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Quilters wrap stitches of love around Bamberg Soldiers

By Mindy Campbell,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- When Soldiers return from combat, their wounds can be both visible and invisible. However, few come home unchanged.

Quilts of Valor, a national foundation, acknowledges those sacrifices made by Soldiers by wrapping them in handmade quilts to express the country's appreciation for what they have done.

Recently, 32 Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit and 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team were presented quilts for their service in Iraq or Afghanistan in a ceremony at the Bamberg Chapel last week.

"Quilts of Valor understands something we as Soldiers often miss in the discipline and focus of our lives," said Chaplain (Capt.) Terri King during the ceremony. "QOV understands that it is a special and sacred thing to care for one's nation and to be entrusted with her defense."

The majority of the quilts were made and donated by a group of 20 women from South Carolina who call themselves the "Beachlovin



Photo By Mindy Campbell

Staff Sgt. Jorge Haddock, Warrior Transition Unit Bamberg, presents Liz Petty with several combat patches in appreciation for her coordination with a South Carolina group that donated 32 handmade quilts as part of the Quilts of Valor foundation.

Grannies of the Carolinas." The group has donated more than 400 quilts to places such as Walter Reed Hospital, a Vermont veteran's hospital, Womack Medical Center at Fort Bragg

and The Wounded Warriors at Camp LeJeune, said Helen Faulstich, a member of the group.

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Violating tax relief form restrictions could affect user's wallet

By Douglas DeMaio,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Value Added Tax, commonly known as VAT, forms can save authorized U.S. patrons using the program hundreds of dollars on purchases while stationed overseas.

Tax relief granted on goods and services used by the military, its service members and civilians, along with their dependents, is addressed in Article 67, Paragraph 3, of the NATO Status of Forces Agreement Supplementary Agreement, which is part of a framework established under which U.S. military personnel operate in a foreign country.

"Savings can range from 7 percent VAT for things like hotels and groceries to the 19 percent VAT, which is on most other transactions," said Brietta Harrington, a Tax Relief Office clerk. "This is a great way to increase the spending power of your paycheck and keep within a budget."

The forms "are amazing financial tools for eligible individuals to use when they use it wisely," Harrington said.

Some vendors may get confused about the program and how it works, Harrington said. Sometimes the vendor may give the customer incorrect information.

Harrington points out that "it is important to remember when using a VAT form that there are many types of transactions that are prohibited by regulation, and that the VAT form must be used properly."

A description of the proper use of the form can be found in Army Europe Regulation 215-6, Individual Tax-Relief Program.

"For instance, a VAT form cannot be used after the fact," Harrington said. "This means that you must have your VAT form before either ordering or buying and the entire transaction from order, payment, to delivery must take place within the valid dates printed on the form."

A list of prohibited items and services can be found on the back of the VAT Form application that is filled out when buying VAT Forms, she said.

"These should be read carefully and completely and any questions should be asked at that

time," Harrington said.

Users of the program have a legal obligation to comply with the regulation and refrain from using VAT Forms in an improper way, Harrington said.

Customers who violate the policies have a responsibility to pay taxes back to the vendor, obtain all copies of the used VAT form and return those to the Tax Relief Office.

Until this process is completed, the customer's ability to buy a VAT form is suspended, Harrington said. After three violations, the privilege may be suspended completely. Depending on the severity or number of violations, individual cases may be forwarded to law enforcement and U.S. Customs.

If patrons have any doubts about using a form, she said the best thing to do is contact the Tax Relief Office.

"The Tax Relief Office is your best resource for information on this program," Harrington said.

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Classes teaching community members useful skill

By Mindy Campbell,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- "Ich mochte eine Tasse Kaffee," the student said.

"Mit Sahne?" the teacher asked.

"Ja. Vielen Dank," the student responded.

Practicing how to order a cup of coffee was just one scenario a group of community members ran through during a recent beginner German class on Warner Barracks.

The students are participating in a German as a Second Language class offered as part of the Relocation Readiness Program at Army Community Service. The classes are free and open to the community on an on-going basis.

The classes appeal to community members of all abilities, said Heike Gunselmann, who has taught the classes since 2008. The classes are available at three different levels – beginner, intermediate and advanced – during the day and evening hours.

The beginner class focuses on basic conversa-



Photo By Mindy Campbell
Students in the Army Community Service's German as a Second Language beginner class practice ordering coffee in German during a recent class. ACS offers the free German classes during both the day and evening hours.

tion skills and beginning grammar, she said.

"Anybody can come," said Gunselmann, who also encourages beginner students to attend ACS' People Encouraging People newcomer's class. "You don't need any preknowledge at all in the beginner class."

The intermediate level focuses on grammar, complex sentence structure and conversation. The advanced class reads and studies German literature including classic German authors and poetry.

In addition to the classes, the students also have an opportunity to go on field trips where they can practice some of their new conversational skills as well as quarterly cultural enrichment workshops, Gunselmann said.

Although Tasha Trump has only attended one beginner class, she has walked away feeling more confident in understanding a few German phrases.

"You need to learn German to get around and be more comfortable in communicating," said Trump, who moved to Warner Barracks about two weeks ago. "I learned a lot in this class and it will be helpful getting around town."

Trump said she will definitely continue attending the class to learn even more.

Gunselmann said she loves what she does and

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The resources at the Tax Relief Office are not just limited to VAT, Harrington said.

The Utilities-Tax Avoidance Program allows eligible individuals to receive their utilities tax free, which includes electricity, water and gas.

"The UTAP program lowers the costs of your monthly bill 19 percent," she said. "Individuals not receiving reimbursement from the government for utility costs benefit most from this program. These savings can add up dramatically over several years."

There is a fee to sign up for this program.

For more information about VAT or UTAP, call 0951-300-1780.

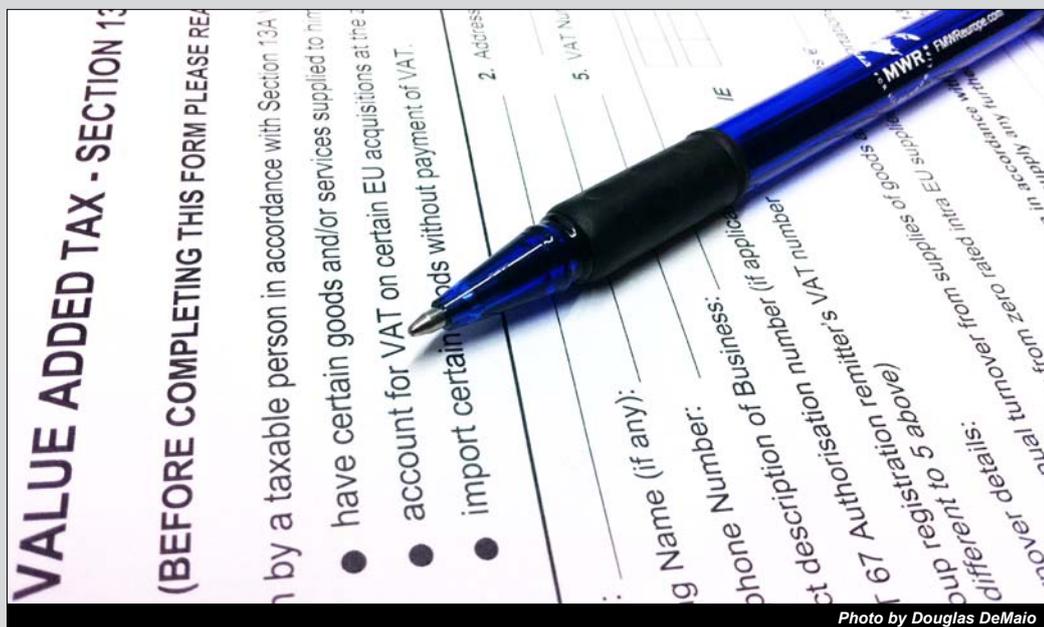


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Daggers combine route clearance, school supplies distribution

By U.S. Army Spc. Rosalind Arroyo,
Task Force Dolch

LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan -- To help prevent violent extremism and turn potential enemies into friends, 54th Engineer Battalion route-clearance Soldiers donated supplies to Afghan school children in Baraki Barak of Logar Province, Afghanistan, Jan. 30.

