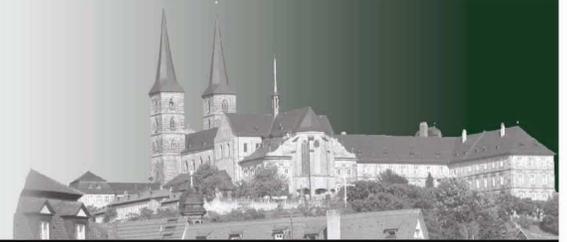




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## ACS earns accreditation ensuring quality service to community

By Amy L. Bugala

The US Army Garrison Bamberg Army Community Service was recommended by the Department of the Army to receive accreditation with commendation, following an inspection held Dec. 3 - 7.

The Department of the Army accreditation process recognizes ACS centers for having a high level of performance, integrity, and quality which ensures the same level of community service and support for all Soldiers, civilians, retirees and Families regardless of location.

The Bamberg ACS was last accredited in 2004, but the certification was received without commendation explains Owen Fulsome, ACS program operations specialist.

The 2004 accreditation was awarded after a 90-day deferment which allowed ACS to correct some deficiencies and meet the standards. "The improvements made at ACS since the last inspection met the 225 accreditation standards and the Bamberg ACS center passed on the first try," he stated.

"The staff worked very hard together as a team over the past two years to prepare for this, and we are happy with the outcome," he added.

To meet the accreditation standards the staff put in a lot of work behind the scenes like revisiting standard operating procedures and process improvements. Fulsome says those changes do make a positive impact on the daily services provided to the ACS customers here.

**"The staff worked very hard together as a team over the past two years to prepare for this, and we are happy with the outcome,"** Owen Fulsome, ACS Program Operations Specialist.

For example a notable improvement was made to the Information and Referrals program while going through the accreditation process.

"We now have processes in place to ensure timely maintenance of our resource files which had fallen out of date over the past few years," Fulsome said. The updated resource file contains valuable information for newcomers such as a list of off-post health care providers, local and community phone books, maps of the (See **ACCREDITATION** page 2)

### We're Taking a Break!



The USAG Bamberg Warner Weekly staff is taking a break for the Holidays! The next edition of the Warner Weekly will be

distributed on Fri. Jan. 11, 2008. All submissions for the next edition will be due on Fri. Dec. 28 two weeks prior. **To submit an announcement call DSN:469-2000 or e-mail: bambergpao@eur.army.mil** Happy Holidays! See you all next year!

### Bavarian News Winter Welcome Edition

The Bavarian News Winter Welcome edition is in news stands now. Pick up your copy of the most important guide to living in Bavaria. The next regular edition of the Bavarian News will be available on Wed. Jan. 16.



### Sky Soldier exchanges season's greetings with U.S. Senator

Army 1st Lt. Kristin Preczewski, executive officer, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, receives a phone call from U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., who wished her and everyone at Forward Operating Base Fenty, Jalalabad, Afghanistan, a Merry Christmas Dec. 19, 2007. Photo by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Eric Hendrix

*Happy Holidays to the Soldiers and Families of the Bamberg Military Community!*

**(ACCREDITATION continued)**

city and directions to stores and shops.

Other improvements were made to standardize lesson plans and briefings to make certain there are no variations or breaks in service. "Substitute program instructors now have the tools to fill-in and teach courses when a staff instructor may not be available," said Fulsome.

Out of the four ACS centers inspected in Europe during the 2007 calendar year, the Bamberg ACS is the only center to earn accreditation with commendation, reported an Installation Management Command, Europe inspection team member.

The team noted that what stood out in Bamberg was the highly motivated staff and exceptional leadership as well as the key relationships built with outside agencies such as the Family Advocacy Program and Exceptional Family Member Program.

ACS director, Arthur Jones, faced many challenges during the process including close to 100 percent staff turnover since he began in 2005. "Because 98% of the staff at the ACS is new, we put our emphasis on training and then cross-training everyone. I was given the authority to build a professional team and that's what we did, together."

Jones says the accreditation results reflect the teamwork and cohesion of his diverse staff.

