

A vision for the future - Installation Management Community

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Like many others this time of year, I have been reflecting on the past 12 months and looking forward to the new year. In my professional capacity, I am focusing on the future of the Installation Management Community. Specifically, what should the Installation Management Community look like a year from now?

I have been asking this question of Installation Management personnel during meetings, town halls, and garrison visits. After all, the dedicated professionals at the garrisons and headquarters are doing the work on a daily basis; they know what it takes to deliver the facilities, programs and services that support our Soldiers and Families.

I have also been seeking feedback from Soldiers, Families and leaders through a number of avenues, including installation visits, the Family Forums at the Association of the United States Army annual conference, the Army Community Service focus groups I recently held, and the Army Family Survey. This feedback is critical because everything we do is focused on providing Soldiers and Families the programs, services and facilities that support their well-being, resilience and readiness. We need to know where we are on target and where we are missing the mark.

I urge everyone—Installation Management personnel, Soldiers, family members, leaders—to continue to send me solid ideas that help answer the three fundamental questions: Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things right? What are we missing? The point of asking for input from so many different people is to build a shared vision of where we are going in the next year. I am meeting with senior Installation Management Community leaders this month to develop that vision based on all of this input. The shared vision will enable us to begin with the end in mind. Once we have a shared vision of what right looks like, we can figure out how to get there from here. We can eliminate random activities and focus all our efforts on the initiatives that will have the greatest impact on Soldiers, Civilians and Family members.



We started 2010 by producing version one of the Installation Management Community's Campaign Plan. The Campaign Plan laid out a vision, strategy and way ahead for providing the programs, services and facilities that support Soldiers and Families. With the Campaign Plan and the three fundamental questions as our guides, we have continually challenged ourselves to improve our performance.

Some of our efforts are visible to those we serve. For example, based on feedback from Soldiers and Families, we have enhanced delivery of several vital programs, including the Exceptional Family Member Program, Survivor Outreach Services, the Total Army Sponsorship Program, the Army Substance Abuse Program and the Army Continuing Education System.

Many of our efforts will not be immediately apparent to those outside of our workforce. For example, we are reducing the number of administrative regions from six to four and integrating the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command into IMCOM Headquarters. Soldiers and Families will

see no difference in the quality of support or number of services they receive, but behind the scenes, we will be working smarter. We will streamline delivery of services to our customers and generate savings that can be applied to Soldier and Family programs.

Now, as we build a shared vision of what the Installation Management Community should look like in November 2011 and lay out the plan to achieve that vision, we will continue to challenge ourselves to go beyond what we already know and are comfortable with. We will continue to look at the shape and size of our organization and workforce. We will continue to reach out and build relationships with others committed to supporting Soldiers and Families, including universities, businesses, non-government organizations, and other government agencies. We will continue to identify, develop and align the resources, policies and processes needed to support Family programs, safety, sustainability, energy security and other priorities.

The process of developing a shared vision can be difficult for some, since it carries the possibility of change, but it can also be energizing, and it is important for us to do if we take our jobs seriously. For one, we owe it to our fellow citizens to be good stewards of all the resources entrusted to us. We always have to be mindful of how we impact the environment, how we treat our people and how we spend taxpayer dollars. If we do our job well, if we are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us today, then we will have the resources we need in the future.



An even more important reason is the Soldiers and Families we support. We are committed to providing a strong, supportive environment in which they can thrive. We do not chase change for change's sake, but if the only reason we do something is because we have always done it that way, then we can do better. We owe it to our Soldiers and Families to ask what right looks like and to make sure we are on track to get there.



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Choosing a mobile phone provider can be costly

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BAMBERG, Germany - Confusing is one way to best describe the complexities a Soldier, family member or civilian might face when exploring their options for a mobile phone. Mindboggling is another word to describe the feeling one may get when they receive their bill.

Selecting the right mobile phone carrier and plan while living overseas can be challenging for U.S. personnel.

Mobile phone service providers in Germany operate differently than in the U.S. Many companies have contracts and consumers can lose big money if they don't understand what they are committing to.

Here are some things to consider when selecting a mobile phone.

Advertising

Be wary of advertising. If an advertisement for mobile phone service doesn't look official, meaning it doesn't use some sort of trademark

emblem of a well known company, don't believe the ad for the service to be too creditable. There are numerous mobile phone scams and as smartphones gain more popularity, more potential scams in this industry are likely to arise.

Fine Print

Reading the fine print on a mobile plan is always one of the most important things to consider before signing a contract.



This is where one can find additional charges, restrictions and stipulations.

The phrase "the devil is hidden in the details" should come to mind when deciding on a plan.

Prepaid Phones

Prepaid phones are probably the best option for most people, especially when they arrive in Bamberg. There are no hidden fees, no contracts and no cancellation fees.

Other than paying for a higher cost per minute, customers can decide the amount they are willing to spend. The flexibility that comes along with a prepaid phone cannot be matched

by any phone plan; customers don't have to worry about what they will need to pay at the end of each month.

For those who buy a prepaid phone card at Army Air Force Exchange Service, the card can be bought in dollars but the minutes are converted and charged in Euro. The phones can be purchased for a good price as well. Prepaid phones are available at AAFES for about \$20. Prepaid phones purchased on the economy start out at a similar price and cost as much as €100.

Contracts

Mobile phone contracts are generally a two-year commitment and ending the contract is not always a simple task. Once a customer's signature is on the dotted line, there is financial agreement with legal repercussions for cancelling.

Another thing Soldiers, family members and civilians should be aware of is that to end a contract, there has to be written notification. A mobile contract here in Germany does not simply end; three months before the contract should end, if there has been no notification to terminate the contract by sending a Kündigung, the contract is automatically renewed.

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Flu, Norovirus becoming more active this winter

BMEDDAC News Release

VILSECK, Germany – As the winter months progress, viruses such as Norovirus and influenza-like illnesses are becoming more active in the Bavarian footprint and medical officials are encouraging people to take action.

"Every year we run into the same viruses so this is not a reason to be alarmed," said Lt. Col. Gwendolyn Davis, Preventive Medicine chief. "Instead, we want people to focus on learning about the viruses and how to prevent them."

Most people are familiar with the influenza-type illnesses that cause symptoms like fever, coughing, a runny nose, sore throat and muscle aches. However, Norovirus is not as widely known.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Norovirus is a highly contagious stomach bug that can spread rapidly, especially in places like offices, schools and daycare centers.

Norovirus is also known as the stomach flu, viral gastroenteritis or food poisoning and can cause stomach and intestinal inflammation, diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain.

People can start spreading the virus from the moment they start feeling ill to at least three days and possibly as long as two weeks after recovering, per the CDC.

The preventive measures for both Norovirus and influenza are the same, with one key difference.

"Currently, there is a vaccine available to help prevent influenza. If you haven't already gotten your seasonal flu vaccine, I highly recommend you visit your local health clinic and get immunized," Davis said. "How-

ever, at this time there is not a vaccine to prevent Norovirus. This makes practicing preventive measures even more important."

Consistently practicing preventive measures can help prevent both Norovirus and influenza-like illnesses, according to Davis.

These measures include:

- **Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough. If a tissue is not available, then sneeze or cough into your sleeve or elbow - not your hand.**
- **Practicing proper hand hygiene. Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer/gel.**
- **Trying to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth as germs spread this way.**
- **Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.**
- **If you or your child gets sick with a flu-like illness, limit contact with others as much as possible.**
- **Not preparing food for others while ill. Clean contaminated surfaces often.**

"Your actions are key to staying healthy," Davis said. "Get your seasonal flu vaccine and always practice good hand hygiene. You'll be thankful when you don't get sick."