Task Force Dolch Soldiers of 54th Engr. Bn.'s Route-Clearance Patrol 43 believe in practicing the "golden rule" of treating others the way they would like to be treated when attempting to "win the hearts and minds" of local Afghans.

Donating a large quantity of supplies to a school in the Baraki Barak valley of western Logar is a perfect example.

Sgt. 1st Class Otto Valdez, TF Dolch's RCP 43 platoon sergeant from Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, asked friends and Family to donate the school supplies for Afghan children. Valdez collected nearly \$1,500 worth of school aid, saying his mother and brother sent about 80 percent of the supplies and the other 20 percent came from his friends. Donated items RCP 43 Soldiers distributed to the school children included 500 pencils, 100 pens, 100 notebooks, 20 erasers and 10 coloring books and crayons, said Valdez. Also, the children received 10 pairs of shoes, 30-to-40 small toys for boys and girls, 15 Barbie dolls, 20 hand balls, five soccer balls, 10 small toy trucks and two boxes full of winter clothes for boys and girls between the ages of 4 to 8.

One of RCP 43's objectives is to help poor Afghan children enjoy a better quality of life. Valdez conducted similar missions during past deployments.

"It was something that I did before on other deployments - twice in Kosovo, twice in Iraq and now in Afghanistan," said Valdez. "I am willing to do it again as long as God provides me with the strength."

Valdez's RCP 43 discovered the school while conducting frequent route-clearance patrols in their area of operations. RCP 43 Soldiers received help from local national interpreters to choose the most appropriate gifts for the children and establish rapport with the school officials.

One of the numerous benefits for the Soldiers taking part in this mission was seeing the smiles and happiness in the children of the west Logar Province school.

"I have two kids of my own, and I know the greatest thing to me is to see them happy," said Valdez. "These Afghan children are not as lucky as Americans. If we can help them, that's our biggest benefit from the



Photo By 2nd Lt. Michael Chigbrow, Task Force Dolch
U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Otto Valdez, a Route Clearance Patrol (RCP) 43, 54th Engineer Battalion, Task Force Dolch, platoon sergeant from Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, establishes rapport with local villagers during a mission to distribute school supplies and toys to Afghan children in the Baraki Barak valley of Logar Province, Afghanistan, Jan. 30. Valdez' friends and family continue to donate aid packages to Afghan schools, many of which are just marginally functioning.

bring to local Afghan people.

"I think the simple way is to put the word out to people in the dining facility. There are a lot of people who stay on the FOB who don't know what we're doing," said Valdez. "We can put a point of contact on signs to inform people they can help the children by donating school supplies and clothes."

RCP 43 will include Afghan National Army (ANA) forces in future school sponsorship missions. Valdez plans to have ANA soldiers help distribute shipments to the schools and interact with the local populace.

"I think working with ANA is a great idea. This is their country, and they should be the ones dealing with their locals," said Valdez. "It promotes community cohesion and helps the locals improve their relationship with the ANA."

RCP 43's Soldiers enjoy the school sponsorship. It gives them a healthy approach to making a difference in the local community.

"It felt great, because these kids have less than we do," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Newsome, TF Dolch RCP 43 squad leader from Tampa, Fla. "Anytime we can help the kids, by giving them stuff, it's good. Anytime we can help these people, it will help stop future attacks and help win the hearts and minds of Afghan communities."

"If the circumstances are right, I definitely would sponsor a school to help them out," continued Newsome, who said he plans to conduct similar mission during possible future deployments. "When soldiers sponsor schools, they take on a different mindset that helps them build character."

missions."

The principal of the boy's school appreciates the assistance from American Soldiers. In fact, this help has changed his views of their presence in his area.

"I am feeling thankful that these Soldiers are supporting our people. I also feel that we can improve our relationship with the military," said Ahmadi, the school's principal. "I never really thought much of the American military. Now it's different, I like them very much."

Valdez plans to broaden awareness of the school-support missions in the near future.

He wants to make more use of word of mouth and signs around Forward Operation Base Shank to inform his comrades about the support he hopes to

AFAP delegates choose top 5 issues

ARLINGTON, Va. (Army News Service, Feb. 7) -- ID cards for children of deceased Soldiers was the number one issue raised this year at the Army Family Action Plan conference.



After a week of discussion in working groups, Army Family Action Plan, commonly referred to as AFAP, delegates reported to Army leaders on the five most critical issues to be focused on this summer. Those issues include:

To read more, click [here](#).

Army to change online hiring tool

HEIDELBERG, Germany -- Over the next two years the U.S. Army will transition from one automated recruitment tool to another for advertising vacant civil service positions, accepting applications from job seekers, and evaluating the job seeker's eligibility and qualifications.

In Europe, the transition from Resumix to USA Staffing will be completed by April 30. During the transition period, each job announcement will have instructions to guide job seekers through the application process for the specified recruitment tool. You will notice the following differences between USA Staffing and Resumix:

To read more, click [here](#).

Fuel change is about meeting German requirement

By Douglas DeMaio,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- The one and only fuel for vehicles sold at Bamberg's Exchange have some people in the community in an uproar about the higher ethanol content of the fuel.

E-10 Fuel, which contains 10 percent ethanol, has double the percentage of ethanol as its predecessor fuel that was sold at Bamberg's Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppette.

The previous fuel at the AAFES Exchange, known as E-5 fuel, could be used for all Personally Owned Vehicles, but the new E-10 is not compatible with all vehicles, said Ruth Wagner ESSO Fuel Card Program Manager.

The most important reason for placing E-10 fuel at the facility was to be in compliance with a German law amending the German Federal Pollution Control Act.

Since the act requires E-10 gasoline to be offered at facilities in Germany, AAFES had to make a decision, Wagner said.

"The store only has a limited tank size which was one of the reasons they only offered one fuel product before," Wagner said.

The decision to have just E10 fuel at the Bamberg Exchange Gas Station not only had to deal with capacity at the facility but market trends, she said.



Courtesy Photo

"The current market analysis... shows that only 10 percent of the cars are not E-10 compatible," Wagner said.

Alcohol in E-10 can affect metal and protective surfaces on some older model vehicles purchased in the U.S. and Germany, said William Moran, Bamberg's auto skills director.

