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## Home front spouse fills void with work, study, volunteering

By Jon Fleshman  
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True to her belief that "life doesn't happen to you, you happen to life," Jordan Talbot didn't put her two lives on hold when her husband deployed to Afghanistan in April 2007.

"I've had two distinct lives: a student life and a snowboard life," explained the 25-year-old native of Smithtown, N.Y., who is a full-time recreation programmer for the Bamberg, Germany, military community while working on her doctorate in public administration.

Jordan said her sporting life has included almost seven years as a competitive snowboarder and coaching national snowboarding champions, at a world cup and at the professional level. Her academic life includes a bachelor's in natural

resource management from Cornell University and a master's in public policy from the University of Albany.

Her husband is Capt. Nicholas Talbot, commander of Charlie Troop, 1-91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Jordan met Nicholas in a public speaking class when she was an undergraduate. While they were still just friends, then 2nd Lt. Jordan deployed to Iraq for 16 months and Jordan "promised to be the best pen pal he'd ever had."

A couple of years later "pal" got upgraded to "partner" in a West Point wedding and Jordan joined Nicholas in Germany, where he was assigned to a 173rd ABCT unit.

Eight months later Nick deployed.  
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Jordan Talbot maintains equipment at the Bamberg, Germany, military community outdoor recreation ski and snowboard shop. Talbot, the spouse of a deployed Soldier, also volunteers for the community theater troupe. Photo by James Fredrick

## Child Abuse Prevention Month / Month of the Military Child

April 2008—Garrison Commander's Proclamation

To all Units:

We are an Army at war, and we recognize that both our Soldiers and our families are making sacrifices every day. With deployment being a significant reality of Army life, it is imperative that our Soldiers go on their mission with the certainty that their spouse and children have our support.

The reality is that deployments to certain locations are long, unpredictable and dangerous. This puts significant stresses on Soldiers, spouses, and children. The Army has built powerful responses to these challenges, but it is not enough to just say "we have the services you need."

We now know from research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association that some Army children touched by parental deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan are at greater risk for child neglect. The research confirms that the tremendous stresses experienced by Families contribute to the problems associated with higher increases of injury and abuse.

Now, more than ever, we have to demonstrate our commitment to provide our children and their parents and caregivers with a strong supportive environment where children can be safe and

thrive. The quality of life for our families must match the quality of their Soldier's service.

As commander of this installation, I ask that you rededicate yourselves to protecting our children here on the home front. We have to mobilize everyone in the Bamberg community to play a role in supporting child abuse prevention.

Therefore, our Child Abuse Prevention Month/Month of the Military Child campaign for 2008 must reinforce the promises of the Army Family Covenant. Just as we give full support to the force, we have to give full support to the Families.

We are Army Strong. Now, we need to show that we are Army *and* community strong in keeping children and Families safe. There are many resources available in this community to support families and protect children. Contact the Family Advocacy Program (Mark Bradley at DSN:469-8397) or Child and Youth Services (Lily Markey at DSN:469-1770) for assistance.

See page 4 for a full list of the Family Morale Welfare and Recreation activities planned for children throughout the month April.

Lt. Col. Gary A. Rosenberg  
Commander, US Army Garrison Bamberg

**'Spring Ahead' this weekend! Set your clocks one hour ahead starting at 2 a.m. on Sun. March 30**

**REMINDER: Gate 1 closure begins Mon. March 31. Gate 2 will be open for in/out pedestrian traffic only**

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Even before her husband headed downrange, though, Jordan said she had volunteered at their military community's outdoor recreation center. She is a firm believer that military spouses who want to work should try volunteering.

"You have to put yourself out there," Jordan said. "You have to be proactive. Things don't come to you. Sometimes it's just as easy as walking up to a person and asking someone a question."

Or, in Jordan's case, making a statement.

"She walked in and saw me in the back [of the building] cleaning and setting things up, and she said 'I can help,'" recalled her supervisor and the center's director, Paul Calain, about how Jordan became a member of his staff.

"She's phenomenal at keeping track of a program. She makes it happen and then she follows up. She does all those little things that make the difference in the quality of a program," Calain said.

