



# FORT BRAGG

## Multicultural and Waiting Family Program



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### FORT BRAGG & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### United States Citizenship and Immigration Workshop

08/11/09 9:00am – 12:00pm  
Soldier Support Center, ACS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.  
For more information call 396-6120/2808

#### Foreign Born Spouse Workshop

07/14/09 9:00am – 12:00pm  
Soldier Support Center ACS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl  
For more information call 396-6120/2808

#### Employment Tools Workshop

07/13-17/09 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Fayetteville Technical Community College  
(FTCC) Spring Lake Campus  
For more information call 396-2390/1425

#### Relationship Communication & Connection

07/29/09 9:00am – 4:00pm  
FAP Classroom, Soldier Support Center  
For more information call 396-5521

#### Total Self Defense for Women

Call for Date  
FAP Classroom, Soldier Support Center  
For more information call 396-5521

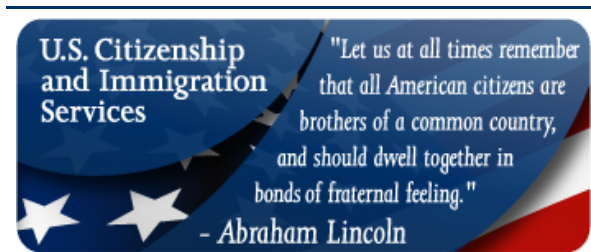
#### Life Choices for Teens

07/18/09 9:00am – 12:00pm  
FAP Classroom, Soldier Support Center  
For more information call 396-7951

#### Welcome Packet Website

#### MWR Buzz

#### Fort Bragg Strip Map



#### **Important Alerts:**

#### **USCIS Reminds Applicants for Adjustment of Status, Asylum, Legalization and TPS Beneficiaries to Obtain Advance Parole Before Traveling Abroad**

May 29, 2009 - USCIS reminds such individuals that they must obtain advance parole before leaving the United States or risk being unable to return to the U.S. and their pending applications may be denied or closed.

#### **Permanent Resident Card Production Delays**

May 29, 2009 - Applicants may experience up to an eight week delay in the delivery of their permanent resident card while USCIS upgrades card production equipment.

#### **WHAT'S NEW:**

#### **Two American Soldiers Become U.S. Citizens at First USCIS Naturalization Ceremony Ever Held in Latin America**

June 10, 2009 - The U.S. Embassy in Honduras hosted the first naturalization ceremony ever held in Latin America. The two American soldiers naturalized are currently serving the nation in Honduras and have both already completed two tours of duty in Iraq.

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## Upcoming Events

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Meet, Greet and Information Exchange:

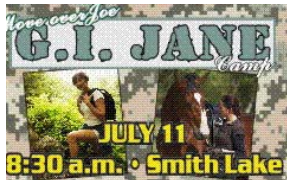
The **Multicultural Readiness Program** will be hosting two sessions. This is your opportunity to meet new friends, greet those you haven't seen in a while and exchange ideas on what we would like to do for the upcoming year. You may attend both sessions .

Date/s: July 20, 2009 or  
August 21, 2009

Time: 0900 – 10:30

Location: ACS, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl., Soldier Support Center

For more information please call 396-6120.



### ***GI Jane Camp***

Get your competitive juices flowing, Ladies! GI Jane Returns on Saturday, July 11. This women's only day will showcase events in canoeing, biking, horseback riding, paintball, skeet shooting and a nature walk. This outdoor experience embraces Fun Factor. A picnic lunch will be provided and prizes will be awarded in various categories. The fun will begin at 8:30a.m. at Smith Lake. Registration is required. Spaces are limited so get signed up early to ensure your slot in the 2009 GI Jane Camp. The cost is \$30.00.

<http://www.fortbragmwr.com/sportsrec/forms/gijane.php>



### **OPERATION CELEBRATE FREEDOM VII**

**Date: July 4, 2009**

**Time: 5-10 pm**

**Where: Main Post Parade Field**

For more information call 910-396-9126 or visit <http://www.fortbragmwr.com/julyfourth.php>

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## Army Offers 10-Day Leave for New Fathers

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The Army's new paternity leave policy gives fathers additional time to be with their Families when a child is born.

