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Bamberg gears up for Army Family Action Plan conference

Story by Trecia A. Wilson
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Have you been searching for a way to share your ideas and concerns about the Army community? If so the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference is a great place to start.

The AFAP conference, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, is a program that canvasses members of every part of the military community to seek and resolve issues impacting the quality of life and well-being of their military community and can potentially affect life throughout the Department of Defense.

The conference is held annually and delegates are comprised of active duty Soldiers, reservists, retired service members, civilian personnel, spouses and teens. These individuals meet first at the garrison level and later at the Army-wide level to discuss and resolve issues and concerns expressed by members of the community who have submitted an AFAP issue form.

The canvassing process begins with military community members filling out an issue form. The form allows them to express their concerns about issues they have at their garrison or with the Army as a whole. It is a simple form that enables the community member to describe the issue or problem, explain why it is an issue or problem and allows them to make recommendations to resolve those issues.

Mary Thompson, Army Family Team Building/AFAP Program Manager, feels this grassroots program is one of the most useful tools the Army has today and that the program definitely strengthens the Army Family Covenant ideals and goals.

According to an interview with Gen. George Casey, chief of staff of the Army, the program is a center piece for contribution.

"I think this AFAP is going to be different because it is connected to the Army Family Covenant," Casey said. "I need for you to think about [AFAP] in those terms. I think we will get a lot more momentum because of this than we might have had in the past."

Casey said he has been an Army Family member for 59 years, and that the motto in the Casey Family, "make the best of it," is not what Families want right now.

"Listening to the Families, having been in Iraq, understanding what we are asking of them and having lost my own dad in Vietnam, I understand the impact war has on Families. They need more than that, and we are committed to delivering."

Because the program is a bottom-up program, which means the ideas start with the people receiving the services rather than the people providing services, real people are provided with a "voice" in shaping their standards of living and identifying issues related to the current environment.

Native Americans Celebrate



Courtesy Photo

Mark Kretschmer fills his plate at the Native American Celebration Dec. 4 at the Post Theater. Kretschmer took part in the celebration and was one of the performers during the presentation. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved the first National American Indian Heritage Month. This year's theme was "Living in Many Worlds."

In order for this grassroots approach to work, there must be people willing to volunteer their time and energy in reviewing issue forms.

"Volunteers are the life-blood of the conference," Thompson said.

Each AFAP conference is comprised of two basic groups. There are the delegates who review all the issues in depth and then prioritize which should be forwarded up to the next level of review and then there are the facilitators, recorders, transcribers and issue support people (FRTIS). The FRTIS are the backbone of the conference because they moderate the delegate discussions as well as summarize what's being said, transcribe the final results of discussions and issue supporters assistance by doing the topic research so

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Pick up your Warner Weekly Newspaper post-wide today!

Housing Office provides tips for saving energy on heating

Just like in the United States, energy is expensive in Germany.

Did you know that approximately 75 percent of privately used energy is for heating.

With that in mind, we would like to give you a few suggestions on how you can contribute to saving energy with your heating habits and reduce your utility bill.

Room Temperature Makes a Difference

Do not overheat. The normal room temperature is considered to be 22 degree Celsius (71.6 Fahrenheit). Every single degree above 20 degree Celsius (68 Fahrenheit) costs 6 percent more heating energy.

Adjust each room only to the temperature you need. High temperatures should not be regulated by opening the window, but by turning down the valve on the radiator.

Save at Night

Turn down the radiators at night.

Air out often, but only for short times

Constantly open or tilted windows waste (and cost) a lot of energy.

We recommend that you air out your apartment or house twice a day (10 minutes each time). Airing out rooms over a longer period

of time results in unnecessary loss of heat.

Remember: you are not only cooling down the air in the apartment but also the walls, ceilings and furniture, which all must consequently be re-heated.

To accomplish a full air exchange you need to open at least two windows all the way, ideally on opposite ends of the apartment; this allows the air to flow freely.

This will also prevent silverfish and mites, which thrive in warm and moist areas. It will further prevent mildew, which can turn out to be a great problem and very hard and expensive to remove.

And don't forget: Turn down the thermostats during this airing out period.

