FS Historic Communities Council)

What: Bi-Annual tour of FSGA cemeteries, including lunch at an installation dining facility.

Where: Little Creek Cemetery and CCTT

When: 16 Nov 11, Link up at Pass and Permit: 0900

CCTT at Evans: 0930 -1130

Irene Driggers Cemetery: 1145 – 1215

Visit Vanguard DFAC : 12:15 -13:15

Little Creek Cemetery – 1445 - 1540

Return to Bus Stops – 1600

Why: Supports 3rd ID Effects Strategy 2.B, promote and support local/state and regional events with military and Family Members involvement; and 2.C: facilitate a positive public image of 3rd ID Soldiers and Family Members.

Target Audience: Former Resident of the FSGA Area (Pre-FSGA) Soldiers, DA Civilians, Retirees, and their Family Members

Costs: Photos and drivers : \$100

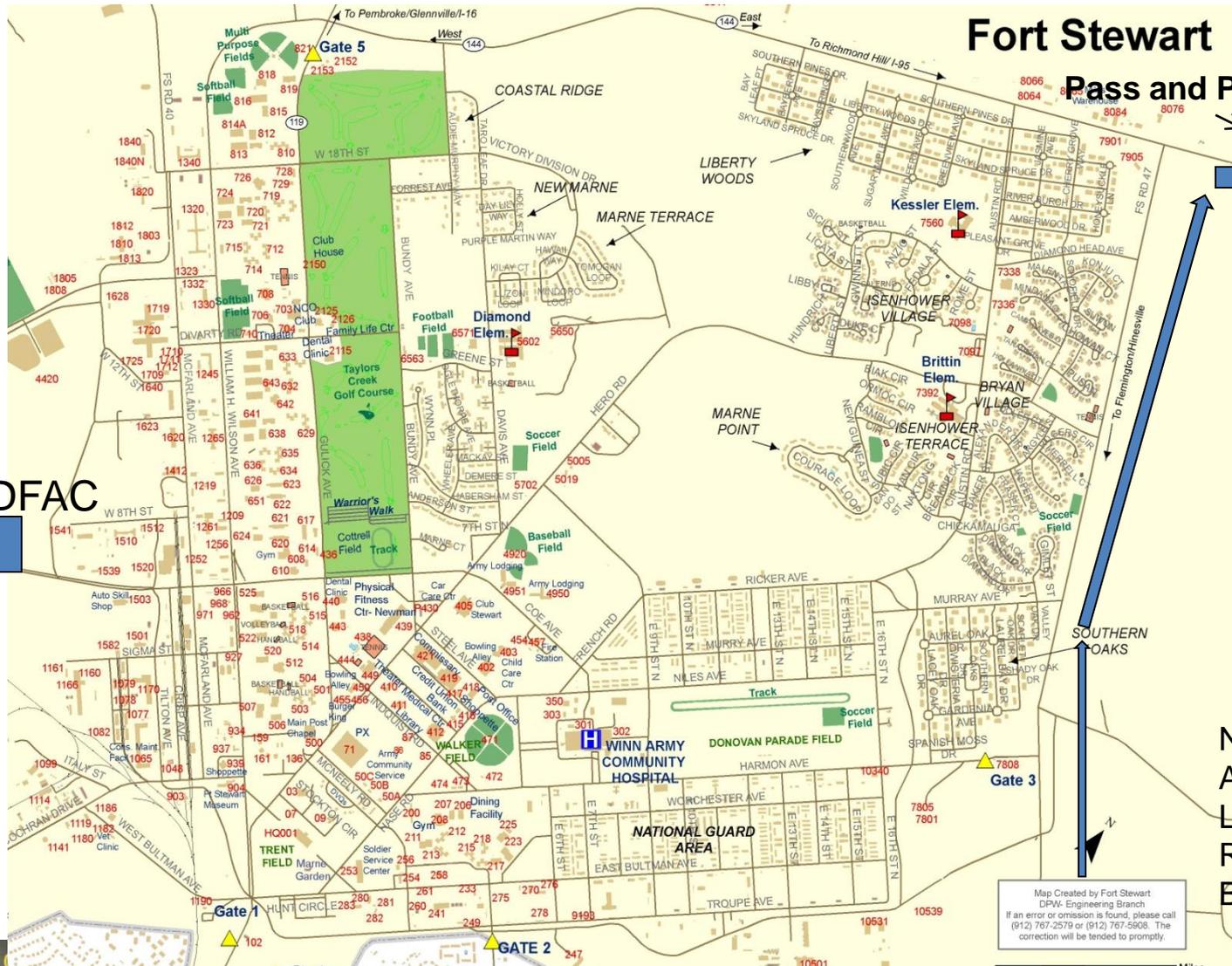
Decision Point: **FSGA representative greeting guest at Pass and Permit.**