She was soon putting her snowboarding skills to use as she moved from volunteer to flextime employee, to part-time and then full-time recreation programmer. In addition to organizing leisure and cultural trips, Jordan said, during the winter months she works six days a week running the ski and snowboard rental shop and teaching snowboarding on the Austrian slopes.

This month Jordan passed her exam for level-two snowboard instructor certification after a three-day course at Garmisch in the Bavarian Alps.

When not teaching on the slopes or tackling her doctoral studies, Jordan has traveled to such places as Majorca, Paris and Venice, and still she finds time to volunteer her opinions about hemlines and haberdashery.

"Jordan has taken the mantle as costume designer for several productions, which is an intensive job coordinating, designing, choosing and altering or fabricating costume elements for shows with 50 or more costumes," said Jack Austin, entertainment director for the Stable Theater in the Bamberg military community. "She has also helped with set painting and decoration, most famously the munchkin houses and the Emerald City for the 'Wizard of Oz' this past fall."

For the costume design she did for "Little Women," Jordan won a Topper Award in the Installation Management Command-Europe Tournament of Plays. Austin said Jordan's costumes competed with entries from 17 community theaters in military installations throughout Europe.

"She also has an uncanny knack of recruiting other people to help," continued Austin, "including saving us by finding a replacement for the male lead after the original actor was sent downrange ... nine days before the show opened."



*Jordan Talbot takes a self-portrait during a ski outing in the Austrian Alps. Talbot, the spouse of a deployed Soldier, teaches snowboarding to members of the military community in Bamberg, Germany. Photo by Jordan Talbot*

So it's little wonder Jordan "I-like-to-be-doing-not-watching" Talbot claims: "I purposely don't have a TV service at the house because I don't like to sit around."

Her good friend Jenny Reed is also the spouse of a deployed Soldier in the 173rd ABCT, and she admires Jordan for her coping skills.

"She's doing everything right," Reed said. "She has a full-time job, she volunteers, she has friends over for dinner and she listens to us when we have problems."

## Easter egg hunt: cold and quick!



*Children race between freezing rain drops in search of three golden eggs at the USAG Bamberg community Easter egg hunt at Friendship Park Saturday. Within minutes, the colored plastic eggs filled with candy and toys were scooped up by children and youth of all ages. The hunt drew a large crowd this year despite the weather.*

*Photos (2) by Amy L. Bugala*



**It really is SPRING! Participate in the 'Spring into Fitness' Fun Run/ Walk Sat. March 29 at 10 a.m. at Freedom Fitness Facility Track. Registration is free and open the day of event.**



# Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge 2008

Space, sports, island adventure await children of deployed parents

## IMCOM-Europe news release

Following up on last year's successful program, Installation Management Command-Europe will again host summer camps specifically designed for children of deployed servicemembers.

Called Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge – the acronym stands for Adventure, Resilience, Memories, Youth – the program offers not only a welcome break from the family stresses of deployment, but also a chance for “kids to meet other youth facing similar challenges,” said Joe Marton, child and youth programs specialist for IMCOM-Europe Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Besides the four summer camps – which range from sports and fitness to astronaut training – there will be one-week day camps offered at selected garrisons for school-age children, middle school youth and teens. Additionally, Child and Youth Services programs for school-age children in grades 1-5 will be available at every garrison.

Middle school and high school students in grades 6-12 (during the 2007-2008 school year) whose active-duty Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marine parent deployed or will be deploying between June 1, 2007, and March 1, 2009, are eligible to apply. Although the camp is hosted exclusively by IMCOM-Europe CYS, each Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge venue will have four spaces open to other services. Students having just completed eighth grade are considered an eighth-

grader for camp attendance and may only apply to the middle school camp sessions.

A sports and fitness camp will be the first Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge venue for middle school youth in grades 6-8. The camp will be held June 16-21 in Germany, followed by July 5-12 island adventure session near the German coastline, focusing on environmental awareness.

For high school students in grades 9-12, a sports and fitness camp will be held June 16-21 in Germany. And during Aug. 3-8, a space camp – including a simulated launch – will provide a hands-on “shoot-for-the stars” science and technology experience designed to challenge teenagers, Marton said.

“Stress and resiliency take on a deeper meaning when you're a novice crewmember, sitting in a replica of the NASA space shuttle,” he added. “And when you're only 15, the experience can be exhilarating and empowering ... and the chance of a lifetime to gain confidence, self-reliance, and maturity.”

