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Army Community Service to employ pilot transformation

By Douglas DeMaio,
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BAMBERG, Germany -- Warner Barracks is one of 22 pilot sites selected to assess a new service delivery design within Army Community Service that may overhaul the way ACS collectively operates.

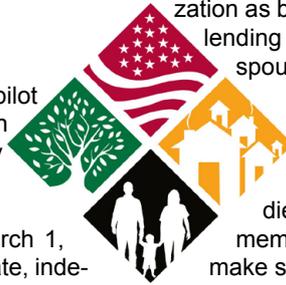
ACS will begin assessing the new design beginning March 1, which will allow for the organization to operate as directorate, independent of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The intent of the transformation is to provide better services that support and strengthen the Army community, said Rickcord Gibbons, Bamberg's ACS director. This will be done through placing an emphasis on cultivating a more knowledge-based workforce and getting ACS employees more involved with the community.

"It's a good thing," Gibbons said. "Over the years, it has changed from a help the spouse organization into a broader function of the garrison."

ACS was established in 1965 to provide support and assistance to Soldiers, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

Gibbons, who has almost 30 years of experience working for or with ACS as a volunteer, contractor and federal employee, recalls the organi-



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zation as being known in the past as a place for getting items from the lending locker, arranging meetings for spouse's groups and helping spouses find a job.

"Fifteen, 20 years ago, this worked pretty well," she said. "We still do all that, but we've expanded it to the point where we are starting to include the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program, providing resiliency training to family members and civilians, and working with the garrison directly to make sure that the support to families is what it should be and that we are bringing the family issues back to the garrison level."

"We are much more a professional organization now; because of the professionalism and because the change of our mission and focus, it was about time that ACS essentially came out from under MWR...and assumed its place at the table."

There are two levels of transformation that will take place with the pilot design, Gibbons said. One part of the transformation will focus on internal processes that will not be visible to the community, but the other part of the transformation should be apparent.

According to an article published on Army.mil, through garrison focus groups and surveys, Soldiers and family members reported they have both too much and too little information on available services.

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Engineers conduct quarterly commanders' conference

By U.S Army 2nd Lt. Michael Chigbrow,
Task Force Dolch

LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan -- Standing together in front of American, unit engineer and Afghan flags after a three-mile run, a group of outgoing and incoming company commanders, together with their battalion commander and staff, watched the sun rise over concrete Alaska barriers.

This is how the 54th Engineer Battalion officially began their quarterly commander's conference, Feb. 18.

The engineer unit's company commanders flew to Forward Operating Base Shank from all across Regional Command East to attend the conference from Feb. 17 to Feb.20. They came to provide feedback and comments about how the battalion is operating and attend valuable battalion- and brigade-staff conducted training sessions.

The night before the run, company commanders shared dinner and then gathered to listen to Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Milford of the 176th Engineer Brigade give a speech about leadership. Then they settled in to watch "Restrepo" - a documentary about Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and their time in the Korengal Valley, Afghanistan. After the movie, the company commanders talked

about how it applied to their current situations and areas of operation.

The next morning began with the commanders going on a three-mile run.

Following breakfast, the commanders took part in a Comprehensive Soldier Fitness session. CSF is a program that focuses on five dimensions of strength - physical, emotional, social, family and spiritual. It is designed to improve Soldiers' mental and physical resiliency to the stresses associated with deployments.

Before they broke for lunch, the commanders attended the battalion maintenance control section's weekly maintenance meeting. Instead of just discussing the statuses of their equipment, the commanders heard from the various in-country field service representatives. An FSR is

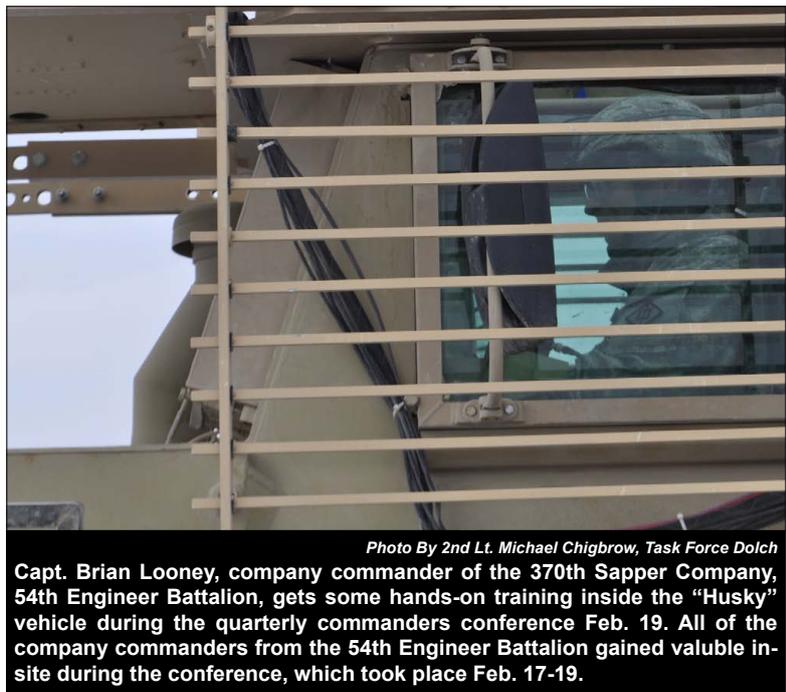


Photo By 2nd Lt. Michael Chigbrow, Task Force Dolch
Capt. Brian Looney, company commander of the 370th Sapper Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, gets some hands-on training inside the "Husky" vehicle during the quarterly commanders conference Feb. 19. All of the company commanders from the 54th Engineer Battalion gained valuable insight during the conference, which took place Feb. 17-19.

a contractor's customer service representative or team in Afghanistan that provides technical support to the war fighter and serves as a communication channel between Soldiers and their company.