Don't block the heat

Bare radiators might not look nice, but they ensure that the heat can pass freely into the room.

Long drapes or furniture placed directly in front of the radiator can block or absorb up to 20 percent of the heat coming from a radiator.

Use Your Shutters

Close your shutters at night. This de-

creases the heat loss through window.

Turn down the thermostat

If you are absent from your apartment for a few hours, turn down your thermostats to 16 degrees Celsius (60.8 Fahrenheit).

In case of a longer absence (more than a couple days), make sure that a friend, the landlord, or another person checks your apartment/house every couple of days, to prevent any risk or cold weather damage.

Keep in mind, that according to the German rental law, you are responsible for your apartment/house at any time during your residency.

Heat the Apartment Sufficiently

Do not allow rooms which are seldom used to cool down too much.

It is more economical to keep the rooms fairly warm.

In case of a longer absence, we suggest that the doors inside the apartment be kept open and depending upon the size of the apartment, one or more radiators be turned on low for temperature control.

For more information, call your Housing Office at DSN 469-8808 or 469-7316.

AFAP

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delegates can continue the review process.

Although the backbone of the program is critical for structure, the program would go nowhere without assistance from the mind and muscle of the delegates.

"It takes all types," is a common euphemism and, in the case of AFAP, that's exactly what's needed.

Thompson encourages anyone interested in being a volunteer in any of the above capacities to come forward. She also encourages people to think locally and globally when completing their issue forms.

"Becoming part of the process is the first

step and in so doing maybe you can affect some change," Thompson said.

Last year's Army-wide conference, which took place from Dec. 3 through 7 in Washington, D.C., reviewed 80 issues. The conference usually narrows the issue field down to the top five, but due to a three-way tie, seven issues made it to the 2007 conference. The issues were:

- Minimum Disability Retirement Pay for Medically Retired Wounded Warriors
- Traumatic Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Uniplegia
- Federal Hiring Process for Wounded Warriors
- Health and Wellness Centers

- Access to Medical Care for Non-dependent Caregivers of Severely Wounded Soldiers
- Staffing to Support the Physical Disability Evaluation System (PDES)
- Comprehensive Behavioral Health Program for Children

Your chance to make a difference in the Army community is all around you. There are boxes to deposit the completed issue forms at the following locations: Community Mail Room, Mini Mall hallway, the Community Activities Center and the food court. Even if you aren't ready to join the delegates and FRTIS, you can still contribute. Pick up an application today at one of the above locations or online at <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/services/afap.asp>.



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Bamberg community doubles donation goal for CFC

By Ashley Bateman
Special to the Warner Weekly

The Combined Federal Campaign ended Dec. 3, and the Bamberg Community has made the campaign a huge success, contributing not only financial support, but time, energy and resources.

Lasting from October to December, the campaign is a 9-week money-raising period in the community. The campaign goal for this year was to raise \$60,000 for charities.

The Bamberg community raised \$142,000, more than double the amount of money that was expected to be raised.

Barbara Baeuerlein and Sigrid Villalon, both from the Directorate of Human Resources Office, organized the CFC for USAG Bamberg last year and assisted with the organizing of this year's CFC.

No initial money had been raised when the women began managing the campaign, and although they simply refer to themselves as "project officers," it's clear that the work they did to set up the campaign was vitally important.

"Basically we met every week with unit coordinators, who would bring us the money raised," Baeuerlein said. "We consolidated it, counted up the funds, and then, took them to the bank."

But to achieve the weekly meetings, Baeuerlein and Villalon had

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**- Barbara Baeuerlein
Directorate of Human Resources Office**

to work hard to "distribute all the material associated with the campaign, which takes up a lot of time," Villalon said.

Once this was done, "the rest was actually more fun," Baeuerlein said. "We met with our counterparts from the various units and the people were very enthusiastic."

According to Baeuerlein, the competitive spirit of the campaign caught on early amongst units, and by the end of the third week, the \$60,000 goal had been met.

Baeuerlein said donations were received across the board. Most service members on post donated money through a payroll deduction.

Though the origins of this year's success have been widely rumored, Baeuerlein notes that payroll and cash contributions remained widely popular and her own understanding of this year's overwhelming success is believed to be the return of many deployed troops who returned during the summer and fall seasons.