"We have over 40 dedicated professionals and volunteers working to provide the 17 programs and services for this community," Jones says. "I am proud of the ACS staff for their accomplishment and humbled to be the director of such an outstanding group of people."

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command will formally present the ACS staff with the certification in the next few weeks.

For more information about ACS programs scheduled in December, download a copy of the USAG Bamberg Morale, Welfare and Recreation guide at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil) or call ACS at DSN 469-7777.

## Warner Barracks home to new training asset

*Story and photo by James Fredrick*

Bamberg Soldiers now have a new tool in the fight to curb preventable injuries with the opening of the garrison's own HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT). Built by the 21st Theater Sustainment Command in Kaiserslautern, the HEAT is an up-armored humvee chassis mounted on an axle that is powered by a motor. Like a giant humvee rotisserie, the vehicle cabin rotates 360 degrees, simulating a rollover. Complete with steering wheel, safety belts, battle locks, turret and an artificial engine ignition, the HEAT gives Soldiers a realistic experience that is designed to help them react automatically should a real rollover occur.

The Army has made such training mandatory for all Soldiers in an effort to reduce injuries and fatalities in these types of incidents.

Soldiers from the 54th Engineer Battalion were the first group to train on the machine since opening at the Bamberg Training Support Center in early December.

"I believe everyone should take advantage of this training," said Sgt. Dane Crull, 54th Engineer Battalion. "They may not realize it now, but with this training, a Soldier will have the ability to respond instinctively if they ever find themselves upside down in a humvee."

Units wishing to schedule training sessions in the HEAT will be required to first send one to two Soldiers to the Bamberg Training Support Center to become certified as trainers on the machine. The certified unit trainers will then instruct the members of their own unit.

"This Soldier to Soldier instruction is an integral part of the training," said Daniel Cintron, Training Support Center Chief. "The unit trainers will relate some of their own battle and training experiences throughout the sessions, making the entire experience more effective."

To schedule your unit for HEAT training, or for more information, contact Daniel Cintron at the Bamberg Training and Support Center at DSN:469-8196.



*Soldiers from the 54th Engineer Battalion watch as their comrades go for a tumble in the Bamberg Training Support Center's new HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer.*

**CMR Holiday  
Customer Service Hours**

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Dec. 22 and 29, Jan. 5 and 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
The window will also be open Mon. Dec. 24 from noon to 2 p.m.**

## Signal Soldiers go virtual

Story and photo by Sgt. Keith M. Anderson,  
16th SB Public Affairs

Signal Soldiers took a break from a three-week communications exercise at the Bamberg Logistics Training Area Dec. 12 to patrol the green zone in Baghdad — virtually.

Soldiers from Bravo Company, 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, took advantage of the opportunity to use the traveling Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer while it was at Bamberg from Dec. 5 to Jan. 3.

The \$3.4 million Raydon Corp. trainer has four simulated High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles in two 54-foot Wabash trailers, as well as control center and an after-action-review area that replays recordings of the missions.

Soldiers, in five-man teams, filled each HMMWV and had to coordinate with Soldiers in the other vehicles and a “headquarters” agent over radios as they convoyed through Iraq on one of more than 30 possible missions. Each “truck” had a driver, a vehicle commander, a gunner and two dismounts.



Spc. Kenneth Sims, radio team chief, 16th Special Troops Battalion, provides rear security on a virtual .50-cal. machine gun as his team “convoys through Baghdad” on a Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer (VCCT) at Bamberg Dec. 12.

The missions are tailored to the needs of the unit.

For B CO, “Voice of the Knights,” the convoy was assigned three missions in the half-day training: tactical road march, react to contact and react to improvised explosive devices.

During their initial familiarization mission, a tactical road march through the green zone to Camp Victory, B CO Soldiers drove past a sniper, hearing the “clink, clink,” sound of rounds striking their vehicles.

“Sniper three o’clock,” shouted a Soldier over the radio. “We’re taking fire.”

After the incident, the convoy commander, Sgt. 1st Class Deandre Favors, platoon sergeant, B CO, had the Soldiers pull in to a half-way point and leave their “vehicles,” and conducted an after-action review, with the entire seven minute mission playing over a large screen, and radio traffic playing over the speakers.