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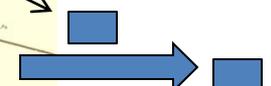
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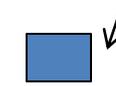
Pass and Permit @ 0900



EVANS FIELD

SOUTHERN OAKS

**National Guard Armory/
Liberty Recreation –
Bus Pickup**





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Fall Cemetery Visit

(16 Nov 11)



EVENT	SUSPENSE	AGENCY	COMMENTS
Coordinate with Historic Council	16 August	PAO	
Coordinate with Range Control	1 Sept	PAO/DPTMS	Little Creek and Driggers Only
Request Simulator	13 Sept 11	PAO/DPTMS	Evans Field
Request DFAC	13 Sept 11	PAO/DOL	
Request DPW Cultural Resources	13 Sept 11	PAO/DPW	
Request DPW/Port-a-Potty/Handwashing Station/Route Clearance	13 Sept 11	PAO/DPW	
Request CLE Escort	13 Sept 11	PAO/DES	
Request Frago	13 Sept 11	DPTMS	Frago 331, 14 Sep
Recon Roads	14 Nov 11	PAO/DES	



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Fall Cemetery Visit

(16 Nov 11)



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						Active Duty - Single	Active Duty - Married	Families	Youth	WTU	Retirees	Army Civilians
Print												
	Frontline		1 Nov 11			x	X	X			X	X
Other												
	Marne Message		13 Oct 11			X	X	X				X
	Facebook/Twitter		13 Oct 11			x	X	X				X
	Marne TV		14 Oct 11			x	X	X				X



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Descendants of Stewart return for visit

Randy C. Murray Special to the News

POSTED: November 20, 2011 8:00 a.m.



Fort Stewart cemetery tour participants listen to stories and history at Little Creek cemetery Wednesday on post. (Pat Young/Fort Stewart PAO)

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Their claim to the land pre-dates the American Revolution, and yet their parents and grandparents gave up their plots – some willingly, some not-so-willingly – for the sake of the nation when then-Camp Stewart was established in 1940, just in time to help prepare the Army for World War II. On Wednesday, family members descended from the Martins, Downs, Slaters, Clantons, Driggers,

Shumans, Lovettes, Bells, Mays and Speirs – to name a few – who now are living in communities surrounding Fort Stewart, took part in a semi-annual historic site and cemetery tour sponsored by Fort Stewart’s Historic Communities Council, Public Affairs Office and the Cultural Resources Management, Prevention and Compliance Branch of the Directorate of Public Works’ Environmental Division.

“How many of y’all are taking this tour for the first time?” asked Pat Young, community relations officer and retired Fort Stewart soldier from Mississippi. “There are more than 5,000 historic sites on Fort Stewart and 60 of them are cemeteries.”

Tour attendees shared anecdotal information during lunch at the new 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team dining facility and at the next cemetery on the tour, Little Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. As she displayed a black and white photo of the old church while tour guests gathered around her, Richmond Hill resident Judy Harrison found Pembroke resident Earline Geiger giving tidbits of personal history about the church and family members interred in the cemetery. The ladies soon realized they were related.

“We share the same great-great grandfather,” Harrison later explained. “I sort of knew of Earline through information I’d read on the Internet, but I’d never met her. We’re probably third cousins, I guess.”

Read more in the Nov. 9 edition of the News.

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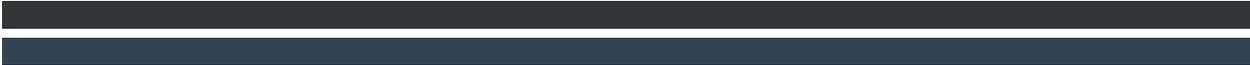
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FORT STEWART CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

28 JANUARY 1993

1. GENERAL. The first meeting of the Fort Stewart Cemetery Committee was held at the Victory Club, 1130 hours, Thursday, 28 January 1993. The buffet began at 1130 hours after an invocation by Deacon Bacon from Jerusalem Church. The CG made opening remarks at 1215. Representatives from DEH, Range Control and PMO were introduced by Maj Banning. Mr. Kiefer explained briefly how we maintained the cemeteries on post. Mr. Bullard explained the procedure for visiting cemeteries on post. The floor was then opened for discussion. The meeting ended at 1319. Informal conversation continued until nearly 1400.

2. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussed whether or not to hold next meeting in six months.
 - CG directed another meeting be held with a tentative date in the fall.
- b. Can signs be erected on major highway indicating cemeteries.
 - Action DEH
- c. Should cemeteries on post be cataloged?
 - Thanked Waymon May, Harry Chapman for their cataloging efforts and Their offer to assist DEH. Mr. May has catalogued several cemeteries and is continuing. He plans to do all in the FSGA area.
 - DEH will work with Mr. May in future cataloging efforts. (Note: G-5 will look into requesting reserve component resources to assist in this endeavor to catalog and/or photograph gravesites.)
- d. Why do some post cemeteries have embankments?
 - Howard Bullard of DPT, Range Control stated the embankments were to protect headstones in live-fire areas.
- e. Templeton Baptist Church stone broken - due to live-fire in area?
 - Action Range Control
- f. Received letter dated 26 Aug 92 from Patricia Barbee claiming her family headstone had been vandalized.
 - Have asked Ms Barbee for description of tombstone. She has not provided any input.
- g. Waymon May stated he received a call from a local business that there was a tombstone sitting outside behind the business. After investigating, Mr. May found that the tombstone belonged in cemetery #1 on post and he then returned it to that cemetery.
 - Thanked Mr May for his efforts.

h. George Washington Stafford stated tombstones were stolen and damage had been done to his family grave site, Jerusalem Cemetery.

- Action DEH

i. Ms Earline Giger from Pembroke, Little Creek, Corant, Clyde - upkeep; not being properly maintained.

- Action DEH

j. Tombstone being destroyed.

- General audience comment, some tombstones are old and weathered and impact of being in training/firing areas are gradually destroying them.

- Action DEH.

k. Can a member of the Ft Stewart Cemetery Committee be buried in a Ft Stewart Cemetery.

- Action SJA.

l. Irene Driggers, Cemetery #12, Herman Parker, Wrong name on cemetery Map

- Action DEH.

m. Haygrove was originally named Philadelphia - can this be corrected? Hines Bacon - Action DEH.

- Comment, don't know original name but possibly the Philadelphia name could be added to current signs.

- Action DEH

n. Fence Jerusalem - Haygrove? Can Jerusalem Church and government work together to erect a new (chain link) fence around the cemeteries?

- Action DEH

o. Harry Chapman, AARP, Long County. Can the Army develop lot number by 10 foot sections?

p. Can a day be designated to visit any cemetery yearly/quarterly.

- CG said he cannot cease training because of not only active Army training but also NG/USAR units.

- Will not turn down individual and group requests to visit cemeteries. Sunday 2 Oct, Littlecreek.

- Action Range control/PAO (CR) ongoing.

q. Patricia Barbee - cost of H/S and price of money being ignored.

- Again have asked Ms Barbee for description of headstone.

- Action - PAO/DEH (Ltr sent 5 Feb 93)

r. Can we (church and civilian organizations) clean head stones?

- CG said not an issue, just go through proper procedure for access to cemetery.

s. The spring next to cemetery has special meaning to some of us, can the Army clean it up? Can we clean headstones and cemeteries?

- CG said yes; just coordinate.
- Action DEH

t. Sand Hill Cemetery appreciates our cooperation. They hold a meeting there the 1st Sunday in June each year. Mrs Solomon also brought request for 1993 event.

u. When you say danger what do you mean?
- Mr. Bullard answered this question referring to maneuvering troops and equipment, live fire and duds.

v. Mary Tootle -(Taylors Creek Cemetery) said FSGA provides great cooperation.

w. Little Creek Cemetery - Gate is gone - Holes in fence.
- Action DEH

x. How often are cemeteries cleaned?
- DEH contract is to clean each cemetery twice a year.
- Action GC/DEH

y. Clyde, Corinth, Little Creek show no indication of clean-up.
- Action DEH

z. Can a list of all the cemeteries represented here be provided?
- Action PAO/CR

aa. Luis Gil - Bragg Cemetery - There is electric wire around the cemetery, can it be removed?
- Action DEH

3. A meeting discussing the above issues and clarifying the minutes was held with DEH, Range Control, PMO and C5 representatives on 9 Feb 93 in the public Affairs Office. All parties agreed on minutes contents and that actions were designated properly.

4. Respective agencies will reply in writing to all issues raised NLT 1 Mar 93 with completion copy forwarded to CG by 3 Mar 93.



JOHN M. BANNING
MAJ, AR
Public Affairs Officer

5. Command Action: 16 FEB 1993

Approved *PEB* Disapproved _____

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MADE IN
CALIFORNIA



2011 Cemetery Visit to FSGA



As of 2 March 2011



Who: Fort Stewart Cemetery Council (FS Historic Communities Council)

What: Bi-Annual tour of FSGA cemeteries, including lunch at an installation dining facility.