The campaign has held personal meaning for Baeuerlein and Villalon, but the two said they couldn't have been as successful if it weren't for the help of all the unit coordinators and the individuals in the community who donated.

"You get to know so many new people and the whole thing is just so positive," Baeuerlein remarked. "The cooperation of the unit coordinators was really phenomenal."

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Sun Dec 7 & 14 5:30pm

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
2008/2009
BAMBERG COMMISSARY

DATE	WEEK DAY	ACTION	TIME
24 NOV	MONDAY	OPEN	11:00-19:00
27 NOV	THURSDAY	CLOSED	THANKSGIVING
22 DEC	MONDAY	OPEN	11:00-19:00
24 DEC	WEDNESDAY	OPEN	11:00-16:00
25 DEC	THURSDAY	CLOSED	CHRISTMAS
29 DEC	MONDAY	OPEN	11:00-19:00
31 DEC	WEDNESDAY	OPEN	11:00-19:00
1 JAN	THURSDAY	CLOSED	NEW YEAR

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Community Announcements

Angel Tree Program

Share the magic of this season with a child by participating in the Community Chapel Angel Tree Program. The Angel Tree Program provides an opportunity for people in our community to give a toy to a child during the Christmas season. Two trees have been decorated with angels and placed in the community. One is at the chapel and one at the entrance to the Army Air Force Exchange Service PXtra. To participate in the program, remove an angel tag from the tree and purchase a gift for the child described on the tag. Make sure to attach the angel tag on the wrapped gifts for the child. Bring the wrapped gift to the chapel no later than Dec. 12. Anyone can participate. The goal is to ensure that 100 percent of the children receive a gift before Christmas. For more information, call Maria Castillo at DSN 469-8139 or 0162-270-4703.

Thrift Shop Sale

The Bamberg Thrift Shop is having a 50 percent off Christmas Blow Out Sale. All white ticket items from Dec. 16 to 18 will be on sale. Come and take advantage of this great value just in time for the holidays.

Med Blog

The TRICARE "Passport to Care" and other online resources are the focus of the Nov. 21 blog entry by Brig. Gen. Keith W. Gallagher, the U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army Command Surgeon. His blog is available at the Europe Regional Medical Command Web site <http://ermc.amedd.army.mil>. Questions on medical policy can also be submitted to him there. You can submit a healthcare question at any time by clicking the "Ask the Doc" link from the ERMC home page.

Closures / Changes

Commissary Early Bird Shopping

The Bamberg Commissary is now open early for the holiday season from 8 - 11 a.m. Tuesday - Friday. The commissary will also be open Dec. 22 and 29 during these hours. There are limited services during this time and only the Self Checkout lanes will be open. Full shopping carts can not be checked out until normal operating hours (no cashiers). The commissary will also be open during regular hours for full service shopping.

APO extended holiday hours/closures

The Army Post Office holiday season finance service lobby hours are extended for your convenience. The extended hours are effective Nov. 22 through Dec. 20. The hours are: Monday through Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed - Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

CMR extended holiday hours

The Community Mail Room holiday season lobby window hours (including Saturdays) are: Now through Jan. 3 Monday, - Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m. Saturday - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ACAP office relocation

The Army Career and Alumni Program Office has moved from Preston Hall to the Military Personnel building (Bldg 7290), Room 204. If you have less than a year left until your ETS (2 years if retiring), please call 469-8925 to make an appointment for a mandatory ACAP Pre-separation Briefing. While this is your first step in the transition process, it does not in anyway hamper your ability to reenlist should you decide to do so. Do yourself a favor and find out today what ACAP has to offer.

ID Card and Passport Office

The Bamberg ID Card and Passport Offices will close early on the following days (please plan accordingly): Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. will reopen Dec. 29 Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. will reopen Jan 5.

Bamberg Health Clinic holiday closure

The Bamberg Health Clinic will be closed on the following days (please plan accordingly): Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Dec. 19 from 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Tax Assistance Center open

The Bamberg Tax Assistance Center hours are Mon. through Fri., 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m., until Dec.19 when it closes for annual training. It is located on the 4th floor of Bldg. 7000 (The Law Center Building). To make an appointment, call DSN:469-8261 or CIV:0951-300-8261.