There was some laughter and jibes after Soldiers heard themselves talking over the radios and watched themselves react to the sniper, but the lesson was not lost on the Soldiers.

Favors used the recording to emphasize the importance of proper reporting and following convoy tactics, techniques and procedures.

The video-game like experience was a hit with the signal Soldiers.

“I play Halo [a first-person shooter video game], and this isn’t anything like Halo,” said Spc. Kenneth Sims, a radio team chief, B CO, 16th STB. “Halo is just joysticks, this is more interactive.”

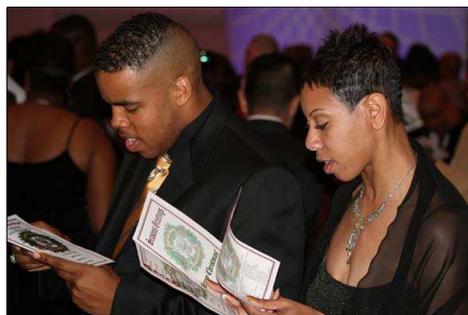
Sims, who served as a .50-cal. gunner on numerous convoy operations during his last deployment to Iraq with the 22nd Sig-

nal Brigade in 2006, said the VCCT reminded him of his experience in theater.

“It was very realistic,” Sims said. “For those Soldiers who haven’t been down range, I highly suggest it. This is basic convoy operations.”

The training improves Soldiers’ ability to conduct convoys, but it also improves their chances of survival in dangerous situations, said Charles Sweeney, training specialist, Raydon Corp.

“If for no other reason, the training is ideal for teaching troop leading procedures, for convoy preparation and planning, and for reinforcing situational awareness,” Sweeney said.



## Sustainment Soldiers Celebrate Christmas

Staff Sgt. Basseal Thomas and Sgt. Elton Thomas, both HHC 16th Special Troops Battalion sing “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” at the brigade’s holiday ball Dec. 14 at the Bamberg Konzert und Kongresshalle. Soldiers celebrated the holiday season with food, drinks, comedy skits, sing-a-long holiday songs and ended the night with dancing. Photo by Sgt. Keith M. Anderson



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## Community Announcements

### Have Wii got a deal for you!



Just in time for Christmas, Nintendo Wii's have arrived at the Bamberg AAFES Power Zone. Because this item is in high demand AAFES will be holding a drawing to give everyone an equal chance to purchase the game system. Drawings for an opportunity to PURCHASE a Wii gaming system will be held this weekend.

**Sat. Dec. 22 10 chances to win**  
**Sun. Dec. 23 11 chances to win**  
**Mon. Dec. 24 12 chances to win**

Drawings will be held at 1 p.m. at the Power Zone. Customers must enter prior to each drawing daily, winners must be present and make the Wii purchase on the same day. The Wii sells for \$249. Limited to one per sponsor / per family please.

### Bamberg MWR presents "Magic Moments with Sarrasani"



Sarrasani is returning to Bamberg this year, Jan. 4 through 6, with an all new show for the entire family, "Circus Stars: The Sarrasani Winter Spectacle". Performances will be held Fri. and Sat., Jan. 4 and 5 at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sun. Jan. 6 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Show tickets range from 14.70 - 33.40 Euros. In addition, all gourmets can purchase VIP tickets for the buffet for 39.95 Euros per person or VIP tickets for the Sunday brunch for 29 Euros. Children ages 3-14, students, and disabled pay reduced prices. Tickets are available now at CIV:0951-23837, online at [www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de](http://www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de), at JAKO Arena, and other ticket agencies. To find out how to win free tickets, stop by MWR Outdoor Recreation at the CAC or call DSN:469-9659.

### Let your voice be heard. Vote!

The Presidential election is right around the corner. Many citizens are eligible to vote in the Primaries in their home states. Do not forget to exercise your right as an American citizen to let your voice be heard. You can't vote if you don't register! See your Voting Action Officer now! Call DSN:469-8071 to find out what you must do in order to vote in your district. If you have questions call or email [charles.schnepfe@eur.army.mil](mailto:charles.schnepfe@eur.army.mil).

