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## Official Announcements

### **Retirees Get Red Carpet Treatment**

USAG Bamberg is rolling out the red carpet for retirees on Sat. March 31. European-wide retirees (possessing a Blue Retired I.D. card) and their family members (possessing a Retired Dependent I.D. Card) are invited to attend Retiree Appreciation Day at the Basics Building on Warner Barracks in Bamberg. Starting at 9 a.m., a variety of Garrison services catering specifically to retiree's benefits will be available under one roof. Find out how to obtain and uphold your commissary and exchange privileges, or visit with representatives from the Pass and ID Office, IACS, the Dental and Health Clinic, VFW, Legal Assistance, Post Office, USAG Mail Room, Red Cross, Customs Office, Retirement Services, Public Affairs Office, ACS and many more. You've earned it, so take advantage of this opportunity to learn more.

#### **Assistance will be provided for the following services:**

- Updating ID Cards and passports
- Installation Access Control (IACS) Registration
- Obtaining and maintaining shopping privileges
- Benefits and claims from the VFW, Retiree Council and a V.A. Representative
- Legal Assistance
- Assignment of USAG Mail Box numbers
- Post Office support
- Registering with the customs office and customs forms
- Red Cross informational support
- International Direct Deposit
- Retirement Services
- myPay account
- Army Emergency Relief
- Keeping in touch with the military community and many more...

The Bamberg Medical clinic will be providing Dental and Optometry exams as well as blood pressure checks and records maintenance. Shuttle service will be available between the Basics Building and the Health Clinic. For more information contact the Bamberg Directorate of Human Resources at 0951-300-7713 / 8651 / 7522 or 469-7713.

### **Tue. March 20—V.A. Benefits Briefing**

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering a VA Benefits Briefing on Tue. March 20 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Reeltime Theater. The briefing will explain what programs and services are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office for more information at 469-8925 or 0951-300-8925. VA Benefits Briefings will be held once a month in Bamberg through August.



Photo by Amy Bugala

Michael Payne (right), Retirement Services Officer for the Bamberg Directorate of Human Resources provides assistance and information to community retirees like David Cox (left). The DHR office is located on the 2nd floor of Bldg. 7089, Rooms 209–211.

### **Effective Sat. March 10**

#### **Ray's Diner Open, Nieves Webb Closing**

In an effort to improve food service support for the Soldiers and family members of the Bamberg Military Community, dining facility operations will shift to from Nieves Webb DFAC to Ray's Diner on Saturday, March 10. Food service operations at Ray's Diner are as follows.



#### **Monday-Friday**

Brkfast: 7 - 9 a.m.  
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.  
Dinner: 4:30—6 p.m.

#### **Weekend / Holiday**

Brunch: 10 a.m.—1 p.m.  
Supper: 3:30—5 p.m.

A revised weekend Post shuttle schedule can be found online at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil).



### **Sun. March 25—Spring Ahead**

**REMINDER!** Don't be late! Europe will 'Spring Ahead' this year on Sun. March 25. Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead to Daylight Savings Time on Sun. March 25 at 2 a.m. In 2007, most of the United States will begin Daylight Saving Time on March 11.

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Photo by David Burger

Mary Thompson, ACS Army Family Action Plan Program Manager moderated the three day conference.

### 2007 AFAP Issues Await Resolutions

50 delegates representing the Soldiers, retirees, family members and civilians of the Bamberg Warner Barracks Community participated in the 2007 Army Family Action Plan Conference Feb. 26-28. Three working groups met to identify key quality of life issues and discuss recommended solutions. The following is a list of the AFAP issues that were brought forth during this year's conference. The issues will be monitored by a steering committee as community leaders work towards resolutions at the local level.

**Issue:** Distribution of school funding

**Scope:** Lack of funding for STARS program and library upgrades

**Recommendations:** Prioritize funding for STARS trips and library upgrades.

**Issue:** School curriculum

**Scope:** Offer weighted honors courses for Middle School students and bring back weighted honors course grades for High School Students.

**Recommendations:** Offer Middle School weighted honors courses, offer weighted grades for all honors classes and offer SAT/ACT preparation classes as an elective.

**Issue:** Substandard barracks allowance

**Scope:** Many of the single Soldier barracks are inadequate for living. Some soldiers reside in rooms occupied by three to four, or more, people, yet rooms are designed for only one or two people. A Soldier's morale is compromised when they have to share facilities and have less privacy, while others have separate rooms and more personal space.

**Recommendations:**

Provide substandard living allowance and renovate shower facilities from open bays to individual shower stalls. Authorize single NCO's to reside off-post, in order to free up barracks space. Revise AR 210-50 Table 4-2 to REQUIRE more living space for each individual Soldier residing in barracks.

**Issue:** Ineffective application and resume processing

**Scope:** RESUMIX utilizes keywords to which applicants to do not have access. Applicants are denied jobs because they do not meet the keyword requirements despite their qualifications. This affects the applicant as well as his/her entire family. The following recommendations

allow fair employment opportunities for all applicants. Without effective training of staff and communication between departments, applicants get lost in the cracks.