Fitness Classes Cancelled

Beginning Dec. 23, during the holiday season, there will be no classes at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Step aerobics will resume on Jan. 7, Pilates and all boot camps will resume their regular class times beginning Jan. 5, the Lunchtime Circuit Express training will resume Jan. 6 and Tae Kwon Do will resume on Jan. 12. For more information, call the Freedom Fitness Facility at 469-9597.

Fitness Center Holiday Hours

The Freedom Fitness Facility will open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. a day before both Christmas and New Years. It will reopen a day after the holidays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call the Freedom Fitness Facility at 469-9597.

Weekly Reminders

Veterans Benefits

The next Army Career and Alumni Program veterans affairs benefits briefing is Jan. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Preston Hall Auditorium. A representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs will provide an overview of V.A. programs and services and will answer questions as well. Open to the entire community.

Disability Briefing

Veterans affairs disability briefing is Jan. 8 from 1 to 3 P.M. Army Career and Alumni Program will sponsor a briefing on the Disability Transition Assistance Program (DTAP). A representative from the Department of

Veterans Affairs will discuss vocational rehabilitation policy and procedures. This is an opportunity for transitioning Soldiers who are considering filing a disability claim with the V.A. to find out details of the program. For more information, Call ACAP at 469-8925 or visit <https://www.acapexpress.army.mil>.

Job Assistance

Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering a 2.5-day Department of Labor job assistance workshop for separating and retiring Soldiers Jan. 13 through 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (final day ends at 12:30). All participants must complete pre-separation counseling prior to enrolling in this course. For more information, call your Bamberg ACAP Office at DSN: 469-8925.

ACAP Brief

Every Soldier must complete the Army Career and Alumni Program briefing before separation. The briefing only takes an hour and can help those who might be undecided about their future to reach a decision. The briefing is informational and does not obligate the recipient to either stay in the Army or become a civilian. Soldiers can begin the ACAP process one year prior to ETS (potential retirees can start two years prior). Call 469-8925 to schedule an appointment or use ACAP Express at <https://www.acapexpress.army.mil>.

Resume Workshop

Army Career and Alumni Program will have an advanced resume writing lab on Jan. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. You should have completed the Transition Assistance Program Workshop prior to the lab. For more information or to register, call ACAP at 469-8925 or register at <https://www.acapexpress.army.mil>.

Bamberg Thrift Shop

If you haven't been to the Thrift Shop lately, operating hours are:

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- First Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Entertainment and Leisure

Turkey Shoot at Whispering Pines

Whispering Pines Golf Course will have a Turkey Shoot golf tournament beginning at 9 a.m. on Dec. 13 and 20. This is a 9-hole event with a \$15 sign up fee. Win a Turkey, Duck or Cornish Game Hen. For more information, call the Pro Shop at DSN:469-8953.

Super Fight Night

Thanks to the Bamberg MWR, U.S. Soldiers and family members can take advantage of a special ticket price for the upcoming Muay Thai and K-1 Rules Super Fight Night on Dec. 13 in Bamberg's Jako Arena. More than 4,000 people are expected to attend the event. Get your tickets before this event sells out. For the special MWR ticket price, call the English ticket hotline at 0162-362-8309. Tickets are \$25 instead of €23.50.

Free USAREUR Band concert tickets! Limited number available - first come, first served.

Email bambergpao@eur.army.mil

Gamers Challenge

Come to the Gamers Challenge Dec. 14, 21 and 28 at 5 p.m. at the Community Activities Center. The following games will be played during the challenge:

- Dec. 14: Ghost Recon, Xbox 360
- Dec. 21: Avatar, The Last Airbender
- Dec. 28: Driver, Parallel Lines, Wii

Gaming Club

Come and test your video gaming skills, play various board games and meet new friends at the Community Activities Center Dec. 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Games will be provided.

Drop-it Writers Group

Tue. Dec. 23, 4:30 p.m. Bring your work and share with the others.

Operation "Craft & Chat"

Come join us Wed. Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m. and learn a new craft each month with assistance from MWR Arts & Crafts.