During space camp, participants will use actual tools employed by astronauts. Plus they will operate a simulated space flight center and life-size shuttle while under the direction of a team of specialists.

To ensure as many youth as possible have the opportunity to attend Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge, participants can attend only one session.



Manning a space flight center and operating a life-size shuttle will be one adventure offered during Installation Management Command-Europe's Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge. Photo by Roger Verschraegen

A \$50 camp registration fee will be charged only when a camper is selected to attend. The fee, which is due May 31, reserves a slot in an assigned session. Refund of the registration fee will be given only if written cancellation is submitted at least two weeks prior to camp starting.

Central bus pick-up points will provide transportation to all camps; however, organizers stressed that individualized transportation will not be funded, with families being responsible for getting their son or daughter to central bus pick-up points.

Complete information, details and application forms, which will be accepted only online, are available at <http://www.mwr-europe.com/>. Deadline for applying is May 2.

## CMR reminds customers to make change of address now



All customers who transferred from a Warner Barracks unit mailroom to the consolidated mailroom are reminded to continue to make a change of address.

The CMR's one year anniversary is May 1, 2008 and on this date, the CMR cannot accept mail addressed to old unit mailroom address. Any mail containing these old addresses will be returned to sender!

Please contact all family, friends and institutions to give them your CMR address:

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Name

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APO, AE 09139 - \_\_\_\_\_

[+ last 4 digits of box number]

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### Some Interesting facts about your CMR Where does my mail go?

Stateside origin to...

- New York to...
- Frankfurt/Customs to...
- Schweinfurt to... Bamberg

### How much mail comes into the CMR?

The normal daily average of incoming mail is approximately 150 to 250 “items”.

The December daily average is 250 to 350+ “items”

Questions or concerns, contact Jeniqua Knuckles, Postal Officer, CMR/Official Mail Room, DSN:469-7794/7500 CIV:0951-300-7794

# April is Month of the Military Child



USAG Bamberg MWR news release

The children of military families may have the bravest hearts of all. During April, the US Army Garrison Bamberg Child and Youth Services celebrates and honors these small heroes with a program full of fun and adventure. Call CYS Central Registration and Enrollment at CIV:0951-300-8660 for details.

### Child Development Center Activities (for children 6 weeks to 5 years old)

Tue. April 1	Reveille & Retreat	6:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
<i>At Bamberg garrison Headquarters Bldg. 7089</i>		
Wed. April 9	Hip Hop and Sidewalk Chalk	9:30 a.m.
Fri. April 11	Parents and children make a sundae	5 p.m.
Mon. April 14	Patriotic Parade	9:30 a.m.
Wed. April 16	Patriotic Bike Rodeo	3 p.m.
Fri. April 18	Tribute Train Ride	9-11 a.m. (Pre-K)
Tue. April 22	Day at the movies for toddlers	4 p.m. – closing at CDC
Thur. April 24	Parent Show and Tell	9:30 –11 a.m.
Fri. April 25	Block Party	11 a.m. –1 p.m.

### School Age Services Activities (for children kindergarten to 5th grade)

Wed. April 2	Children's Book Day	3:30-5 p.m.
<i>Parents are invited to Read a book at SAS</i>		
Thur. April 3	Rainbow Day	3:30-5 p.m.
Fri. April 11	SAS Kite Festival	3:30-5 p.m.
April 7-14	SAS Spring Break	
<i>National 4-H Gardening Week 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.—Fri.</i>		
Tue. April 22	SAS Earth Day Celebration	3:30-5 p.m.
Wed. April 23	Parents stay & play double-dutch fun	4-5 p.m.
Mon. April 28	Military Career Day	4-5 p.m.
<i>Parents are invited to talk about military careers. Children military uniform parade</i>		
Wed. April 30	Parent's stay and play ice cream social	4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Middle School / High School Activities (for youth 6th grade to 18 years old)

Tue. April 1	Family Tournament	5-7 p.m.
Wed. April 2	Silly Photo Day	5-7 p.m.
Thur. April 3	Paper Airplane Contest	5-7 p.m.
Fri. April 4	County Fair at Roller Realm	1-6 p.m.
Sat. April 5	Dodgeball Try-outs	4 p.m. (MS) 7 p.m. (HS)

### Audition for the Missoula Children's Theater Workshop Week

Auditions for "Robin Hood" will be held Mon. April 28, at 4 p.m. The Missoula Children's Theater will run a week long workshop which ends with two theatrical performances of Robin Hood Sat. May 3. Children who are cast will participate in the workshop with rehearsals from 4-6 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The workshop is free of charge. Admission will be charged for the final performances Sat. May 3, at 3 and 7 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by the Stable Theater and SKIES Unlimited. Contact Jack Austin at CIV:0951-300-8647 or Archie Johnson at SKIES CIV:0951-300-7452 for more information.