### PWOC spring session begins Jan. 16

The Bamberg Protestant Women of the Chapel will kick-off spring study sessions on Wed. Jan. 16 at the chapel from 9 to 11 a.m. Six new book studies await anyone looking for fellowship, friendship, and fun. PWOC is open to women of all denominations. Free childcare is provided. Call CIV:0951-300-8142 for more information.

### Closures / Changes

#### Post shuttle has new schedule

The Warner Barracks shuttle bus is now running on a new schedule. To view the new schedule click here [www.bamberg.army.mil/dol/busschedule.htm](http://www.bamberg.army.mil/dol/busschedule.htm).

#### Warner Club closing

The Bamberg Warner Club will be closed until further notice. For more information contact Juergen Hagemann at DSN:469-7885.

#### CMR oversized mail pick-up

Oversized packages and footlockers can now be picked-up at the CMR, Bldg. 7116 during normal Customer Service Window hours from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Please let the Customer Service Window Representative know and drive to the rear of the CMR. For more info call DSN:469-8572.

### Holiday Hours/Schedules

#### Holiday Ray's Diner Hours of Operation

During the holidays (Dec. 22 - Jan. 6) the dining facility will be operating special hours.

#### Holiday Operating hours for

**Dec. 22-24, 29-31, Jan. 1, 5 and 6:**

Brunch: 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Supper: 3 - 4:30 p.m.

#### Christmas Day hours

**Tues. Dec 25:**

Breakfast: 8 - 9 a.m.  
 Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
 Dinner: 4 - 5 p.m.

#### Holiday Operating hours for

**Dec. 26-28, Jan. 2-4**

Breakfast: 7 - 9 a.m.  
 Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Dinner: 4 - 5 p.m.

### Garrison Services limited today starting at noon

Garrison services may be limited on Fri. Dec. 21 due to annual organizational events and many administrative facilities will be working with a limited staff starting at noon.

The following administrative services will be closed:

- Directorate of Logistics (*Services provided through SATO Travel will be open.*)
- Directorate of Human Resources (*All ID/Passport, MPD and mailroom services will be available*)
- Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation. (*ACS, CYS and the Community Activities Center will be open.*)
- Directorate of Public Works. (*All emergency service orders will be processed*)
- Public Affairs Office
- Plans, Analysis & Integration Office
- Safety Office
- Resources Management Office
- Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

### Bamberg Thrift Shop closed for holidays

The Thrift Shop will be closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 14 for the Holidays and for re-vamping. Please hold all donations from Dec. 21 through Jan. 7. Call CIV:0951-32408 for more information.

### CMR Holiday Customer Service Hours

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### Garrison holiday hours

The operating hours for garrison facilities and services may vary during the holidays from Dec. 24 to Jan 2. Please be sure to call ahead and confirm operating times.

### Health Clinic holiday schedule

The Bamberg Health Clinic will have closures during the upcoming holiday season. Be sure to mark your calendars for these days. During closures all emergencies should go to the Bamberg Klinikum.

**Mon. Dec. 24 and Tue. Dec. 25 –Closed**  
**Mon. Dec. 31 and Tue. Jan. 1 –Closed**

For more information please contact the Bamberg Health Clinic Executive Officer 1st Lt. Jose Sanfeliz at DSN:469-8619 or CIV:0951-300-8619.

### CMR open on Saturdays

The CMR customer service window will be open on Saturdays (Dec. 22 and 29, Jan. 5 and 12) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The pick-up window will also be open Mon. Dec. 24 from noon to 2 p.m.

### Bamberg APO holiday hours

The Bamberg APO was unable to extend its normal Holiday hours to include Saturdays due to fiscal restraints. However, the APO will be open on Mon. Dec. 24, to ensure that those last minute packages sent from family and friends reach the CMR by Christmas Eve. The APO, as always, continues to be open on Thursday evenings until 6 p.m. for customers who need to mail packages after normal duty hours.

*Note: The Schweinfurt community at Ledward Barracks will no longer offer Saturday APO hours after Sat. Dec. 22.*

### Chapel 2007 worship schedule

#### Catholic

Sun. Dec. 23 9 a.m. Sunday service  
Tue. Dec. 25 11 a.m. Christmas Mass  
Tue. Jan 1 11 a.m. Mass

#### Protestant

Sun. Dec. 23 11 a.m. Sunday service  
Mon. Dec. 24 5 p.m. Candlelight service

#### Church of God and Christ

Sun. Dec. 23 12:45 p.m. Sunday service

#### Free Gospel

(Preston Hall Bldg. #7080 Kennedy Blvd.)

