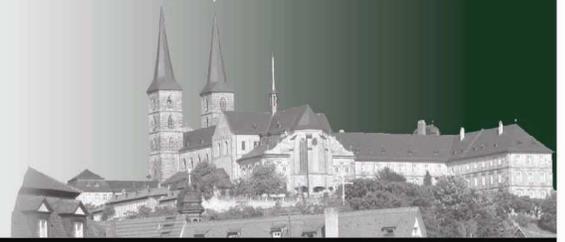




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## 54th Engineers case their colors for deployment



*Ltc. Christopher Lestochi and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Omundson case the colors for the 54th Engineer Battalion on May 16. Guarding the colors from left to right are Staff Sgt. Robert Reeves, Sgt. Shane Fuller, Staff Sgt. Stephen Quarles and Pvt. Jordan Brummer.*

*Photo by Sgt. First Class Kevin Wingard*



*Aero Club Bamberg is a club for aerial enthusiasts of all ages and cultures. They have remote controlled model planes as well as gliders and small motor aircrafts, most of which will be on display Sun. June 1 at the Aero Club Bamberg field in Bamberg. Courtesy photo.*

## Soaring the skies is the dish of the day Enjoy a free flight over Bamberg on June 1

*Story by Trecia A. Wilson*

Remember the simpler days when you spent most of any given day out in the sunshine, beneath a sky of blue and big fluffy clouds? Laying down on a field of grass looking up at those clouds trying to figure out what they most resembled. Watching planes fly overhead, imagining where in the world they were headed to.

Those times are etched in your memories and you can add to that list of memories soon. On June 1, the Aero-Club Bamberg will host their semi-annual open house. The event will begin about 10 a.m. and end about 5 p.m.

Aero-Club Bamberg encourages everyone to come out and enjoy a day complete with information booths of every aviation group in the area. To tempt you further, be an early bird to the

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**COMING SOON! The USAG Bamberg electronic marquee is under construction!  
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## Logistics Soldiers complete capstone convoy live fire exercise

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

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Deploying logistics Soldiers — some of them fresh out of advanced individual training — from the 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, Bamberg, were put to a final test before their upcoming deployment to northern Iraq in a culminating convoy live fire exercise at Range 305, Grafenwoehr, May 13.

“The purpose of the convoy live fire exercise here was to prepare our Soldiers for the dangers and situations they’ll face in Iraq, in a secure and safe environment,” said Capt. Charles Ausman, operations and training officer-in-charge, 16th STB, and range officer-in-charge. “It’s a capstone to the training we’ve been doing for the last month.”

During training events in April and May Soldiers rehearsed individual, squad and platoon-level tasks, mounted convoy training and weapons ranges. At the convoy live fire, Soldiers learned the capabilities and requirements for each position in a convoy, such as the responsibilities the driver and the gunner have, and how to react to small arms fire, ambushes, disabled vehicles, calling for medical evacuation, reporting unexploded ordnance on the roadway and other tasks units in Iraq have to be able to do every time they leave the wire.

But maybe the most important part of the training was learning to communicate and work as a team.

“You have to pay attention to what’s going on around you and communicate it,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Chun, commander,



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16th STB, to the Soldiers going through the convoy training.

He stressed that every member of the convoy team is important, and critical to the success of the convoy operation.

Pfc. Roody Mamourette, all-wheel vehicle mechanic, HHC, 16th STB, was proud of his contribution to the convoy.

“I was the first one to spot unexploded ordnance,” Mamourette said. “When we got there we had no choice but to push forward.”

The 25-year-old from Boston, Mass., originally from Haiti, who has two brothers and a sister in Haiti and two sisters in Boston, said he didn’t want to be a gunner at first.

“When I first got to the unit they told me I was going to carry a M249,” Mamourette said. “I said ‘oh no’ because I thought a gunner was a dangerous position. But that’s what I did today, making sure to keep my head low, clear my sector and look for improvised explosive devices, and now I feel more confident.”

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# Garrison commander addresses traffic change concerns

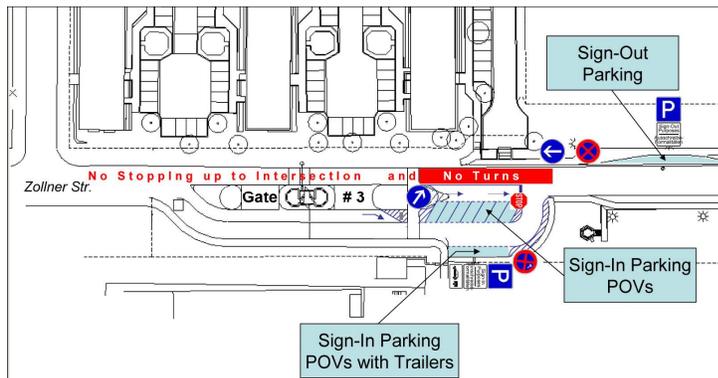
### ICE Comment:

"Col. Rosenberg, I like all the traffic pattern changes. I think they all make sense and has really assisted the traffic flow ONCE on post. However, what the hell are you doing to the main gate. It takes forever to get on in the morning, you can hardly drive the bigger SUV's around the bollards, and where do you park to sign people off post? How confusing and a huge mess. You were doing so well sir till you designed this flop."