These FSRs discussed their capabilities and

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Conference brings community issues to decision makers

By Mindy Campbell,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- From recycling to dependent travel orders to increasing shuttle bus frequency and hours, dozens of community issues were addressed during the 2011 Army Family Action Plan conference last week.

The conference, which was held at the Warner Conference Center Feb. 22-24, included 103 community volunteers, including delegates, facilitators, transcribers, recorders and issue support personnel, said MaryLou Solorzano, Army Community Service AFAP manager.

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 the AFAP conference can be either local issues or Army-wide policy changes.

The new drive-up Community Bank ATM is a direct result of a local 2008 AFAP issue. Other 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.

At the closing of the conference, each of the five groups presented their top three

issues. Those 15 issues will be presented to Lt. Col. Steven L. Morris, the U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg commander, who will decide which issues will be sent to the Installation Management Command level or stay at the local level, Solorzano said.

"What an amazing process," said Morris to the volunteers at the close of the conference. "It was quite breathtaking to see the issue you came up with. I promise you we will get you answers. It might not be the answer you like, but you will get an answer."

Solorzano said the conference and the volunteers did a great job.

"The delegates were wonderful," she said. "Without the FRTIs (Facilitators, Recorders, Transcribers and Issue Support volunteers), we wouldn't have had a conference that ran as smoothly."

One volunteer, Capt. Melissa Nairne, who works for USAG Bamberg, thought the AFAP process was enlightening.

"Overall, it was a good process," she said. "I enjoyed interacting with spouses and civilians -- people I don't normally work with - and hearing what they had to say. There are so many perspectives that

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Construction to begin on 16th Street

By Douglas DeMaio, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- A contraction project to repair 16th Street will have motorist's feeling like a bobblehead doll.

The first phase of the construction begins March 14. The first phase will section off the road leading from Brigade Drive to Military Clothing Sales. The project will replace the cobblestones with a concrete surface.

Motorist will need to follow the Umleitung signs, which in German means detour, to get to their destination.

One detour leads to units and services located east of 16th Street on Armor and Brigade drives. Motorists can enter and exit this area through the motor pool located near the autobahn on ZollnerStrasse, which is near the golf course. From JFK Boulevard, near the Shoppette, motorists can use 17th Street to enter the area.

To gain access to JFK Boulevard from 16th Street near Gate 3, motorist will use Victory Drive between Summerall Field and Building 7000. Fifteenth Street will become a priority road from Victory Drive up to the light on JFK Boulevard. This phase is scheduled to last until May 6.

The second phase, which will close the remaining portion of 16th Street from Military Clothing Sales to JFK Boulevard, is scheduled to begin in April and last through the end of June.

Details of that phase will be published by the Public Affairs Office in the coming months.

Smartphones for all makes sense

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Feb. 28) -- It's not written in stone that every Soldier will get an Android phone or an iPhone -- but signs are pointing to it.



During a bloggers roundtable Feb. 24, Lt. Gen. Michael Vane, director of the Army Capabilities Integration Center, discussed the latest developments in how the Army is evaluating smartphone technologies and software applications to provide...

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Army participates in Kuwait's 50-20 parade

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait -- U.S. troops participated in a huge parade in Kuwait Feb. 26, celebrating 20 years since its liberation during Operation Desert Storm.

The 50/20 Parade also celebrated 50 years of that nation's independence. Central Command and the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as "The Old Guard," provided 300 troops in support of the parade.

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



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Health clinic visit worthy before travel

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VILSECK, Germany -- Before you pack your bags for an exotic trip to Africa, Asia or South America, make an appointment at the new travel health clinic on Rose Barracks. It could save you from a week of traveler's diarrhea or something more serious, like malaria.

"Many of the tropical diseases you may encounter while traveling abroad are preventable with the proper guidance, medication and vaccinations on board," said Dr. (Maj.) Joseph Woodring, Bavaria Medical Department Activity Preventive Medicine chief.

Service members and families can now schedule an appointment at the travel health clinic for Mondays and Thursdays after 1 p.m. Services the travel health clinic will offer include: advice on how to avoid diseases, medications to prevent disease transmission, an opportunity to update vaccinations and tips on what to bring for certain destinations, such as an emergency travel kit or mosquito netting.

"A provider can look at their vaccinations, look at their proposed travel plans and prescribe medication, vaccines and travel advice specifically tailored to their travel plans," Woodring said. "This could be for sailing down the Nile or a three-month mission, say, in Uganda or Pakistan."

He recommends people contact the travel health clinic as soon as

they book their trip because some preventive steps will take time to implement.

"Some vaccines may need to be ordered ahead of time and you may require a few doses to provide the best protection," Woodring said. "Also, for something like anti-malarials, you want to start the medication before leaving. This is to see one, if you tolerate the medication without side effects and two, so if a malarious mosquito bites you, you've enough medication in your system to be protected."

People considered high-risk for malaria are the ones who are "visiting friends and relatives" in malaria-endemic regions. According to Woodring, your protection against malaria after leaving a malaria-endemic country greatly decreases after only six to eight months.