## Join the MOMC kick-off party Sat. April 5

The month of April is all about kids! The US Army Garrison Bamberg Month of the Military Child celebration begins Sat. April 5 with a kick-off party at the newly renovated JFK Multiplex.

MOMC activities will take place all day long starting at:

- 8 a.m. 5k Run /3k walk
- 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony  
MOMC Proclamation  
Presentation of Medals  
by Lt. Col. Gary Rosenberg
- 11 a.m. Lunch served at  
ACS gazebo

### County Fair—Teen Fest April 4 at the JFK Multiplex

The Bamberg Middle School/High School is hosting a Teen County Fair and Teen Fest at the JFK Multiplex Fri. April 4, 1—6 p.m. The entire community is invited to enjoy an afternoon with games, an art exhibition, crafts, karaoke, dance contest, technology and cooking activities. Admission is free. Call Shay McNeil or Rizza Asuncion at CIV:0951-300-8641 for more information.

### Trips for children and youth

April 8-10: Disneyland Paris. Express trip for teens only. Sponsored by Schweinfurt YS. Sign up early. Cost: \$10

April 10: Trip to Europa Park for teens

April 10: Trip to Tripsdrill for Middle School

April 8: Visit Radio Galaxy Studios and see how broadcasting and producing a live radio shows works. Contact Rizza Asuncion at CIV:0951-300-8641.

### Teen Center Hours

Between April 7 and 11 the Teen Center will have varied hours of operation.

April 7 and 8 from 1 to 7 p.m., April 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., April 10—CLOSED for field trips. April 11 from 1 to 10 p.m.



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# April is Alcohol Awareness Month

## Anonymous self-assessments offered at commissary

USAG Bamberg Army Substance Abuse Program news release

For most adults, moderate alcohol use causes few, if any, problems. But for some, any alcohol use may lead to significant health or behavioral problems.

Trying to figure out the risks associated with alcohol use is not easy because alcohol affects your body differently at different times. To protect yourself, it is important to figure out where you should draw the line when consuming alcohol.

- *Where do you draw the line as you get older?*
- *If you are trying to get pregnant?*
- *If you have a family history of alcohol abuse?*
- *If you develop a medical condition?*
- *If you take certain medications?*
- *If you are facing deployment related issues? or*
- *If you have questions about your own use?*

To help determine where you should draw the time, the USAG Bamberg Army Substance Abuse Program is offering an anonymous education and screening program as part of National Alcohol Screening Day, Thur. April 10 in the commissary foyer, between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Participants can complete a written self-test, receive information from a variety of pamphlets, brochures, and fliers, and talk privately with a member of the ASAP staff. Plus anyone who completes a written self-test will receive a small token.

The goal of Alcohol Awareness Month and NASD is to educate the community on the potential risks associated with drinking. Through education, awareness, and understanding, individuals can make informed decisions about their drinking behaviors.

### Substance Abuse Training offered for DA Civilians April/June

All Department of the Army civilians (AF and NAF) must complete a minimum of 3 hours of substance abuse and other prevention education annually. The Bamberg EAPC and ASAP are offering courses to fulfill this requirement: **Mon. April 14 and Tue. June 10 from 9 a.m. to noon**

A training course directed at supervisors of civilian employees will be offered. **Thur. July 24, from 9 a.m. to noon**

All training will be held at Building 7047, in Room 303. The itinerary for this year's training program includes: substance abuse prevention and drugs of abuse update, suicide prevention, stress/anger management, and workplace violence. Please contact the EAPC at DSN:469-7038 or Darlene.Copeland@eur.army.mil, for registration.