Sun. Dec. 23 11 a.m. Sunday service  
Mon. Dec. 31 10 p.m. Watch Night service

### Post shuttle holiday schedule

The Warner Barracks post shuttle will not be running Dec. 24, 25 or 26 due to the Christmas holiday.

### Weekly Reminders

#### Get your car clean for half the price

The Bamberg MWR Auto Skills Center is offering 50% off any car wash during the entire month of December. Open Wed. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. CLOSED Mon. and Tue. from Dec. 24 - Jan 2. Please be sure to call ahead and confirm operating times.

#### Volunteer of the quarter nominations are due Jan. 4

3rd Quarter nominations are due Jan. 4 and cover the period from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. For more information, or to nominate a volunteer, contact Kimberly Millner at DSN:469-7777 or send an email to Kimberly.millner@eur.army.mil

#### Gift certifi-checks a great solution to holiday gift giving



Need a quick gift solution for the holiday? Make your stop at the commissary a time for multi-tasking! Visit the customer service office to buy \$25 gift certifi-checks and mark off some names on your holiday shopping list. A \$1 service charge will be added to the price of each certifi-check—a small price to pay for the ease and convenience of being closer to finished with one of the biggest tasks of the season. They are available online in a variety of denominations at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com). Since the gift certifi-check program was established, DeCA Europe alone has sold over one-half million certifi-checks through the in-store portion of the program.

### Kids and Teens

#### 2008 Scholarships for Military Children Program now open

Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are available at 264 commissaries worldwide or, new this year, you can fill out your application online at <http://www.commissaries.com>. Applications must be turned in at a commissary by the close of business on Feb. 20, 2008.

### Holiday events for youth

For more information on School Age Services programs call CIV:0951-300-8641.

**Dec. 24- Jan. 4:** School Age Services Winter Camp. Open to ages Kindergarten to 5th grade. Join a fun program full of field trips, craft activities, music, cooking, games and bowling!

**Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve Party for grades 6-12 from 4 to 6 p.m. at SAS. Free admission.

**Jan. 11:** Teen Winter Ball at the Roller Realm, open to 9th - 12th graders from 7 to 10 p.m. Attire is semi-formal to formal. Tickets are \$5 before Jan. 10 and \$10 at the door. (*this dance was originally schedule for Sat. Dec. 15*)

### High School News

#### Boy's & girl's basketball schedule

Jan. 18	Hohenfels vs. Bamberg (home)
Jan. 19	Bamberg vs. Hohenfels
Jan. 25	Mannheim vs. Bamberg (home)
Jan. 26	Mannheim vs. Bamberg (home)
Feb. 1	Bamberg vs. Vilseck
Feb. 2	Vilseck vs. Bamberg (home)
Feb. 8	TBA
Feb. 9	TBA
Feb. 15	Ansbach vs. Bamberg (home)
Feb. 16	Bamberg vs. Ansbach

### Entertainment & Leisure

#### Audition for hit musical

The Stable Theater is looking for actors and actresses (older teen to adult) to fill parts in the hit musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" Auditions will be held at the Stable Theater Jan. 9, 10 and 11 at 6:30 p.m. The show is scheduled to run in early March. For more information contact the theater at CIV:0951-300-8647.

#### Play BSCC bingo Jan. 16

Win big at the Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians' Club Italian Ceramics bingo night on Wed. Jan. 16. Win prizes from a fine selection of Tiffany & Co. ceramics and more. Doors open at 6 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m. in the BHS multi purpose room. \$8 or \$15 packets available, including playing cards and raffle tickets.



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**Ring in the New Year in style**

Join the Moonlight Cabin's Black and White Masquerade on New Year's Eve, Mon. Dec. 31, at 9 p.m. featuring karaoke, games and fun. Free admission. Win prizes for best costumes, pizza and snacks served. Call CIV:0951-300 -423 for details.

