LOCATION GUIDE

Fort Stewart & Hunter AAF, Georgia

Housing, BAH, schools, gates, contacts and coastal know-how for Hinesville, Savannah and the 3rd Infantry Division.

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Your current duty station	Fort Stewart, GA	Location
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Army	Fort Stewart + Savannah	Stewart · Hunter

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WELCOME

Stewart and Hunter at a glance

Fort Stewart, in Hinesville, is the largest Army post east of the Mississippi. Hunter Army Airfield sits inside Savannah, about 45 minutes away. Pick where to live by the post you're assigned to.

FACT	DETAIL
Fort Stewart	Hinesville (Liberty County), about 40 miles southwest of Savannah
Hunter Army Airfield	Inside Savannah (Chatham County); 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade and 1/75th Rangers
Major unit	3rd Infantry Division headquarters at Fort Stewart
Size	About 279,000 acres at Stewart
Founded	1940, as Camp Stewart
BAH housing areas	Fort Stewart, GA and Savannah, GA
On-post housing	Balfour Beatty Communities at both posts
Hospital	Winn Army Community Hospital (Stewart); Tuttle Army Health Clinic (Hunter)

Getting here

OPTION	DETAIL
Savannah/Hilton Head (SAV)	About 15 minutes from Hunter, 45–50 from Stewart
Jacksonville (JAX)	About 2 hours; another option for fares
By car	I-95 to GA-144 or US-84 for Stewart; I-16 and Abercorn St for Hunter

New phone numbers

Stewart and Hunter offices moved to new 571 phone numbers. Older guides still list 912 numbers — use the ones in this guide or the official site.

COUNTDOWN

Before you arrive

The 3rd Infantry Division deploys and trains often. Get on the housing list, request a sponsor and line up child care the week orders arrive.

As soon as you have orders 90+ DAYS OUT

- [ ] Apply for housing with Balfour Beatty (Stewart or Hunter)
- [ ] Request a sponsor from your gaining unit
- [ ] Call School Support Services about schools
- [ ] In EFMP? Call EFMP now
- [ ] Look up BAH for Fort Stewart or Savannah
- [ ] Request child care on MilitaryChildCare.com
- [ ] Choose a town by your post, not "Savannah"
- [ ] Join local military spouse groups

Book the move 60 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Schedule household goods or plan your PPM
- [ ] Book lodging — families often use off-post hotels
- [ ] Start the off-post rental or home search
- [ ] Gather school, shot and IEP/504 records
- [ ] Check flood zones before choosing a home

Final prep 30 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Print orders, your leave form and copies
- [ ] Tell Staff Duty if you need an airport pickup
- [ ] Book a DEERS/ID card appointment if needed
- [ ] Set up utilities and internet at the new address

Hurricane season: June to November

Coastal Georgia sees tropical storms and evacuations. Know your zone, build a kit and keep your car fueled in season.

DAY ONE

Arrival and in-processing

All Soldiers, including those assigned to Hunter, in-process at the Marne Reception Center at Fort Stewart. It's open 24/7; sign in by midnight on your report date.

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Marne Reception Center

Fort Stewart, open 24/7: (571) 801-0626. Confirm the building with your sponsor before you travel. In-processing runs about five days.

2

Airport pickup

Call Staff Duty ahead. Pickup windows from SAV: 11 AM–1 PM, 6–7 PM and 11 PM–1 AM.

Bring with you

- Orders and any amendments, with copies
- Your CAC and dependents' IDs
- Travel receipts and PPM weight tickets
- Signed leave form (DA Form 31)
- Marriage and birth certificates for dependents
- Lease or mortgage papers, if you have them

Gates to know

GATE	NOTES
Stewart Gate 1 (main)	Open 24/7; main visitor gate
Stewart Gate 4	Open 24/7
Stewart Gates 3, 7 and 8	5 AM to 9 PM; Gate 8 closed federal holidays
Hunter Rio Gate	Open 24/7

Two posts, one in-processing

Hunter-assigned Soldiers in-process at Stewart, then report to Hunter. Plan for the 45-minute drive each way that week.