Additional information about prevention, symptoms and treatment of Norovirus and influenza-like illnesses are posted on the Europe Regional Medical Command website at <http://ermc.amedd.army.mil>, along with links to other health organizations.

Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Bamberg Public Affairs via the following website:
<http://www.bamberg.army.mil/mobi/form.asp>.

International Cooking

Bring an international cooking dish to John F. Kennedy Youth Center Jan. 17 from 1-3 p.m. Donations will be raised at the event for youth in Haiti.



Live Concert

Come see the Allstar Weekend band at the Basics Building Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.facebook.com/allstarweekend>.

Ramstein Exchange

The Kaiserslautern Military Community Center will be closed all day Jan. 27 for inventory. All other establishments within the mall, which include the concessionaries, bookstore, shoppette and restaurants will remain open at the mall.

EFMP

Find out more about Exceptional Family Member Program through the monthly Newsletter. Find out more by visiting www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/.

Special Forces Recruiter

There will be a Special Forces Recruiter at the Post Briefing Room Jan. 13 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For more information, visit the U.S. Army Special Forces Recruiting Team Europe Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/USArmySpecOpsRecruiting.Europe>.

Soldier Show

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is still accepting nominations for performers and technicians for the 2011 show. Nominations for performers are being accepted for vocalists, dancers, musicians, and specialty acts. Nominations for technicians are being accepted for lighting, audio, video, costuming and stage technicians. The deadline to submit packets to Installation Management Command Europe is Jan. 14. For information about how to submit a packet, e-mail Jim Mattingly at jim.mattingly@eur.army.mil.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive conducted by the American Armed Forces Blood Program on Jan. 18 from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Basics Building. To make an appointment, visit www.militarydonor.com and click on Donate Blood, then click on Landstuhl, Germany, and follow the instructions. Walk-ins are welcome. Participants must be at least 17 years old to donate. For more information, call 0951-300-1760.

Deployment Topics

The garrison is very dedicated in making sure your deployment related questions are answered. Rear Detachment leaders and all family members who currently have a Soldier deployed with a unit are encouraged to attend the next RDC/FRG Leader meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. in the Warner Conference Center. This meeting is your opportunity to let the garrison Command Team and garrison staff know your deployment-related concerns and issues. For more information, call 0951-300-8399.

Volunteers, Issues Needed for AFAP

U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg officials are seeking volunteers and soliciting input from community members for the 2011 Army Family Action Plan conference Feb. 22-24 at the Warner Conference Center. AFAP is a grass-roots effort that allows community members to identify and elevate quality-of-life issues to

Pet Expo
Feb. 23, 2-4 p.m.
USAG Bamberg Library, Bldg. 7047
Learn about pet health care, receive training information, participate in the animal fashion show and compete in various contests for pets and their owners.
Contact (0951) 300 1740

senior Army leadership. Issues addressed at AFAP conference can be either local issues or Army-wide policy changes. Army-wide policy changes, such as the ability to transfer Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits to a spouse or family member, were results of AFAP conferences. Child care is provided for conference volunteers. AFAP issues can be submitted several different ways including through the ICE link at www.bamberg.army.mil and when prompted, clicking the policy or regulation change description, by clicking on the following link <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/cvdd8liqHX1> and filling out the form or stopping by ACS. For more information, contact Vanessa Holland at 0951-300-7777 or 0951-300-7594.

Community Resource Forum

Learn more about events and issues on Warner Barracks. Come to the Warner Conference Center Jan. 25 from 9 - 11 a.m. for the Community Resource Forum. For more information, call 0951-300-8399.

Basket Auction

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club will have an open and silent Basket Auction on Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Warner Conference Center. The cost is \$ 15, which includes entry, dinner and a bidding paddle. To RSVP, e-mail to Basket.auction@yahoo.com by Jan. 25.

Weekly Reminders

Scrapbooking Events

Get your groove on Feb. 4 from 6 p.m. to midnight with various techniques that you can use on your Valentine scrapbook page to remember those special moments. We will be learning how to use "Core'dinations" cardstock through dry embossing and sanding techniques. The scrapbooking is at 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Family Readiness Group Center across from Ray's Diner. The cost is \$15. All crops include dinner, hourly door prizes and a free instructional class. Childcare is available at the FRG center play room with child care providers at a cost of \$2 per hour per child. Reservations for childcare must be made in advance as space is limited. For more information, call 0951-300-7308 or wendy.sledd@us.army.mil.

MWR Guide

Bamberg's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Guide for the month of December and January is now online at <http://issuu.com/bambergmwr/docs/brochure122010012011lr>.

Sweet Dreams Project

As part of U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Child Youth

and School Services Deployment Support Initiative, community members can send pictures to the School Age Center in a .jpg. format with the location of the recipient and contact information to be made into a pillowcase. The project is for deployed Soldiers or those away from home for training and family members back home. Send e-mail to michelle.mcclelland@eur.army.mil. For more information, call 0951-300-8698.

Library Events

The library hosts weekly events. Every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. is storytelling. This is available for children ages 3-5 years old. There's also a Gamers' Challenge that meet every Saturday at 5 p.m.

Instructor's Course

People interested in becoming a Health and Safety Instructor for the American Red Cross should call 0951-300-1760 or e-mail RedCross.Bamberg@eur.army.mil.

Social Media

For the most current events happening at Bamberg Elementary School, please visit Bamberg Elementary School PTA on Facebook.

Army Suggestion Program

The Army Suggestion Program encourages Soldiers, civilians and any concerned individual to submit ideas regarding how the Army can increase efficiency and cut costs. Approved suggestions are assessed on how much they save the Army and can earn individuals thousands of dollars. For more information, or to submit an idea, Army Knowledge Online registered users can visit the ASP website at <http://asp.hqda.pentagon.mil/public/>. Those unable to access AKO can submit a DA Form 1045 to their installation coordinator. The U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg coordinator Norbert Roth can be contacted at 0951-300-8001 or norbert.e.roth@us.army.mil.

Bamberg Community Classes

The Bamberg Community Recreation and Learning Center or Volkshochschule (VHS) is offering a variety of classes this winter. Sign up via their website www.vhs-bamberg.de, or at their office at Tränkgasse 4, 96052 Bamberg. Payment must be in cash or via German bank withdrawal. The following is a small selection of classes:

-(5225) Baking—Faschingskräpfen-Helau! (traditional donut); Jan. 29, 2011; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; one session, €12.80 plus €10 for ingredients.

-(5233) German Layer Cakes (Beginners- bring round baking dish, icing bag)- Jan. 21- 22, 2011, 5-9:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. - 1p.m.; 2 sessions; €23.13 plus €10 for ingredients.

For more classes and information on locations of classes as well as information on refunds contact the VHS directly at 0951-871-108, at their office or visit www.vhs-bamberg.de.

Get EFMP Registered

Is your Soldier coming back from downrange? If your Soldier is receiving orders to another location, it is not too early to start your Exceptional Family Member Program paperwork. Family members can start the paperwork now. Your local Army Community Services EFMP manager can assist in determining what you need to do. Remember, if you have someone registered in EFMP, the registration has to be updated every three years or when the condition changes. For more information about EFMP or about registration, contact Bonnie Kellem, EFMP manger at 0951-300-7777.

AWANA

Come join AWANA, the weekly children's Bible Club on Sundays from 4-5:30 p.m. at the high school gym. This free club is for 4-year-olds - 6th grade students. The club runs from September-May. For more information, call the Bamberg Chapel at 0951-300-1570.

Postal Service

U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg has updated its Postal Service Center webpage to include instructions and links to the U.S. Postal Service for filing online postal claims and a new Temporary Mailing Instructions form that customers may use to submit holding or forwarding instructions for their mail online. For more information visit <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/directorates/dhr/psc.asp>.