*Anonymous*

### Garrison commander's response:

"I really appreciate the feedback from the community in terms of garrison management. In reference to an ICE comment I received last week, it is good to hear that the traffic pattern changes are well-received. Now to address the two concerns mentioned in that comment. Getting on post in the morning will always be crowded if everyone tries to get on at the same time. Unfortunately, no one can predict the traffic delay. One recommendation is to come in a little earlier to avoid the traffic and not have to wait in line. As for the bollards, I understand you have to go slow to maneuver around them and it is as difficult in Govern-



*Drawing above defines parking areas around gate 3 entrance.*

ment/Military vehicle as it is in a SUV. Please remember, we are not trying to make it difficult for you! We are trying to make it difficult for anyone who does not have our best interest in mind. As you maneuver around the bollards, keep in mind that these force protection measures are in place for your safety; they are designed to slow someone trying to get in so that we have time to raise the denial barrier. Now to the last concern which addresses parking for people signing out visitors. I did not address this point in the article we did on traffic changes at gate 3. However, sign-out parking is available. There are five or six parking spaces along Zollner Strasse adjacent to the Warner Club. These parking spaces are for patrons who need to sign out visitors. It is the best we could do with the space available and the overall layout of the area."

"Unfortunately, there was not a name to respond so I have chosen the Warner Weekly to provide answers. It is very important to me to hear what you have to say. Please continue to provide feedback. You can either come to my open door, Mondays starting at 4 p.m., or you can send an ICE comment card and you'll be sure to get a response; though it is easier to get you that response when you provide a name and contact information!"

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

## It's Bunco time again!



The winning was easy for several ladies last month as the Moonlight Cabin held its first Bunco night. Prizes were awarded for most wins, most Buncos and most losses. Winners included Krystal Sims (Most wins - \$100 Spa Finder Gift Card), Renee Cuevas (Most Buncos - \$50 Bath and Body Gift Card) and Teri Samarin (Most Losses - \$25 Portsmouth Tea Gift Card). If you wished you'd been there, don't worry, you still have a chance at winning on **Sat. May 24** and **Sat. June 21**. Prizes for May will include a \$75 gift certificate to William-Sonoma, Most Buncos: a \$50 iGourmet gift certificate and a \$25 Saveur magazine subscription/cookbook gift certificate. June prizes include \$75 Coldwater Creek gift certificate, a \$50 DSW Shoe Warehouse gift certificate and a \$50 Victoria Secret gift certificate. All players are also eligible to enter the grand prize drawing for a \$4000 Spafinder gift card plus \$250 travel or incidental expenses or the second place prize of a \$500 Spafinder gift card which will be held at the end of July. Courtesy photo

## May is Mental Health Month

When was the last time your mind had a check up?

For more information on your mental health, call the Bamberg Health Clinic at CIV:0951-300-8619



# Gauntlet transfers authority to Spartans

Story and photo by

Staff Sgt. Michel Sauret, 3rd Inf. Div., PAO

MULTI-NATIONAL DIVISION - CENTER, Iraq – Soldiers from the 720th Military Police Battalion transferred authority over to the 793rd Military Police Battalion during a ceremony held May 14 on Camp Stryker.

For the 720th MP Bn., known as the Gauntlet, out of Fort Hood, Texas, this was its third deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They responded on short notice to deploy March 2007 in support of a police transition team (PTT) mission in the Multi-National Division – Center (MND-C) area of operation.

In their place now, the 793rd MP Bn., known as the Spartans, from Bamberg, Germany, will continue the same mission. This includes training Iraqi Police (IP) in detainee operations, searching techniques, weapon marksmanship, police investigations and equipment accountability.

During his speech, Lt. Col. Frank Y. Rangel, 720th MP Bn. commander, described arriving to Camp Stryker. His military policemen arrived here with no vehicles, buildings without doors and windows and a communications cell that still needed to be set in motion.

“But we had one secret weapon which would ensure success in overcoming our many challenges,” Rangel said. “That is, we had Soldiers.” Rangel spoke with pride of those MP Soldiers willing to work harder for the benefit of their unit’s success.

“These Soldiers compiled a record of achievement and success that boggles the mind,” he said. “Day in and day out they mounted their rides to work at the Iraqi Police stations, secured the venues for their principals, or turned a wrench or fixed a radio ... all the while the threat of an IED or indirect fire loomed just a moment away.”