WHERE TO LIVE

On-post and off-post housing

Balfour Beatty Communities manages family housing at both posts. Off post, Stewart families mostly live in Hinesville; Hunter families in Savannah and Pooler.

On post BALFOUR BEATTY COMMUNITIES

- Neighborhoods at both Stewart and Hunter
- Stewart office: (912) 408-2467 · Hunter: (912) 459-2133
- DoDEA elementary schools are on Stewart
- Army Housing Services: (571) 801-3472

Off post PICK BY COMMUTE

AREA	BEST FOR	COMMUTE AND NOTES
Hinesville	Stewart	5–10 min; most Stewart families live here
Midway	Splitting the difference	15–20 min to Stewart, ~30 to Hunter
Richmond Hill	Either post; top schools	20–35 min; higher rents
Ludowici	Stewart; rural and land	25–30 min; low prices
Savannah	Hunter; city life	5–15 min to Hunter
Pooler	Hunter; newer suburbs	15–20 min to Hunter

Watch for deer at night

The roads between Richmond Hill, Midway and Stewart are dark and rural. Deer collisions are common — drive slowly at dawn and dusk.

THE NUMBERS

2026 BAH and rent vs. buy

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are in two BAH areas: Fort Stewart, GA for Hinesville and Savannah, GA for Hunter. Monthly rates below.

GRADE	STEWART WITH	STEWART W/O	HUNTER WITH	HUNTER W/O
E-1 to E-4	$2,175	$1,791	$2,235	$1,821
E-5	$2,310	$1,947	$2,415	$1,968
E-6	$2,439	$2,049	$2,652	$2,073
E-7	$2,493	$2,178	$2,685	$2,241
E-8	$2,556	$2,340	$2,718	$2,466
E-9	$2,682	$2,367	$2,823	$2,529
W-1	$2,454	$2,142	$2,670	$2,184
W-2	$2,520	$2,337	$2,697	$2,463
W-3	$2,601	$2,376	$2,748	$2,538
O-1	$2,334	$2,037	$2,451	$2,055
O-2	$2,436	$2,268	$2,649	$2,358
O-3	$2,598	$2,385	$2,745	$2,562
O-4	$2,904	$2,490	$3,036	$2,676
O-5	$3,129	$2,520	$3,249	$2,694
O-6	$3,153	$2,577	$3,273	$2,721

Source: DoD 2026 BAH rates via FedRateCalc

Double-check your rate before you budget — BAH changes every January: travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Basic-Allowance-for-Housing/BAH-Rate-Lookup/

Some high-cost areas also pay CONUS COLA: travel.dod.mil/Allowances/CONUS-Cost-of-Living-Allowance/

Rent or buy?

- Hinesville is affordable, and many Stewart families buy
- Savannah and Richmond Hill cost more — check flood zones and insurance first

KIDS

Schools and child care

DoDEA runs elementary schools on Fort Stewart; older students go to Liberty County schools. Off post, your address decides the district.

DISTRICT OR SCHOOL	SERVES
DoDEA (Fort Stewart)	Brittin, Diamond and Kessler elementary schools
Liberty County Schools	Hinesville, Midway and on-post grades 7–12
Bryan County Schools	Richmond Hill; highly rated
Savannah-Chatham County Schools	Savannah and Hunter families
Effingham County Schools	Rincon and Guyton, near Pooler

School Support Services

Ask ACS or your sponsor for the current School Liaison number — offices are moving to new 571 lines.

Military Interstate Compact

Georgia is a member — it helps with placement and graduation rules.

Colleges nearby

Georgia Southern (Savannah and Liberty campuses) and Savannah Tech.