Vehicle owners who do not have a car that is E-10 compatible can get fuel ration prices at a local ESSO station when using the Germany Fuel Ration Card Program. Users who exceed their monthly ration or cannot pay with their ESSO prepaid card will be charged the German prices. The closest ESSO station to Warner Barracks is located at Memmelsdorfer Strasse 181.

All gasoline-powered cars sold in the United States are designed to use gasoline containing up to 10 percent ethanol, according to informa-

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Automotive expert tackles concerns over E-10 Fuel

By Chris Romey, MWR Volunteer

BAMBERG, Germany -- During a Q-and-A, William Moran, Bamberg's auto skills director for Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and I discussed the importance of knowing how E-10 can effect your vehicle. Moran answers the following questions below:

What vehicles are compatible with E-10?

"Basically anything made after the 90s should work on Ethanol10. There is a very extensive list here, and it covers most vehicles. From what I've read, almost anything after the 90s should not be a problem; if it's not on the list, I would contact my dealer"

What would be the worst case scenario for a vehicle that does not comply with E-10?

"Worst case scenario would be an engine failure. When gasoline burns, there is a residual product, basically oil; Ethanol burns clean, so over a period you'll have a lot of corrosion built up in your motor because the alcohol cleans the metal and removes the protective surface which keeps the metal parts from getting too hot."

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Great American Spit-Out: Combating Smokeless Tobacco

By Wendy LaRoche, Health Educator,
U.S. Army Public Health Command
(Provisional)

The Great American Spit-Out occurs in February of each year as a means to raise awareness of the dangers associated with smokeless tobacco. This year, the Great American Spit-Out will occur Feb. 24.

Unfortunately, myths concerning smokeless tobacco still exist, giving tobacco users a false hope that smokeless tobacco is a safe alternative to smoking tobacco. In reality, smokeless tobacco increases the risk of oral cancer, which includes lip, tongue, cheeks, gums and the roof of the mouth.

Constant exposure to the tobacco juices causes cancer of the esophagus, pharynx, larynx, stomach, bladder and pancreas. Gum recession, disease and tooth decay have also been associated with smokeless tobacco use.

Smokeless tobacco contains 28 carcinogens (cancer-causing agents). Although many smokeless tobacco users know there are cancer-causing affects, they just can't stop. Why? The nicotine in these products causes them to become addicted.

Nicotine absorption in smokeless tobacco products is three to four times that of smoking tobacco products. Nicotine is as addictive as heroin or cocaine, so it may take smokeless tobacco users many attempts before they are able to fully kick the habit.

The key is to continue trying, as this will bring you one step closer to a healthier you.

To combat smokeless tobacco use, several organizations to include the American Academy of Otolaryngologists has developed similar campaigns such as "Through with Chew" in conjunction with the Great American Spit-Out.

Through with Chew, a one week smokeless awareness campaign, also occurs in February; it has a website that provides a variety of additional tools that help with putting a stop to smokeless tobacco use.

If you or someone you know uses smokeless tobacco, here are a few steps to take either on the Great American Spit-Out or as part of the quit plan:

• **Let your healthcare provider know of your decision to quit. There are medications that can help, if necessary.**

- **Chew sugarless gum or have sugarless candy on hand for when you have an urge. Other munch items include raw carrots, celery and nuts.**
- **Drink plenty of water and use a straw to help with the need to chew.**
- **Create your personalized "to-do lists" for each day in advance or simply keep busy when you have an urge.**
- **Consider relaxation walks as part of your lunch or work breaks.**
- **Have an emergency support plan in place. "Make Everyone Proud," also known as UCANQUIT2, has counselors available via telephone with supporting resources online.**
- **Call a friend that will support your efforts of being tobacco-free.**

Plan to use the Great American Spit-Out as the day that you say "no" to tobacco and "yes" to a healthier you.

Helpful resources:

Through with Chew, <http://www.throughwith-chew.com/>

UCANQUIT2, <http://www.ucanquit2.org/facts/gaspo/Default.aspx>.

Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Bamberg Public Affairs via the following website:

<http://www.bamberg.army.mil/mobilform.asp>.

Bavarian Gifts Bingo

Come to the Warner Conference Center Feb. 18 for bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the games begin at 6 p.m. Packages for \$8 and \$15 are available.

Lange Strasse closed

The city of Bamberg is trying out a new traffic concept in order to make the downtown shopping area more appealing. The Bamberg shopping mile "Lange Strasse" will be closed for through traffic on Feb. 19 from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Detours will be marked. Park and ride busses from the Breitenau and Heinrichsdamm are available until 7:30 p.m. Busses and bicycles are exempt, so customers will be able to use public transportation or find car-less alternatives. This closure will take place again on May 21 and on two additional Saturdays in the third and fourth quarter. Dates are not yet available.

Volunteers Needed for AFAP

U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg officials are seeking volunteers 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 senior Army leadership. Issues addressed at AFAP conference can be either local issues or Army-wide policy changes. Child care is provided for conference volunteers. For more information, contact Vanessa Holland at 0951-300-7777 or 0951-300-7594.

Deployment Yearbook

Order your 173rd Brigade Support Battalion commemorative deployment book for Operation Enduring Freedom X by Feb. 20. All orders are handled online and can be shipped to any U.S. address. Visit <http://military.entourageyearbooks.com>, enter '173D BSB' in the search window and place your order. The link is also available on the BSB Facebook homepage. For more information, e-mail michelle.m.amos@gmail.com.

Chili Cook Off

Do you want to see if your chili ranks supreme? Give it a shot at the 3rd Annual U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Chili Cook Off at the Community Activity Center Feb. 23 at noon. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Sign up by Feb. 18 at the CAC. For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off
Feb. 23, 12 p.m. CAC

See if your chili ranks supreme at the 3rd Annual USAAG Bamberg Chili Cook-Off. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Soldier Chili and Best All-Around Chili. Sign up is free and closes Feb. 18th at the CAC front counter.

Contact (0951) 300 8659



For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

Attention Civilian Employees

The Department of the Army has announced a complete transition from RESUMIX to [USA Staffing](#) over a two year conversion phase. The Franconia region, which is Ansbach, Bamberg, and Schweinfurt, is scheduled to deploy USA staffing in April. There will be a workforce briefing on USA staffing Feb. 24 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m. at the Bamberg post theater. The briefing will be for employees and supervisors governed by U.S. appropriated and non-appropriated funds programs, including Local National and military supervisors of U.S. employees. View a presentation about this by clicking on the [USA Staffing](#) hyperlink.

Tea Party Dinner

Come to the Warner Conference Center Feb. 28 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. for the Tea Party Dinner. The cost is \$15. Those who reserve spot and do not show up are still required to pay their \$15. Reservations can be made at bscc.reservations@yahoo.com. Please RSVP by Feb. 25. If child care is needed, parents need to call central registration 0951-300-7716 for a list of child care providers.

Newcomer's Class

People Encouraging People, or PEP, is a five-day orientation course for newly arrived spouses and family members. The course covers German language and culture, customs, courtesies, food and a walking tour of Bamberg's historic downtown. PEP classes are scheduled for March 14-18 and April 11-15. Call 0951-300-7777 to reserve a spot.