### Unit Prevention Leader Training

The Army Substance Abuse Program is offering Unit Prevention Leader Certification Training April 28– May 2.

UPLs are an integral part of a unit substance abuse program with duties that include managing and administering the unit's drug testing program, providing substance abuse prevention education to all unit Soldiers, and acting as a liaison between the unit and the ASAP. Each unit should have at least two currently certified UPLs.

Candidates for UPL Training must be E-5 or above, not currently enrolled in the ASAP, and not under investigation for any substance abuse related issue. For more information or registration contact George Riddle, Drug Testing Coordinator, at DSN:469-7588. Registration deadline for this course is April 18.

## Community Announcements



**Sun. March 30  
Spring Ahead  
REMINDER!**

Don't be late! Europe will 'Spring Ahead' this year Sun. March 30. Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead to Daylight Saving Time on Sun. March 30 at 2 a.m.

### Attention all NCO's...Attend Recruiter Duty briefing April 4

The Recruit the Recruiter Team will brief all Specialists through Sergeants First Class regarding the benefits, challenges, and qualifications of Recruiting Duty. How does more money, faster promotions and assignment preference sound to you? Attendance by all NCO's is highly encouraged. Spouses may also attend. This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty. A personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. The RTR Team will entertain all questions upon completion of each briefing. Briefings in Bamberg will be on Fri. April 4 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Bamberg Ed Center, Rm. 303. Contact James E. Willis Jr. at DSN:469-8836 for more information.

### Boy Scouts needs Adult volunteers

Adult volunteers are needed to serve as den leaders and committee members for Bamberg's scouting programs

Be part of a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values to our youth. For more information on how to become a Boy Scouts of America volunteer leader contact Mr. Rick Jimenez at CIV:0951-32316, Bernard Busic at CIV:0951-297-3743 at or Erik Verhoef at CIV:0170-668-7458 for more information.

**Cub Scouting** - is for boys in first through fifth grades or ages 7 through 10  
**Boy Scouting** - is for boys ages 11 through 17



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## Weekly Reminders

### **Take Overseas Housing Allowance Survey now**

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 <http://266fincom1.hqusareur.army.mil/> and is available now through April 17.

### **AER is Soldiers helping Soldiers**

The annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign is underway and is raising funds for Soldiers and family members in need. The AER program is funded entirely through voluntary contributions and provide AER loans to those servicemembers and family members in need.

The campaign runs through May 15. For more information on the campaign and on how you can contribute please contact Vanessa Holland at Army Community Service at CIV:0951-300-7777.

### **Next P.E.P is April 14-18**

Are you new to USAG Bamberg? If this is your first tour overseas, then PEP is a "must"! Get to know the garrison and the town of Bamberg by touring the city with the ACS PEP program. Learn how to use

the public transportation system, how to shop and visit the Bamberg Klinikum. Free childcare is provided (space is limited). PEP is free and takes place Mon. April 14 to Fri. April 18, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call Bamberg ACS at CIV:0951-300-7777 for details.

### **Bamberg Tax office is open**

The Bamberg Tax Office located in room. 412 of Bldg. 7000 is now open Mon. through Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thur. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Taxes are prepared at no cost for all military I.D. card holders. Don't delay! Please call DSN:469-8261/8262 to make an appointment to file your return.

## Closures / Changes

### **Gate 1 closed starting Monday**

Gate 1 at Weissenburgstrasse will be closed starting Mon. March 31 through June 28 for construction. During that time, pedestrians can use Gate 2 near the AAFES Mini Mall. All vehicular traffic (includes all scooters, mopeds and motorcycles) and guest sign-ins must enter at Gate 3 (the main gate at Zollnerstrasse).

### **Pizza night price change**

Friday's all-you-can-eat pizza and spaghetti night at Ray's Diner is now \$3.85 per person. The offer is available every Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and is sponsored by the 16th Sustainment Brigade.

### **Community Bank closed April 9**

Community Bank will be closed Wed. April 9 to accommodate the move to the newly renovated bank building. The bank will re-

open in the new facility Thur. April 10 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The community is invited to a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony Thur. April 17 at 11 a.m.