Utility Tax Relief Services

Tax Relief Office now offers a new service for U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg customers. With the implementation of the Utility Avoidance Program customers can sign up locally and save 19 percent tax on their electricity, gas and water bills if these utilities are provided by Bamberg Stadtwerke. Other energy and utility providers can also be used, but customers will have to register through the USAG Schweinfurt UTAP. For more information, call the Bamberg tax relief office at 0951-300-1780 or the Schweinfurt tax relief office at 09721-96-1780.

DES/Vehicle Registration Office

Bamberg license plates are available for motorcycles and trailers. Everyone that is due for renewal and still has the old U.S. Army Europe plates has to change to the new Bamberg plates. To renew plates, customers must bring a new insurance card (not older than 120 days). For more information about vehicle registration, call 0951-300-7580.

Passport Office

The Bamberg Passport Office has upgraded its website. You can now access all the informational handouts at <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/directorates/dhr/passport.asp>. For assistance in filling out the Passport Application, download the Application Wizards User's guide.

Passport and Immigration Fees

The rates for Consular Reports of Birth Abroad and Passports have increased. The new rates are the following:

Adult Passport Book Renewal: \$110

Adult Passport Book Initial: \$135

Child Passport Book: \$105

Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA): \$100

Visa Pages: \$82

Additional Information on other consular rate increases is available at www.bamberg.army.mil/directorates/dhr/passport.asp. Look for the rate increases link, which will be located near the top of the page.

If you are the spouse of a deployed Soldier, you can still apply for your child's Consular Report of Birth. You can also apply for your child's passport with the proper paperwork. Failure to do either of these can result in you not leaving Germany on schedule. For more information, stop by the Passport Office located in Building 7290 between 8 a.m. and noon or call 0951-300-8928.

German Classes

Army Community Service, Relocation Readiness Program, offers free German classes every month. Beginner classes are scheduled Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. Intermediate classes are Tuesdays, noon to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m. Advanced classes are Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Classes are held at the ACS building in classroom 118. For more information, call 0951-300-7777.

Volunteers Needed at the Chapel

U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Community Chapel is looking for volunteers to fill the following volunteer positions: musician for the Protestant service, musician for the Catholic service, Catholic religious education coordinator, Protestant religious education coordinator and Catholic clergy. If interested in volunteering at the chapel, call 0951-300-8879.

Lutheran Worship Service

The U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Community Chapel now sponsors a liturgical church service every first and third Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Bamberg Chapel Family Life Center. All Lutherans or other liturgically-minded people are welcome to attend. For more information about the service, call 0951-300-8141 or e-mail david.jacob@eur.army.mil.

Chapel Meeting

The Bamberg Protestant Women of the Chapel has weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Bamberg Chapel. Free childcare is provided. For more information, call 0951-300-1570.

Clinic Hours

The Bamberg Health Clinic hours of operation are as follows: Monday through Thursday sick call is from

7 - 8 a.m.; full service is available from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. On Fridays, sick call is from 7 - 8 a.m. and full service from 7:30 a.m. - noon; closed on Friday afternoons for mandatory training, federal holidays and weekends. For more information or if you need to make an appointment, call 0951-300-1750. In case of a medical emergency, call the Bamberg Military Police at 0951-300-114. The TRICARE Nurse Advice Line, a toll-free number 00800-4759-2330, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to talk to a nurse about health care concerns, get self-care advice, schedule appointments or arrange a call with your military care provider.

Community Activity Center Hours

Bamberg's Community Activity Center operational hours are:

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sundays: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Free Wi-Fi is available around the CAC (Building 7047).

Pre-Separation Briefing

Planning to move from Soldier to civilian? Take advantage of the transition services offered by the Army Career and Alumni Program, such as a Department of Labor two-and-a-half day job assistance workshop, resume preparation assistance and information about veterans' benefits. Make an appointment to attend the mandatory ACAP Pre-Separation Briefing; held weekly and about an hour long. Separating Soldiers can start the ACAP process one year before separating. Soldiers who will be retiring can start two years out from their projected retirement date. For more information, call 0951-300-8925.

ACS Hours of Operation

Army Community Service is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The office is closed on federal holidays but open on training holidays. For more information, call 0951-300-7777.

Veterinary Facility

The veterinary office's hours are Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Thursday and open Friday 8 a.m.-noon. No walk-in appointments are available. The clinic is closed on the last week-day of each month for inventory and on all American and training holidays. Over-the-counter products and prescriptions may be purchased during regular business hours. For more information about the clinic or to schedule an appointment, call 0951-300-7972.

Sexual Assault

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able 24 hours a day. Call 0951-300-8397 for your local office or 0162-510-2917 for the 24-hour hotline.

Family Strengths and Stresses

Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program is here to provide help and support by offering a New Parent Support Program, Newborn Network, Play Group, Parenting Classes, Communication Classes, Victim Advocacy and Stress and Anger Management Classes. For information, call 0951-300-7777.

Family Advocacy - Need assistance in learning how to manage a life full of stress or ambivalence? Come every Thursday to Building 7487 from 1:30 - 3 p.m. for Anger/Stress Management Class.

New Parent - Being a new parent can be a challenge. Join the New Parent Support Group every Friday from 10-11:30 a.m. in Building 7487.

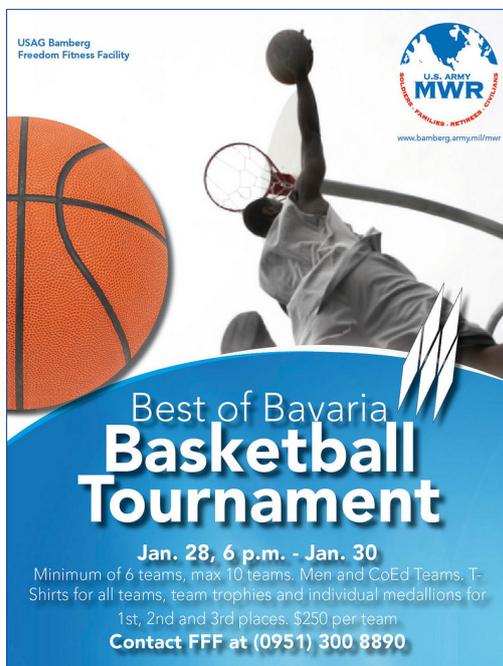
Customs Office

The Bamberg Customs Office is located in Rooms 124 and 125 in Building 7011 across the street from the movie theater. Customer service hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and closed on German and American holidays. For more information, call 0951-300-7460 or 0951-300-9312. The fax number is 0951-300-8665. Office personnel can assist with importing items, selling items to non-ID card holders and help visiting family members get permission to drive USAREUR-plated car or have an ESSO card for rental vehicles by filling out a 175L form. Personnel can also help retirees and widows get permission to go shopping on post if they visit for more than 30 days or live in Germany.

Service Office

The U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Retirement Services Officer/Casualty Manager is located in Building 7290, Room 208, next to Burger King. For more information, call 0951-300-7514.

Sports, Health and Fitness



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**Best of Bavaria
Basketball
Tournament**

Jan. 28, 6 p.m. - Jan. 30

Minimum of 6 teams, max 10 teams. Men and CoEd Teams. T-Shirts for all teams, team trophies and individual medallions for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. \$250 per team
Contact FFF at (0951) 300 8890

Unit Level Basketball Tournament

A Best in Bavaria unit level invitational basketball tournament will be held Friday, Jan. 28-30. Both men's and coed teams are invited to participate in the tournament. There must be a minimum of six teams to participate with a maximum of 10 teams. T-shirts will be given to all players and team trophies and individual medals will be given for first through third place teams and players. Register for the tournament by Jan. 15. The cost is \$250 per team. For more information, call the Freedom Fitness Facility at 0951-300-8890.