Throughout this mission, the 720th MP Bn. travelled nearly 1.8 million miles on some of the most dangerous roads, in the most dangerous neighborhoods in the world to develop a police force capable and worthy



*Command Sergeant Major Eric Hodges (left) and Lt. Col. Michael Blahovec, battalion command sergeant major and commander of 793th MP Bn., uncased their battalion colors during a Transfer of Authority ceremony at Camp Stryker May 14, assuming command from the 720th MP Bn.*

of the Iraqi people, said Col. Mark Spindler, 18th MP Brigade commander.

The 720th was assigned to the 18th MP Bde. while deployed to Iraq under the operational control of the 3rd Infantry Division in MND-C.

“This battalion was a surge unit ... that, without exaggeration, broke the enemy’s back and momentum, and gave back to the Government of Iraq the chance to regain control,” Spindler said.

For the 793rd MP Bn., their transition process into Camp Stryker was much different since they had Gauntlet Soldiers to learn from, benefitting from the infrastructure set in place before their arrival.

“We fully intend to take all the progress that’s been made over the past 15 months by the 720th MP Battalion and begin building on that,” said Lt. Col. Michael Blahovec, 793rd MP Bn. commander. “Fortunately we got to spend the better part of the last three weeks working with their staff and leadership and getting out to see all of the units they support.”

During the ceremony, Rangel and Command Sergeant Major Jerry A. Craig cased the 720th MP Bn. colors to symbolize their relief. Their unit will redeploy back to Fort Hood, Texas.

Following them, Blahovec and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Hodges moved forward and uncased the 793rd MP Bn. colors to complete the transfer of authority.

Blahovec said he looks forward to working in various support and command and control relationships with the 3rd Infantry Division units, from brigade combat team level to company level.

He said his main goal for this deployment is to get things going with the Iraqi people, eventually with the goal of turning things over to IP and give their people a safe and secure environment.

The 793rd MP Bn. has been deployed once before to Iraq in support of OIF during 2004 and 2005.

“We wish you Godspeed and safety as you assume the fight,” Rangel said to his unit’s replacement.

**Don't miss the Commissary Case Lot and AAFES sidewalk Sale  
Sat. May 24 and Sun. May 25. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

## Community Announcements

### **Demonstration in Bamberg**

On May 24-25, the Nationale Demokratische Partei Deutschland (NPD) will have a convention in downtown Bamberg at the Kongresshalle on Muss Strasse. Approximately 500 NPD members are expected to attend, and approximately 10,000 counter-demonstrators are expected to be in the area. There will be approximately 2000 Polizei to maintain law and order, but some confrontations are expected. All roads in the vicinity of the Kongresshalle, Muss-Strasse, Nebingerhof, Weide, Schlüssel-Strasse, Am Leinritt, and Am Uferholz will be closed to traffic. All personnel from the Bamberg military community are encouraged to avoid these areas until at least 6 p.m. on Sun. May 25. For any questions, please contact Tim Mahoney, SAIC, 66th MI Bamberg Field Office, at 469-8713 or Rich Sherman, USAG Bamberg Security Officer at 469-8810.

### **Attend Asian-Pacific Islander events**

Learn about Asian cultures through the people's food, games and dances. We will be cooking and learning about the martial arts throughout May at 4:30 p.m. at the JFK Multiplex. Classes include:

**Every Mon.** Karate Lite  
**Mon.—Fri.** Origami  
**Tue. & Thur.** Dancing Traditions, such as Hula, Tahitian, Philipiniana and "Dancing with the Stars"  
**Thur. May 29** Yoga  
**Sat. May 31** Asian PI Luau from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be native foods, hula hoop challenges and karaoke at the annual celebration.

### **Bamberg Mid/High School Events**

**May 21-24:** Soccer championships  
**May 23-24:** Track championships  
**May 26:** Memorial Day, no school  
**May 29-Jun 3:** Senior Exams  
**Jun 5:** Senior breakfast, graduation rehearsal, graduation at 6 p.m.  
**Jun 9-12:** Final exams  
**Jun 12:** End 2nd semester  
**Jun 13:** Teacher work day, no school

### **EEO recruits counselors**

The USAG Bamberg Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office is recruiting individuals to serve as collateral duty EEO counselors. Minimum requirements include employee be at least grade GS-7 or above, have at least one year remaining on their overseas assignment, good verbal

and written communication skills and the ability to remain objective. Supervisors please submit the appropriate nomination form to the USAG Bamberg EEO office no later than May 23. For nomination forms and additional information, please contact Carlos Ramirez-Vazquez, EEO manager, at [carlos.ramirezvazquez@us.army.mil](mailto:carlos.ramirezvazquez@us.army.mil), or DSN:469-9487 or Charles D. Thornton, EEO specialist, [charles.d.thornton@eur.army.mil](mailto:charles.d.thornton@eur.army.mil), DSN:469-8750.

### **NCO Induction Ceremony**

The Bamberg community is invited to the 16th Sustainment Brigade NCO Induction Ceremony on Tue. May 27 at 11 a.m. at the Reel Time Theater. USAREUR Command Sergeant Major Iuniasolua Savusa will be the guest speaker.