Mardi Gras

Get ready for the U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Carnival and join the Mardi Gras parade starting at Memorial Park Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. All community groups are invited to be a part of the parade and have a chance to win prizes for their floats. The parade will end at Birchview Lanes Bowling Center where a costume party will be held. The party kicks off at 5 p.m. with lots of family-friendly carnival entertainment, including a best costume contest, entertainment and food. Children's activities will be from 5-7 p.m. and kids movies will be played from 7-10 p.m. Please come in costume. Admission is free. If you want to be part of the celebration with a skit or any other performance, call Brad Cline at 0951-300-8659 or contact him by e-mail at Bradley.cline@eur.army.mil or contact Juergen Hagemann at 0951-300-7885.

School Town Hall

Come to Bamberg Middle/High School for a special town hall meeting March 1 at 6 p.m. The special assembly will help to address issues and concerns of the community. Parents, teachers, commanders and school administrators are coming together to build a community school partnership. All who want their voice heard with regard to school related issues are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. New decisions may be based on comments made at this meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place

in the School's Multi-Purpose Room. In addition, special arrangements have been made to provide free child care for all attendees from 5:45 – 8 p.m. Children must be registered with Child, Youth Services and vouchers will be handed out to parents after the meeting. Reservations for child care must be made by Feb. 22 at your garrison Parent Central Services Office or online through <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/sites/eu.html>. For more information, call 0951-300-8035 in Bamberg and 09721-96-6414 in Schweinfurt.

Stamp Drawing Contest

Winners of the Valentine's Day Post Office Stamp Drawing Contest are scheduled to be announced March 1. The drawings are posted in the Postal Service Center.

Parent's Night Out

Enjoy a couple's night out to dinner or a movie by enrolling your children into the next Parent's Night Out. The next Parent's Night Out is scheduled for March 4 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 per child and Army Family Covenant deployment benefits can be used if eligible. Visit Parent Central Services or Webtrac to sign up.

Portrait Studio

Get your portrait taken between March 10 and 17 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Photo Studio and have a chance to win one free 8" x 10" portrait, a free CD of your portraits ordered or up to 35 percent off. Also 15 percent off on all portrait sheets ordered throughout the months of March. This offer cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. For more information, call 0951-300-7436.

Storck Barracks Bazaar

Join the Illesheim and Ansbach Spouses' and Civilians' Club for their Spring Fling Bazaar from noon - 7 p.m. March 11, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. March 12 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at Storck Barracks Hanger 6501. Vendors and local crafters from all over Europe will be selling their goods. Stop by for the auto action from 1 - 4 p.m. March 12 at the Storck Automotive Skills Center. The event is open only to U.S. military community identification cardholders. For more information, e-mail springflingbazaar@googlemail.com.

Bazaar Volunteers

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilian's Club is looking for volunteers for the 2011 Bazaar with Heart, which brings furniture, antique and food vendors to the Bamberg community and is supported by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The event will be at the Freedom Fitness Facility from April 15-17. If

Food Handlers Classes

Bamberg

March 31
1 – 2 p.m.
Building 7029 room 118
(ACS)
Warner Barracks

Food handlers certification is a requirement if you are serving any prepared foods to the public. Classes are being held in Bamberg on the above dates. Space is limited to 30 people per class.

For any question about this class, please contact:
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Feb. 25-26, USAG Bamberg Freedom Fitness Facility
Sign up by Feb. 23 by contacting FFF at DSN 469-8890/9086 or
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Awards for the top 3 winners in each weight class

Email: Ernest.Johnson@eur.army.mil

interested in volunteering, e-mail bazaar.volunteer@yahoo.com. For regular updates on the upcoming Bazaar with Heart check the MWR Bamberg website and Flickr website or e-mail BambergBazaarwithHeart2011@yahoo.com.

Fitness Trainer Certification

The U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg is hosting a Personal Fitness Trainer Certification workshop March 25-27 in Heidelberg. The three-day certification workshop, which is sponsored by the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America, includes lectures, practical demonstration and written and practical exams. The curriculum includes anatomy and kinesiology, fitness assessment testing procedures, nutrition fundamentals and weight management, special populations and medical considerations, wellness programming and screening guidelines, and exercise programming in the weight room. Course Includes: Study guide, workshop including lectures and practical demonstrations, written and practical exams, one-year AFAA membership and a subscription to American Fitness magazine. The cost of the workshop is \$415. For more information or to register, contact Steffanie Paoletti at steffanie.paoletti@eur.army.mil.

AWAG Conference

Registration for the annual AWAG Conference will run through March 25. Register by going to the AWAG website www.awagonline.org. The conference is scheduled for May 15-19. This will give you a link to the Edelweiss Hotel and Resort where you can register yourselves, as a group, as a unit or as a club. A tentative list of classes will be available on or about Feb. 21, which should give you some idea of what will be offered this year. Online registration for classes will run from April 27-29. Single supplement at the hotel will be about \$53. AWAG is looking for Conference Assistants for this year's 55th Anniversary celebration in May. If you feel you have the energy, enthusiasm and a sense of humor, please go to the AWAG website to fill out the CA application. Conference CA's are necessary for the smooth running of the entire event and we could not do without them. If you would like to join the CA team, fill out an application.

Weekly Reminders

Tax Center

The Bamberg Tax Center is now open. The Tax Center is located in Building 7000 on the fourth floor. Appointments and walk-ins are available. Operating hours are Monday – Friday from 9 - 11:30 a.m. and

1 - 3:30 p.m. Saturdays during the month of February the office will be open for appointments only from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, call 0951-300-8261/8262.

Hey Volunteers

The end of the volunteer year is fast approaching. Please remember all of your volunteer hours from April 1, 2010, through March 31 need to be logged into myarmyonesource.com. Plans for your Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony are underway, so please make sure you are registered and your volunteer hours have been documented. Remember the cutoff is March 31. For more information, e-mail Kimberly.millner@eur.army.mil or call 0951-3007777.

DFAC Feedback

Dining Facility council meetings are at 2 p.m. at Nieves Webb every last Thursday of the last month of each quarter. The remaining meetings are scheduled to take place March 31, June 30 and Sept. 29. For more information, call 0951-300-7130.

MWR Guide

Bamberg's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Guide for the month of February is now online at <http://issuu.com/BambergMWR/docs/brochure>.

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.mccllland@eur.army.mil. For more information, call 0951-300-8698.

Library Events

The library hosts weekly events. There is storytelling for children ages 3-5 years old every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. There's also a Gamers' Challenge that meet every Saturday at 5 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-1740.

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.

Army Suggestion Program

The Army Suggestion Program encourages Soldiers, civilians and any concerned individuals 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.

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, contact Bonnie Kellern, EFMP manger, at 0951-300-7777.



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

AWANA

Come join AWANA, the weekly children's Bible Club on Sundays from 3:30-5:30 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/directories/dhr/psc.asp>.