"When you return to visit your friends and family, you are effectively malaria-naïve," he said. "And your sensitivity to apply DEET and take anti-malarial medications is not as great as say a couple going on a trip to a game reserve in Kenya who is more likely to 'religiously' take their prescribed medications for malaria."

However, most people will face the all too-common problem of traveler's diarrhea.

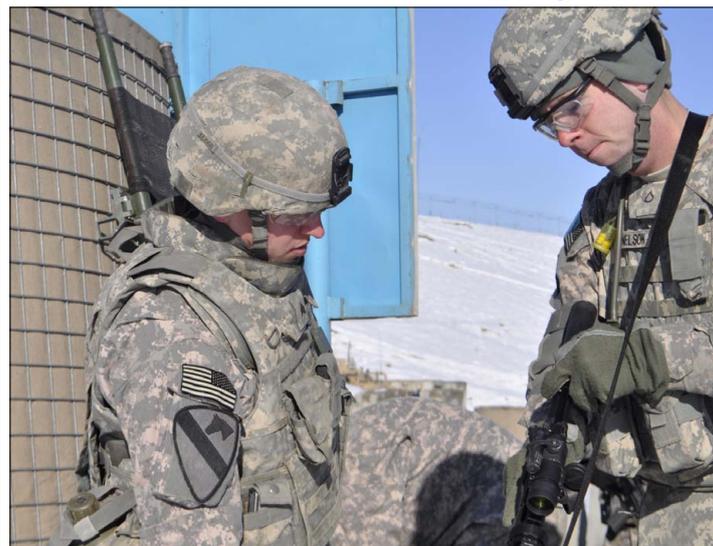
"If you are spending thousands of dollars to go on a trip, bringing some carefully chosen antibiotics can prevent you from worshipping the porcelain goddess for days," Woodring said. "It can also cut down your symptoms over 24 hours, which means a lot when you have a tight timeline of events and you may have to miss some because you are sick."

For an enjoyable vacation, Woodring recommends investing the time up front.

"Do yourself and your families a favor," he said. "Book an appointment with a provider who can walk you through the greatest risks you may encounter."

Face-to-face and video teleconferencing appointments are available for beneficiaries throughout Bavaria. For an appointment, email Woodring at joseph.woodring@amedd.army.mil.

Weapon Clear Sergeant



Spc. Rosalind Arroyo, Task Force Dolch

Sgt. Kyle Keiser (left) from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, inspects the chamber of U.S. Army Pfc. Cameron Nelson's M-4 rifle before conducting a weapons zeroing range at Forward Operating Base Shank, Afghanistan, Feb. 14.

U.S. Army Europe honors 'phenomenal' women

U.S. Army Europe selected a local woman for her positive impact within the community to kick-off Women's History Month observations in March.

Megan Martin of Bamberg was chosen as one of 13 women from the wider U.S. Army Europe community.

Christi Ham, wife of USAREUR Commanding General Carter Ham, called on senior leader spouses to nominate a woman from each of their communities for the first "USAREUR Phenomenal Woman Scroll of Impact."

The purpose not only serves as an observance of Women's History Month, but also "highlights those women who are making history now during Women's History Month," Christi Ham said.

"Not that these selectees are the 'most' phenomenal in our communities -- but they stand to represent the kinds of sisters living amongst us," she continued. "Their selection recognizes the efforts and accomplishments of many. Hence, I don't view it as selecting winners, I view it as selecting strong examples of the kinds of folks we have with us."

The Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness (CSF) program -- an Army-wide program designed to

increase the resilience and enhance the performance of Soldiers, Family members and Army civilians -- was the guideline for the submissions.

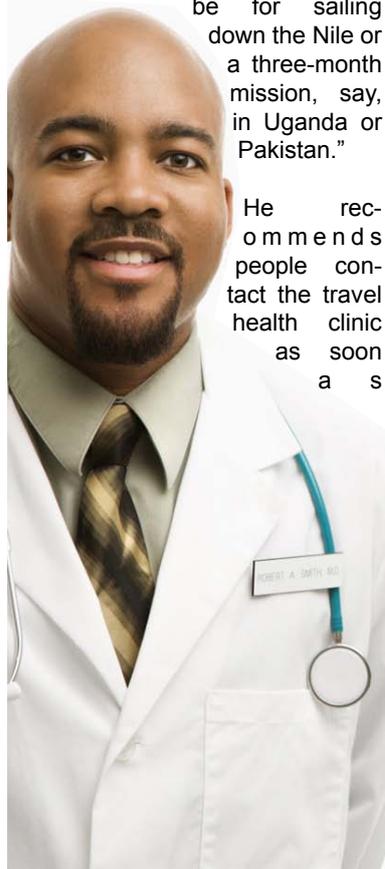
Using the CSF five dimensions of strength (family, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual), nominators considered how the attributes of the individual selectees have contributed to three or more of the five pillars in their military communities.

"It's not easy to narrow the selection to one," Ham said. "You can find yourself and those you volunteer with amongst these names because it takes an incredible team effort for any of us to accomplish what we do for our communities."

The submissions included military spouses, active duty and reserve Soldiers and Army civilians.

In 1981 Congress established National Women's History Week. Since 1987, when the week was expanded to a month, a special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

The Women's History Month 2011 theme is "Our History is Our Strength."