Winter Warm-Up Luau

Put on your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts to join in beating the cold! This family-friendly event will have crafts, activities and games for all ages.

Compete in the costume contest, take a photo with a Hawaiian cut-out and enjoy Hawaiian food and drink.

When: Jan. 29
Time: 7-9:30 p.m.
Where: Community Activity Center Building 7047

For more information, contact the Community Activity Center at 0951-300-8659

Combatives Clinic and Tournament

The Installation Management Command Europe will host a combatives clinic and tournament Feb. 2-5 at the Freedom Fitness Facility. The clinic will be held Feb. 2-4, followed by the tournament on Feb. 5. Anyone interested in participating in the clinic should register by Jan. 20. The tournament is open to all active duty Soldiers. Register for the tournament by Jan. 25. For more information about the clinic and tournament, call the Freedom Fitness Facility at 0951-300-8890.

Krav Maga Self-Defense Class

The Freedom Fitness Facility is now offering Krav Maga Self-Defense and a women's self-defense classes. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Fridays. The women's class will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The Krav Maga class will be held from 7-8 p.m. Classes are \$10 per lesson or \$40 a month. For more information, stop by the FFF, call 0951-300-9086 or e-mail kravmagaisrael@yahoo.com.

Bowling Lanes

The Birchview Lanes Bowling Center is located in Building 7690. For more information, updates and events, visit the Family and MWR website <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/directorates/dfmwr/bc.asp> or call 0951-300-7722.

Continuing Education

Student Aid

Learn what resources are available to help fund your higher education. Visit <http://studentaid.ed.gov/POR-TALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp> for more information.

College Registration

Central Texas College Europe Term III registration has begun and will continue through the first day of class. Term III starts Jan. 17 and ends March 11. Courses being offered this term include: Automotive Electrical Systems on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Educating Young Children on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m.; Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m.; Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Certification Course on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6-9:45 p.m.; and Computers in Hospitality on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call the Bamberg Field Representative at 0951-300-7467 or stop by the Education Center, Room 311.

UMUC Europe Registration

Registration for spring 2011 session 1 for the University of Maryland University College Europe is now

available. Registration for onsite courses is available through the first day of class Jan. 16. Registration for Europe online courses continues through Jan. 23, with classes beginning Jan. 24. Students are encouraged to enroll early. For more information, visit www.ed.umuc.edu or call 06221-3780.

Study Overseas

University of Maryland University College Europe Field study courses provide students with an opportunity to travel and explore Europe while earning university credit. Two upcoming courses are Northern Renaissance Art in Brussels and Paris from March 12-19 and Expatriate Writers in Rome from March 12-19. The registration deadline for both courses is Feb. 20. For more information, e-mail fieldstudies@europe.umuc.edu or call 06221-3780.

University of Phoenix

The University of Phoenix is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. It is located at the Warner Barracks Army Education Center, Building 7047, Room 309. Your local University of Phoenix field representative can help you start your master's program. Online and on-site courses are available and degrees can be achieved in 15 - 24 months. For more information, call 0951-300-9280 or 0951-208-5350.

German 101

A free Introduction to German class is offered every Monday at noon at the library. Participants will learn some German words and phrases. For more information, call 0951-300-1740.

Federal Aid

Students are encouraged to explore the many financial aid opportunities available while enrolled in UMUC Europe, including grants, low-interest loans and monthly payment plans. The 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid application is now available for students to begin applying for 2010-2011 federal financial aid. Grants may be used along with Veterans Affairs benefits, scholarships, military Tuition Assistance and military spouse tuition assistance. For more information on registration, financial aid and services, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, call 314-370-6762 or 06221-3780, or visit www.ed.umuc.edu.

Youth and Teens

Cub Scouts

There is a Cub Scout Pack here in Bamberg with four active dens: Tiger Cubs (1st grade), Wolves (2nd grade), Bears (3rd grade), Webelos (4th and 5th grade). There are three meetings per month. There are one-hour activities to accomplish steps toward rank advancements. Pack meetings are once a month (Camp Out, Pinewood Derby, Bowlaroma, etc.) Volunteers are needed to assist with den meetings and committee planning. Come and join in the fun of Cub Scouts. For more information about Cub Scouts, call 0162-234-0906 or e-mail michael.mouritsen@eur.army.mil.

Ballet Class

Registration is open for Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Unlimited ballet classes. The program is for ages 3-8. Classes are on Thursdays from 2 - 4:30 p.m. in Building 7669. Check the class brochure for specific times and holidays, e-mail Archie.Johnson1@eur.army.mil or call 0951-300-7452.

Youth Lessons

Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Unlimited is offering lessons for tennis, racquetball and dance for youth ages 7-18. For more information, e-mail Archie.Johnson1@eur.army.mil or call 0951-300-7452.

Aqua Barons

Meet new people and become a part of the Aqua Bar-

Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tue. and Wed.

Thur.	Jan. 13	Skyline (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 14	Saw 3D (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 15	Megamind (PG)	3 p.m.
		True Grit (PG-13)(1st Run)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Jan. 16	Megamind (PG)	3 p.m.
		Due Date (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Jan. 17	True Grit (PG-13)(1st Run)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Jan. 20	Due Date (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 21	For Colored Girls (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 22	Nanny McPhee Returns (PG)	3 p.m.
		Morning Glory (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Jan. 23	Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel (PG)	3 p.m.
		Brothers (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Jan. 24	Morning Glory (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Jan. 27	Nanny McPhee Returns (PG)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 28	The Green Hornet (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 29	Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		Unstoppable (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Jan. 30	Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows (PG-13)	3 P.M.
		The Green Hornet (PG-13)(1st Run)	7 P.M.
Mon.	Jan. 31	Unstoppable (PG-13)	7 P.M.

ons team. Get into shape and stay in shape by swimming. Earn awesome rewards like trophies, medals, ribbons and even a varsity letter. Travel around Europe for swim meets to places like Italy, Spain, Belgium, England and many more. For more information about the team, e-mail bambergaquabaron@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed

The Bamberg Middle High School is seeking volunteers for tutoring students in any subject at the middle and/or high school level. If you would like to help out, call Betty Bullard at 0951-300-8874 or e-mail Betty.bullard@eu.dodea.edu.

Teen Stress

The National Military Family Association created a kit to give the people in military teens' lives a way to help them manage stress and affirm the positive aspects of military life. To obtain a copy of the tool kit and learn more, visit <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/News/2010/07/OperationPurple>.

Closures / Changes

Vehicle Registration

The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed for the American holiday Jan. 17. For more information, call 0951-300-7580.

Ray's Diner

The hours of operation for Ray's Diner dinner meals are from 5-6:30 p.m.

Relocation of Bus Stop at Shopping Center

The bus stop on 6th Street behind Building 7089 will be relocated soon onto Jefferson Ave at the entry to the walking zone of Commissary and PX. During the construction period, Nov. 8 - Jan. 16, the curved driveway area next to the former post office location will be narrowed in order to adjust the road curbing and establish the new bus stop area. The priority lane will be the one coming from 6th Street onto Jefferson Ave. On weekends, the construction barriers will be moved closer to the curb to allow two-way traffic. Upon completion of all the preparation work, the bus stop will move to its new location which might cause a one to two day hindrance.

Dental Clinic

Preparing Soldiers for deployment and reintegration is the primary focus of the Bamberg Dental Clinic until early 2011. These priorities result in diminished access to space-available dental care for family members greater than 18 years of age. Care for children up to and including age 18 and access to orthodontic care should be minimally affected. All beneficiaries will continue to be able to access sick call for treatment of dental emergencies. Family members can receive care from TRICARE's preferred providers. Call TRICARE Dental Program customer

service in the U.S. toll free from Germany between 8 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Friday Eastern Standard Time; first dial 0800-225-5288; after the AT&T prompt dial 1-888-418-0466. Or, contact the TRICARE Area Eurasia-Africa Dental Office at 0630-267-6358.