**Ski/Snowboard Lessons**

Want to try snowboarding or skiing? Get three of your friends together and come to Outdoor Recreation in the CAC for a private group lesson (min. 4 people). Includes transportation, rental, instruction, and lift pass. For more info call DSN:469-8659.

**AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule**

AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tue. and Wed.



Fri. Dec. 21	The Golden Compass (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 22	Why Did I Get Married (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	The Golden Compass (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun Dec. 23	Why Did I Get Married (PG-13)	4 p.m.
	Rendition (R)	7 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 24	The Golden Compass (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur. Dec. 27	Rendition (R)	7 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 28	I Am Legend (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 29	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)	4 p.m.
	I Am Legend (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 30	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)	4 p.m.
	Gone Baby Gone (R)	7 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 31	I Am Legend (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur. Jan. 3	The Comebacks (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 4	American Gangster (R)	7 p.m.
Sat. Jan 5	The Comebacks (PG-13)	4 p.m.
	American Gangster (R)	7 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 6	The Comebacks (PG-13)	4 p.m.
	National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG)	7 p.m.

**Trips & Travel Opportunities**

**ODR in December/January trips**

Take a trip this December/January with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

**Sun. Dec. 30 - Jan. 2 Snowboard and Ski \$TBA**

Enjoy the Alps at Garmisch and explore the Alp Spitze, Stubai Glacier and other areas. Ski and ride from hut to hut and spend New Year's Eve in the snowy peaks of the Alps. Includes transportation and 3 nights at the hotel with breakfast.

**Sat. Jan. 12 Crystal Shopping \$15**

See Nachtmann Glassworks and various other shops. Departs from CAC at 8 a.m.

**Trips & Travel Opportunities**

**Sat. Jan. 19 Palm Beach Nürnberg \$10**

Need to beat the cabin fever? See the Palm Beach indoor pool complex with many slides for you and the kids to enjoy, various pools, saunas etc. Departs from CAC at 9 a.m.

**Fri. Jan. 18—21 Ski & Snowboard \$249**

Spend a long weekend at Gastein/Austria, hit the slopes and enjoy the clubs, bars or thermal pools. Includes transportation and three nights lodging with breakfast and dinner. Departs at 10 a.m. on Friday and returns 11 p.m. on Sunday.

**Sat. Jan. 26 Explore Prague \$85**

Join ODR for a trip to the "Golden City" with lots of culture and architecture. Visit the Kafka Museum or explore the Jewish quarter "Josefsstadt". Prague is a must-see while in Europe! Departs from CAC at 3 a.m.

*Trips fill up quickly, so reserve your seat now. Contact the CAC for more info at DSN:469-8659.*

**Outside the Gate**

**Weekend Events in and around Bamberg**

Frequently used locations can be found online at [www.bamberg.army.mil/news/map.pdf](http://www.bamberg.army.mil/news/map.pdf)

**Friday, Dec. 21**

- 8 p.m. "Transilvanian Beat Club" at Live Club (Obere Sandstrasse 7)
- 9 p.m. "The Royal Dentists" at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 9 p.m. "Grandmas Fun" in concert (rock) at Sound'n'Arts (Obere Sandstrasse 20)
- 9 p.m. Metal music style party at Top Act (Hauptstrasse 26, Zapfendorf)
- 10 p.m. Reggae at Morph Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)

**Saturday, Dec. 22**

- 9 p.m. "Schweinsohr" in concert at Jazzclub (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 9 p.m. "Colourblind" in concert at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 9 p.m. "CHP" in concert at Sound'n'Arts (Obere Sandstrasse 20)
- 9 p.m. "Band at work" in concert at Club Kaulberg (Unterer Kaulberg 36)
- 9 p.m. Bebbos Christmas party at Stilbruch (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 10 p.m. Techno music party at Morph Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)
- 10 p.m. Disco at Top Act (Hauptstrasse 26, Zapfendorf)



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**Sunday, Dec. 23**

- 11 a.m. Last day of Bamberg Christmas market at Maxplatz (*between town hall and Karstadt store*)
- 5 p.m. Bamberg Christmas concert 2007 at concert hall (*Musstr. 1*)
- 5 p.m. Musica Viva Choir at St. Stephan church (*Eisgrube*)
- 8 p.m. Jam session at Sound'n'Arts (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 8 p.m. Christmas concert at La Comedie (*Judenstrasse 6*)
- 9 p.m. "Rags again" at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Party at Live Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)

**Monday, Dec. 24**

As Germans celebrate Christmas Eve on Dec. 24, most shops on the economy will close after noon. Please plan accordingly.

