Veterans salute at JEA ends oral history project

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A salute to veterans is scheduled for Election Day at the Jewish Educational Alliance to celebrate completion of an oral history project to collect the stories of Jewish World War II veterans.

The MorningStar Cultural Arts Group, a Savannah nonprofit, has spent the last year collecting the local veterans' stories, which will be donated to the Library of Congress for archiving.

So far, about 18 veterans have participated in the volunteer-driven project, said Carol Towbin Greenberg, creative director for MorningStar. It was made possible by a City of Savannah grant and assistance from Georgia Southern University and others.

"It was a lot harder than we thought," Greenberg said. "There are a lot of veterans who have never spoken of these experiences before."

Jewish veterans who have not yet participated have another chance on Nov. 6, when John Dickinson of the Coastal Oral History Project will conduct final interviews. To make an appointment to share a story, call (912) 927-9922.

The Nov. 7 salute at the JEA will begin at 7:15 p.m. and is free and open to the public. A documentary featuring excerpts of the local stories will be shown.

Transportation is available and can be requested by calling (912) 927-9922.

Towbin said her group is still seeking sponsors for the evening's reception. Anyone interested in helping may contact her at 352-1238.

For information, visit www.morningstararts.org.

3rd ID being shifted under new command

The XVIII Airborne Corps no longer has command of the Third Infantry Division based at Fort Stewart and will lose control of the 101st Airborne Division in December.

The change occurred Oct. 1 and is part of the Army's changeover to a more modular organization concept in which units are more independent and can be plugged into larger battle groups.

In the past, the commander of the corps had four divisions under him as well as the responsibility of Fort Bragg, N.C. - one of the two largest Army posts in the country.

Now, the corps headquarters will be configured to deploy and become the lead command unit in the field. Its mission no longer will include training divisions at home.

The corps headquarters and its former divisions will report to Forces Command, which is coming to Fort Bragg around 2010.

Golf outing to benefit children of war dead

A golf tournament is planned at Parris Island this month to benefit the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, which assists the children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen killed in combat.

Since Sept. 11, more than 173 Marines have been killed who were fathers of 290 children, and eight Navy Corpsmen were killed who were fathers to 15 children, according to the foundation.

The golf tournament will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 30 at the Legends Golf Course, Parris Island, Highway 802 in South Carolina.

For information, contact Don Drobny at (843) 686-3785 or mcsf.sc@hotmail.com.

Sons of Revolution plan commemorative event

The Sons of the Revolution in Georgia will conduct its annual commemoration of the victory of George Washington over British Gen. Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown Thursday.

The event will be held at noon in Johnson Square in downtown Savannah.

Lt. Col. Carl Coffman, the garrison commander at Hunter Army Airfield, will be the guest speaker. A color guard, dressed in period uniform, will fire muskets.

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