### **Color Casing Ceremony**

16th Sustainment Brigade invites the Bamberg Community to a color casing ceremony on Thu. June 26 at 11 a.m. at Pendleton Field.

### **Commissary/AAFES Case Lot Sale**

The Commissary and AAFES will hold a case lot sale from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sat. May 24 and Sun. May 25.

### **Elementary School Enrollment**

If you haven't enrolled your child for 2008-09 school year, please do so as soon as possible. Call CIV:0951-300-7616 for more information. Registration hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

### **Early Student Releases for BES**

Leaving school for summer break before June 12th? If so, contact the school registration office immediately. Parents must bring orders or a note explaining absence so Acceleration Plans can be developed for review by District Office.

### **Elementary School Calendar**

**May 26:** Memorial Day - federal holiday  
**June 12:** End of 4th quarter and 2nd semester  
 Last day for students  
**June 13:** No school for students -  
 Teacher work day

### **Attend AFTB Deployment Cycle Series classes in May**

Army Community Service offers classes every Tuesday in May for all Families and spouses called "The Deployment Cycle Series". Topics are:

### **May 27:** Acknowledging Change

Classes will be held at the ACS bldg. on the 2nd floor from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Please call ahead for free childcare. For more information call, DSN: 469-7777 or CIV:0951-300-7777 or contact the AFTB/AFAP Manager Mary Thompson.

### **ACS "Real Life Solutions For Successful Army Living"**

- **Homecoming and Reunion**  
June 4 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Re-Connecting With Children**  
June 5 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Homecoming and Reunion**  
June 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **FRG Leader II Training**  
June 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Battlemind for Spouses**  
June 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Location for all training is the ACS FAP Classroom, building 7487. Limited childcare for children registered with CYS. To register, or for more information contact Al Bonilla at ACS at DSN:469-7777.

## Job Opportunities

### **AAFES accepting applications**

Bamberg AAFES locations are accepting applications for entry level retail and food service positions. Join the team, log on to [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) today and be part of our new workforce of tomorrow!

### **Community Bank hiring tellers**

Community Bank, operated by Bank of America, is hiring bank tellers. Bank of America is an employment opportunity employer. For more information, contact direct recruitment at the banking center at CIV: 0951/37061.

## Closures / Changes

### **Pilates class cancelled**

There will be no pilates on Mon. May 26, in honor of Memorial Day.

### **TMP office closure**

The TMP office will be closed through Mon. May 26 for Memorial Day weekend.

### **Bamberg Health Clinic closures**

The Bamberg Health Clinic will be closed May 23 and 26 for Memorial Day weekend and May 30 for Organizational Day. For more information contact DSN:469-8619.

**Bamberg Clinic Pharmacy closure**

The Bamberg Health Clinic pharmacy will be closed Fri. June 13 for training.

**Bamberg Customs Office**

The Bamberg Customs Office is located in bldg. 7011, rooms 124 and 125. We are open for customer service from 8 a.m. - noon and 12:30 3:30 p.m. Mon. through Fri. (except on American and German holidays).

**Weekly Reminders****AAFES product shuttle service**

A reminder to all Bamberg AAFES customers. Please inquire about our free shuttle service. If we don't have the item you want in Bamberg, we'll get it for you from another BX/PX, Bookmark or Power Zone. AAFES profits go back into the Bamberg community through the Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. Bamberg money stays in Bamberg, when you transfer items from another BX/PX using the shuttle service! Contact AAFES customer service for more information DSN:469-8574.

**Visit the Bamberg Thrift Shop**

Tue. & Wed. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

Thur. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

1st Saturday of the month 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Spring clean-up is here! Consider consigning or donating reusable items to the Bamberg Thrift Shop! All proceeds go back to the community through scholarships and welfare requests. For more information call CIV:0951-32408

*Consignments are on a walk-in basis*

Tue. & Wed. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursday 2—5 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Volunteers needed! Certain benefits apply. Please see manager for details.

**Bring two ID's to enter gate 2**

The USAG Bamberg Force Protection Office reminds all ID card holders looking to enter through gate 2 (Zollnerstrasse) to present a second form of photo identification to gain entry. Guest sign-ins and those with only one form of identification will be directed to gate 3 (main gate). Gate 2 is open for all incoming and outgoing pedestrian traffic from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon. through Fri., gate 2 is being utilized during gate 1 (Weissenburgstrasse) construction which will be complete at the end of June.

**Kids & Teens****CYS Summer Camps**

Summer camps will begin June 16 and will run through Aug. 23. CYS is catering programs to approx. 1,800 children at USAG Bamberg. The following camps will be offered.

- SKIES Unlimited Golf Camps
- School Age Services Summer Camps
- Middle School Teen Program and Sports and Fitness Summer Camps

For more information, call CYS Central Registration at DSN:469-8660 or CIV:0951-300-8660.

**Tumbling/Gymnastics offered**

Tumbling, gymnastics and sport acrobatic classes are now available for ages 3 to 16. Please contact Central Enrollment Registration for more details on class location, times and fees at CIV:0951-300-8660.