## Health and Fitness

### **5K Spring into Fitness fun run**

Spring into fitness this March and participate in a 5K fun run Sat. March 29 at 10 a.m. at Bamberg Warner Barracks. Pre-registration is available and free at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Registration is accepted the day of the event. The run starts at the track next to FFF. Medals will be given to all participants. Contact the FFF staff at CIV:0951-300-8890 or e-mail [Ernest.Johnson@eur.army.mil](mailto:Ernest.Johnson@eur.army.mil)

### **Get fit at Boot Camp**

Boot Camp is a full exercise routine regularly offered every Monday and Thursday at the FFF from 6 to 8 p.m. It combines a mixture of Pilates, weight training, body control and cardio. It's a fun class for all fitness levels and for ages 11 years and up. Cost is \$5 per class, tickets are available at class. Mommy Boot Camp is also offered on Tuesdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Strollers are welcome.

### **Try Boot Camp for FREE April 2**

Lose weight, get in shape, and tone your body at Boot Camp! Instructor and Personal Fitness Trainer, Ayla Biggerstaff is offering a free introductory boot camp class Wed. April 2 from 9:30—11:30 a.m. For more information call Ayla at 0171-4969539, e-mail [abodyfit-foryou@hotmail.com](mailto:abodyfit-foryou@hotmail.com) or show up and start getting fit today!

## **'Young giraffes' make friends**

1st Lt. Robert Britton (left, standing), executive officer, and Capt. Lisa Dean (behind Britton), commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, awarded the "young giraffe's" of Mrs. Debra Heit's third-grade class, Bamberg Elementary School, a plaque to celebrate the students' acts of kindness. The class supported the headquarters company by baking cakes with Soldiers and other events celebrating friendship. "They're young giraffes because they're learning to stick their necks out for others," Heit said. Photo by Sgt. Keith M. Anderson



## **Continuing Education**

### **Improve language skills now**

Going Downrange? The Bamberg Army Education Center has Iraqi language and familiarization CDs and a booklet as well as Iraqi familiarization guides that can be given to Soldiers who may be deploying to Iraq. If you are interested in learning a little about the language and culture of Iraq prior to your deployment, stop by the Bamberg Army Education Center, Building 7047, 3rd floor and see Mr. James Willis or Mr. Ed Stitt to receive a copy. Items were produced by the Defense Language Institute and are free to soldiers.

### **Army 101 class in Spanish**

Army Community Service is offering an additional AFTB Army 101 class in Spanish now. The free class will be held Tue. and Wed., April 1 and 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at ACS Family Advocacy Program, bldg. 7487. Learn about the Army culture, Military acronyms, benefits, Family Readiness Groups and support structures, problem solving, and much more! Free child care is available on limited basis. Please contact Mary.Thompson@eur.army.mil or call CIV:0951-300-7777.

### **Ejército 101 en Español**

Army Community Service (Ejército de Servicios a la Comunidad) (ACS) AFTB Ejército 101 en Español (Army 101) Martes Y Miercoles Abril 1-2, 8:30 a.m. hasta 1:30 p.m. ACS las construccion de aulas FAP 7487. Ejercito 101 esta disponible para todos...Aprenda terminos militares, las siglas, las costumbres. Gratis cuidado de ninos gratuito disponible! Para mas informacion llame al CIV:0951-300-7777.

## **School News**

### **Spring School registration week**

Registration for the 2008/09 school year will take place April 14-18. Start gathering the required paperwork. Everyone is required to have a copy of current orders and shot record for each student. For more information call CIV:0951-300-7616.

## **Job Opportunities**

### **Bamberg Chapel looking for Catholic Parish Coordinator**

USAG Bamberg Community Chapel has a non-personal service contract opportunity for a Catholic Parish Coordinator.

Anticipated performance period is from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. Interested parties should contact the Bamberg Regional Contracting Office for a copy of the solicitation packet which will be used for submission. For additional information contact Bamberg RCO at CIV:0951-300-9383, DSN:469-9383 or [www.usacce.army.mil/frc/default.htm](http://www.usacce.army.mil/frc/default.htm); or Sara Bernier at the Chapel at CIV:0951-300-8326, or DSN:469-8326.