The policy, signed into law under President George W. Bush on Oct. 14, 2008 grants married Soldiers up to 10 consecutive days of non-chargeable administrative leave after the birth of a child.

Recognizing the importance of Families being together during significant events such as the birth of a child, the Army has developed a flexible paternity leave policy that allows male Soldiers to support their spouses during the joyous, but possibly stressful, time of adjustment following the arrival of a new family member.

This new policy also provides Soldiers returning from deployments uninterrupted time with their child to begin building bonds that will last a lifetime.

The policy allows Soldiers who have taken annual leave in connection with the birth of a child since October 2008 to request up to 10 days of leave be restored/re-credited to their leave account. Soldiers must provide documentation to support their claim (e.g., DA Form 31 or LES) and submit it through the unit S1 or Personnel Administrative Center.

Paternity leave must be taken within 45 days of the child's birth; deployed Soldiers must take the leave within 60 days after returning from deployment. Leave not taken within the established timeframe will be lost.

Single Soldiers who father a child out-of-wedlock are not eligible for paternity leave. For those who adopt, the Army Adoption Program that has its own non-chargeable leave policy of three weeks. Soldiers and officers are encouraged to take advantage of this valuable Family bonding opportunity and supervisors and commanders at all levels should approve paternity leave whenever it is feasible.

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## July Kids Craft

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Courtesy of: [www.crafts.kaboose.com](http://www.crafts.kaboose.com)

Kids will have fun at parades and other celebrations with these handheld ribbon streamers. With just a few strands of ribbon you can create an accessory that looks cool when kids run or dance with it.

### *Handheld Ribbon Streamers*



#### **Materials:**

Paper towel roll tube  
Tacky glue  
Scissors  
Roll of red ribbon  
Roll of blue ribbon  
Roll of white ribbon  
Roll of striped red, white, and blue ribbon

#### **Directions:**

1. Wrap the striped red, white, and blue ribbon around the paper towel tube, applying tacky glue under the ribbon as you work. You can wrap the ribbon at an angle or horizontally, whatever you prefer.
2. After ribbon is applied and glue has dried, punch 9 holes in the bottom of the paper towel tube with the hole punch.
3. Cut three strips of red ribbon that are 46 inches long
4. Cut three strips of blue ribbon that are 46 inches long
5. Cut three strips of white ribbon that are 46 inches long
6. Tie a knot in the top of each strip of ribbon.
7. Pull each of the strips through the holes so the knot is on the inside of the tube.
8. Enjoy!



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## Recipe of the Month

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### *Pork and Olive Skillet Dinner*

Courtesy of: [www.FabulousFoods.com](http://www.FabulousFoods.com)



This Mediterranean-inspired pork dish doesn't include a starch, but I recommend instant mashed potatoes in plain or garlic flavor, instant rice, garlic bread or a summer salad.

#### **Ingredients:**

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped  
1 small red bell pepper, cored, seeded and chopped  
2 tablespoons flour  
salt and pepper to taste  
1 pound boneless, diced pork tenderloin  
1/2 cup dry vermouth  
1/8 teaspoon hot paprika  
1/4 teaspoon crushed dried oregano  
3/4 cup chicken stock  
1/4 cup sliced pimiento-stuffed olives

#### **Directions:**

1. Heat oil in a large nonstick sauté pan. Add the onion and pepper and sauté 2 minutes over high heat.
2. Combine flour, salt and pepper on a plate. Dust the pork cubes with the flour mixture.
3. Add the pork to the skillet and brown over medium-high heat, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add the vermouth and scrape up the browned bits in the skillet. Reduce the vermouth by half. Add the paprika and oregano and cook 30 seconds. Stir in the chicken stock and olives. Cover and simmer 10 minutes or until pork is tender.

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<http://www.fortbraggmwr.com/mrp.php>

<http://www.fortbraggmwr.com/acs.php>