**Win Prizes with Kit Kittredge**

Calling all American Girls! Visit your post MWR library during May and June and learn how you can win a great "Kit Kittredge An American Girls" prize as well as an all-expense paid shopping spree to an American Girl store! Program is open to children ages 6-16. You can also log on to [www.ArmyMWR.com](http://www.ArmyMWR.com) for details and a chance to win the grand prize valued over \$1,000! Watch a trailer of the movie at <http://www.americangirl.com/movie>.

**Continuing Education****GT improvement classes**

The Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) class is designed to improve basic math and reading skills needed to raise GT scores. Prior to enlisting you took the ASVAB, which determined your current GT score. If you are looking to change MOS, needing a higher score to qualify for special training/schooling or your current score doesn't meet reenlistment requirement; then the FAST class may be what you need. The class is open to family members on a space available basis. FAST classes will be held from Tue. May 27 to Mon. June 9, at the Bamberg Education Center. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by the Education Center (3rd floor of CAC) to

receive a memo that must be signed by your command before taking the class. FAST class attendees must take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) prior to start date. TABE tests will be held Tue. May 20, and Thur. May 22 at 9 a.m. Contact the Education Center at DSN:469-7715 for more information.

**Central Texas College Courses**

Central Texas College offers a variety of degree programs that can be completed entirely online or in the classroom. Bamberg programs include: Criminal Justice, Legal Assistant, Hospitality Management, Military Science, Early Childhood Education, Automotive Technology and more! Term V classroom class registration is now through May 30. Term V courses include:

- Introduction to Automotive Technology, Jun. 10 to Jul. 31, Tue/Thur. 6 to 10 p.m., every second Sat. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Winston Gasu, 4 cr. hrs.
- Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood, Jun. 10 to Jul. 31, Tue/Thur. 6 to 8 p.m., Elizabeth Marriott, 3 cr. hrs.
- Child Abuse, Prevention and Investigation, Jun. 9 to Jul. 30, Mon/Wed 6 to 8 p.m., instructor TBA, 3 cr. hrs.

Come see your CTC field representative, Sonia Rivera, in the Bamberg Education Center room 311. For more information call DSN:469-7467 CIV:0951-300-7467 or look online at [bamberg@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:bamberg@europe.ctcd.edu).

**Health and Fitness****Lose weight, get ready for summer!**

Enjoy a little "friendly competition while you lose weight. A Body Fit For You is sponsoring a weight loss competition at Freedom Fitness Facility. Teams will be formed after sign-up and an assessment screening. The four-week program will include 3-one hour workout/cardio sessions per week. The cost is \$120 per person. Due to high demand and limited space available, please sign up at the CAC. Pay your fee and drop off your registration form. First come first serve. Program begins on May 30 (measuring and weighing). You can sign up at the Community Activity Center or contact Ayla at CIV: 01714969539 or email her at [abodyfit-foryou@hotmail.com](mailto:abodyfit-foryou@hotmail.com).

**COMING SOON! The USAG Bamberg electronic marquee is under construction!  
Please bear with us while we complete the installation process!**

**Whispering Pines golf tournaments**

May 24 Club Special (Match Play)  
 For more information, call Whispering Pines Golf Course at DSN:469-8953 or CIV:0951-300-8953.

**Women's Clinic**  
 Mon. - Wed. - Fri.  
 Starting June 2  
 10 Lessons - 6-8 p.m. - \$60

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Whispering Pines Golf Course  
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**Combat PTSD Group**

The Bamberg Behavioral Health Clinic is beginning a Combat PTSD Group offered for individuals who have experienced or witnessed combat-related traumatic events. The group deals with issues such as sleep-related problems, mood swings, coping, guilt, and relationships. Weekly meetings are held at Social Work Services, bldg. 7253 on Tue. or Thur. from 1 to 2:30 p.m. For more information contact DSN:469-7793 or CIV:0951-300-7793. You can also find information online at <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/services/BehavioralHealth.htm>.

**Women's Trauma Group**

The Bamberg Behavioral Health Clinic is beginning a Women's Trauma Group for women who have experienced or witnessed traumatic events. The group will deal with issues such as self-esteem, sleep-related problems, coping, guilt, relationships and specific women's issues. The weekly group meets at Social Work Services, bldg. 7253 on Thur. from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information contact DSN:469-7793 or CIV:0951-300-7793. You can also find information online at <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/services/BehavioralHealth.htm>.

**Dental Clinic's limited services**

Family member dental services will be limited to exams and cleanings beginning Aug. 1 due to reintegration. For more information, contact the Dental Clinic at DSN:469-1720 or CIV:0951-300-1720.