Airport Shuttle

The Frankfurt Shuttle Bus has modified hours. The shuttle departs from the Bamberg Army Community Service building Monday-Friday at 6:20 a.m. and arrives at the airport at 10 a.m. The first return shuttle departs from the airport at 11 a.m. and arrives in Bamberg at 3:15 p.m. The second shuttle departs from the airport at 2:50 p.m. and arrives in Bamberg at 6:30 p.m. The drop-off point is at the ACS building. The shuttle is not available on American and training holidays.

Finance Hours

The Bamberg Finance Customer Support Team has extended its hours of operation to better serve the community. The new hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. The office is closed for lunch from noon - 1 p.m.

Entertainment and Leisure

Musical Auditions

Bamberg's Stable Theater is calling for auditions for its upcoming spring production, "Chicago the Musical." Auditions will be Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Prepare a short song for your audition and wear comfortable clothes for dancing. The show is scheduled to run early- to mid-March. For more information, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647 or visit their Facebook page Stable Theater - USAG Bamberg.

Comedy Play

Don't miss "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," presented by the Fraenkische Schweiz Gymnasium theater group (Ebermannstadt) on Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Bamberg's Stable Theater. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and ranks E4 and below. Call to reserve your seat at 0951-300-8647.

Poker Tournament

Join Bamberg's upcoming Poker Tournament Jan. 22 at noon at Birchview Lanes Bowling Center. The top 10 winners get a chance for great prizes. Prizes include a poker bracelet and an exclusive Royal Flush Poker Set, Nintendo Wii Black Edition, iPod and more. There's limited seating for up to 80 players, so reserve your seat early. The entrance cost is \$20. For more information or to sign up, e-mail Phillip.ray.brown@us.army.mil or call 0951-300-7722.

Super Bowl Party

Come root for your favorite team in the Super Bowl at the Super Bowl XLV Party on Feb. 6 at the Community Activity Center. For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

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Win great Prizes!

Poker Tournament
Bamberg Texas Hold'Em
Sat. Jan. 22, High Noon, \$20

Reserve your seat via e-mail to phillip.ray.brown@us.army.mil
Limited seating to 80 players. Prizes for Top Ten Winners:

1st Place: 156 Crystal Swarovski Poker Bracelet and a Royal Flush Poker Set (Total Value \$250)
2nd Place: Nintendo Wii Black Edition (Value \$200)
3rd Place: iPod Classic (Value \$150)

Army launches enterprise e-mail: DISA will implement

Defense Information Systems Agency Army CIO/G-6 Release

WASHINGTON - Army and the Defense Information Systems Agency have an agreement to initiate the migration of Army users' e-mail addresses and calendars to the DISA-managed Microsoft Exchange 2010 service.

"The Army's move to Enterprise E-mail enables users to access their Army e-mail from any (Department of Defense) location and to collaborate with any Army user worldwide via a Global Address List and enterprise calendar sharing," said Lt. Gen. Jeff Sorenson, the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6.

Today, most Army users are unable to share calendars or to find contact information for Army e-mail users at other locations.

This year the Army will start migrating Army Microsoft Exchange e-mail users. The migration covers 1.4 million unclassified network users and 200,000 secret network users. This effort will produce significant efficiencies beginning in the fiscal year of 2012 and generate annual savings exceeding \$100 million in 2013 and beyond.

Users in the Army Chief Information Office/G-6 and Army Headquarters will migrate in January and February. The rest of the migration will be completed by Sept. 30 and will include Transportation Command, European Command and Africa Command.

Enterprise E-mail will leverage Army-owned Microsoft software licenses and the DOD cloud provided by DISA. The U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command will serve as the Army Internet Service Provider for e-mail service.

With fewer servers and administrators, and the elimination of unnecessary seams between thousands of current heterogeneous local networks, security will increase. E-mail storage for most users will grow

to 4 gigabytes. The base service will exceed current standards, enabling the Army to skip a generation of Microsoft e-mail capabilities. Enterprise E-mail also will substantially reduce hardware and storage expenses, and eliminate e-mail and spam-filtering redundancies.

"The Enterprise E-mail partnership between the Army and DISA is a tremendous opportunity to achieve significant capabilities and efficiencies," said Lt. Gen. Carroll Pollett, DISA director. "This is an important step forward for all DoD users and will serve as the initial catalyst for transitioning DOD towards an enterprise solution."

"Enterprise E-mail is one of several major Army (Information Technology) efficiency initiatives that support Secretary of Defense efforts to free up resources for other Defense Department priorities," Sorenson said.

Once users are on Enterprise E-mail, they will have access to the Army Enterprise Service Desk and a global phone number will provide IT support no matter what the e-mail issue.

In February, seven Continental United States installations began using the AESD; as of August, the first-call resolution rate was 66 percent, which is above the industry standard. The Army will continue to be the primary contact for Army customers, and provide all initial end-user device support for incident and problem resolution via the AESD.

"We know we can be more efficient," Sorenson said. "For example, Fort Belvoir, Va., has 15 e-mail servers and six different help desks on a single installation. Other posts, camps, and stations have similar redundancies. Our goal is to make e-mail capability more efficient and ultimately more effective for our Soldiers and Civilians."

Enterprise E-mail is only one part of the Army move to a global network enterprise; it is foundational for implementing other enterprise initiatives like Enterprise Active Directory, Enterprise Identity Management, Enterprise SharePoint Services and Enterprise Service Desk.

King's life celebrated at ceremony in Bamberg

The words of Martin Luther King, Jr. echoed through the silent room during a celebration honoring the civil rights leader's birthday yesterday afternoon in the post theater.

The U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg event honored the life of the slain civil rights leader and included performances by the Greater Nation Christian Fellowship, guest speaker Robert E. Mann, the director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, and members of the 15th Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps reading excerpts of King's speeches.

King's birthday - Jan. 15, 1929 - will be celebrated this Monday as a national holiday.

King's life and work made an immeasurable impact on everyone through his dedication to freedom and equality, said Lt. Col. Steven L. Morris, USAG Bamberg commander.

"These principles are no stranger to the great Soldiers, civilians and family members of the Bamberg community," Morris said. "Many of you exemplify those principles and selflessly serve our community on a daily basis and for that we owe all of you our deepest and heartfelt thanks."

During his speech, Mann told the personal story of his father, who was successful, despite many obstacles, due to his dedication to his dream and enduring faith.

"Always remember to establish your goal and be true to your dreams," Mann said. "Live those dreams and work toward those goals, each day until they all come true."





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EMPLOYMENT

MEDPROTECT, a wholly owned subsidiary of SAIC is currently seeking a qualified Global TRICARE Service Center Beneficiary Service Representative for their Bamberg location. Specific responsibilities include processing registration of TRICARE beneficiary within the Composite Health Care System, maintenance of electronic system/paper files and data integrity, verifying eligibility information for remote beneficiaries and providing phone coverage and assistance for walk-in enrollment traffic within the TRICARE Service Center, to name a few. Required education skills include a high school education or GED although a degree is preferred; desired skills include three years cumulative experience in the following areas: two years experience in U.S. military health care delivery system or civilian managed care medical/administrative environment; two years experience in a medical or clinical environment; one year experience with the CHCS or other Civilian Health care Computer System and in processing medical claims. Candidates will need to submit resumes online at www.saic.com. To contact the position recruiter e-mail leo.j.faneuf.iv@saic.com. (12/21/10)

Vendor/stocker position available for night stocking in the Bamberg Commissary. For more information, call Customer Service at 0951-300-7650. (12/8/10)

Daily pet sitting services required for one female French Bulldog, Monday through Friday and possibly occasional weekends when out of town. She is house trained and very good with children/dogs, a true joy to have around. If interested, please contact 1st Lt. Troy Shoemaker at 0151-405-21294 or e-mail at troy.shoemaker@us.army.mil.