Continuing Education

University of Phoenix open

The University of Phoenix is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located at the Warner Barracks Army Education Center, Bldg 7047, Room 309. Leah Gransbery, University of Phoenix field representative, can help you start your MBA or MAED program. Online and on-site courses are available and degrees can be achieved in 15-24 months. For more information call Leah Gransbery at DSN:469-9280, CIV:0951-3009280/2085350 or email leah.gransbery@us.army.mil.

University of Oklahoma classes

Apply, enroll and start University of Oklahoma classes anytime. On-site and online classes are available, no GRE is required, and non-thesis programs are available. Advanced class preparation and a one-week class session are required. OU faculty flies to local Education Centers to provide high-level instruction. Your degree will be recognized both nationally and internationally. Complete your degree in 16 to 24 months. For more information, call Yadira Sanchez at DSN:467-3325 or CIV:09802-83-3325, or email apansbach@ou.edu. To find more information, visit www.GoOu.OU.edu.

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation in December

Dec. 13 Berlin Day Trip \$55

Spend the day exploring Germany's Capital! You will see the East Side Gallery and be dropped off at the Checkpoint Charlie Museum so you can explore the city. Berlin has over 50 Christmas markets with local delicacies that are not to be missed. Includes transportation only. Departs Chapel Parking Lot at 4 a.m., returns approx. 11 p.m.

Dec. 20-21 Snowboard and Ski \$149

Get your Holidays off to a snowy start with a quick ski and snowboard trip. You'll get to ski and ride some of the best snow in the Austrian Alps. Includes transportation and 1 night lodging (double occupancy) with breakfast and dinner. Does not include lift pass. Departs ODR 2 a.m. Dec. 20, returns approx. 10 p.m. Dec. 21.

Equipment Rentals

Did you know Bamberg Outdoor Recreation has a full service ski and snowboard rental and repair shop for children and adults?

- Full Ski or Snowboard Package
 - \$19/day
 - \$35/weekend
 - \$75/week
- Pair of Skis or Snowboard with Bindings
 - \$15/day
 - \$25/weekend
 - \$50/week
- Ski or Snowboard Boots
 - \$8/day



- \$15/weekend
- \$30/week
- Ski Poles or Snowboard Bindings
 - \$5/day
 - \$10/weekend
 - \$20/week
- Pants/Jacket \$5
- Helmets are Free

Equipment Maintenance or repairs:

- Snowboard Binding Mounting \$ 5
- Binding Testing/Adjustment \$ 5
- Base Repair \$10
- Edge Sharpening \$12
- Hot Wax \$12
- Full Tune w/ Base Structure \$20
- Deluxe Hand Tune \$25

Extensive repairs priced specially.

Going on an Outdoor Recreation trip? Get a full rental package for \$20 or get 50 percent off maintenance.

You must register for these trips by the Monday before the scheduled leave date or they may be cancelled. To sign up or for more information, please come to Outdoor Recreation, bldg. 7047 or call DSN:469-8659/7450 or CIV: 0951-300-8659. All trips depart and arrive at Community Activity Center (CAC) unless otherwise noted. No refund will be given for no-shows. Military duty restraint or illness will be refunded.

Bamberg Movie Schedule			
AAFEs Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tue. and Wed.			
Thu	Dec. 11	Ghost Town (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	Dec. 12	Australia (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Sat	Dec. 13	Beverly Hills Chihuahua (Pg)	4 p.m.
		Eagle Eye (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	Dec. 14	Beverly Hills Chihuahua (Pg)	4 p.m.
		Flash Of Genius (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Mon	Dec. 15	Australia (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Thu	Dec. 18	Flash Of Genius (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	Dec. 19	Eagle Eye (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	Dec. 20	Four Christmases (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		Lakeview Terrace (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	Dec. 21	Four Christmases (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		Body Of Lies (R)	7 p.m.
Mon	Dec. 22	Four Christmases (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Fri	Dec. 26	Nothing Like The Holidays (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Sat	Dec. 27	Nothing Like The Holidays (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		The Day The Earth Stood Still (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Sun	Dec. 28	Nothing Like The Holidays (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		The Day The Earth Stood Still (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Mon	Dec. 29	The Day The Earth Stood Still (Rating N/A)(1strun)	7 p.m.