**Tues. Dec. 25 and Wed. Dec. 26**

These two days are public holidays. All shops on the economy will be closed.

**Christmas Eve celebrated in Germany**

Christmas celebrations are held on the evening of Dec. 24, known as Heiliger Abend. Families come together to enjoy a festive meal and to gather around the Christmas tree. Believe it or not, in many German homes real candles are still used - with great



care - to decorate and light the tree! Christmas gifts are exchanged and many Germans still keep the tradition of singing Christmas carols and making music together. "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" (Silent Night, Holy Night) to this day is probably the most widely sung Christmas carol around the world. After the celebrations at home practicing Christians will attend festive midnight church services to commemorate the birth of Christ. The festivities with relatives and friends extend throughout Dec. 25 and 26, which are both official holidays in Germany. Though the daily routine returns once those days have past, the Christmas Season continues until Jan. 6, "Heilige Drei Könige" (Epiphany). This holiday, commemorating the arrival of the Three Wise Men in Bethlehem, is still widely celebrated.

**Bamberg Trail of Nativity Scenes**

Find 34 nativity scenes and Christmas cribs all over town in churches, museums, public buildings and on public places from now till Jan. 6. To get a map with all scenes come to the Tourist Information at Geyerswoerth (*next to underground parking lot*).



See the Bamberg homepage for information on the various Christmas markets in Germany at [www.bamberg.army.mil](http://www.bamberg.army.mil)

**As seen in the NEWS ...****News summaries from Dec. 14 through Dec. 20****Adidas plans mega mall**

Sportswear producer Adidas plans a 42,000 square meter shopping mall with 150 shops offering brand products. The mall is to be built in Herzogenaurach on the grounds of the former US garrison Herzo Base. Construction work will begin in Spring 08. The mayors of Nuremberg and Erlangen criticized the project fearing that the mall will take away consumers from their cities.

**Family of eight needs larger home**

The city of Bamberg is calling landlords for help. Living in three little rooms in a 68 square meter flat with one bathroom, a family of eight has turned to Lord Mayor Andreas Starke for help. As the mother is now expecting her seventh child, Starke is now calling for Bamberg landlords to find an appropriate flat for the family. POC at town hall is Ms Schaefer at 871007.

**Drug trafficking stopped by Bamberg police**

Bamberg police authorities caught an elderly couple (age 71 and 59) who had created a drug trafficking network. The couple smuggled more than 34 kilograms of marihuana from Holland to Bamberg and sold it to the dealers.

**Charity bet: Goal not yet reached**

Actor Martin Neubauer is calling again for Bamberg citizens to support the charity project helping draught victims in Ethiopia. Together with Lord Mayor Andreas Starke Neubauer started a "city bet" saying that if every Bamberg citizen donates one Euro, by March 16, an amount of 70,000 Euro could be handed over to the project leader, Karlheinz Boehm. Currently, only 10,341 Euros have been donated. If you want to help, send your Euro to Account Nr. 18, Sparkasse Bamberg, bank number ("BLZ") 770 500 00, subject line "Menschen fuer Menschen".

**Sportsman of the year elected**

The Fraenkischer Tag awarded Bamberg swimmer Michael Schuberg and bowler Daniela Kicker the title "Sportsman/woman of the year". The team of the year award went to the German basketball champions and local team Brose Baskets. Coach Dirk Bauermann was chosen for "Coach of the Year". The awards were initiated by the newspaper who had called its readers to vote in these categories.

**Teen film project wins youth award**

The teen group of the St. Josef Gaustadt church has done a little film on Muslims meeting Christians at school. Their project was awarded with the "Youth Prize" donated by the Sparkasse bank, worth 400 Euros.

Sources: Information collected/translated from Fraenkischer Tag