AAFES Bamberg is accepting applications for entry-level retail and food service positions. Join our team, log on to www.aafes.com today and be part of our new workforce of tomorrow. For more information, call the Human Resources Office at 0951-303159.

AUTOMOBILES

For Sale: 2005 MINI COOPER Silver with black sunroof. 29,000 miles, dealer maintained. \$12,000. For information, please call 0162-271-1182. (1/13/11)

For Sale: 1992 520i BMW Sedan; green; automatic; winter tires; CD-player; power windows and locks; 223,000 km; asking \$2,000. Call 0162-462-3594 or e-mail jonas.bateman@gmail.com. (1/3/11)

For Sale: 2010 Ford Escape – steel blue metallic, only 650 miles, I4 engine, sun-n-sync package with sun roof. Too big for me. Asking \$22,000. E-mail Ryn@mlryn@netscape.net. (1/3/11)

For Sale: Green 1997 Geo Prizm. 156k miles, all season tires, auto trans, just passed inspection, reliable second car. Asking \$900 OBO. For more information, call Dan at 0152-266-90950 or e-mail djtd23@gmail.com. (12/22/10)

For Sale: Toyota RAV4, 2003. Asking \$9,000. Toyota RAV4 is a four-cylinder, gold, leather seats, 78,000 miles, regular maintenance, no accidents. E-mail dnie76@hotmail.com for photos and more information. (12/1/10)

For Sale: Red 2002 Dodge Stratus R/T, \$6,000, 4-door, 2.7 liter, V6 automatic transmission, leather seats, 4 disc CD changer, auto-start, alarm, A/C, power seat, rear spoiler, all season tires, alloy 17"

rims, new brakes, rotors, and battery, single owner. Call Liz at 0170-907-9377 for info. (10/25/10)

For Sale: 2008 Toyota Tacoma, Pre-Runner SR-5, VR 6 (236 HP). Less than 15.5K miles. Auto Transmission, Class III hitch, oil cooler, limited slip differential, access cab, upgraded interior (CD, etc), two-wheel drive. Asking \$20,500. For more information, call 0951-300-8901 or 0954-998-8078, or e-mail gibbonstr@hotmail.com.

For Sale: 2007 Harley Davidson Night Rod Special (US Spec). Gloss black, 9,500 miles, excellent condition (garage kept), new tires, new battery, two sets of mirrors, cover included for \$13,000 OBO. For more information or pictures, e-mail abraham.gopfert@yahoo.com or kriddy43@hotmail.com. (10/6/10)

FOR SALE

The Bamberg Girl Scouts is accepting donations for a garage sale to be held at a later date. E-mail questions to christypress-ton@yahoo.com.

Weight Bench \$75; Curl Bar \$20; 2 Long Bars \$15 each; 2 Dumbbell Bars \$10 for the set. 4x10 lb plates, 2x5 kg plates, 10x5 lb plates, 4x10 lb plates, 2x10 kg plates, 2x25 lb plates, 2x3 lb plates. All weights are 40 cents per pound and the complete set price can be negotiable. Leg Extender \$50; Computer Desk \$30. Call 0951-300-7044. (11/8/10)

For Sale: 240 V Treadmill is in good condition for \$70. Four 240 V pedestal fans are \$15 each. Classic Nordic Track is in good condition \$100. Please call Dave at 0162-271-1182. (12/14/10)

MISCELLANEOUS

Free to good home. A rabbit with cage and everything that goes with it. If interested, call Steve at 0951-208-5148.

Mariachi Cuatro Caminos band. We are

looking for local and newly re-deployed soldiers or family members to enlarge the mariachi band. Will perform for the community military and civilian, no money will be collected from gigs. Must read music and be able to play by ear, new to the mariachi or an instrument and you are willing to learn, no problem, as long as you can walk and chew gum at the same time. For more information, e-mail puomariachi@hotmail.com. (1/3/11)

The Bamberg Hospitality House supports the ministry of the Warner Barracks Chapel by offering additional opportunities for discipleship, Bible study, fellowship (that includes food, often!), weekend activities, etc. Join us Friday nights for 6:30 p.m. dinner and Bible study at our home (Sonnenstrasse 7; 96175 Pettstadt; visit www.cadence.org/huisjen or call 09502-8037). Join us on Sundays at the 11 a.m. for the Protestant service (post chapel).

PCSing? Can't find a new home for your dog? Please don't abandon him/her, call us first. No questions asked. We are a privately funded non-profit dog rescue. Will give your dog solace and placement with a new, loving family. Located in Bamberg and open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Call 0954-532-2881 or e-mail solacedogrescue@yahoo.com. (8/23/10)

AD SUBMISSIONS

When submitting a classified ad for publication, include your name, address and telephone number. We will not advertise commercial services. Classified ads will be erased after an appropriate publication length. If you have something you want to advertise in the classified section, please e-mail your submission to the Public Affairs Office at bambergpao@eur.army.mil. We will ONLY accept classified ads by e-mail. We will not accept advertisements by phone or hand-written. These classified ads are a free service to you and in order for us to provide them, they must be in a cut-and-paste text only format. We hope this service is something you will utilize. For more information, call 0951-300-1600 or e-mail bambergpao@eur.army.mil.

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation in January-February

Registration for trips begins the 15th of the month before the scheduled trip and must be made no later than the Monday before the scheduled leave date or they may be cancelled. To sign up or for more information, go to Outdoor Recreation, Building 7116 or call 0951-300-9376/7955. All trips depart and arrive from ODR unless otherwise noted. No refund will be given for no-shows. Military duty restraint or illness will be refunded with documentation. For more trips, visit <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/directorates/dfmwr/odr.asp>.



Jan. 22 Wine Tasting \$30
Tease your taste buds as you sample different wines at Schloss Buttenheim. Learn the differences between a Merlot and Silvaner, among others. Wine, olive oil and other gourmet items can be purchased, so be sure to bring your VAT forms. Trip departs ODR at 1 p.m. and returns about 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 5 Learn to Snowboard \$50
Try one of the hottest sports around on a day trip with ODR to a local slope to learn the basics. Trip includes transportation, lift pass, rental and approximately two and a half hours of lessons. Departs from ODR at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 5 p.m.

Feb. 8 Bad Staffelstein \$30
Relish the natural salt water as you warm your body in the steam baths, pools, or hot tubs. Allow the natural minerals of the water to enhance the beauty of your skin, while relaxing in the invigorating atmosphere. Trip includes transportation and entrance fees. Departs from ODR at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 10 Tour Under Bamberg \$20
This unique trip through the tunnels under Bamberg gives you a view of the city that shouldn't be missed. The tunnels are generally cool and damp, so please wear appropriate clothing and bring a flashlight. Trip departs from ODR at 5 p.m. and returns at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 12 Learn to Ski \$50
Glide down the slopes and learn the basics of skiing with us! Trip includes transportation, lift pass, rental and approximately two and a half hours of lessons. Departs from ODR at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 5 p.m.

Feb. 18-21 Dolomites, Italy, Ski & Snowboard \$325
Partake in the adventure of a lifetime with the opportunity to ski and snowboard at 12 separate ski resorts in the Italian Dolomites. Trip includes transportation, lodging at double occupancy for three nights with breakfast and dinner. The price does not include lift pass. Single rooms are an additional \$60. Sign up by Jan. 18. The bus departs the Chapel parking lot on Feb. 18 at 2 a.m. and returns Feb. 21 at approximately 7 p.m.