**Recommendations:**

1. Publish keywords WITH the job description.
2. Train CPOL staff to manually screen resumes and provide technical support throughout the entire application process.
3. Require CPOL to offer a tutorial on their website for better understanding of the RESUMIX process.

**Issue:** Traffic safety in housing areas

**Scope:** There is a problem in parking areas throughout housing with the impeded vision of motorists and children due to trash receptacle placement. Cars backing out cannot see oncoming traffic around trash receptacles. This problem is compounded by speeding throughout housing areas. It is imperative that we correct this to protect residents in vehicles and children playing outside.

**Recommendations:**

1. Install traffic mirrors where vision is impaired.
2. Place cameras throughout housing to reduce speeding and ticket the violators.
3. Station MP/decoy at various locations during peak traffic times to deter speeding.

**Issue:** Limited activities for youth on post

**Scope:** Lack of installation activities for all pre-school children inhibits the development of social and motor skills. In addition, the build-up of energy can create a stressful home life for the family. Limited activities on post encourage children to find other means of entertainment that are sometimes inappropriate. Currently less than 10% of youth in Bamberg are enrolled in school-age programs at CYS. Correlations to juvenile delinquencies have been linked to lack of structured activities.

**Recommendations:**

1. Upgrade Roller Realm by adding arcade games and a toddler play area with means to relax and watch their children.
2. Renovate the JFK Gym to accommodate activities of children not currently enrolled in SAS or YS programs.
3. Provide more structured activities to include Saturdays and certain holidays.

**Issue:** Repayment of reserve bonus upon entering Active Duty

**Scope:** Soldiers on reserve status have to repay the balance of the contractual obligation of their reserve bonus when entering active duty. Soldiers often have limited or no knowledge of the rules of repayment. The limited disclosure of the policy creates financial hardships on both soldiers and the gaining command.

**Recommendations:**

1. Ensure DD Form 3286 enlistment contract outlines all conditions of any prior bonuses received
2. List balances of bonuses owed from early separation on DD214

**Issue:** Permanent housing for single Soldiers with partial child custody.

**Scope:** Single service members who have partial custody/visitation of their children for less than 181 days per year are not authorized family (alternative) housing. Overnight visits are not allowed in the barracks nor is the environment conducive to service members' visitation periods with children.

**Recommendation:**

Providing a family-friendly environment may increase parent/child interaction, decrease expenses, increase flexibility of visitation and improve family unit cohesion especially during the current world of multiple deployments.

**Issue:** AAFES monopoly equals higher prices and poor customer service.

**Scope:** An AAFES monopoly on retail generates poor customer service because of control over outside vendors. The current Army Regulation prohibits competition with AAFES. Soldiers utilize services because they have no other choice. Because there are no incentives to offer good service, the result is higher prices, poor customer service, and undue hardship.

**Recommendations:** Implement a local system similar to the Better Bureau Business customer service point system. Re-delegate responsibility over sub-contracts involving commercial retail from AAFES to Post, allowing outside organizations to bid for contracts (AAFES competitor). If the responsibility for subcontracting is delegated to the Post, then there will be direct military oversight over policy. Local control is most efficient and responsive to fluctuation in consumer needs.

**Issue:** CIF-Re-look the CIF Initial Issue

**Scope:** Due to Army modernization, Soldiers are receiving duplicate and outdated equipment that they can not turn in. This crowds already limited barracks space, puts undue burden on Soldiers and is expensive to field. CIF does not have room for item turn-in prior to out-processing and they will not allow you to refuse issue on individual items.

**Recommendations:** Expedite the exchange of outdated equipment. Allow turn-in of items at Chain of Command discretion. Horizontal integration of Rapid Fielding Initiative (RFI) and CIF consolidates responsibility, eliminates duplicate issue and will prevent the purchase of outdated equipment.

**Issue:** USAREUR Sponsorship for the dependents when Service Member on a restricted tour.

**Scope:** Regulation AE 600-700 does not allow family members to stay in Europe while soldier is on a dependent restricted assignment for more than 90 days. Family members who stay in Europe during these assignments will lose their SOFA status unless sponsored by their job.

**Recommendations:** Sponsorship should be held at the post level, to expedite the process and give local control over management of Soldiers. Soldiers should know their follow on assignment during dependents restricted tours so family members can move to the new location prior to closure of the 90 day period. Re-look AE 600-700 to accommodate these soldiers with dependants.

## Weekly Reminders

### **Bamberg Tax Center Hours of Operation**

The Bamberg Tax Center is open Mon. through Fri. 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Walk-ins are being taken on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Please call to make an appointment to file your return at 469-8261.

### **Würzburg Tax Center devotes Saturday to 173d**

To ensure maximum availability of tax assistance services prior to the 173d deployment, the Würzburg Tax Assistance Office is offering priority filing services to the 173d Soldiers and family members on Sat. March 10. The tax center will accept both General and Special POA's if one spouse is unable to be present to file their return. The Würzburg Tax Assistance Center is located at the Law Center on Leighton Barracks Bldg. 47a, Rm. 207 (turn right after passing the shop-pette and follow the road all the way up to the top of the hill. ) The center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be held at the Chapel every Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. (Except Good Friday) Share in fellowship, soup and bread immediately after.