**Entertainment & Leisure**

**Desroches' Art Exhibit at the CAC**

Artist Fritz R. Desroches' airbrush paintings depict Caribbean imagery of landscapes, seascape and photo realism. His art will be on display at the Community Activity Center, bldg. 7047 through June 19. Contact MWR Arts and Crafts, Brad Cline or Tom Stenson at CIV:0951-300-8659 for more information. For more information on the artist go online to [www.ritzarts.com](http://www.ritzarts.com).

**Open Mic/Rock Jam**

Get on stage and show your talent! Instruments provided. Snacks and refreshments available for purchase. For more information, contact the Stable Theater at CIV:0951-300-8647.

**Crash Dance performs dance party at Stable Theater**

Crash Dance will perform latin and R&B top 40 at a dance party on Mon. May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stable Theater. Admission is free. For more information, contact CIV:0951-300-8647.

**Trips and Travel Opportunities**

**Take a trip with ODR this May**

Take a trip this May with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

**May 23-26: Adventure Weekend \$ 239**

Adventure Weekend includes a day of white water rafting and a day of canyoning in the alps. All equipment, lodging and transportation is included.

**June 3 & 17: Mountain Biking Free**

Two Tuesdays a month, join our ODR staff and try our after work spins through the nearby woods. Rides will last approximately 2 hours and terrain will vary based on the skill of riders present. Please bring your own bike as well as snacks and drinks. Departs CAC at 5:30 p.m., returns approx. 7:30 p.m.

**June 5: 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 pm.

**June 7: Day Hike \$15**

Are you ready to get out and really explore the natural beauty of Germany? Along the Hirschbachtal Höhlenrundweg's 20 kilometers we will pass approximately 30 caves. Many of these caves can be explored underground with flashlights or headlamps. Crawling, stooping, or sliding may be required in order to explore the caves fully. It is recommended that hikers wear durable clothes and sturdy hiking shoes and pack lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. Departs ODR 9 a.m. returns, approx. 5:30 p.m.

**June 14-15: Adventure Weekend \$199**

Does your life need some adventure? Let's go white water rafting and canyoning This weekend is a great intro if you've never done either sport. Includes transportation, lodging (double occupancy) with breakfast and dinner and activities. Please remember to bring a towel, swim suit and shoes that can get wet. Departs 4 a.m. June 14 and returns at approx. 10 p.m. June 15.

*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.*



Tobias Gerlacher, 10, flies his toy glider at the Aero club Bamberg air field off Berliner Ring. The club encourages families as well as single people to become involved with aviation by having many summer activities at the field where members can camp out on special occasions. Photo by Trecia A. Wilson

**Soaring**

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event and you could be one of 10 lucky Americans given a free ride in glider. In order to qualify for this, you must have ID and must check in at the main Aero-Club office upon arrival to the club's facilities. Of course, if you don't make it in time for the free ride, you can still find someone willing give you a ride for a fee as there will be many pilots around to tempt you with the freedom of flying.

Begun in 1909, the club was established in the early days of gliding, officially becoming Aero-Club Bamberg in 1951. Some of the club's early pilots made their first flights with the approval of the army aviator unit of our own US Army Bamberg. The club shares its flight space with the US Army as well as the City of Bamberg.

Aero-Club Bamberg is a multi-cultural club for aviation enthusiasts of every age and social status. From the beginner, a child playing with toy airplanes, to remote controlled model planes and for the really ambitious, gliders and small aircraft, there are plenty of activities for the entire family. Aero-Club Bamberg encourages families as well as single soldiers to come out and get a taste of this addictive pastime. Once you become part of the sport of aviation, you will see what a family unit the club is.

Although the initial cost of membership in this club seems high, 200 € a year per flyer (180 € additional for glider members), what it gets you is access to remote controlled airplanes, gliders and motor aircraft. The club owns 8 gliders as well as 3 motor craft. Most of that cost covers liability insurance, but if you have a family of 4 and want to be a member of the club, the 200 € price only applies to the person who flies the glider or motor plane. If you simply wish to hang out and watch or take a ride with other pilots, a more reasonable membership fee of 40€ a year is available. This membership fee pays for liability insurance for flying with someone as well as just hanging around the club and utilizing all

its facilities, and is highly recommended due to the inherent risks involved with the sport.

Once you become a member the possibilities are endless. You can learn to fly either gliders or small airplanes (under the tutelage of a various pilots). Once you gain your pilot's license, you can fly the club's planes for just the cost of the gas to and from any location you choose without the cost of buying and maintaining a plane or glider of your own. The club has 2-seater planes as well as 4-seater planes and the cost of the flight is based on air time only, with the cost of the gas figured into how much gas any given airplane will use per hour during that flight.

The fees for club membership for flying remote controlled aircrafts are smaller, so if you're interested, don't let the high prices of becoming a pilot scare you away. But the details are immense depending on what you prefer to do. The only real way to know whether you and flying are meant to be is to go out to the Tag der Offenen Tür on Sun. June 1 and talk to the many glider and airplane pilots there.