Come watch the Bamberg Barons play Vilseck Dec. 12.



Returning players key to Barons' success

By Douglas DeMaio, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG – Returning players and speed may be a determining factor for the Barons boys' varsity basketball team to repeat its championship run from last year, but a key factor as to whether the team will be successful will be how they grasp a new offense.

Timothy Smith, in his first year as the Baron's head coach, is changing the offense from a spread offense to a flex offense.

As opposed to a spread offense, which opens up the court, creates lanes for passing, cuts, and drives to the basket, a flex offense generates ball movement, mismatches, and open jump shots.

"It's a lot different from (what we are used to), but I think it will be effective," Justin Lane said about the offense.

Lane played on last year's championship team, but his father is permanently changing station so, until he leaves, he is practicing with the team.

"Of course I want to be here," Lane said. "I've played here for two years."

Lane knows he must move on, but he said he does have faith in the players.

"I think they have potential," he said.

Joshua Robinson is one of a

handful of players to be returning from last year's squad. Robinson was Department of Defense Dependents Schools first-team all Europe last season, he said.

He averaged a double-double with 15.5 points and 10.9 rebounds per game.

Although Robinson will miss Lane's ability to push the ball up the court, he does have a surrounding cast of effective players.

Joining Robinson in the front-court is Kevin Daniels. Daniels has the strength, size and power to be a rebounding machine.

He also has the ability to knock-down the mid-range jump shot, which will help open up the key.

"We do have some size," Smith said. "I think we'll have some good quickness (too)."

With that quickness, Smith is looking to run a full- and half-court press.

The team is looking to create turnovers and put quick points on the scoreboard, Robinson said.

Smith said he believes the players have speed and quickness, but that they still need to work on their fundamentals.

Smith did think his returning players are the team's "biggest strength."

However, Robinson said he doesn't want that to be the de-



Photo by Douglas DeMaio
From left to right, Quadel Webb passes the ball over defenders Justin Lane and Joshua Fletcher during a Bamberg Barons basketball practice session.

Bamberg Barons Basketball Schedule

<p>Dec. 12 Vilseck Dec. 13 at Vilseck Jan. 9 Patch Jan. 10 Patch Jan. 16 at Hohenfels Jan. 17 Hohenfels</p>	<p>Jan. 23 at Ansbach Jan. 24 Ansbach Jan. 30 Heidelberg Jan. 31 Heidelberg Feb. 6 Mannheim Feb. 7 Mannheim</p>
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fining characteristic of the team. Defense wins championships, Robinson said. "I want a lockdown defense," he said.

Army extends age, service restrictions for Soldiers

By C. Todd Lopez

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- A recent extension of retention control points means Soldiers in the rank of staff sergeant and above will be allowed to serve the Army longer, should they desire.

An All Army Activities message, or ALAR-

ACT, dated Nov. 8, spelled out the changes to retention control points. The changes, which became effective Nov. 1, increase RCPs for E-6s and above by as many as three years in some cases. The ALARACT also changes the maximum age for enlisted Soldiers to 62 years.

The increase in RCP -- called "high year of

tenure" in the Air Force and Navy -- is a force-shaping measure meant to allow experienced noncommissioned officers to stay in the Army longer.

"This is not designed to address any specific shortage," said Master Sgt. Patrick Johnson, retention operations NCO with Army G-1 at (Army continued on page 8)

Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg for Dec. 4 - 8

Thursday, Dec. 11

- 9 a.m. "Bamberg Christmas market" at Maxplatz/downtown Bamberg
- 11 a.m. "Medieval Christmas market" at Alte Hofhaltung Bamberg, Domplatz 7, Bamberg
- 4 p.m. "Bamberg Advents Calendar" kids crafts and activities at Fuchs-Bachhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 7 p.m. "Franconian Christmas" the Christmas story accompanied by music in front of Maria-Hilf-church, Wunderburg, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Christmas Metal Meeting" party night with three bands and DJ Sheriff at Live-Club, Obere Sandstr. 7, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Terry Lee Burns" live blues at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "impulz" indie/rock . alternative at Morph Club, Siechenstraße 7, Bamberg