## **Tue. March 20 - Lenten Confessions at Chapel**

Lenten Confessions / Reconciliations will be heard on Tue. March 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bamberg Community Chapel.

## **AER Campaign underway**

Army Emergency Relief is Soldiers helping Soldiers! The AER 2007 campaign is underway March 1 through May 15. Unit representatives are requested to contact Sandi Cox at 469-7633 for more information.

## **Take Overseas Housing Allowance Survey**

Service members who reside in privately leased quarters and receive OHA are being asked to participate in the annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility and Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) Expenses Survey. Maximum participation is strongly encouraged because the results of this survey can significantly impact the amount of your monthly Overseas Housing Allowance.

Homeowners do not need to take this survey as historically their expense data is different from renters upon which the program is based. The web-based survey link is <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/survey/feboha.html> and will available through March 16.



## **We're Listening!**

There's no need to SHOUT! We're listening. Click on ICE at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil) and tell us what you think. It's quick, it's easy and no megaphone is required! The Public Affairs comment card is located under "Communications".

## **Health and Safety**

### **Civilian Fitness Program Spring Assessments**

Spring Assessments for individuals wishing to start the Civilian Fitness Program will be conducted at the Freedom Fitness Facility on Thur. March 22 and on Fri. March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Civilian Fitness Program helps you adopt a healthier lifestyle by incorporating a regular exercise program into your work week. Once enrolled, DOD civilian employees are allowed three 1 hour exercise sessions per week during normal work hours over a 6 month period of time. For more information please contact Health Promotion Coordinator Angela Hunter at 469-7043 (Tue. and Thur.) or 354-6793 (Mon-Wed-Fri)

## **March is National Nutrition Month®**

### **Don't forget the fruits and veggies**

*DeCA Europe release*

The National Nutrition Month of March is a perfect opportunity to shop your commissary's produce department and stock up on more fruits and vegetables. According to the 2005 dietary guidelines, people who eat more fruits and veggies as part of a healthy diet are likely to have a reduced risk of some chronic diseases such as diabetes and cancer. Fruits and veggies provide vitamins, minerals and

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other nutrients your body needs for health and maintenance. If you eat around 2,000 calories a day, you need 2 ½ cups of veggies and two cups of fruit each day according to the USDA [MyPyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov) Web site. So during National Nutrition Month, put some mangoes in your mouth to help reach your recommended daily allowance!

**Get Tracking Today - at MyPyramid.gov**



MyPyramid Tracker is a web-based interactive tool that helps consumers compare their diet and physical activity to current health recommendations. Individuals can enter the foods they eat and their physical activities for a day and obtain the energy balance between them. MyPyramid Tracker provides each user with detailed, personalized results. Go to [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov) and start tracking!

**MyPyramid tracker can help you:**

- Compare your food choices for a day to current nutrition recommendations from the Dietary Guidelines.
- See if you are eating the right amount of foods from each of the MyPyramid food groups.
- Analyze daily physical activity to see how many calories you use and check your energy balance – comparing calories eaten with calories burned through physical activity.
- Track your progress over time – up to 1 year – by entering information for multiple days.

**Continuing Education**

**Bamberg Education Center**

Registration for Term IV begins on March 12  
 Bamberg Education Center: 469-7715  
 Central Texas College: 469-7467  
 University of Maryland University College: 469-7466 / 7670  
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University: 469-9279

**Term IV Course Schedule (March 26– May 19)**

**Lunchtime Classes every Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri.**

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (3 s.h.)  
 PHIL 235 Philosophy of Religion (UMUC)

**Evening Classes every Monday & Wednesday**

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (3 s.h.)  
 ENGL 291 Expository Writing (UMUC)  
 GERM 111 Elementary German (UMUC)

**Evening Classes every Tuesday & Thursday**

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (3 s.h.)  
 BIOL 101 Concepts of Biology (UMUC)  
 SOCY 100 Introduction to Sociology (UMUC)

**Evening Classes every Tuesday & Thursday**

6 – 8 p.m. (3 s.h.)  
 CDEC 1303 Family and the Community (CTC)  
 CJSA 1327 Fundamentals of Criminal Law (CTC)

**Weekend Classes (1 s.h.)**

BIOL 102 Laboratory in Biology (UMUC)  
 Mar. 31, Apr. 14, Apr. 28 & May 12

**Weekend Seminars— Saturday and Sunday**

9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (1 s.h.)  
 LIBS 150 Information Literacy & Research Methods (UMUC)  
 Mar. 31 & Apr. 14  
 CMST 100A Intro to Micro Computers: Hardware (UMUC)  
 & Software Apr. 21 & Apr. 22  
 EDCP 105 Grammar Review: Apr. 28 & 29 (UMUC)  
 CMST 100K Intros to Microcomputers: Accessing info (UMUC)  
 Via the internet. May 5 & 6

**School News**

**BES March Newsletter Online**

The Bamberg Elementary School's community newsletter for march is available online at <http://www.bamb-es.eu.dodea.edu/>. A copy can also be picked up at the elementary school.