 <b>Bamberg Movie Schedule</b>			
AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tue. and Wed.			
Fri.	May 23	Speedracer (PG)	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 24	Horton Hears A Who (G)	4 p.m.
		Speedracer (PG)	7 p.m.
Sun.	May 25	Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears A Who! (G)	4 p.m.
		Shutter (PG -13)	7 p.m.
Mon	May 26	Speedracer (PG)	7 p.m.
Thur	May 29	Shutter (PG -13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	May 30	The Chronicles Of Narnia (PG)	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 31	The Chronicles Of Narnia (PG)	4 p.m.
		Meet the Browns (PG -13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Jun 01	The Chronicles Of Narnia (PG)	4 p.m.
		Shutter (PG -13)	7 p.m.
Mon	Jun 02	The Chronicles Of Narnia (PG)	7 p.m.
Thur	Jun 05	Drillbit Taylor (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Jun 06	Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull (Pg)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jun 07	Run Fatboy Run (Pg-13)	4 p.m.
		Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull (Pg)	7 p.m.
Sun	Jun 08	Run Fatboy Run (Pg-13)	4 p.m.
		Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull (Pg)	7 p.m.
Mon	Jun 09	Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull (Pg)	7 p.m.
Thu	Jun 12	Superhero (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	Jun 13	Sex And The City (R)	7 p.m.
Sat	Jun 14	Leatherheads (Pg-13)	4 p.m.
		Sex And The City (R)	7 p.m.
Sun	Jun 15	Penelope (Pg)	4 p.m.
		Leatherheads (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, May 23

- 10 a.m. Medieval Market with historical groups and entertainment at Rabenstein Castle between Pottenstein and Bayreuth, entrance fees are for families (2 children, 2 adults) 16 Euros, children 3 Euros and adults 6 Euros.
- 10 a.m. Garden exhibition with more than 150 exhibitors at the park of Schloss Weissenstein (near Pommersfelden)
- 9 p.m. 'Two in Tune' in concert at the Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 10 p.m. Dröönland at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)
- 10 .am. Arts- and crafts market at Schloss Geyerswoerth, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. Trumpet and drums concert at Jazzkeller (*Obere Sandstrs. 18*)
- 9 p.m. Bluebirds in concert at the Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. "The Bullet Monks" play hardrock at Charly's Back stage (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 10 p.m. 30 plus party (non smoking) at Haas-Säle (*Obere Sandstraße 7*)
- 10 p.m. Balkan beats party at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)
- 8 p.m. Live concert with DJ Bobo at Bamberg *Jako Arena*
- 8 p.m. Classical concert with "Bavarian Aerzte orchestra" at Bamberg concert hall (*Mussstrasse*)
- 8 p.m. Rock and Pop music played at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse*)

#### Saturday, May 24

- 11 a.m. Arts and crafts market at Schloss Geyerswoerth, Bamberg, 2 Euros entrance fee
- 10 a.m. Medieval Market with historical groups and entertainment at Rabenstein Castle between Pottenstein and Bayreuth, entrance fees are for families (2 children, 2 adults) 16 Euros, children 3 Euros and adults 6 Euros.
- 10 a.m. Garden exhibition with more than 150 exhibitors at the park of Schloss Weissenstein (near Pommersfelden)
- 9 p.m. 'The Flowers' play at the Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 10 p.m. "Beat virus" at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse 7a*)
- 10 a.m. Garden exhibition with more than 100 exhibitor at Schloss Weissenstein, (*Pommersfelden*) from May 23—May 25, 2008
- 11 a.m. Arts and crafts market at Schloss Geyerswoerth
- 7 p.m. Don Juan at puppet-on-a-string Theater (*Untere Sandstrasse 30*)
- 8 p.m. The Flowers plays at the Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)

- 9 p.m. Andreas Kuemmert plays the blues at the Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. "Hurrican Sound System" in concert at Charly's Back stage (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Klezmer (Jewish) music at Odeon Movie Theater (*Luitpoldstr. 25*)
- 10 p.m. "Beat virus" at Morph Club (*Siechenstrasse*)

#### Sunday, May 25

- 10 .am. Arts and crafts market at Schloss Geyerswoerth, Bamberg, 2 Euros entrance fee
- 10 a.m. Medieval Market with historical groups and entertainment at Rabenstein Castle between Pottenstein and Bayreuth, entrance fees are for families (2 children, 2 adults) 16 Euros, children 3 Euros and adults 6 Euros.
- 10 a.m. Garden exhibition with more than 150 exhibitors at the park of Schloss Weissenstein (near Pommersfelden)
- 11 a.m. Music festival (chamber music) in Schloss Seehof, Memmelsdorf
- 9 p.m. Wolfgang Barthel in concert at the Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Open Stage - live session at Charly's Backstage (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 11 a.m. music festival (chamber music) in Schloss Seehof, Memmelsdorf
- 7:30 p.m. Music festival (chamber music) in Orangerie, Schloss Seehof
- 7 p.m. "Don Juan" puppet-on-a-string-Theater at (*Untere Sandstrasse*)
- 8 p.m. Classical concert with "Aertze Orchestra" at Bamberg concert hall (*Mußstrasse*)
- 8 p.m. Wolfgang Barthel at the Blues Bar (*Obere Sand strasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. "Treibhaus" in concert at the Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 9 p.m. Open Stage - live session at Charly's Backstage (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)

