

**Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)
Fort Stewart, Georgia 31314**

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16 NOV 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR *BOSS* MINUTES

SUBJECT: ***Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers***

1. Meeting was called to order at 1500 by SGT CARSON

a. SGT Carson welcomed the Guest(s,) and all of the new attending members.

2. The reading and approval of the minutes

a. SGT Carson gave the audience a moment to look over the minutes and to bring forth any objections. No objections.

3. Old Business

- 1) BOSS Text Messaging for all Reps
- 2) BOSS Birthday combined with Grand Opening 25 OCT
- 3) More Volunteers for Brittin Elementary School
- 4) Welcome Home Bag Standards
- 5) BOSS WebPages
- 6) Cooking Class Finale
- 7) Soldier Show

4. New Business

- 1) 11 NOV Sky Diving Trip
- 2) 20 NOV Deep Sea Fishing Trip
- 3) Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 4) Toys for Tots
- 5) 10-12 Dec Atlanta Trip
- 6) 10 Dec Winter Special Olympics
- 7) Adopt a Soldier Program
- 8) BOSS Welcome Home Committee

5. Guest Speaker: Mr. Richard

He is with Military Family and Life Consultants and will be with Garrison Headquarters for the next six weeks. If anyone needs to speak with him, he is available.

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6. Guest Speaker: Mrs. Dubay Britton Elementary School Counselor

Every Tuesday from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm Soldiers come to the school to assist the teachers from grades Pre-K to 6th grade. They also help with Reading, Art and in the Library. She can match you with your interest, whether it's the young kids or the older kids and you will help the teachers in any way they may need help. In Kindergarten, the classes break down into groups and then the kids rotate from group to group. The older kids may need help with their Math work. If your units have questions about accountability, she can fax the attendance roster to them. We need about 21 volunteers but only average about 5 or 6 each week. The BOSS Representatives should try to get involved at least once a month to show you care. We need more support for this program.

7. Guest Speaker: Mrs. McKnight Toys for Tots

She very excited about this program this year. She attends meetings regularly with the Marines, since this is a Marine program. They will be putting boxes out around post and people can apply for the program and pick up the toys for Christmas. It's an excellent opportunity for Single Soldiers to get involved in, especially Single Parents, who may have fallen on hard times. The program needs help collecting and organizing the toys. It's her favorite toy drive to help with. Please give her ideas and get other Single Soldiers from your units involved. Be the Point of Contact (POC) at your units and collect the toys and bring them to Rocky's. Single Soldiers should take the lead on this. Most applicants come from Hinesville. Out of 375 applicants with multiple children, over half of those are military families and Soldiers on our installation. The income cut-off was \$2000 but it was increased to \$2700. We should collect more toys from our installation since we use the program more. Toys are due by 15 December and you can begin collecting the toys right now. She is located in Building 87 and her number is 767-5058/5059. She has posters to decorate the boxes with. Maybe you can make this collection into a competition. You can bring in new and used toys. Kids can get at least 3 toys per child depending on the amount of toys donated. That will be 1 new toy and 2 used toys. You can donate old game systems and please ask your units to donate. She will also be having a Spaghetti Dinner Drive and they will deliver the dinners to one location. The dinners are \$5 a plate and that includes tea and salad. All the money raised will go to Toys of Tots. HAAF cut-off for application submission was last week. FSGA deadline will be 3 DEC and they can fill out the applications and turn them in to your units or the Chaplain. All the toys will be collected up until 15 DEC and will be dispersed on 20 DEC on FSGA and 18 DEC in Hinesville. Maybe some BOSS Soldiers can show their support for Toys for Tots by walking in the Christmas parade in BOSS T-shirts. You can also email your applications to Linda.McKnight@conus.army.mil. We will

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let you know the date for the Christmas parade once it is confirmed. Let SGT Carson know the date for the spaghetti dinner and he'll collect the money and have all the dinners delivered to Rocky's. Soldiers living on post and off post can apply for Toys for Tots. Last year the entire installation only collected 3 garbage bags full and we can do so much better this year.

8. Open Forum:

You don't have to be a BOSS Representative to attend BOSS meetings. Please bring Soldiers with you to the meetings.

SPC Bramhall updates the BOSS Facebook page daily.

SPC Mott, Justin (912) 441-5353 T-Mobile has not been receiving text messages.

6 DEC 10 is the deadline for the Atlanta trip. We can also add Skydiving to that trip. 2

Breakfast and 2 Dinners will be included in that trip also.

SPC Villarreal wants to know when is the Special Olympics. It is 10 DEC at Marne Lanes.

PFC Brown 2 BCT wants to know how to sign up for events. We have sign up forms located in our office.

SSG Phinisee needs Soldiers to attend the next meeting to collect the items from the BOSS Incentive Program.

SPC Mott says HAAF isn't getting same support as Stewart and don't have the same meeting place like Stewart. How can we get more results on Hunter by talking to CSMs like they attend the meetings here at Stewart? Why can't we have our own BOSS people at Hunter like you have here at Stewart?

9. The meeting was adjourned by the BOSS Vice President at 1630.

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