Where: FSGA Cemeteries

When: 1 Apr 11, 1730 hours.

Why: Supports 3rd ID Effects Strategy 2.B, promote and support local/state and regional events with military and Family Members involvement; and 2.C: facilitate a positive public image of 3rd ID Soldiers and Family Members.

Background: Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield hosts two annual tours to historic sites and a number of the 60 cemeteries on the installation in support of the community outreach program. Many of the attendees are former residents or Families of former residents of the land acquired to create Camp/Fort Stewart in 1940s, whose intent is to visit Family plots.

Concept: Approximately 40-60 members of the Fort Stewart Cemetery Council and guests, visit five cemeteries, 20 April 11; including Todd-Ray, Gauden, Pinholster, Golden Family, and Taylors Creek cemeteries. Two buses pick up participants traveling from Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Wayne or other surrounding communities from the Hinesville National Guard Armory, pre-positioned at 07:30 hours to depart for Building 8093 NLT 08:30 hours. The tour returns approximately 1530 hours.

Issues: NA.

Recommendation: Fort Stewart supports this event with an opportunity to meet a representative from the Garrison Command Team, bus support, an opportunity to dine at an installation dining facility, and tour of five cemeteries.

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25 March 2011

PAT,

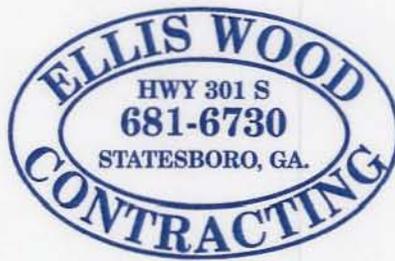
Thank you for your great heart
for our Soldiers, Families, and
Army Civilians at Fort Stewart
and Hunter Army Airfield.

Your work has been
instrumental in the superb job
done by our PA team as it
has told the "Mare Song" over
a challenging and demanding
period.

I am proud of the work you
and our strategic communicators on
the PA Team - that means all of
you - have done together.

I look forward to watching
your continued success and seeing
of any help I may.

Keep up
the great work! Rock of the Mare!!
v. Jeff P.



September 16, 2011

Mr. Pat Young, Public Affairs
Third Infantry Division
942 Dr. Ben Hall Drive
Fort Stewart, GA 31314

Dear Pat:

Words seem inadequate to express my thanks for all you and your staff did to arrange for the tour for the Georgia Board of Public Safety at Fort Stewart. It was indeed a very enjoyable and informative time for each of the Board members.

I do not have any correspondence information for Col. Frederick, Captain Jordan, Captain Grubb, or SFC Brummitt. Would you please express my most sincere appreciation to them for their efforts as well as the time they took to be with us.

I would also like to use this note to thank each of you for your service to our Country. The time spent at "Warrior's Walk" was a vivid reminder of the great sacrifice that you all are prepared to make for our freedoms and privilege. I, personally, am very grateful. God bless you all.

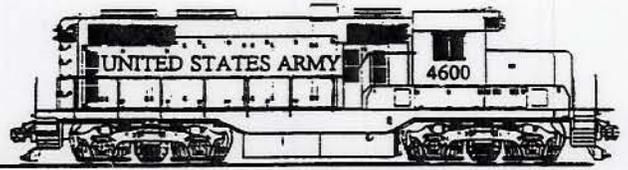
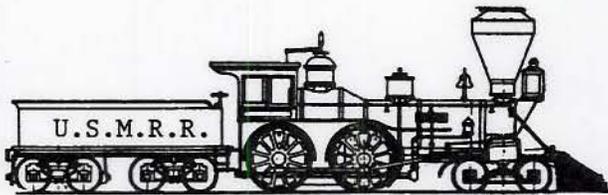
Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Ellis".

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3 October, 2011

Mr. Patrick Young
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Good Morning Mr. Young:

Just returned home over the weekend from my three week swing through the southeastern part of this great country. Thanks to people like you the trip was most pleasant and informative.

You certainly went out of your way to line up the folks Tim and I needed to see with regard to the history of military railroading at Fort Stewart. Thank you again for that special effort. In return, I hope the historical pictures I gave Walter Meeks at the museum to scan for his files filled an area of post history he did not previously possess. The material I gained about the fort's rail operation, specially the history put together by Mark Weitman, will certainly be used in the upcoming book entitled, "Railroad Soldiers".

Promise to let you know when the book is published. Tentative schedule looks like third quarter of next year. Best of luck with your project to write a book.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Myers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Patrick,

May this holiday season be filled
with health and happiness.

I look forward to working
with you on special events
for our City.

Mary Marshall
Mayor-elect
City of Pentsoke