Mardi Gras Parade



Photos by Mindy Campbell
 Floats, music and laughter rang throughout Warner Barracks when more than 200 community members and local Germans participated in the U.S. Army Garrison's Mardi Gras parade and party Feb. 25. The parade kicked off near the chapel before winding its way through the housing area and ending at Birchview Lanes Bowling Center. There participants in both the fest tent outside and inside the bowling center feasted on food and drinks while watching a variety of entertainment acts. Children also had the opportunity to do a number of different arts and crafts projects.



Last month's events at the Community Activity Center

Chili Cook Off



Chris Romey, MWR Volunteer

Contestants of Bamberg's Chili Cook Off spoon their chili into sample cups Feb. 23 at the Community Activity Center. Spc. Tom Liebel, 16th Special Troops Battalion, Headquarter and Headquarter's Company, took home the prize for best soldier's chili with his chili type "meat with a lil kick of spicy". Crystal Stupar's recipe was voted best overall chili. The Community Activity Center is now getting ready for the hot dog eating contest March 24 at 12 p.m.

Pet Expo



Mindy Campbell

A student plays with Gus, a Border Collie, during the library's Pet Expo event Feb. 23. The annual event, which featured a demonstration by the U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Military Police working dogs, prizes and food, featured several different organizations and vendors who provided information about pets and their health. Community members were invited to attend the event with their pets and show off their furry friend's talents.

Community Announcements

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

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

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.

Buttons and Bows

Learn different ways to use ribbon and buttons in your scrapbook and have a chance to win a ribbon organizer, ribbon, buttons & much more. Come to the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Family Readiness Group Center across from Ray's Diner from 6 p.m. to midnight March 4 for this month's Scrapbooking on buttons and bows. 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, please contact Wendy Sledd at 0951-300-7308 or wendy.sledd@us.army.mil.

Portrait Studio

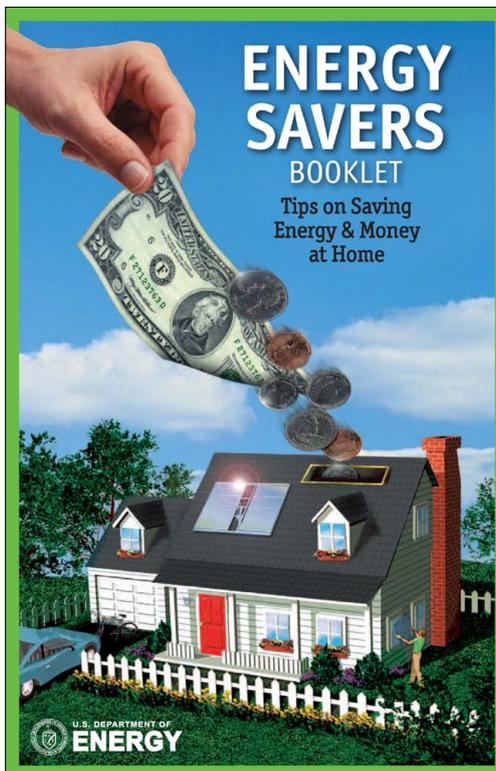
Get your portrait taken between March 10 and 17 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Photo Studio and have a chance to win one free 8" x 10" portrait, a free CD of your portraits ordered or up to 35 percent off. Also 15 percent off on all portrait sheets ordered throughout the months of March. This 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.

BOSS Italy

Hop on the bus with BOSS and MWR to see Italy's fa-



mous cities: See Rome, Florence and Pisa. The bus departs March 17 and returns March 21. The cost is \$449 per person. Reserve a seat today. The trip must be fully paid by March 16. For more information about the trip, call 0951-300-9086/8890 or e-mail mail.bam.dfmwr.boss@eur.army.mil

Irish Dinner

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special dinner on March 17 at the Warner Conference Center. Enjoy an Irish themed menu of New York strip steak with a Guinness marinade, Irish mashed potatoes, mixed vegetable and green salad, followed by a Bailey's chocolate mousse pie. The social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., which is followed by the dinner at 6 p.m. The party starts 8 p.m. for people aged 18 years and up and features music from Disc Jockey Tony and a snack bar selling wings, mozzarella sticks, hamburgers, cheeseburgers with fries, jalapeno poppers and more. Limited childcare is offered through Child Youth Services for children between 6 weeks and 12 years old. Parents have to reserve their slot by March 10 through Morale, Welfare and Recreation Online Services or Parents Central Services at 0951-300-8660. Tickets for the dinner are available at the Community Activity Center, Outdoor Recreation and Bowling Center for \$15 per person. Admission to the party is free. Contact the Community Activity Center at 0951-300-8659/7596.

Basket Drawing

The Bamberg Elementary School Parent Teacher Association will have a drawing for two beautiful baskets on April 1. Tickets are \$1 and you may buy as many as you would like. Tickets will be on sale every Friday in March from 10:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room and the night of the talent show.

Health Clinic

Beginning April 1, Army health clinics in Bavaria will be open full days on Fridays. As a result, the clinics will no longer schedule appointments after noon on Thursdays to accommodate staff training time. For more information, contact your local Army health clinic.

Month of Military Child events

Throughout the month of April the U.S. Army Gar-

ison Bamberg will host several events in honor of the Month of the Military Child. The kick-off celebration will be held Saturday, April 2 at Friendship Park at 9 a.m. The event will include a 5K Family Run/2K Kinder Volksmarch, a performance from Strong Beginnings and a 4-H Pet Expo. On Saturday, April 23, the garrison will host an Easter egg hunt/Spring Fling event at Friendship Park at 10 a.m. Following the egg hunt, the Spring Fling will include field games, arts and crafts and lunch. Stop by the Community Activity Center's portrait studio April 24 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and take a picture with the Easter Bunny. Pictures are \$5.