**BES reminders**

**March 12 -15** Terra Nova Testing for Grades 3-6

**Fri. March 16** No School due to a School Improvement Planning Day

The BES Faculty will be holding a School Improvement Planning day on Fri. March 16 in the cafeteria. The SIP session will begin at 8 a.m. and focus on developing strategies for improving problem solving and communication skills. Parents are invited to join the faculty for any or all of the day. If you need more information, please call Doris Moss at 0951-300-7616.



**Sat. March 10 - High School Soccer Officials Clinic**

The Kaiserslautern Officials Association (KOA) will hold a make-up National Federation of High School (NFHS) soccer officials clinic on Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Heidelberg. Clinic is free and will consist of classroom work and the NFHS 2007 test. Attendance at the clinic and passing the NFHS test are required to officiate DODDS High School soccer games beginning March 17, 07. Clinic will be held at HQs IMCOM - Europe conference room, Bldg. 3796 at Mark Twain Village.

For more information contact Mike Donohue at 370-6763 or [mike.donohue@ima-e.army.mil](mailto:mike.donohue@ima-e.army.mil) or Gerd Backhaus at 484-7133 or [gerd.backhaus@hq.21tsc.army.mil](mailto:gerd.backhaus@hq.21tsc.army.mil)

**The Point**

**Get the POINT! The next issue will be available Fri. March 9 at the Shoppette or Commissary!**

**Wed. March 28—Dress Code Town Hall**

The continuation or rejection of the current Bamberg Elementary School dress code policy for school year 07/08 will be discussed at a Community Town Hall on Wed. March 28 at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend and join the discussion. For more information please contact Kim Kozel at 469-7891.

**NEW  
Date!****Entertainment & Leisure****The Stable Theater's Production of Little Women Brings Women's History to Life***Bamberg Stable Theater Release*

The Army does well to celebrate our nations Women's History month every year, but rarely does an opportunity to see ladies from our history in action present itself. This month, Bamberg's Stable Theater will put on the first U.S. Army production of Louisa May Alcott's classic tale, *Little Women*, in musical form---a living history lesson, and a highly entertaining, tuneful stage production, opening March 22nd.



Photo by Jack Austin

The story revolves around the March family, four sisters and their mother living alone while the father serves in the Army during the Civil War. The novel has long been interpreted as largely autobiographical, tracing events in Miss Alcott's own life as a writer, this musical version is a faithful, if rapid-moving, rendition of the book that "will leave audiences laughing and crying", says director Jack Austin.

Indeed, the show's central character, Jo March---played by Holly Matesick---follows Alcott's career first as a colorful storyteller, then ultimately a serious author. "Jo was pretty progressive about everything, wanting equality with men---It's a good snapshot on the way things used to be," says Matesick.

"The bonds holding the family during Civil War time provide a comforting backdrop to the events of the story", says Austin. "Our job is to convey that sense of security, in spite of many changes in Jo's life."

Thankfully, the music goes a long way to that end, offering catchy dance tunes such as "Delightful" and "Five For All Together", and sure-to-be-classic ballads such as "Some Things Will Never Change" and "Days of Plenty".

"There's a clear correlation with how they dealt with military separations then as now," says Matesick, "with people coping with deployment and everything." Several of the show's

participants will be going through deployment time in the coming months. "This play explores the vulnerability a family can feel when a parent goes off to war," says Rosanna Hanson, who plays the character of Beth March. "As some of us actors know from experience, it is easy to become discouraged and overwhelmed. The March family faces their deployment with an honesty and strength I would like to emulate."

"We've again been blessed with phenomenal talent and commitment for this show", said Austin, "Bamberg is home of some amazing actors and singers, and it's great to be able to showcase some of them in such a relevant, timely production."

The Stable Theater hopes to sustain its remarkable success in recent years at the IMCOM-wide Tournament of Plays event, held in Heidelberg in April. Judging for *Little Women* is scheduled for the March 28th show.

*Little Women* runs March 22nd-25th, and 29th thru April 1st. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students, kids, and soldiers E4 and below. A special family price of \$25 pays for any size family with parent or grandparent. Reservations can be made by phone at 0951-300-8647 or 469-8647.

**Celebrate Women's History Month at Your Library**

Women's History Month takes place annually during the month of March. The 2007 theme, "*Generations of Women Moving History Forward*" recognizes the wisdom and tenacity of the generations of women who have come before us and those who will follow. The month long observance provides opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the courage, determination, and steadfastness needed to move history forward.

Visit the Bamberg Library during the month of March to find out more about the remarkable women who have changed, or are still fighting to change, the course of history.