Friday, Dec. 12

- 9 a.m. "Bamberg Christmas market" at Maxplatz/downtown Bamberg
- 11 a.m. "Medieval Christmas market" at Alte Hofhaltung Bamberg, Domplatz 7, Bamberg
- 2 p.m. "Bamberg Advents Calendar" kids crafts and activities at Fuchs-Bachhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Attic Sounds" CD release, live Punk-Rock and Rock 'n Roll at Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Dan T. Coates Trio" live west coast sound at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "The Chippendales 2008" at JAKO-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15 (main entrance), Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 9 p.m. "MoJo" live 50's and 60's Rock 'n Roll at Club Kaulberg, Unterer Kaulberg 36, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "Kamikaze Queens" at Sound'n Arts Club, Sandstraße 20, Bamberg (more info at www.myspace.com/kamikazequeens)

Saturday, Dec. 13

- 9 a.m. "Bamberg Christmas market" at Maxplatz/downtown Bamberg

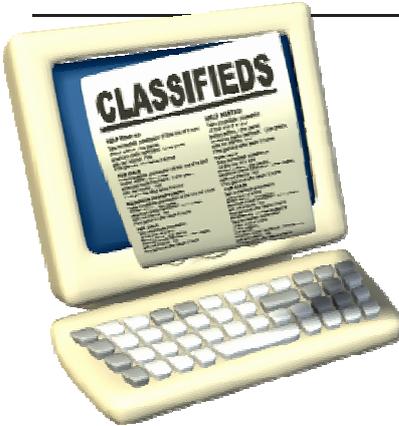
- 1 p.m. "Bamberg Advents Calendar" kids crafts and activities at Fuchs-Bachhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 4 p.m. "Christmas concert" a concert especially for families with young musicians playing Christmas music at Audimax der Universität, Feld kirchenstraße 21, Bamberg
- 5 p.m. "A Christmas fairy tale" (in German) at Marionette-Theater, Untere Sandstrasse 30, Bamberg – tickets at www.bvd-ticket.de
- 8 p.m. "Cobblestones" Irish and Scottish folk music at Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 8 p.m. "Zane Charron" live acoustic guitar music at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Uni Bigband" live big band sound at Jazzclub Bamberg, Obere Sandstr. 18, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "Blockrocking Beats" techno . electro at Morph Club, Siechenstraße 7, Bamberg

Sunday, Dec. 14

- 11 a.m. "Bamberg Christmas market" at Maxplatz/downtown Bamberg
- 11 a.m. "Medieval Christmas market" at Alte Hofhaltung Bamberg, Domplatz 7, Bamberg
- 2 p.m. "nativity scenes from around the world" over 300 different nativity scenes on display at Museum Alte Schule, Kirchplatz 4, 96114 Hirschaid
- 4 p.m. "Bamberg Advents Calendar" kids crafts and activities at Fuchs-Bachhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 4:30 p.m. "Christmas choir" at St. Stephans church, Stephansplatz 5, Bamberg
- 5 p.m. Bamberg's Basketball team "Brose Baskets" will play the "LTI Gießen 46ers" at Jako-Arena, Forchheimer Str. 15, Bamberg (tickets available at www.kartenkiosk-bamberg.de)
- 8 p.m. "Johnny" live acoustic music covering the Beatles and classics from the 70s and 80s at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg

Monday, Dec. 15

- 9 a.m. "Bamberg Christmas market" at Maxplatz/downtown Bamberg
- 11 a.m. "Medieval Christmas market" at Alte Hofhaltung Bamberg, Domplatz 7, Bamberg
- 4 p.m. "Bamberg Advents Calendar" kids crafts and activities at Fuchs-Bachhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 7 p.m. Piano-Live at Hofbräu Restaurant & Bar, Karolinenstr. 7, Bamberg



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1994 Red Chevy S-10 Extended cab. Great condition with new transmission, clutch, and fuel pump. Also comes with CD player, rhino bed liner, and drop in metal tool box. Must sell due to PCS. Asking price \$4000 OBO. Just contact Justin @ 015151030825 or email justin.s.bailey1@us.army.mil

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ing for a part-time job and like working with children, stop by the BES main office for an application. For more information on our open continuous vacancies, go to www.eu.dodea.edu.