### **Public Affairs Office has journalism contract available**

The Bamberg Public Affairs Office is looking for a journalist to fill a non-personal service contract with a price range of \$33,280-\$41,600. The contract starts April 1, 2008 and runs thru March 31, 2009. Interested parties should contact the RCO Franconia or connect to the link provided below for a copy of the solicitation, number W912PG-08-T-0055, which will be used for submission of offer. The potential contractor will have one year experience in writing, journalism or an associated field paid or volunteer. Familiarity with digital photography and Microsoft Publisher software is essential. Work will be performed in an office on Warner Barracks Mon. through Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Hassan El-Annan at DSN:469-9401.

## **Entertainment & Leisure**

### **See "The Basic Black Dress"**

It's always there for you and it'll never let you down. No, it's not your best friend—it's your basic black dress! The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club presents the hilarious skit, "The Basic Black Dress" Fri. April 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Stable Theater. Cost is \$10 per person and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres. Event is for adults only. Evening attire. Make reservations by April 11 at [reservations@bsccgermany.com](mailto:reservations@bsccgermany.com). For more information about the BSCC go to [www.bsccgermany.com](http://www.bsccgermany.com).

### **Support 173rd BSB fundraiser**

Stop by the HHC 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Family Readiness Group German-American barbecue April 1 and stock up on "Welcome Home" banners and "Support the Troops" wristbands. The event will take place in the parking lot across from building 7000 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Don't miss it!

### **See The Heidi Chronicles**

The Stable Theater presents the dramatic comedy, "The Heidi Chronicles". Funny, touching and written with rare grace and sensitivity, the play is a moving examination of the progress of a generation, from the socially and politically charged sixties to the success-oriented eighties, a time during which the status of American women underwent profound, and sometimes unsettling, change.

Show dates are April 2, 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Sun. April 6 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for kids, students, E4 and below. Family cards are available for \$25. Group discounts available. Non-ID Card holders can attend the show as guests with a passport number, birth date and place and car license plate. Non-ID card holders are asked to give a minimum 48-hour notification before show date. Contact [jack.austin@us.army.mil](mailto:jack.austin@us.army.mil) or call CIV:0951-300-8647

## **Trips & Travel Opportunities**

### **Take a trip with Outdoor Recreation this April**

Take a trip this April with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

#### **April 5-6: Snowboard and Ski \$149**

We're headed to Austria for some spring skiing and riding. Trip includes transportation and one night lodging with breakfast and dinner. Get \$20 rentals and half price tuning at the ODR ski shop. Departs at 2 a.m. Sat. April 5, returns approx. 10 p.m. Sun. April 6

#### **April 10: Tour Under Bamberg \$20**

This unique trip through tunnels under Bamberg gives a view of the city that shouldn't be missed. The tunnels are generally cool and damp, please wear appropriate clothing and bring a flashlight. Departs CAC at 5 p.m. and returns 7:30 p.m.

#### **April 12: Czech Shopping \$75**

Hop on our motor coach for a trip to Karlovy-Vary and Cheb for some fun shopping. All trip goers must have a valid passport. Includes transportation. Departs CAC at 7 a.m. and returns approx. 8 p.m.

#### **April 24: Lake Paddle \$269**

The white water season opens May 1, so get ready with an after work lake paddle in our white water boats. Practice your paddling skills with Paul, our certified kayak instructor. Includes transportation and all necessary gear. Departs 5 p.m. Thur. April 24 and returns approx 8 p.m.

**Don't forget to 'Spring Ahead' this weekend!  
Set your clocks one hour ahead starting at 2 a.m. on Sun. March 30**

**April 26: Berlin Day Trip****\$59**

Join us for a day of sightseeing and exploring in Berlin, Germany's capital city. You'll be able to hop on and off our bus to explore different parts of the western side of Berlin. Sites include the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Zoo and the Soviet Memorial. Includes transportation only. Departs 4 a.m. and returns approx. 11:30 pm.

*Sign up for ODR trips no later than the Monday prior to the trip or the trips may be cancelled. For more information please contact the CAC at DSN:469-8659 / 7450. No refund will be given for no-shows. Military duty restraint or illness will be refunded.*

**BOSS trip to Paris, April 4-6**

See Paris with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program. Bus departs at 11 p.m. from the parking lot across from the Chapel April 4. Price includes round-trip transportation on German motor coach with WC and a morning guided city tour of Paris (approx. 4 hours). The bus departs Paris at 9 p.m., April 5 and arrives back in Bamberg April 6 at approx. 5 a.m. Cost is \$49 per person. Space is limited! Payment must be made in full at the Community Activity Center no later than March 28. Trip is open to adults and their guests. Active Duty Soldiers must have DA Form 31 or passport/ID card. Contact Sgt. 1st Class Shantae Gordon, BOSS president at DSN:469-8004 or e-mail shantae.gordon@eur.army.mil. or BOSS secretary sophia.flagg@us.army.mil

**AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule**

AAFES Reeltime Theater is  
CLOSED Tue. and Wed.