**Learn more by 'checking out' these recommended reading titles during Women's History Month :**

- *Cleopatra*, by Fiona MacDonald
- *African American Writers*, by Brenda Scott Wilkinson
- *Eleanor Roosevelt*, by Karen McAuley
- *Elizabeth Dole*, by Richard Kozar
- *Notable American Women*, by Barbara Sicherman
- *Cleopatra's Palace*, by Laura Foreman
- *Amelia Earhart*, by Elgen M. Long
- *My Life in France*, by Julia Child
- *Katherine Hepburn*, by Barbara Leaming
- *Gilda*, by David Saltman
- *Ball of Fire (Lucille Ball)*, by Stefan Kanfer

The library is located in Bldg. 7047 and is open Mon. through Thur. from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Fridays. For more information about the programs and services available at the Bamberg Community Library call 0951-300-1640.

**Thur. March 15- B.S.C.C Italian Pottery BINGO**

Don't miss the next Bamberg Spouses' & Civilians' Club Italian Pottery BINGO night on Thur. March 15 at the Bamberg High School Multi-Purpose Room. Guest bingo caller will be Maj. James Stein, commander of the Bamberg health clinic. Come by at 6 p.m. for card and refreshment sales and the first game will start at 7 p.m. \$8 for 3 hard cards, 3 soft cards and 3 raffle tickets or \$15 for 6 hard cards, 6 soft cards and 6 raffle tickets! Proceeds from the monthly event helps the B.S.C.C. sponsor Grants and Scholarships for groups and members in the Bamberg Community. See you there!



**March 9-11 - Würzburg Spring Bazaar**

Shop Over 50 International vendors on Leighton Barracks this weekend at the Würzburg Spring Bazaar open Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sun. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Thur. March 22 - Etiquette Luncheon**

The Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians' Club invites you to attend an informative Etiquette Luncheon on Thur. March 22 at the Warner Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is \$11. Please RSVP at [bssc\\_reservations@hotmail.com](mailto:bssc_reservations@hotmail.com) by March 19.

**Trips & Travel Opportunities**

**Go trippin' with the CAC this March**

The Bamberg Community Activity Center offers the following trips for the month of March. These trips fill up quickly, so don't delay, sign up today. For more information contact the CAC at 469-8659 or 0951-300-8659.

**Fri. Mar. 16- 19- Skiing in Austria II**

Cost: \$250 per person. Includes 3 overnights, 2 meals per day and transportation.

**Sat. Mar. 24- Shopping in Poland**

Cost: \$60 per person. Departs at 4 a.m.

**Sat. Mar. 31-Apr. 1- Skiing in Austria III**

Cost: \$150 per person. Includes 2 overnights, 2 meals per day and transportation.

**Job Corner**

**Red Cross Looking for Field Office Assistant**

The Bamberg Red Cross is accepting applications now through Fri. March 16 for a Field Office Assistant. The position provides administrative support for the Bamberg Red Cross and assists in the delivery of services to members of the military and their families assigned to Bamberg, Germany. May act in the absence of the Station Manager. Provide work guidance to assigned volunteers and/or per diem staff. Provide a high level of customer service consistent with Armed Forces Emergency Service and American Red Cross standards.

**Qualifications:** Associate degree in social or health sciences, personnel administration, community organization, business or public administration or related field, or equivalent education or work experience. Minimum of two years administrative experience. Knowledge of case-work, counseling, social work or other related field preferred. Experience with ARC programs and services are desired. Strong computer skills to include Internet/Intranet, word-processing, database and/or spreadsheet are required. Work is to be performed in an office in Bamberg, Germany. Operational flexibility is required. Some light lifting, stooping, and reaching may be required as related to filing or restocking of office supplies.

For more information stop by the Bamberg Red Cross Office located in the ACS Bldg 7029 or apply online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Application deadline is March 16. Applicants **MUST** create a job file and can submit resumes by going to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Announcement is #5456BR - Field Office Assistant.

**AAFES is Hiring**

AAFES is seeking qualified applicants to fill entry level food positions at the Burger King in Bamberg. Please go to [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and click on 'employment' for position details and apply online. We look forward to you joining our great team!

**Jobs opportunities listed on CPOL**

For more job opportunities in the local area and world-wide go to the U.S. Army Civilian Personnel Online Web Site at [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil)

**AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule**

AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Fri.	Mar. 9	The Number 23 (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 10	Charlotte's Web (G)	4 p.m.
		The Number 23 (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 11	Charlotte's Web (G)	4 p.m.
		Night at the Museum (PG)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 12	Code Name: The Cleaner (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Mar. 15	Night at the Museum (PG)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 16	Wild Hogs (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 17	Happily N' Ever After (PG)	4 p.m.
		Wild Hogs (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 18	Happily N' Ever After (PG)	4 p.m.
		Primeval (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 19	Alpha Dog (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Mar. 22	Primeval (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 23	300 (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 24	Stomp the Yard (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		300 (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 25	Stomp the Yard (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Freedom Writers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 26	300 (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Mar. 29	Freedom Writers (PG-13)	7 p.m.