Utility Tax Relief Services

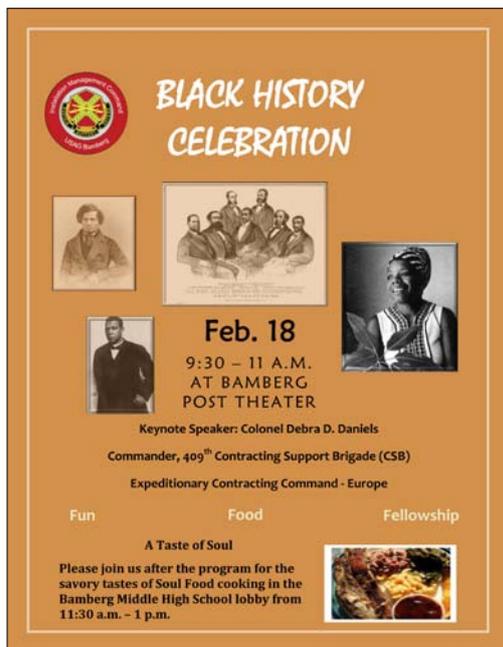
Tax Relief Office now offers a new service for U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg customers. With the implementation of the Utility Avoidance Program customers can sign up locally and save 19 percent tax on their electricity, gas and water bills if these utilities are provided by Bamberg Stadtwerke. Other energy 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.

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



BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

Feb. 18
9:30 – 11 A.M.
AT BAMBERG
POST THEATER

Keynote Speaker: Colonel Debra D. Daniels
Commander, 409th Contracting Support Brigade (CSB)
Expeditionary Contracting Command - Europe

Fun Food Fellowship
A Taste of Soul

Please join us after the program for the savory tastes of Soul Food cooking in the Bamberg Middle High School lobby from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

a nurse about health care concerns, get self-care advice, schedule appointments or arrange a call with your military care provider.

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.

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.

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 about PWOC, call 0951-300-



HIRED!
Spring Term
Feb. 28 - May 27

Explore possible careers, learn how to write your resume and gain valuable job experience! The HIRED! Job preparation program is open to ages 15-18

Contact HIRED! at (951) 300 8036

Want to get hired?
hired!
New Apprenticeships
New Opportunities
New Experiences

New Television Network!

Did you Know?

There were 9 tons of scrap metal and cans recycled on Warner Barracks in December

1570.

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 about any of the ACS programs, 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

Your Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is available 24 hours a day. Call 0951-300-8397 for your local office or 0162-510-2917 for the 24-hour hotline.

Family Advocacy Programs

Army Community Service's 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 Anger/Stress Management classes.

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.

For information about any of these classes, call 0951-300-7777.

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

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 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.

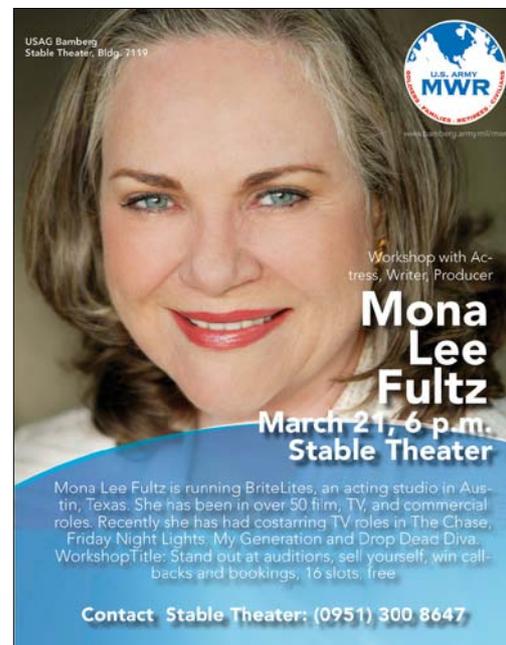
Bowling Lanes

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

Continuing Education

Term IV

Central Texas College Europe Term IV registration begins March 7 and continues through the first day of class. Term IV starts March 28 and ends May 20. Courses being offered this term include: Automotive Suspension and Steering Systems on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.; Educating Young Children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m.; Fundamentals of Criminal Law on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m.; Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Certification Course on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 - 10 p.m.; and Introduction to the Hospitality Industry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. For more information, contact the Bamberg Field Representative



USAG Bamberg
Stable Theater, Bldg. 7119

Workshop with Actress, Writer, Producer

Mona Lee Fultz
March 21, 6 p.m.
Stable Theater

Mona Lee Fultz is running BriteLites, an acting studio in Austin, Texas. She has been in over 50 film, TV, and commercial roles. Recently she has had costarring TV roles in The Chase, Friday Night Lights, My Generation and Drop Dead Diva. Workshop Title: Stand out at auditions, sell yourself, win callbacks and bookings, 16 slots, free

Contact Stable Theater: (951) 300 8647

at 0951-300-7467 or stop by the Education Center, Room 311.

Student Aid

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

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 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.

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

Youth Sports Sign-ups

Sign-ups are now being held for baseball, softball, T-ball and track and field. Ages for sports include: baseball for 6-15 years old; softball for 10 - 15 years old; Start Smart baseball for 3 - 5 years old; and track and field for 9 - 14 years old. Check out Webtrac or visit Parent Central Services to sign up.

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, Bowllarama, 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.

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>.

Aqua Barons

Meet new people and become a part of the Aqua Barons 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, e-mail bambergaquabarons@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

Closures / Changes

AAFES

The hours of operation for Army Air Force Exchange Service will be as follows for President's Day Feb. 21: Main Store, PXtra, PowerZone and Book Mark: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Burger King: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Feb. 18 open from 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Training Holiday)

Martius Toga Celebration
March 12, 6 p.m.
Warner Conference Center

Come dressed in your Best Toga Costume! Open to the community 18 and over, free admission. Enjoy music, food and fun!

Remember to drink responsibly.

Contact (0951) 300 7596 or DSN 469-7596

Food Court: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Military Clothing and Sales: Closed

All other AAFES vendor services will open at normal hours and close at 4 p.m.

Car Care Center

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service Car Care Center will be closed Feb. 24-25. It is scheduled to reopen Feb. 26.

Freedom Fitness Facility

The Freedom Fitness Facility will have a change in its operating hours on two days in February. On Feb. 18, it will be open from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. for the training holiday. On Monday, Feb. 21 it will be open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for President's Day. For more questions, call 0951-300-8890.

Vehicle Registration

Vehicle Registration office will be closed Feb. 21. For further information, call 0951-300-7580.

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. For more information about the airport shuttle, call 069-695973816.

Entertainment and Leisure

Broadway Hit

Don't miss the legendary Broadway hit "Cabaret" at the Stable Theater. There are three stories of love and intrigue set in the early 1930's amid Berlin's flamboyant cabaret scene, superimposed against the surging Nazi rise to power. The show contains mature material and sexual themes. Show runs March 10 - 12 and March 17 - 19 at 7:30 p.m., and March 13 and 20 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and Soldiers E4 and below if reserved in advance. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for students and Soldiers E4 and below at the door. Ask about group specials. To purchase a ticket in advance, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647.

Climbing & Mountain Biking
for 6-12 Graders

Climbing the EDGE!
Wed. March 2, 4 p.m. at JFK Multiplex.
The program is open for youth in grades 6-12. Program runs Wednesday, March 2 and 9, 4-6 p.m. at the JFK Youth Center climbing wall. Youth must register at Parent Central Services or through MWR Online Services. Program is free.

Mountain Biking over the EDGE!
Wed. March 9, 4 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation
Program runs Wednesday, March 9 and 23, 4-6 p.m. Attendance and fee learn about mountain biking. Bike Maintenance and just have some fun riding through the forest. Program is free.

Contact The EDGE at (0951) 300 7405
Email tony.puskorius@eur.army.mil

Did you Know?