Outside the Gate

Weekend events in and around Bamberg Jan. 14 - 23

Friday, Jan. 14

8 p.m. Elvis – Good Rocking tonight; Elvis show; tickets from €29; Meistersingerhalle, Grosser Saal Münchner Strasse 21, 90478 Nürnberg, 0911-231-8000, tickets available at http://www.pj-show.de/html/elvis_-_good_rocking_.html, directions at www.meistersingerhalle.nuernberg.de/english/parking/howtoget.html

Saturday, Jan. 15

10:30 a.m. Snow kiting championship; international championship on snow boards and skies on top of the Wasserkuppe, the highest mountain in Hesse; Wasserkuppe 46, 36129 Gersfeld; 06654-7548; info@snowkite.de; www.snowkite.de

8 p.m. The Fab Four – the Beatles Replay Band; celebrating 50 years of Beatles; tickets are €8 - €10; Kulturamt Hassfurt live; (Rathaushalle), Marktplatz; Hassfurt; 0952-168-8228; info@hassfurt.de, www.hassfurt.de

Sunday, Jan. 16

2 p.m. Fit in Winter; health information day at the Bad Rodach spa "ThermeNatur"; phone: 0956-492-320, www.therme-natur.de, Thermalbadstrasse 18, 96476 Bad Rodach

Friday, Jan. 21

7:30 p.m. Wolfgang Barthel & Friends, oriental folk blues rock; Helmut's Hof schänke, Gut Leimershof, 96149 Breitengüßbach

8 p.m. Colbinger; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, p0951-53304, info@live-club.de, www.live-club.de

8 p.m. Fingerstyle Acoustic Guitar with Giovanni Palombo; Atelier Q-nst, Untere Sandstrasse 14 (entrance also through Leinritt), 96049 Bamberg; free admission, donations welcome

9 p.m. Dirik Schilgen JazzGrooves; Jazzclub Bamberg e.V., Obere Sandstrasse 18, 96050 Bamberg

10 p.m. Kurzfilmtageparty: Re:Groove; free admission for visitors of the „Kurzfilmtage“ (www.bambergerkurzfilmtage.de); Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg, www.morphclub.org

Saturday, Jan. 22

10 p.m. Beat Virus: Eveline Fink aka Shahira; Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse

17, 96052 Bamberg; www.morphclub.org

Sunday, Jan. 23

5 p.m. New Year's concert; Pfarrkirche St. Vitus (church), Kirchplatz, 96138 Burgebrach

8 p.m. Pete Gavin; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, 0951-53304, info@live-club.de, www.live-club.de

Special Events:

Exhibit: Reconstruction and Economic Miracle (Wiederaufbau und Wirtschaftswunder): the exhibit features the time right after World War II and the early 1960s in Franconia. Visitors learn how people experienced these turbulent times, economically and socially; open through Jan. 23, closed on Mondays; Historisches Museum Bayreuth, Kirchplatz 4, Bayreuth, historischesmuseum@bayreuth.de, www.historischesmuseum-bayreuth.de

Schuhtick (shoe spleen): Until Feb. 2011 spanning 40,000 years of shoe history, the exhibit tells about a career simply serving as protection to an ornament for feet; features VIP shoes (worn by Melanchthon, Marie Antoinette, Sisi, Audrey Hepburn, and Madonna) as well as offering the possibility to try out shoes; opens at 10 a.m. daily, closed Mondays; Landesmuseum Mainz, Grosse Bleiche 49-51, 55116 Mainz; 06131-28570, landesmuseum-mainz@gdke.rlp.de, www.schuhtick-ausstellung.de (in English)

Snow kiting: all you need is a snowboard and a kite to have fun; snow kiting on the Wasserkuppe dates back to 1920 when people put on their skis and used bed sheets as kites to pull them across the snowy slopes; you can take part in the modern version as a beginner or sign up for advanced classes on top of Hesse's highest mountain; Rhöner Drachen- und Gleitschirm-Flugschulen Wasserkuppe; Wasserkuppe 46, 36129 Gersfeld, 0665-47548, info@snowkite.de, www.snowkite.de

Mushing tours allow people to experience nature in winter a bit differently – behind a dog sled; even people who otherwise would not be able to enjoy the beautiful landscapes of the Rhön, can join; several types of tours are available; Mushing-Tours, In der Röd 2, 36132 Eiterfeld-Wölf; 06672-7071, info@schlittenhundetouren-rhoen.de, or www.schlittenhundetouren-rhoen.de

For more Kirchweih festivals check out www.kirchweihkalender-bamberg.de/_plaza/kerwa.neo.

(MOBILE continued from Page 3)

Certain providers might accept the Kündigung in English while others may require it in German.

Service providers Vodafone, O2, T-Mobile and E-Plus are the four major mobile phone providers in Germany.

If a Soldier deploys or changes their duty station, there is no guarantee they can get out of their mobile phone contract without having to pay extra fees.

While some of these service providers have agreements with Army Air Force Exchange Service, not all do. Those located on U.S. military installations offer an agreement. These agreements allow a Soldier to get out of their contract if the Soldier deploys or PCS. However, there are certain restrictions, and customers should be aware that PCSing to other parts of Germany or Europe might not allow the contract to end.

Plans and Service

Plans differ by company; calls to other service provider's networks, as well as texting, internet

use and exceeding the plan's minutes, could cause the bill to be exceptionally high.

Plans can have 60, 120, and 240 minute monthly limits. Most don't allow carry over minutes from the previous month and the price per minute to other networks is costly.

When looking for the right mobile provider, it is a good idea to see what provider friends and family use. Doing this can reduce the possibility of receiving additional fees on a bill.

Data Rates

Smartphones are the future.

Apple, HTC, LG, Nokia, and Samsung all make a Smartphone. Some providers have exclusive contracts on phones. Apps consume a lot of data, so consumers should be aware of this when selecting a plan.



Service providers have certain limitations on data rates. If a user exceeds their limitation, the speeds for both uploads and downloads will crawl to a rate similar to dial up.

Tax Relief (VAT form)

U.S. personnel cannot use a VAT form for telecommunication plans, contracts and minutes. However, customers can use the VAT form to buy a phone purchased separate from the contract and plan. The vendor must also be willing to accept the VAT form.

Customers should also be aware that a 19 percent tax will be charged to their mobile phone bill. This is another reason why the prepaid phone is so appealing. There is no tax applied to prepaid phone card minutes purchased through AAFES, which could make up for some of the additional costs of prepaid minutes. The bottom line is those new to Germany should do their research before making any commitments to a mobile phone carrier.

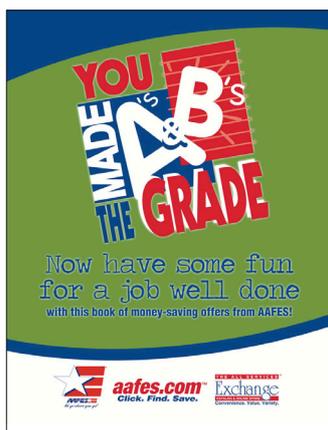
Weather updates at http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/g3/road_conditions/default.asp

Exchange Rewards those who 'Made the Grade'

DALLAS – According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, military children, especially those with deployed parents, face unique stresses that often result in higher rates of school absenteeism and failure.

Keeping these unique challenges in mind, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service established an exclusive educational rewards program that continues to receive high marks from students and parents alike.

Now in its tenth year, the "You Made the Grade" program recognizes students who achieve a "B" average or better with a benefits-filled booklet. Offers include a free Burger King kids meal, Subway 6-inch combo, video rental and \$2 off any new release DVD at the Power Zone, to name a few.



entry form.