## **Outside the Gate**

### **Weekend Events in and around Bamberg**

#### **Friday, March 9**

- 5 p.m. Glen Dimplex Boris Becker Gala at Jako Arena (Forchheimer Str. 15, next to Kaufland store), tickets from 45 to 106 Euro, for details call 0951-23837
- 7 p.m. Magical Theater Session with music and fun at Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstrasse 20)
- 9 p.m. Arthur Kelly Jazz at Jazzkeller (Obere Sandstr. 18)
- 9 p.m. Chutney, a musical voyage through the Caribbean and the Southern States at Club Kaulberg (Unterer Kaulberg 36)
- 9 p.m. Michael Kusche plays the blues at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)
- 10 p.m. Funky safari at Morph Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)

#### **Saturday, March 10**

- 6 p.m. Der Freischutz, opera by Carl Maria von Weber at String Puppet Theater, (Untere Sandstr. 30) for tickets call 09191-4829
- 7 p.m. FLATliners cover rock at Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstraße 20)
- 7:30 p.m. Brose Baskets play Ulm at Jako Arena (Forchheimerstrasse 15, next to Kaufland store)
- 7:30 p.m. Premier: The Merchant of Venice by W. Shake speare (in German) at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater, (Hoffmann Platz 1) For tickets call 0951-87-3030
- 8 p.m. Jazz Trio, Swing and Blues at La Comédie (Judenstraße 6)
- 8 p.m. Tango Argentino Dance Night at Haas-Säle (Obere Sandstraße 7)
- 9 p.m. Out of blue, Rhythm 'n' Blues at Club Kaulberg (Unterer Kaulberg 36)
- 9 p.m. The Royal Dentists (Folkrock, Blues, Acoustics-Emo) at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)
- 10 p.m. Blockrocking beats (fusionhouse, funky beats, Techno, Electro) at Morph Club (Siechenstraße 7a)

#### **Sunday, March 11**

- 10 a.m. Market Day at Burgebrach, Hauptstrasse 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Intercultural Women's Meeting (casual get together for women of all walks of life and nationalities) at Katholische Hochschulgemeinde (Bamberg, Friedrichstraße 2) from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 6 p.m. Musical Jam session with Heiner & friends at Sound 'n' Art (Obere Sandstraße 20)
- 7 p.m. The Merchant of Venice by W. Shakespeare (in German) at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater, E.T.A. (Hoffmann Platz 1) for tickets call 0951-87-3030
- 8 p.m. Lionel Richie at Jako Arena (Forchheimerstrasse 15, next to Kaufland store), ticket from 54 to 64 Euro, for details call 0951-23-837

- 9 p.m. Boris Klabunde (Pop und Folk) at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)
- 9 p.m. David Munyon & Matthias Biber Herrmann (Pop, Rock, Folk, Blues) at Live-Club (Obere Sandstraße 7)

#### **Monday, March 12**

- 7 p.m. Piano Live at Hofbraü restaurant (Karolinenstr. 7)
- 9 p.m. Monday party at Live-Club, all drinks at half price (Obere Sandstraße 7)
- 9 p.m. – Mikael H. (Finish Singer) at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)

#### **Wednesday, March 14**

- 7:30 p.m. Brose Baskets play Bremerhaven at Jako Arena (Forchheimerstrasse 15, next to Kaufland store), tickets from 13 to 24 Euro
- 8 p.m. Organ concert at the Cathedral, Domplatz, for tickets call 9-8082-20
- 9 p.m. Janina live at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)

#### **Thursday, March 15**

- 7 p.m. DJane Artina (Balkan-Oriental-Beats) at Sound 'n' Art (Obere Sandstraße 20)
- 7:30 p.m. Piano Night (Bach, Mozart, Chopin etc) at Erlöserkirche (Kunigundendamm 14)
- 8 p.m. Banana Fishbones live at Live-Club (Obere Sandstraße 7)
- 8 p.m. Der Kaufmann von Venedig by W. Shakespeare (in German) at E.T.A. Hoffmann Theater, E.T.A. Hoffmann Platz 1, for tickets call 0951-8730-30
- 10 p.m. Pitpop at Morph Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)

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##### **17 Million Euros for Hof Airport**

The Bavarian Minister for Economics, Erwin Huber, promised to renovate the Hof airport, even if permission might be denied for expanding the airport. 17 million Euros were granted for the project. Currently, only three planes take-off from that airport due to the short runway.

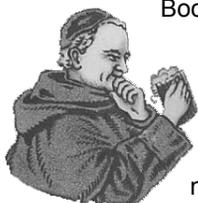
##### **Long distance travel to become more expensive**

The German federal government are discussing whether to impose an environmental protection tax on those traveling in airplanes for long distances or not. Critics say this would not help solve the climate problems. Airplanes contribute to the emission of green house gases destroying the ozone layers.

## Bavarian Starkbierzeit (Strong Beer Season)

By Nicole Karsch-Meibom and Amy Bugala, Bamberg PAO

Now a days most Americans can watch the seasons pass through the aisles of their local Wal-Mart, but if you hail from the Bavarian region of Germany the seasons are marked by what beer is on tap (vom fass) at your local kneipe (bar). For those that follow the 'fass', the Lenten season is known as Starkbierzeit in Bavaria, specifically in the city of Munich. Starkbierzeit is a time when a variety of strong beers or Bocks are brewed. Bock beer is a strong lager (over 6.4% alcohol), usually medium to dark brown, with only enough hops to balance the malt. There is a huge difference in flavor when compared to a Pilsner style beer, but stalwart lager drinkers will probably adore them. Bock is usually associated with Germany—particularly the town of Einbeck, where the brewing style and the bock name was thought to have originated - but it also found elsewhere.