A leaky facet dripping 10 times a minute wastes 3 liters of water a day. Get it fixed by calling the Service Order Desk at 0951-300-5000.

Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reel Time Theater is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Thu	Feb. 17	Love and Other Drugs (R)	7 p.m.
Fri	Feb. 18	The Tourist (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	Feb. 19	Tron: Legacy (PG)	3 p.m.
		The Roommate (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	Feb. 20	Tron: Legacy (PG)	3 p.m.
		The Roommate (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon	Feb. 21	The Tourist (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thu	Feb. 24	Little Fockers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	Feb. 25	Little Fockers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	Feb. 26	Yogi Bear (PG)	3 p.m.
		Just Go With It	7 p.m.
Sun	Feb. 27	Yogi Bear (PG)	3 p.m.
		Just Go With It	7 p.m.
Mon	Feb. 28	Just Go With It	7 p.m.
Thu	March 3	Little Fockers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	March 4	Big Momma's: Like Father, Like Son (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	March 5	The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader (PG)	3 p.m.
		Big Momma's: Like Father, Like Son (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	March 6	The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader (PG)	3 p.m.
		How Do You Know (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon	March 7	How Do You Know (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thu	March 10	How Do You Know (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	March 11	Hall Pass (R)	7 p.m.
Sat	March 12	Gulliver's Travels (PG)	3 p.m.
		Hall Pass (R)	7 p.m.
Sun	March 13	Gulliver's Travels (PG)	3 p.m.
		Season Of The Witch (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon	March 14	Season Of The Witch (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thu	March 17	The Fighter (R)	7 p.m.
Fri	March 18	The Dilemma (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	March 19	Rango (PG)	3 p.m.
		The Dilemma (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	March 20	Rango (PG)	7 p.m.
		The Fighter (R)	7 p.m.
Mon	March 21	The Fighter (R)	7 p.m.
Thu	March 24	The Dilemma (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	March 25	True Grit (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	March 26	Mars Needs Moms (PG)	3 p.m.
		Country Strong (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	March 27	Mars Needs Moms (PG)	3 p.m.
		Country Strong (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon	March 28	True Grit (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thu	March 31	Country Strong (PG-13)	7 p.m.

Shall We Dance?



Photo By Mindy Campbell

Strong Beginnings students test out their dance moves during the Sweetheart Dance at the Child Development Center Tuesday. The children, along with their parents, attended the annual event, which featured food, dancing, arts and crafts activities and games.

Stable Theater Multimedia Studio NOW OPEN!



Stop by and check out our new studio with state of the art recording and video gear. Sign up for the orientation class or book a session for \$25 per hour.

Record your bands full-length album, transfer family movies to a DVD or get your special project off the ground at our studio.

For more info, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647.



STRENGTHENING OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Meeting America's Commitment

Multiple deployments, combat injuries and the challenges of reintegration can have far-reaching effects on not only the troops and their families, but also upon America's communities. These challenges should be at the forefront of the national discourse.

Outside the Gate

Weekend events in and around Bamberg Feb. 18 - March 4.

Friday, Feb. 18

- 2 p.m. Farmers' Market; Zehntplatz, Anton-von-Rotengan-Strasse, 91077 Neunkirchen am Brand
- 9 p.m. Fritz Pauer Trio feat. Chico Freeman; Jazzclub Bamberg e.V., Obere Sandstrasse 18, 96050 Bamberg
- 9 p.m. The Hazy Heads; Ska, Blues, psychedelic Rock, Funk, Reggae; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, email: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de.
- 10 p.m. morphclub Class6 – Vol. 5, Soul, Funk, BigBeat, NuJazz, Swing-Hop, Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg, visit: www.morphclub.org.

Saturday, Feb. 19

- 7 a.m. Volkswandertage (hiking) in Hallerndorf; 6K and 11K; fees: €1.50 for IVV stamp, €3.80 for stamp and award; starts at the gymnasium, Schulstrasse 2, 91352 Hallerndorf, contact: Ms. Marga Strickroth, phone: 09543-5150, fax: 09543-222736, e-mail: m.strickroth@gmx.de; also on Sunday
- 8 p.m. acoustic blues jamboree; Galerie am Stephansberg, Unterer Stephansberg 5, 96049 Bamberg; tickets: 0951- 56000
- 9 p.m. Funk Projekt, Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, e-mail: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de.
- 9 p.m. Loaded, Sound'n Arts Club, Sandstrasse 20, 96049 Bamberg
- 9:30 p.m. Salsa Party, El Puente, Jäckstrasse 35, 96052 Bamberg, visit: www.salsarueda-bamberg.de.
- 10 p.m. Beat Virus, Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg; visit: www.morphclub.org.

Sunday, Feb. 20

- 8 p.m. Wulli & Sonja, Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, e-mail: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de.

Friday, Feb. 25

- 8 p.m. Black Metal Festival; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, e-mail: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de.
- 9 p.m. The Offenders; Sound'n Arts Club, Sandstrasse 20, 96049 Bamberg
- 10 p.m. Schwarzweiss Musik; House, Disco, Techno; Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg; visit: www.morphclub.org.

Saturday, Feb. 26

- 2 p.m. Flea market; Hauptsmoorhalle, Hauptsmoorstrasse 2, 96129

- 7 p.m. Strullendorf, admission €1.50
- 7 p.m. Iphigénie en Tauride, opera by C.W. Gluck; live from the MET; Cinestar Bamberg inside the Atrium near the railway station; admission €27; phone: 0951-3028880
- 7:30 p.m. Fashion show; Pilipp furniture store, Nürnberger Strasse 243, 96050 Bamberg; admission € 10 includes fingerfood, for info call 0951-18040
- 8 p.m. Bem-vindo Brasil N 21; Brazilian carnival; Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg
- 8 p.m. Keller Steff; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, e-mail: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de.
- 9 p.m. Lars Binders Jazz Syndrom; Jazzclub Bamberg e.V., Obere Sandstrasse 18, 96050 Bamberg

Sunday, Feb. 27

- 2 p.m. Fasching parade; downtown area Baunach; 96148 Baunach
- 5 p.m. Ebracher Musiksommer; classical music for Fasching, music by Johann Strauß (father and son), Franz von Suppé, Carl-Michael Ziehrer, Jacques Offenbach; Konzert- und Kongresshalle, Müssstrasse 1, 96047 Bamberg, email: info@konzerthalle-bamberg.de, visit: www.ebracher-musiksommer.de
- 5 p.m. Jugend musiziert; winners of the youth music contest perform; Audi max of the Universität Bamberg, Feldkirchenstrasse 21, 96052 Bamberg; free admission
- 9 p.m. Helt Oncale (USA); Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, email: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de
- 9 p.m. morphclublive: Perkalaba (Ukraine); Hutzul-Ethno-Ska; Morph Club Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg

Friday, March 4

- 2 p.m. Farmers' Market; Zehntplatz, Anton-von-Rotengan-Strasse, 91077 Neunkirchen am Brand
- 9 p.m. Fritz Pauer Trio feat. Chico Freeman; Jazzclub Bamberg e.V., Obere Sandstrasse 18, 96050 Bamberg
- 9 p.m. The Hazy Heads; Ska, Blues, psychedelic Rock, Funk, Reggae; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, email: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de
- 10 p.m. morphclub Class6 – Vol. 5, Soul, Funk, BigBeat, NuJazz, Swing-Hop, Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg, visit: www.morphclub.org

Special Events/Exhibits:

Until April: Ice skating in Nürnberg; open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.; Arena Nürnberger Versicherung, Kurt-Leucht-Weg 11, 90471 Nürnberg, phone: 0911-988970, visit: www.arena-nuernberg.de/index.php?id=eislauf; ice skates can be borrowed.