Parent's Night Out

Enjoy a day or night out by enrolling your children in the next Parents Day Out or Parents Night Out programs. Dates for Parents Day Out will be April 2, June 4, Aug. 6, Oct. 1 and Dec. 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dates for Parents Night Out will be March 4, May 6, July 8, Sept. 9 and Nov. 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. For more information, call 0951-300-8660.

Edelweiss Resort

Did you know Edelweiss Resort has vacation cabins as well? From now until April 8 a three-night stay in a rustic cabin is only \$130. How is that for an affordable base camp to ski and snowboard in the Alps?

BOSS Trip

Take a trip with Amsterdam with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers April 8-11. The trip includes: motor coach transportation, two nights in a 3-star hotel, two breakfast buffets, walking tour of Amsterdam, visit to cheese and clog farm, entrance fee to Anne Frank's house, Holland Tour in Volendam, Edam, Monnickendam. There is an English speaking tour guide throughout the trip. The price is \$339. For more information, call 0951-300-9086/8890 or e-mail mail.bam.dfmwr.boss@eur.army.mil.

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 interested in volunteering, e-mail bazaar.volunteer@yahoo.com. For regular updates on the upcoming



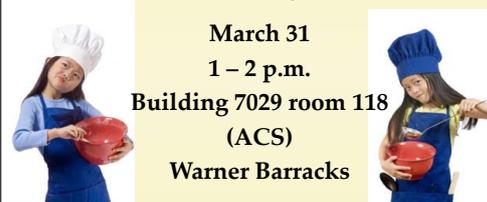
Food Handlers Classes

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:

CPL BORTON (COLE.BORTON@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL)
09662-83-2041/2138



USAG Bamberg
Community Activity Center



Community Flea Market

Every second Saturday (March-October)

March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11,
July 9, Aug. 13, Sep. 10, Oct. 8

10 a.m.-1 p.m. at CAC, Building 7047

Contact CAC at (0951) 300 8659

Bazaar with Heart check the MWR Bamberg website and Flickr website or e-mail BambergBazaarwithHeart2011@yahoo.com.

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. 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



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Spring Into Fitness
5k Fun Run
March 26, 9 a.m.
at Freedom Fitness Facility

Contact (0951) 300 8890, DSN 469-8890

ation 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.mcclelland@eur.army.mil. For more information about the project, 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 Kellem, EFMP manger, at 0951-300-7777.

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.



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Tour Italy
Rome, Florence and Pisa with BOSS
\$449 per person
March 17-21

Enjoy two continental breakfasts and two nights at a 3 star hotel in Rome. Tour Florence, Rome and see the Leaning Tower of Pisa with a local tour guide and manager. Reserve your seat not later than March 3, including a \$100 deposit. Trip must be fully paid by March 16.

For bookings
call Freedom Fitness Facility at DSN 469-9086/8890
or e-mail mail.bam.dfmwr.boss@eur.army.mil

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



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Amsterdam
with BOSS, Training Holiday Weekend
April 8 - 11

Trip costs \$339 and includes:

- 2 nights in a 3-star hotel,
- 2 breakfast buffets,
- walking tour of Amsterdam,
- visit to a cheese and clog farm,
- visit to Anne Frank's house, entrance fee incl.
- tour of Volendam, Edam, Monnickendam
- visit to Delfse Poort in Rijswijk.
- English speaking tour guide throughout trip.

Sign up at the Freedom Fitness Facility. \$100 deposit per person to reserve your seat. Payable in full no later than April 5

Contact (0951) 300 9086/8890 / E-mail mail.bam.dfmwr.boss@eur.army.mil

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 0951-300-1570.

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-

Did you Know?

There were 45 tons of paper on Warner Barracks in December

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

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.

Youth Golf Tournament

Whispering Pines Golf Course is hosting a nine hole golf youth tournament Saturday, April 16 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25. Prizes will be given for first through third places in three age categories: 6-9 year olds, 10-15 year olds and 16-18 year olds. A barbecue will be held at the end of the event. For more information, call 0951-300-8953 or e-mail darcey.n.shepard@eur.army.mil.

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.

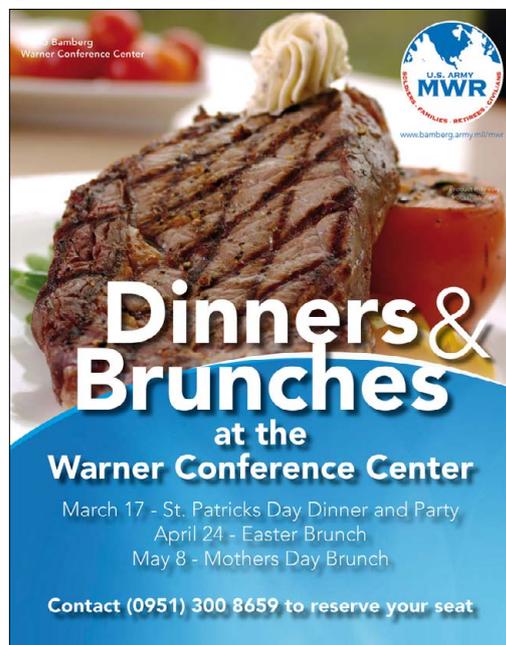
Youth and Teens

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.