Bock beer was first made by monks who used to brew a strong, nutritious beer during the Lenten season in order to survive fasting with no ill or lethargic effects. The monks believed that "liquid nourishment does not break your fast" and thus did not regard the consumption of beer during Lent as a sin.

To make certain their souls and consciences were clean, they sent a small keg of starkbier to the Pope in Rome. The keg traveled for weeks, up and down the Alps, being warmed by the Italian sun. When the pope finally tasted it, the beer had soured and was not considered a threat to the souls of the monks, so the pope granted his permission. The monks continued brewing (and consuming) and a seasonal tradition began. Now before heading out to your local Bamberg brewery for a liter of liquid nourishment, readers should be advised that Bamberg's strong beer time arrives in the fall. So look towards Munich for the bock of your choice - until November that is!



**Maibock** is traditionally drunk to mark the onset of summer and is usually paler and less full bodied with a little more hop bitterness. It is a reminder of the days when beer production was strictly seasonal. Hellesbock (light bock) is similar in style.

**Doppelbocks** (double bock) are stronger than a normal Bock (at least 6.9%) and usually maltier with more depth of flavor.

**Eisbock** (ice bock) is made by freezing doppelbock and removing the ice crystals to produce an even stronger drink (the alcohol freezes at a lower temperature and therefore remains in the beer in a greater concentration).

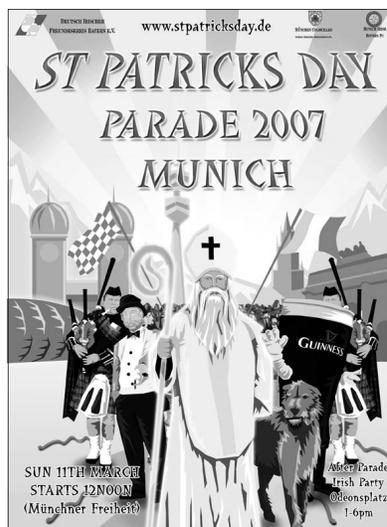
**Weizenbocks** are a stronger version of a wheat beer (Hefeweizen) and quite different to the other bocks, being top-fermented beers rather than bottom-fermented lagers.

It may be important to note that the Rauchbier, (smoked beer) so typical for Bamberg, is not a Starkbier or strong ale at all. This lager is smoky in taste, has hints of licorice and perhaps some dark chocolate and while a little strange at first, it is by no means unpleasant.

With 9 breweries (producing over 60 different beers), 2 large malting facilities (Weyermann Malz and Bamberger Mälzerei), the world's oldest manufacturer of brewing systems (Kaspar Schulz) and the Franconian Brewery Museum, there is quite a lot of brewing culture for a city of only 70,000 people. In addition, there are over 100 breweries within 25 miles Bamberg. The EBCU (European Beer Consumers Union) declared Bamberg to be a World Beer Heritage City. If you would like a list of all Bamberg breweries and their opening hours, check out [www.franconiabeerguide.com](http://www.franconiabeerguide.com). (site is in English) Drive to Arrive, Don't Drink and Drive!



## St. Patrick's Day Parade in Munich



St Patrick's Day is probably the most widely known national holiday and is recognized all over the world with parades and parties. Munich is no exception - actually the St. Patrick's Day Parade has become one of the most attractive festivities in Munich and the biggest parade in mainland Europe. The Irish community living in Munich invites you to take part in this years parade, which will start at noon on Sunday,

March 11. The parade will leave Münicher Freiheit at noon and march up the Leopold - and Ludwigstrasse ending at the Odeonsplatz. At Odeonsplatz there will be a celebration with Irish music and dance by many well known artists and performers. One of this years highlights is the Celtic Harp Orchestra from Milan. Last but not least, the Irish are known for celebrating in style - no St. Patrick's Day Parade would be complete without a "taste" of Ireland. Guinness beer and Irish Stew, are just a few of the culinary specialities that can be tasted at this years event. Find out more at [www.stpatricksday.de](http://www.stpatricksday.de) (site is in English)



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**As seen in the Fränkischer Tag ...****Fränkischer Tag.de****News summaries from March 2 through March 8****Bavaria plans all-day school in 2008**

To support the Hauptschulen the Bavarian Minister for Cultural Affairs, Siegfried Schneider, wants to introduce all-day school systems. The plan is to better prepare students for their professional life as well as reduce the number of students that leave school without graduating.

*(Germany has three types of high schools: Gymnasien, Realschulen and Hauptschulen. Gymnasium starts at 5th grade and leads up to 13th grade. Gymnasium students generally continue schooling at University. Realschulen only lasts until tenth grade. After graduation, typically at age 16, Realschulen students are expected to take on an apprenticeship. Finally, Hauptschulen students go until 9th grade. Any student who went to a German elementary school can go to a Hauptschule afterwards, whereas students who want to attend a Realschule or Gymnasium need to have good grade in order to enroll.)*

**Bavarian Gymnasien suffer from lack of teachers**

Headmasters all over Bavaria are complaining: more and more often students can not be taught because of the staffing shortages. A current survey showed that an average of 3.7 % of the hours can not be met due to the situation. This concerns mostly the teaching of mathematics, physics and Latin. The situation at the Realschulen (lower high schools) is similar. It is due to the fact that not enough people want to become teachers.