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation in February - March

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>.



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. The bus departs the Chapel parking lot on Feb. 18 at 2 a.m. and returns Feb. 21 about 7 p.m.

March 5-6 Lermoos Ski & Snowboard \$130

Breathtaking panoramic views will captivate you as you traverse the slopes! Although it is best suited toward beginners, Lermoos also offers intermediate, expert and cross-country trails. Trip includes transportation, one-night lodging at double occupancy and breakfast. Price does not include lift pass. Transportation departs from ODR March 5 at 3 a.m. and returns March 6 about 9 p.m.

March 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. Transportation departs from ODR at 5 p.m. and returns about 7:30 p.m.

March 12 High Ropes Course \$35

Grab your family and friends for a wonderful opportunity to explore the outdoors in a way you haven't seen it before—from up above—and on an equal level with your child (minimum age of 12). There are five different courses geared toward every skill level and age. The sky's the limit with a day filled of action. Children cost \$28. Transportation departs ODR at 11 a.m. and returns about 5 p.m.

March 18-21 Stubai Ski & Snowboard \$275

With 110 km of slopes, there's something for everyone, including the Stubai Zoo for snowboarders that features banked cross, rails and other obstacles. Trip includes transportation, three-nights lodging at double occupancy and breakfast. Price does not include lift pass. Transportation departs ODR on March 18 at 2 a.m. and returns March 21 at about 9 p.m.

March 26 Little Swiss Hike \$35

Say goodbye to winter and welcome in the Spring season with our Little Swiss Hike. You will enjoy the calm of the landscape as you deeply inhale the fresh spring air. Please wear appropriate clothing, hiking boots and pack a lunch and hydrating liquids. Transportation departs ODR at 9 a.m. and returns about 5 p.m.

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"Our quilts truly do come from many hands and hearts and we pray they show our support, love, appreciation, respect and our thanks to the troops for their sacrifices," Faulstich said.

The group made contact with a local Warner Barracks spouse, Liz Petty, who also is a member of the foundation.

"It's not about politics," said Petty during the ceremony. "It's about people....I am here to tell you that these men and women care about you. They love you very much. Thank you for your service."

Since it was established in 2003 by a military mom, the foundation has donated more than 38,000 quilts to military hospitals, to entire service units returning from combat and to individuals both who are active duty and veterans.

"We feel it's our patriotic duty to use our skills



Photo By Mindy Campbell
A group of 20 South Carolina women handmade 32 quilts for Soldiers in the Warrior Transition Unit and the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

to show those who have given so much that we truly care," Faulstich said. "It is our small way of serving this great country."

Petty said the group is already putting together a new batch of quilts to send to Bamberg.

The Soldiers at the ceremony appreciated the

gift, said Staff Sgt. Charles Wesson, Bravo Company, 173rd Special Troops Battalion, 173rd ABCT.

"We don't always get thanked for what we do," said Wesson, who is from North Carolina. "We would do it regardless if we get thanked or not, but it is nice to know that people do care. It means a lot especially when I heard it was from a group in the Carolinas."

King said that the foundation and its participants understand that it takes a special person to be in the military.

"The men and women here today represent the best of our nation and QOV is living out their calling to love us and remind us that we truly did make a sacrifice to serve and that our nation and our God have not forgotten that service," King said.

For more information about Quilts of Valor, log on to www.qovf.org.

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Are motorcycles compatible?

"More cars will be in compliance than motorcycles. Most motorcycles have a different emission standard, so you'll have to check with your manufacturer. Motorcycles made after 1980 can work on E10. If you have a bike that's older than 1980, you'll need to run regular gas."

Could people contact you if they need help?

"Yes, I have an extensive list and I know the dealers around here. If customers have a concern they can call me and I can call the local dealer. There are a lot of states in the United States already using Ethanol10."

For more information, call the Auto Craft Shop at 0951-300-7546.

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tion posted on Hawaii's Department of Transportation website. E-10 has been available in over 41 states for more than 10 years.

Hawaii's DOT website also states that the ethanol percentage is projected to continue to increase in vehicles bought in the United States.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website states that the EPA has partially granted a waiver to allow fuel and fuel additive manufacturers to introduce into commerce gasoline that contains greater than 10 volume percent of ethanol and up to 15 volume percent ethanol (E-15) for use in model year vehicles of 2001 and newer.

Vehicle owners who want to ensure their U.S. specification vehicle is compatible with E-10 fuel should contact the dealership that sold the vehicle.

Vehicle owners who want to ensure their European specification vehicle is compatible with E-10 fuel can visit www.adac.de/e10. To find the nearest ESSO station, visit <http://www.euromap.be/esso/LocatorInputAddress.aspx>.

Rendering Honors



Photo By Mindy Campbell

Soldiers pay tribute to Sgt. Trent Schmidt, Bravo Co., 173rd Special Troops Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, during a memorial service Wednesday at the Bamberg Chapel. Schmidt, who recently returned from a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan, died in a car accident Feb. 11 en route to his new duty station at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is survived by his parents, Stephen and Wendy Schmidt, his brother Major Todd A. Schmidt and his sister Tara Noel Schmidt.

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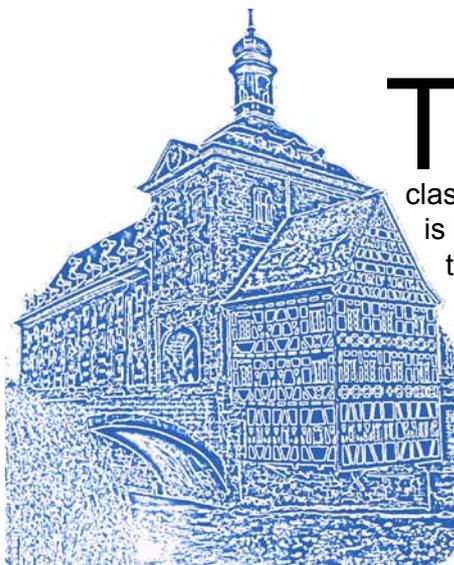
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Classes in Bamberg

The Bamberg Community Recreation and Learning Center or Volkshochschule (VHS) is offering a variety of classes in the spring and in the fall. Classes range from languages to cooking, from yoga to horseback riding. Some of these classes are very popular and fill up on the first sign-up day, which for this semester is Feb. 2. You can sign up via their German website www.vhs-bamberg.de, or at their office at Traenkigasse 4, 96052 Bamberg. Their opening hours are Mon. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5 pm., Tue., Wed., Thur. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 4 pm, Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are extended opening hours from Feb. 2 – 18: Mon. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tue., Wed., Thur. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5 pm, Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Payment is either in cash, or via German bank withdrawal so have you bank information ready if you choose this method of payment. The following is only a small selection of classes. The number in parenthesis is the course number. Please check website for locations.