Fri.	Mar. 28	Mad Money (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 29	Horton Hears a Who (not rated) 27 Dresses (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 30	Horton Hears a Who (not rated) Mad Money (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 31	27 Dresses	7 p.m.
Thur.	April 3	Mad Money (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 4	Rambo (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 5	Cloverfield (PG-13) Rambo (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	April 6	Meet the Spartans (PG-13) Shutter (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	April 7	Rambo (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	April 10	Shutter (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 11	21 (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 12	Over Her Dead Body (PG-13) 21 (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	April 13	The Eye (PG-13) Untraceable (R)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	April 14	Over Her Dead Body (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	April 17	The Eye (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 18	Nim's Land (PG)	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 19	Juno (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13)	7 p.m.

**Outside the Gate****Weekend Events in and around Bamberg**

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

**Friday, March 28**

- 9 a.m. Easter market at the markt place of Markt Heiligen stadt i. OFr. 91332
- 9 a.m. Johnny and The Roccas (*Rock'n'Roll, country, rockabilly, blues music styles*) play at Sound'n'Arts (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Morgan Finlay plays at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Alternative rock night at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 9 p.m. Kirlian Camera in concert at Top Act, Zapfendorf 96199 (*Hauptstr. 26*)
- 10 p.m. Original 60ies ska, vintage reggae, early R'n'B music styles at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)

**Saturday, March 29**

- 8 p.m. Mathew James White performs at Studio 13 (*Luitpoldstr. 40*)
- 9 a.m. Dirty K. plays rock music at Sound'n'Arts (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. The Ansgar Specht group grouves at the Jazz Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Michael Loesel plays at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 10 p.m. Blockrocking beats special (music styles) at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)
- 10 p.m. 30 Plus Party at Live-Club (*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 10 p.m. All styles of black music at Top Act, Zapfendorf 96199 (*Hauptstr. 26*)

**Sunday, March 30**

- 5 p.m. 6th chamber concert of classical music at the Harmonie - Spiegelsaal (*Schillerplatz 5*)
- 5 p.m. Basketball: Brose Baskets play Artland Dragons at Jako Arena
- 8 p.m. Jam session at Sound'n'Arts (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Trailhead solo at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)

**As seen in the NEWS ...****News summaries from March 24 through March 28****Easter snow follows a green Christmas**

It's a popular German saying that predicts "Christmas in clovers, Easter in snow" and it proved to be correct this season. The children of Bamberg had to dress warm for the search of their Easter surprises outside. The April weather with its snow and sleet showers spoiled the fun of outdoor activities for a lot of people on this "long" weekend. However, the weekend was relatively quiet for the Bamberg Police Force. Even with all the unexpected snow no serious accidents happened in the area.

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## **As seen in the NEWS ...**

### **News summaries from March 24 through March 28**

#### **Vigil was met with support**

The recent ongoing unrest in Tibet and China's violent response to it is leaving an impact on the people of the Bamberg area. Approximately 300 people supported the peace initiative of the Dalai Lama, who is the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people, and held a silent vigil downtown Bamberg in front of St. Martin's church last Saturday.

#### **Shopping center to become more attractive**

This year the shopping center "Atrium" is celebrating its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary. But even though it implements all criteria for a successful mall - it's right downtown next to the train station, one can stroll around even if the weather is bad - many Bamberg residents don't take the opportunity to shop there. This is reason enough for the mall's manager to realize the need for improvement. The plan is to rent out vacant store space to high end shops and brands and also to create a food court. Another idea is to make the outside and the entrance area more attractive. In the meantime the Atrium will be hosting an exhibition called "Ice-age, mammoths and ivory carving" from April 28 to May 10, 2008.

*Sources: Information collected/translated from Fränkischer Tag*

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