"It's simple; learning pays," said the Exchange's Deputy Commanding General Brig Gen. Francis Hendricks. "Promoting the benefits of a good education is what makes this program so important to us and the community we serve. This effort represents an investment in our nation's future."

To receive the "You Made the Grade" booklet, students simply present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local Exchange. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year.

Students who make the grade can also register for a drawing to win a savings bond worth up to \$5,000 by filling out and mailing an included

Military families can contact their local exchange for more information about "You Made the Grade." Contact information is available through the "your exchange" link at www.shopmyexchange.com.

Food and Drug Administration recalls 'Exchange Select' product

DALLAS – The Food and Drug Administration issued a recall specific to all lots of alcohol prep pads, swabs and swabsticks manufactured by Triad Group.

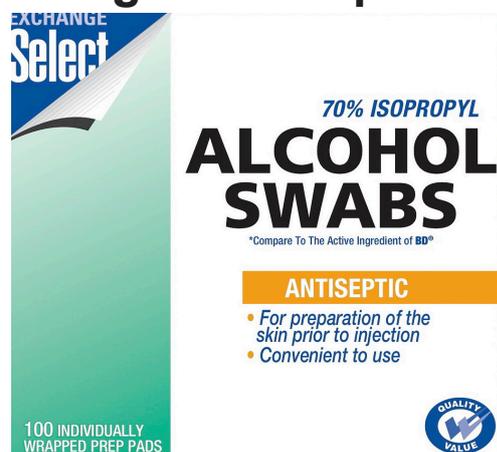
Merchandised under the "Exchange Select" label at various Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Exchanges as well as Veteran's Canteens, the products have been recalled due to concerns about "potential contamination of the products with an objectionable organism, namely Bacillus cereus."

The FDA said it issued the recall "out of an

abundance of caution" as use of contaminated alcohol prep pads, swabs or swabsticks "could lead to life-threatening infections, especially in at-risk populations, including immune suppressed and surgical patients."

To date, the FDA said it has "received one report of a non-life-threatening skin infection."

All affected product has been removed from shelves. Military shoppers who previously purchased Exchange Select alcohol prep pads, swabs or swabsticks are advised to return recalled product at their nearest Exchange or Canteen for a full refund.



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Defense Commissary Agency Corner



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The Defense Commissary Agency Europe would like to reassure their customers that the meat and eggs in their commissaries are safe.

Concern was raised recently when dioxin was found in some eggs and poultry within Germany after tainted grease was inadvertently used to make animal feed.

DeCA officials would like to let everyone know that the poultry, eggs, pork and beef that are in the coolers and freezers are safe.

"All of the products we sell are not affected by the current egg recall or the ban on meats," said Cheryl Conner, DeCA Europe deputy director. "Our eggs come from Denmark, our pork comes from Bavaria and our fresh chicken comes from France."

DeCA is working closely with the European Regional Veterinary Command's Food Safety Office, The Exchange, formerly the Army Air Force Exchange Service, and the Defense Logistics Agency and has initiated measures to ensure food intended for customers of the Department of Defense are not affected.

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tion is still mainly dependent on hard paperwork and manual sign-offs.

Recognizing the potential of UCAS to increase efficiency virtually, Morris approached MPD personnel and went through a schematic to further utilize the system.

"We have so many data systems that don't speak to one another," said Duane Kozel, director of Human Resources at Warner Barracks. "[This new process] is very, very efficient. We were able to go in and make some modifications to the electronic part and what's good is the software was created very strong."

Warner Barracks' Central Process Facility Manager Lee Morey works directly with in- and out-processing personnel on a daily basis and was the technical expert for increasing the use of the virtual application.

"There are no more stamps, no more signatures, everything's electronic," Morey said. "[Soldiers] go around to each of the agencies, the agency goes on the computer, processes and that's it. No leave forms. Everything is at a central location."

The only thing that has not moved to an electronic format is the unit portion, where the Soldier has to take that around to company personnel.

"With the system we have right now, there's no way it would be able to handle that many users," Morey said. "Ten days before they leave they get their clearing papers; ten days before that, in the system, it automatically moves them to a pre-clearance status. The agencies go in there within those 10 days and click yes I need to see the Soldier or no I don't."

"When they click no I don't, it enters automatically...so now instead of visiting 88 places, they may only have to visit 40," he said.

The workload for personnel at various post agencies has drastically improved by the move to a virtually-based system.

Employees at these agencies need only a computer and either in the morning or afternoon, they can view who needs a pre-clearance and go through a list in a matter of seconds, Morey

said.

"Think of the time the employee had to take, the disruption of time," Kozel said. "Part of this is you had to take the physical form on paper and then someone had to transcribe that information to UCAS anyway. That was a totally eliminated step in the whole process and reduces labor tremendously as well."

Implemented Jan. 3, Bamberg personnel and Soldiers are currently transitioning virtually.

"My expectations are high because it's supposed to be very good," said Staff Sgt. Frederick Edwards, a new Soldier with 16th Special Troops Battalion. "We're the test, the trial phase, but I expect it to especially help the new Soldiers."

The biggest issue with the traditional system recognized by MPD personnel was people losing paperwork and not having enough copies of orders, said MPD chief Michael Martin. The garrison spends more than € 40,000 a year on paper.

The new process also improves security by eliminating a Soldier's ability to forge signatures on clearing paperwork, which Kozel said has been an issue at some locations.

Soldiers are not the only ones to benefit from a more virtual system. Family members and children are also expected to experience the advantages. Now that various organizations will all be tracking new community members online, in-processing Soldiers can more easily gain access to waiting lists for housing and child care.

Though some agencies were reluctant to adjust their system, Kozel said most employees have recognized the ease and efficiency of a virtually-based system.

Though UCAS is able to contain more information than it is typically used for, most other military installations have yet to cut paper, signatures and stamps from in- and out-processing. MPD personnel have ensured that out-processing Soldiers do have a physical packet to carry to their next duty station.

"We will actually print out a hard copy," Morey said. "And then we'll put a final stamp on there so that when they go to the next community they have something in their hands that shows

they have out-processed."

For now, MPD will continue to track the progress of the first Soldiers completing the process virtually and adjust as needed.

"What I'm hoping will happen with us is we get USAREUR, (Installation Management Command) and everyone on the same sheet of music," Martin said.

The men and women working on this virtual system plan on improving another system as well.

"This is the first step in the two-step process we're working on," Kozel said. "By the end of March we're going to have part B in place."

That second part involves sponsorship. To ensure sponsors are fulfilling their obligations to new Soldiers, the group is working to add a feature to UCAS that makes the sponsor visible to certain MPD personnel and the post commander. When a sponsor does not follow through with his duties, the post commander will be alerted as well as the unit commander.

Soldiers are leaving Advanced Individual Training without enough information, Martin said.

"Having a sponsor is crucial for Soldiers to have a great start at their new duty station," Morris said. "Sponsorship is one of our top priorities. Virtual in-processing allows us to streamline this process and track the Soldier from start to end. Being able to track Soldiers to ensure they have a sponsor is a huge step in the right direction."

"We will continue to work unit sponsorship and the virtual in- and out-processing system until every Soldier is sponsored prior to departure from their last duty station through full integration with their new unit," Morris said.

This makes a sponsor's role extremely important, but according to Kozel the program needs to incorporate a system of rewards and maybe allocate one sponsor for a group of incoming Soldiers to lessen the amount of men and women leaving their duties. The UCAS sponsorship addition is due to go into effect in March.

For more information about in- and out-processing on Warner Barracks, call Lee Morey at 0951-300-8902.



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