Course	Start	Time	Price	Location	Comment
Yoga (4291)	Feb. 22	6 – 7:30 p.m.	€55.91	Altes E-Wert, room 207	Classes are always on Tuesdays
Intensive German language class (3013)	Feb. 22	6:30 – 8 p.m.	€76.80	Graf-Stauffenberg-Schule, room 214	Classes are always on Tuesdays. Additional cost for books: €24.95
German language class for moms (3010)	Feb. 24	9 – 11:30 a.m.	€20	Nuernbergerstrasse 108k	This is a beginners class. Free childcare during class. Classes are on Thursdays.
German language class for advanced beginners (3012)	Feb. 24	6 – 8 p.m.	€60.48	Franz-Ludwig-Gymnasium	Classes are always on Thursdays. Additional cost for books: €23
Yoga (4276)	Feb. 24	8:30 – 10 a.m.	€58.60	Altes E-Werk room 101	Classes are always on Thursdays
Moroccan cooking with chocolate (5425)	Feb. 25	5 – 9 p.m.	€21.80	Altes E-Werk, U16	
Cocinamos y conversamos (5422)	Feb. 25	6 – 9 p.m.	€39.55	Altes E-Werk U-17	Second session on Sat. Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Horseback riding (4980)	March 18	8 – 9 p.m.	€110	Poeldorfer Strasse 196	Classes are always on Fridays. No class on Apr. 22 and 29
Horseback riding (4981)	March 19	10 – 11 a.m.	€110	Poeldorfer Strasse 196	Classes are always on Saturdays. No class on Apr. 23 and 30
Indian cooking class (5432)	April 1	6 – 9:30 p.m.	€34.18	Altes E-Werk U17	Second session on Apr. 2, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Medieval cooking (5309)	May 4	5:30 – 9:30 p.m.	€25.24	Altes E-Werk U17	
Vegetarian Indian cooking (5431)	May 5	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	€73.40	Altes E-Werk U17	Classes are always on Thursdays.
Moroccan cooking class (5426)	May 6	5 – 9 p.m.	€21.80	Altes E-Werk U16	
Indian cooking class (5433)	May 6	6 – 9:30 p.m.	€34.18	Altes E-Werk U17	Second session on Sat. May 7, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Inline Skating class for children/teens (4985)	June 8	6 – 7 p.m.	€20	Rollschuhbahn, Stadion	Bring your own gear; helmet mandatory; classes are on Wednesdays
Inline Skating class for children/teens (4986)	June 11	2 – 3 p.m.	€20	Rollschuhbahn, Stadion	Bring your own gear; helmet mandatory; classes are on Saturdays
Inline Skating class for adults (4987)	June 11	3 – 4 p.m.	€20	Rollschuhbahn, Stadion	Bring your own gear; helmet mandatory; classes are on Saturdays

For more classes and information on locations of classes as well as information on refunds please contact the VHS directly at 0951-871108 or visit www.vhs-bamberg.de. Also, please double check dates and times when you sign up.

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the people in her class.

“I wish everyone was so eager to learn the language as the people in my classes,” she said. “I love how enthusiastic my students are. It is a pleasure to teach them.”

The classes, which are held at ACS in building 7029, are held as follows: beginner Tuesday 10 a.m.–noon; Wednesday 6–8 p.m.; Intermediate Tuesday noon–2 p.m.; Wednesday 2–4 p.m.; and Advanced Tuesday 2–4 p.m., Wednesday 4–6 p.m.

For more information about the class, call 0951-300-7777.



Photo By Mindy Campbell

Heike Gunsellmann, the German as a Second Language teacher, discusses different ways to greet one another while out shopping off post.

Eco-Friendly Tips

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EMPLOYMENT

US Army Garrison Bamberg has a non-personal service contractor for journalism services available. Please visit the Contacting Office's website at <http://www.ecc-e.army.mil/bavaria/index.htm>, and click on Bid Board Franconia. The solicitation number is W912PG-11-T-0030. The job announcement closes at midnight March 14. (2/17/2011)

Child & Youth Program Assistants: working with children in the Child Development Center, School Age Center or the Youth Sports and Fitness Program. Will be responsible for planning age-appropriate activities; supervising and monitoring children to ensure that they are safe and healthy; follow the guidelines to prevent and identify child abuse. Salary: \$10.89 - \$12.84. Related education and experience will affect salary. (2/3/2011)

Assistant Director for the Youth Sports and Fitness Program: Assists director with the operation, integration, coordination and oversight of installation CYS Services Sports and Fitness Program (Team Sports, Individual Sports, Fitness and Health and Nutrition Counseling/Education and Health Promotion/Events). This is a full-time position. Qualifications: requires 12-months of experience working in Sports/Fitness and/or youth Programs equivalent. Must be able to work until early evenings and week-ends. Salary: \$29,899-\$34,881 annual salary. (2/3/2011)

US Army Garrison Bamberg has a non-personal service contractor for journalism services available. Please visit the Contacting Office's website at <http://www.ecc-e.army.mil/bavaria/index.htm>, and click on Bid Board Franconia. The solicitation number is W912PG-11-T-0013. The job announcement closes Feb. 28 at 12 a.m. (1/27/2011)

MEDPROTECT, a wholly owned subsidiary of SAIC is currently seeking a qualified Global TRICARE Service Center Beneficiary Service Representative for their Bam-

berg 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: '95 White 4WD Mitsubishi Montero. Passed inspection- Great Condition. Power windows, power locks, cargo rack, cloth interior, brand new winter tires- great family SUV. Call Daryl for more details at 015224123655- make an offer! (2/10/11)

For Sale: 2010 Red Dodge Avenger still new condition, Automatic, \$15,500 less than 5,000 miles and has been in our possession since August 2009. Only serious inquiries. Christina Gonzalez 0171-777-9328 wgonzalez001@yahoo.com. (1/20/11)

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 more

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For Sale: Toyota RAV4, 2003. Asking \$9,000. Toyota RAV4 is a 4-cylinder, gold, leather seats, 78,000 miles, regular maintenance, no accidents. E-mail dinie76@hotmail.com for photos. (12/1/10)

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. 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)

MISCELLANEOUS

The school is in need of a bus driver who is qualified to drive a 40-passenger bus. If interested, please e-mail Dominick.Calabria@eu.dodea.edu. (1/27/11)

Gabi's Doggie Daycare, I have space available only on weekends, holidays, and at home care. Daily care is full. Visit www.gabidoggiedaycare.com.

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 about the Mariachi Cuatro Caminos band, e-mail puomariachi@hotmail.com. (1/3/11)

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)

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).

FOR SALE

Dual voltage printer. Wireless HP 4385 Photosmart All-in-one, print, copy, and scan. 3 years old, works perfectly. Software, cords, and ink included. \$50 Contact Brittany or Jonathan at 0170-202-7674 or bmroberts0731@live.com. (1/27/11)

220Volt Large freezer, \$250 Jeep jogger stroller- still in great condition. \$50 Low maintenance elliptical- \$20 Lightning McQueen toddler bed with mattress- never used \$60 Kids left-handed golf set - \$80 Large gas BBQ- used once during summer 2010 - \$80 Small gas bbq- free In house small stereo with speakers- \$40. Christina Gonzalez 0171-777-9328 wgonzalez001@yahoo.com. (1/20/11)

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