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PCS Sale: Two white under sink cupboards \$10 each, large entertainment center \$30, 220 German air conditioner \$250, 2000w Siemens German vacuum cleaner \$25, 5 concrete patio/garden blocks 2"x12"x12" \$3 each, 220 brass floor lamp \$25, 220 silver desk lamp \$5, various 220 extension cords \$2. Call Aimee at 0951-301-6275 (12/4/08)

For Sale: Five piece Oak Table and Chairs asking \$125 OBO. Wooden Train Table for wood trains asking \$80. Two DVD/CD stands asking \$10 for set or \$5 each Rocking horse on stand asking \$25 Wine Rack Stand asking \$5. Call Christy at 0951-222-1903 or email cfngermany@hotmail.com (12/4/08)

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Training with some kicks



Photo by Douglas DeMaio
 Capt. Ryan Burke, B Company, Special Troops Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade, receives instructions by Serdar Karaca, a German who is Thai Boxing champion, on kick boxing techniques during a martial arts workshop at the Freedom Fitness Facility Nov. 21. Burke said the workshop was useful. Karaca, who was a guest instructor for the workshop, will be using the skills he was teaching in a professional fight at Jako Arena Dec. 13.

IMCOM - Europe mandates new drivers safety course

HEIDELBERG, Germany – A mandatory driving safety course has started for the supervisors of Soldiers and Army civilian employees.

The Supervisory Driver's Training program – designed for any civilian or military manager of two or more drivers – began throughout Europe in November as part of the Army Traffic Safety Training Program.

Overall, ATSTP consists of six different courses that provide a minimum of six and a half hours of instruction, with Installation Management Command-Europe offering training at garrisons in this region.

According to the Army Combat Readiness Center, Soldiers who are not counseled by their supervisors are five times more likely to die in vehicular accidents. Therefore, "We created the ATSTP to teach Army warriors to assess driving hazards and to make smart driving decisions," said Brig. Gen John A. Macdonald, deputy commander of IMCOM.

As for Supervisory Driver's Training, it is designed to "increase awareness of regulatory responsibilities, to reinforce good driving habits and to create a culture of safety," said Patricia Jackson, a safety and occupational health specialist with IMCOM-Europe.

The training encompasses 60 to 90 minutes of instruction, including a video presentation and discussion sessions.

For more information on ATSTP, such as when and where classes are being held, visit the IMCOM-Europe Web site – www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/local/ – and click on the Army Traffic Safety Training Program banner located in the upper right.

While the schedule is subject to change, 30-days notice will be given before any class is canceled.

Installation Management Command



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Don't Shop, Refuel, Eat, or Ect. at the Same Place and Time

Vary Your Route To and From Work

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Force Protection Thought of the Week

Army

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the Pentagon. "Rather, it is to provide an avenue for our experienced NCOs to stay in longer if they wish, and to stabilize the force longer. It's good for the Army and good for readiness."

The change to RCP applies to active-duty Army Soldiers and to reserve-component Soldiers in the Active Guard Reserve program.

Changes have been made to the RCP for Soldiers in the grade of E-6 and above, and include:

- Staff Sergeant, 23 years
- Staff Sergeant (Promotable), 26 years
- Sergeant First Class, 26 years
- Sergeant First Class (Promotable), 29 years
- First Sergeant/Master Sergeant, 29 years
- First Sergeant/Master Sergeant (Promotable), 32 years Command Sergeant Major/SGM, 32 years

The RCP defines the maximum time a Soldier may stay in the Army at a certain rank.

For instance, the RCP for a promotable staff sergeant is now 26 years -- up from 24. If a Soldier in the rank of staff sergeant has served 26 years and hasn't been promoted to sergeant first class, he or she must retire.

The ALARACT additionally says a Soldier must leave Army service at the time of their RCP or age 62, whichever of the two comes first.

Johnson said that the change to the RCP does not mean a Soldier must now stay in the Army longer.

In fact, Soldiers may apply for retirement any time after becoming eligible.