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.



Bamberg Warner Conference Center

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Dinners & Brunches
at the
Warner Conference Center

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party
April 24 - Easter Brunch
May 8 - Mothers Day Brunch

Contact (0951) 300 8659 to reserve your seat



USAG Bamberg Stable Theater, Bldg. 7119

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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 call backs and bookings, 16 slots, free

Contact Stable Theater: (0951) 300 8647

The Stable Theater Presents



March 10-12 and 17-19 at 7:30 p.m.
March 13 and 20 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$9/7
0951-300-8647

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.

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

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 Scotland: Culture, Literature, and History (ENGL 288/388), which will be in historic sites throughout Scotland; and History and Culture of Naples (HIST 217F/317F), which will be in Italy. Both courses meet on May 15-21 and have a registration deadline of April 24. For more information, visit www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy or e-mail fieldstudies@europe.umuc.edu.

Spring Registration

University of Maryland University College Europe announces registration for Spring 2011 Session 2. Registration for on-site courses is available through March 20. Classes begin March 21. Registration for Europe online courses continues from now through April 3. Online classes start April 4. Students are encouraged to enroll early. For more information, visit www.ed.umuc.edu, or call 06221-3780.

European U.S. Students

Apply for European Parent Teacher Association scholarships. For more information, visit <http://europeantonline.org/EPTAScholarship.aspx>.

Book Award

University of Maryland University College Europe is pleased to continue the popular book award program for Spring 2011 Session 2. Students can apply for a book award to offset textbook costs, including the \$100 Orkand Military Book Award for enlisted service members and the \$100 Europe Book Award for spouses and family members of service members of all ranks. For information, go to http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid. For more information about the book award program, visit www.ed.umuc.edu, or call 06221-3780.

Student Aid

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

Language Initiative

Learn more about the State Department's National Security Language Initiative for Youth. It provides merit-based scholarships to U.S. high school stu-



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The Hohenfels Community and Spouses Club is looking for crafters to sell their handmade goods during

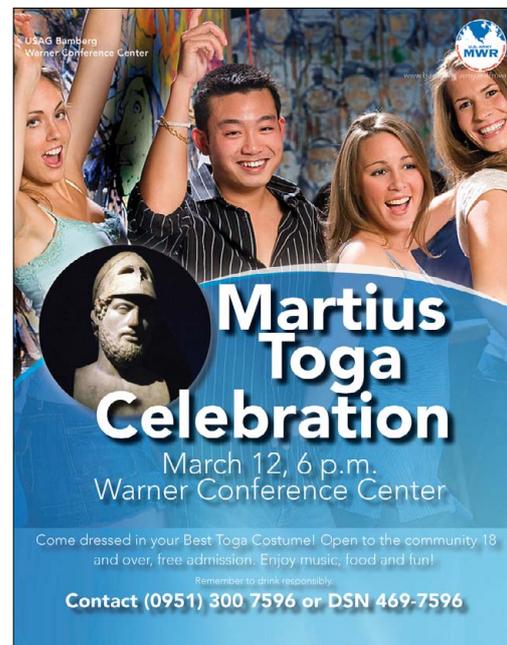
CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Art Exhibition Craft Fair Gala

April 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

At the Hohenfels Community Activities Center

Email PaigeLovesKeith@yahoo.com to participate



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

dents and recent graduates interested in learning less-commonly studied foreign languages. For more information, visit <http://exchanges.state.gov/youth/programs/nsli.html>.

Closures / Changes

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. For more information about the musical or to purchase a ticket in advance, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647.

Audition Workshop

Join acting teacher, actress, writer and producer Mona Lee Fultz for her audition workshop March 21 at Bamberg's Stable Theater at 6 p.m. Sign-up is free but space is limited. Fultz is a working actress whose 35 years of experience includes theater, film and television. Fultz runs BriteLite acting studio in Austin, Texas. The upcoming cold reading workshop at Bamberg's Stable Theater is simulating audition scenarios by role-playing casting directors, readers and auditioning actors who learn to compete with vitality, create a personal win, stand out at auditions, sell themselves and win callbacks and bookings. For more information about the workshop, e-mail jack.austin@eur.army.mil or call 0951-300-8647.

Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reel Time Theater is closed
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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.

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are brought to the table at this conference.”

Kassandra Niola, a Bamberg Middle High School senior and a delegate, echoed that thought.

“AFAP is an opportunity for spouses, Soldiers and civilians to come together to voice concerns and find solutions,” she said.

One delegate, Samantha Sealey-Gibson, had mixed feelings about the conference.

“The idea of AFAP is good,” she said. “In the end though, they (the Army) are only going to address what they want to address. The same issues come up year after year. But if those issues aren't the Army's priority, they won't get addressed.”

Although the AFAP conference is over, community members can still submit issues to be considered for next year, Solorzano said.

“AFAP is an all-year-long process,” she said.

AFAP issues can be submitted several different ways including through the ICE link at www.bamberg.army.mil and say it should be a policy or regulation change; by clicking on the following link <http://www.emailme-form.com/builder/form/cvdd8liqHX1> and filling out the form or stopping by ACS.

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To help address the findings, ACS is transforming staff to operate as either specialists or generalists with an area of expertise to get information on specific services and programs out to the Army community members. ACS members will be more visible in the community. Some generalist and specialists might be placed on a unit's training schedule, Gibbons said. They may set up information booths throughout the community.