Child care

- Request Child Development Center care on MilitaryChildCare.com as soon as you have orders
- Youth programs run before and after school and in summer
- Family Child Care homes on post fill gaps
- Fee assistance can help with off-post care

FAMILY LIFE

Spouse, family and Georgia rules

Spouse support

- ACS Employment Readiness helps with job searches and federal applications
- Georgia offers licensing help for military spouses
- Savannah has jobs in the port, health care, tourism and aerospace
- MyCAA can fund certificates for eligible spouses

Family programs

- ACS Stewart: (571) 801-1688 · Hunter: (571) 801-7494
- Relocation Readiness: (571) 801-2016
- EFMP Hunter: (571) 801-7505
- New Parent Support and Family Advocacy through ACS

Georgia rules for military families

TOPIC	WHAT TO KNOW
State income tax	Nonresident service members aren't taxed by Georgia on military pay; Georgia residents are
Spouse income	Spouses who keep another legal residence may be exempt under MSRRA
Driver's license	Service members and dependents with a valid home-state license can keep it
Vehicle registration	Nonresident service members can keep home-state registration
Hands-free law	Georgia requires hands-free phone use while driving

OFF DUTY

Living here

You'll need a car. There's no public transit between the posts, and I-95 traffic around Savannah builds at rush hour and in tourist season.

Climate

Hot, humid summers with afternoon storms, mild winters and heavy spring pollen.

Shopping

PX and commissary at both posts. Pooler's Tanger Outlets and Savannah for more.

On post

Hunting and fishing on 279,000 acres, splash parks and MWR events.

Day trips

DESTINATION	DRIVE	WHY GO
Savannah Historic District	~45 min from Stewart	Squares, River Street and food
Tybee Island	~1–1.25 hr	Beach, lighthouse and dolphin tours
Richmond Hill / Fort McAllister	~30 min	Civil War earthwork fort
St. Simons and Jekyll Island	~1.25–1.5 hr	Driftwood Beach and the turtle center
Okefenokee Swamp	~1.5 hr	Boat tours and gators
Hilton Head, SC	~1.25 hr	Beaches, biking and golf
Charleston, SC	~2.5 hr	History and food
St. Augustine, FL	~2.5 hr	America's oldest city

KEEP THIS HANDY

Key contacts

Phone numbers change — call ahead to confirm hours before you drive over.

OFFICE	PHONE
Marne Reception Center (24/7)	(571) 801-0626
ACS (Stewart)	(571) 801-1688
ACS (Hunter)	(571) 801-7494
Transportation (Stewart)	(571) 801-3509
Transportation (Hunter)	(571) 801-7519

OFFICE	PHONE
Army Housing Services	(571) 801-3472
Housing Services (Hunter)	(571) 801-7956
Winn appointments	(571) 802-0394
Relocation Readiness	(571) 801-2016
TRICARE East	(800) 444-5445

Add your own

SCHOOL LIAISON

EFMP (STEWART)

LODGING

SPONSOR

Links

Fort Stewart home page · Stewart-Hunter MWR · Winn Army Community Hospital · BAH Rate Lookup · Plan My Move

Sources: Fort Stewart official pages (reception, ACS, housing, household goods); Winn ACH contact page; Military OneSource; DoD 2026 BAH rates via FedRateCalc.

READY FOR THE FULL PLAYBOOK?

Go step by step with the kits.

Worksheets, trackers and a complete binder setup for every stage of your move.

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WORKSHEET

Plan your landing

My housing budget

ITEM	AMOUNT
My monthly BAH	$
Rent or mortgage	$
Utilities (estimate)	$
Renter's or homeowner's insurance	$
Left over (BAH minus costs)	$

Neighborhood comparison

AREA / ADDRESS	RENT OR PRICE	COMMUTE TO GATE	SCHOOL DISTRICT	NOTES

First-week checklist

- [ ] Report to the Marne Reception Center
- [ ] Update DEERS; get dependent IDs
- [ ] Turn in travel and moving paperwork
- [ ] Register with Child and Youth Services
- [ ] Attend newcomers orientation
- [ ] Enroll in TRICARE at Winn or Tuttle
- [ ] Enroll kids in school
- [ ] Build your hurricane kit