**Pauli resigns as county commissioner**

Gabriele Pauli, County Commissioner of Fuerth, whose open criticism has lead to the resignation of Bavarian Prime Minister Edmund Stoiber, decided to step back from her position. She said: "I imagine a future in business or on a higher political level."

**Fewer deaths on Upper Franconian roads**

In 2005, 85 people died in car accidents in Upper Franconia, 78 were killed in the last year. Police consider this a result of more traffic controls and safe driving campaigns. Main focus will be on seat belt usage, speed control and a special campaign for elderly people and children. In 1997, 151 people lost their lives in car accidents in that area.

**Avalanche buries eight climbers**

In the Oetztal Alps near Tirol, an avalanche almost killed eight climbers. All of them were able to be rescued, but one remains in critical condition in intensive care. Even though the climbers were being lead by a climbing instructor, the group had inadvertently caused an avalanche.

**Brose Baskets won against Tigers**

The National Basketball team, Brose Baskets from Bamberg, won 75 - 55 against Tübingen and made it to 5th place on the national scale. Now the team hopes to make it to the top again.

**Autumn 2006 more tourists than ever**

Due to many foreign visitors, Bamberg can look back on 2006 as its best year of tourism ever. Most visitors by far come from the United States (14,991), which is more than twice as many as from Britain (6,399), Italy (6,035), Switzerland (5,069) and Japan (3,792).

**Traffic signs criticized**

Bamberg traffic signs can cause confusion. The system designed to lead visitors to parking lots, has been criticized amongst the Christian Social Union fraction in the Bamberg city council. Amongst other things, it was mentioned that the figures of empty spaces shown on the electronic boards are incorrect. Also, it was criticized that those signs were misleading and only made visitors need more time to find a parking spot.

**Warmuth abandons the lawsuit**

The former manager of the Concert Halls, Warmuth, has abandoned his lawsuit against the CSU (Christian Social Union) of Bamberg. He had hosted an election party in 2002 for 800 party guests worth thousands but never received a contribution receipt from the CSU party for his donation. As a result he went to court. Now, Bamberg party chief Helmut Mueller could convince the manager to abandon his suit for 25,000 Euros. The party is heavily indebted with 110,000 Euros mostly stemming from expensive election campaigns of the last candidate, Peter Neller (who had lost against Lord Mayor Starke).

**Reinfelder made chairperson of local Gaustadt Christian Social Union (CSU) party**

Daniela Reinfelder has now been made chairwoman of the local CSU branch in Gaustadt. One of Reinfelder's top priorities will be to make sure that the public swimming pool in Gaustadt receives the necessary financial support for renovation.

**Half the man he used to be, twice the energy now**

Siegfried Stengel, Mayor of Stegaurach, used to be a heavy guy. With having to attend receptions and political dinner invitations he eventually gained 135 kilos of weight. Now, the local politician is literally just half the man he used to be by losing 50 kilos. His trick: "Eat half of all, move twice as much."

**Bamberg traffic senate discusses closure of downtown road**

After the city decided to close Sandstrasse to daily traffic, the result was increased traffic at the Torschuster (the eye of the needle when driving uphill past the cathedral). Now the traffic senate wants to discuss a partial diagonal closure for that area. Since Torschuster is a tight intersection, the plan is to only allow right hand turns – Downhill Obere Karolinenstrasse to Michelsberg, Maternstrasse to Obere Karolinenstrasse uphill) Residents of the area, people needing to access the kindergarten the senior citizen's home will have to make huge detours in future, if the proposed is enacted.

**Germans work more, have fewer days on sick leave**

According to the Federal Agency for Employment Research, German employees worked 1.45 million hours of overtime in 2006 (1.43 in 2005). At the same time, the number of days on sick leave declined from an average of 7.2 days per year (2005) to 6.8 days in 2006. This shows a continued decrease in the average. In 1999 the average was still at 9.3 days.

**German Telecom plans to create a bargain telephone brand**

Since its figures are going downhill, the German Telecom plans to let go of approximately 50,000 employees in Germany, only to re-employ them with worse working conditions and less pay. Also, Telecom plans to introduce a bargain mobile phone brand to attract young customers.

**Aschbach citizens fight for their public pool**

Bamberg county town Aschbach/Schluesselfeld is also fighting to keep its public pool. The pool is 35 years old and urgently needs refurbishing. On March 15, the city council of Schluesselfeld will vote on the future of the public facility. The citizens, however, desperately want to keep the pool.

**Watch out for flying chairs, robbers!**

When two armed and masked robbers tried to get money from a hotel janitor in Bad Fuessingen near Passau, the man simply pulled a chair and threw it at the robbers. The invaders left without the loot and nobody was hurt.