“The first person that a customer sees when they come into ACS should have a solid understanding of everything the organization does, so that they can quickly help the person with a level of information,” she said. “Absolute information should be answered by a specialist.”

Generalists will be able to provide community members with information on programs and services ACS offers, Gibbons said. Generalists will provide many baseline services, while specialists will be available for the more complex and extended services.

Some positions within ACS require licensing while others like the mobilization and deployment readiness require certification and training.

ACS assists commanders in maintaining individual and family readiness, and helps to deliver services that promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability in ones life. ACS is able to meet the needs of many in the Army community through the organization's programs and services, which include the Army Emergency Relief, Exception Family Member Program, Army Family Action Plan, Army Family Team Building, information and referral system, financial readiness program, employment readiness program and relocation assistance program.

“The organization has matured,” Gibbons said. “ACS, as an organization, takes in the heart of the people, organization and the folks we support to help them maintain stability. That's what this whole transformation is about.”



Photo by Douglas DeMaio

Vanessia Holland, an Army Emergency Relief manager for U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Army Community Service, speaks to unit representatives during AER training in Bamberg Feb. 28. Last year, Bamberg provided almost \$300,000 in AER assistance to community members.

Army Emergency Relief campaign kicks off March 1

HEIDELBERG, Germany— The annual Army Emergency Relief (AER) campaign begins its annual fundraising effort March 1 and runs through May 15.

AER provides emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans or grants to Soldiers, as well as tuition assistance for Family members. In 2010, AER provided \$69.7 million in financial relief to 62,000 Soldiers and their Families.

Funding for the program comes from voluntary donations by Soldiers and civilians, plus investments made by AER.

For more information on AER, visit <http://www.aerhq.org> or contact your local Army Community Service center.

Outside the Gate

Weekend events in and around Bamberg March 4-20.

Friday, March 4

- 2 p.m. Farmers' Market; Zehnpfplatz, Anton-von-Rotenhahn-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
- 10 p.m. morphclub Class6 – Vol. 5, Soul, Funk, BigBeat, NuJazz, Swing-Hop, Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg, visit: www.morphclub.org

Saturday, March 5

- 7 a.m. Hiking in Aschbach; 6K and 12K; starts at TSV Aschbach, Schlüsselfelder Weg 11, 96132 Aschbach; fees are €1.50 for IVV stamp or €3.80 for stamp and medal; for infos and pre-registration contact Bernhard Seeger, phone: 09555-1255; also on Sunday
- 1:30 p.m. Fasching parade in Oberhaid; the parade goes from Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse to Untere Strasse, 96173 Oberhaid
- 7:30 p.m. Country-Fasching mit Franky; Wild West Fasching; Helmut's Hofschänke, Gut Leimershof, 96149 Breitengüßbach, phone: 09547-5457
- 8 p.m. John Q Irritated; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, email: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de

Sunday, March 6

- 2 p.m. Fasching Parade in Memmelsdorf; downtown area; 96117 Memmelsdorf
- 2 p.m. Fasching Parade in Hirschaid; downtown area; 96114 Hirschaid
- 8 p.m. Dentler & Dziallas; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304

Friday, March 11

- 2 p.m. Franken Aktiv und Vital 2011 (health fair); infos about health, beauty, recreation, sports, etc.; Stechert Arena Bamberg, Forchheimer Strasse 15, 96050 Bamberg, phone: 0951-23837; until March 13
- 8 p.m. Bobbin Baboons; Rock'n Roll; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, e-mail: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de
- 8 p.m. GlasBlasSing Quintett: "Keine Macht den Dosen"; music literally bottled; Theaterschöne Strullendorf, Forchheimer Str. 31, 96129 Strullendorf; kehlandreas@t-online.de, 09543/3986
- 9 p.m. Henning Sieverts "Blauer Reiter"; Jazzclub Bamberg e.V., Obere Sandstrasse 18, 96050 Bamberg
- 10 p.m. Bashment Live: Rohaj Phad Full & Slonesta; Reggae, Dancehall; Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg

Saturday, March 12

- 2 p.m. Flea market; Hauptsmoorhalle, Hauptsmoorstrasse 2, 96129 Strullendorf, admission €1.50
- 7:30 p.m. Bohemian Evening; traditional folklore music; Steigerwaldhalle Burgebrach, Bamberger Strasse, 96138 Burgebrach; admission €7

- 8 p.m. IRXN; Folkrock; Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, email: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de
- 9 p.m. Rampires & Ruby Shock; Psychobill, Punk & Rockabilly; Sound'n Arts Club, Sandstrasse 20, 96049 Bamberg
- 9 p.m. Susan Weinert Trio; Jazzclub Bamberg e.V., Obere Sandstrasse 18, 96050 Bamberg
- 10 p.m. Blockrocking Beats; Electro, Fidget, Techno, Breaks; Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg

Sunday, March 13

- 10 a.m. Market Day; shops will open at 1 p.m.; Markt- and Hauptstrasse, 96138 Burgebrach
- 2 p.m. Kaiserdomlauf Bamberg; 5K and 10K run in Gaustadt; if you like to participate you can register online at www.kaiserdomlauf.de ("Anmeldung"); fees are €5 for young pupils (2.5K distance) and €13; final day for registration is March 9; Gaustadt, 96049 Bamberg
- 9 p.m. morphclublive: Boduf Songs (UK); Songwriter Folk; Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg

Friday, March 18

- 10 p.m. Greenclub, Rap, Funk, Deutsch-Rap, Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg

Saturday, March 19

- 11 a.m. Auction; art and antiques from 15th to the 20th century; Kunstauktionshaus Schlosser, Karolinenstrasse 11, 96047 Bamberg
- 3 p.m. Spring fest at the farmer's museum in Frensdorf; Bauernmuseum Bamberger Land, Hauptstrasse 3-5, 96158 Frensdorf, phone: 09502-8308, e-mail: bauernmuseum@ira-ba.bayern.de, visit: www.bauernmuseum-frensdorf.de
- 8 p.m. St. Patrick's Night with Matching Ties, Live-Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7, 96049 Bamberg, phone: 0951-53304, e-mail: info@live-club.de, visit: www.live-club.de
- 9 p.m. Klaus Ignatzek & Susanne Menzel, Jazzclub Bamberg e.V., Obere Sandstrasse 18, 96050 Bamberg
- 10 p.m. Beat Virus: Ziel100, electronic dance music; Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg

Sunday, March 20

- 10 a.m. Flea market; Ausstellungsgelände Süd, 91301 Forchheim
- 11 a.m. Spring market in Zirndorf; stores open at 1 p.m.; downtown area, Marktplatz, Nürnberger Strasse, 90513 Zirndorf
- 5 p.m. Chantons ensemble; French songs and chansons; Studio 13, Luitpoldstrasse 40, 96052 Bamberg, phone: 0951-2086303

Special Events/Exhibits:

March 17, 8 p.m. Sweet Soul Music, musical revue; music by legendary soul musician like James Brown, Ike & Tina Turner, Aretha Franklin and many more; prices from €30; Joseph-Keilberth-Saal, Konzert- und Kongreßhalle, Mußstrasse 1, 96047 Bamberg; for tickets call BVD Kartenservice at 0951-9808220 or visit www.sweetsoulmusicrevue.com

Until March 25: "Wiederaufbau – Wirtschaftswunder" Special exhibit about the German Economic Miracle (Wirtschaftswunder) following WWII; Ämtergebäude, Steingasse 18; Coburg; open during the work week, closed Sat/Sun, Friday open until noon; phone: 09561-891519

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation in 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>.



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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explained how they can provide assistance with a variety of maintenance issues.

After the morning conferences and a short break for lunch, the commanders moved into the conference room and began briefing after action reviews (AARs) of what they learned in the first 100 days of combat. The battalion commander tasked each company to provide three sustains and three improves.

"We want to sustain several things, continue training on the new equipment while on maintenance days and continue to field the most relevant Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) equipment," said Capt. Brian Looney, company commander for 370th Sapper Company from Bowie, Md.

Once the AAR meeting finished, the commanders and staff attended a command and staff brief with the Battalion Commander (BC). They discussed conditions in their areas of operation and gathered feedback from the BC. After they completed the briefing, all the officers in the battalion gathered for Officers Call, or "O'call."

The battalion O'call is a chance for officers to get together, relax and present good-natured jives at the other officers in a type of "kangaroo court." The battalion commander presides over the event and gives arbitration and guidance on any dispute that arises during the course of the night.

Each company is responsible for submitting a nomination. The best nomination receives the battalion's cherished "shovel" until the next month's O'call.

Once the O'call was complete, most of the company commanders retired for the night to prepare for the next day of the conference. In the morning, commanders attended a NIITEK corporation (Non-Intrusive Inspection Technology, Inc.) instructors briefing about their vehicle mounted mine detection system, known as the "Husky." After the classroom briefing, the commanders drove the vehicle on a training course to see if they could locate IEDs. The battalion commander's intent behind this session was



Photo By 2nd Lt. Michael Chigbrow, Task Force Dolch
1st Sgt. John Arellano-Arias with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, checks to ensure that Soldiers have properly donned their protective masks properly during the February Soldier and non-commissioned officer of the month board at Forward Operating Base Shank on Feb 18.

to have the company commanders experience what their Soldiers experience when they operate this equipment.

"I found the training relevant, and it will help me select the right Soldiers to serve as operators for this piece of equipment," said Capt. Jessica Durbin, company commander for 535th Engineer Support Company from Shippensburg, Pa.

Following the Husky training, all of the commanders then attended several briefings the battalion and brigade staff delivered. The battalion chaplain facilitated a small-group session addressing ways to avoid stress and improve communication. Task Force Paladin and 160th Explosives Hazard Coordination Cell representatives discussed current and future C-IED equipment and enemy IED trends. Task Force Hammer's legal advisor provided the commanders with legal information and clarification concerning current orders and policies in Afghanistan.

"I liked having the Paladin folks here to learn about new equipment and being able to ask them questions," said Capt. Scott Sparrow, company commander from Layton, Utah for the 744th Mobility Augmentation Company, an Army Reserve company attached to the 54th Engineer Battalion. "I thought all of the briefs were good. I was a little concerned that it would be a dry, boring two days but the briefs were relevant."

The final part of the conference occurred when company commanders received their individual counselling from the battalion commander. This counselling provided in-depth feedback on the accomplishments the company commanders have made over the past few months and provided guidance and expectations to incoming company commanders.

"The feedback from the commanders about the conference went very well, they enjoyed the topics," said Lt. Col. Timothy Holman, battalion commander for the 54th Engineer Battalion.

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