#### Friday, May 30

- 9:30 a.m. Rockmusic with the band „Neumond“ in Gundelsheim, fest tent
- 4 p.m. Streetfest on Judenstrasse with various entertainment From May 30—June 1, 2008
- 8 p.m. Latin summer night at *Neues Palais, Bamberg*
- 8 p.m. Slop plays att the Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)

#### Saturday, May, 31

- 8 a.m. Brass music with diferent bands at (*Gundelsheim. Free entrance*)
- 10 a.m. Streetfest on Judenstrasse with various entertainment
- 11 a.m. Concert with the brass band "Wunderburg in front of the Brudermuehle, Bamberg"
- 6 p.m. Harp of Gold plays at *Schloss Wernsdorf*,
- 7 p.m. Concert at the music pavilion at *Bamberg Hain park*
- 8 p.m. Blues concert at Blues Bar, (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)
- 10 p.m. Live concert with "ocean sprout & unter mauern" at Morph Club (*Siechenstr. 7a*).

# Memorial Day honors soldiers lost in US wars

This holiday, on the fourth Monday of every May, is a day on which Americans honor the dead. Originally a day on which flags and flowers were placed on graves of soldiers who died in the American Civil War, it has become a day on which the dead of all wars and all other dead are remembered the same way.

In 1971, along with other holidays, President Richard Nixon declared Memorial Day a federal holiday on the last Monday in May. Cities all around the United States hold their own ceremonies on the last Monday in May to pay respect to the men and women who have died in wars or in the service of their country. In many communities, special ceremonies are held in cemeteries or at monuments for the war dead by veterans of military services. Some hold parades and others hold memorial services or special programs in churches, schools or other public meeting places. Memorial Day is not limited to honor only those Americans from the armed forces. It is also a day for personal remembrance. Families and individuals honor the memories of their loved ones who have died. Church services, visits to the cemetery, flowers on graves or even silent tribute mark the day with dignity and solemnity. On Memorial Day, the President or Vice President of the United States gives a speech and lays a wreath on the tombs. Members of the armed forces shoot a rifle salute in the air. Veterans and families come to lay their own wreaths and say prayers. It is a day of reflection. However, to many Americans the day also signals the beginning of summer with a three-day weekend to spend at the beach, in the mountains or at home relaxing.

Source: <http://usa.usembassy.de/holidays-memorial.htm>.



## As seen in the NEWS ..

News summaries from 16-22 May 2008

### **Dalai Lama hopes of talks**

The spiritual leader from Tibet sees an opportunity for a peaceful living in China. Thousands of people listened to his dissertations in Bamberg and Nuernberg. Saturday, Dalai Lama visited Bamberg, and signed Bamberg's "Golden Book". Lord Mayor Starke was watched it with joy. Approximately 2,000 Bamberg citizens set a sign for tolerance. Unusual songs sounded at the Dom place.

### **An education center at Kloster Banz**

For 25 years, Kloster Banz has been an education center of the Hanns-Seidel-Foundation. Choosing this location was a benefit, because Kloster Banz suddenly was located in the middle of Germany.

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### **Logistics**

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Mamouzette, who has been in the unit for about a month, said he was ready to deploy.

"It's the main reason why I joined," Mamouzette said. "I want to make a difference; I want to do my part."

For another new Soldier, Pvt. Stephanie Parks, quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th STB, the training was essential.

"I'm training to go downrange so I don't die, so I can keep myself and my team members protected while we're in Iraq," Parks said.

The 19-year-old from Covington, Tenn., who arrived at the unit March 4 from AIT at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., said she learned a lot from the training, and that it was exciting.

"I learned how to call in a casualty report over the radio, and many other things," Parks said. "The training was an adrenaline rush."

Parks, who has six brothers and sisters, said the Army is a family affair. Her brothers Justin Parks and Anthony Cothrane are both active-duty combat medics, and her brother Joshua Cothrane is a water treatment specialist in the Army Reserves. Her father, Sgt. Louis Parks, is in the Tennessee National Guard.

"I want to defend my country and make my dad proud," Parks said.

The 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, will deploy to northern Iraq for 15 months to provide logistical support to U.S., coalition and Iraqi security forces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom VIII.

# THE 2008 ARMY SOLDIER SHOW



*Above left Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Lee and Deputy Garrison Commander Renae Crutches award Veronica Garcia the Freedom Team Salute award for supporting her husband. Garcia's husband nominated her for the award.*

*Close to 500 community members came out to see the Soldier Show Wed. night at the Basics building. The show included rap to R and B, 1940s swing and country music as well as lots of dancing. See story and more photos in next week's Warner Weekly. Photos by Trecia A. Wilson*

