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## Vandals' damage of community playground adding up

By Mindy Campbell,  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Several recent vandalism incidents at a local playground have cost U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg time and money to repair.

The playground, located in the Flynn Housing area on Upper Beech Way, has been vandalized three times since the fall of 2009, said Angelika Gruneberg, a Department of Public Works employee.

The most recent incident happened last week and included damage to the wood, iron and plastic.

The two previous incidents, which occurred September 2009 and March 2010, have cost the garrison about \$5,000 to repair and replace the damaged property, Gruneberg said.

A cost estimate has not been calculated yet for the latest incident.

"This equipment is being used by the children of our community and, therefore, has to be kept in proper conditions," Gruneberg wrote in an e-mail. "It takes a lot of extra funds to fix these willful damages."

In response to the incidents, the USAG Bamberg Military Police will be increasing their normal patrols in the area, said Maj. Seamus Garrett, provost marshal. From now until school ends, the MPs will be out patrolling in the



*Courtesy Photo*  
Vandalism to the playground in the Flynn Housing area has cost the garrison about \$5,000 to repair. Community members are encouraged to report suspicious activity to the Military Police by call 0951-300-8700. Parents of the vandals can be held responsible for the damage.

afternoons and evenings, especially in the park and housing areas. Once the summer break begins, the patrols will increase in duration.

In addition, Garrett encouraged parents to talk to their children.

"Parents should encourage their children not to damage the playgrounds," he said. "The children - and the parents - can ultimately be held responsible for the damage. Our parks are a wonderful asset to this community and we want to ensure they stay that way."

## Three of 173rd's battalions change command in Bamberg

Staff Sgt. Bruce Cobbeldick,  
173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team

BAMBERG, Germany -- The best brigades in the Army are often defined by the strength and effectiveness of its battalions, and throughout this week, the legacy of three of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team's six battalions were passed on to new commanders here, which comprises half of the Sky Soldier's six battalions.

The three ceremonies, conducted Monday-Wednesday marked a significant series of changes for "The Herd," who just completed its reset operations and is now engaged in ramping up its training in order to ready its paratroopers for future contingencies and deployments as America's first response team in Europe.

Showing full support for its battalions, the brigade came from its Italy-based headquarters

to meet and welcome the new leadership to the Sky Soldiers family.

"We could have not performed to such high standards without your combined efforts. Thank you for your incredible commitment to the Brigade over the last three years," brigade commander Col. Kyle Lear said to the Sky Soldiers of these illustrious units.

Lear began each of the three, separate ceremonies by thanking the Soldiers, families and commanders of the respective battalions, as well as Family Readiness Groups.

The first ceremony Monday began with the Brigade Support Battalion. Promising to keep his remarks short, Lt. Col. Curtis Johnson said that words could not express the great pride he had for the accomplishments of the battalion. Johnson said that nothing can prepare a man for an occasion such as this. Noting the

tremendous sacrifices that his wife, Lisa, has made, he said words can never do justice to the many sacrifices she has made.

Johnson remarked to his children that he realized the many moves and deployments have not been easy, and he thanked his family for their support and understanding. With great emotion, Johnson recognized three Soldiers in the battalion who made the ultimate sacrifice, and vowed that their memories will never be forgotten. Johnson thanked spouses, volunteers and loved ones for all their help; he also extended appreciation to Lear for allowing him to lead his battalion as he saw fit.

He said his bidding farewell to the men of BSB with a sense of comfort because he knew the battalion was going to be in good hands, as Lt. Col. Luis Velez was uniquely qualified to lead the Soldiers of BSB, moving forward.

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# Leaders hope green education teaches children to love nature

By Mindy Campbell,  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children," states a Native American proverb.

Bamberg Elementary School leaders take that philosophy to heart and hope that by reaching the students at a young age, they will be able to foster a love of nature and environmentalism in the children, said Beverly Erdmann, principal.

"Educating our children to be environmentally aware and to develop Earth-friendly habits at an early age are the best ways to ensure a bright and clean future for generations to come," said Erdmann. "I have to say that the children are the biggest advocates once they understand the importance of preserving our Earth."

Through an active recycling program the students are learning the importance of recycling, Erdmann said. The student council assisted with labeling the recycling containers in each of the classrooms and designed special posters for the outdoor containers.

"Next year, they are planning a campaign to educate and motivate students to recycle," Erdmann said.

In addition, they educate the children about energy conservation.

"We are continually reinforcing energy conservation in terms of turning off lights and electrical appliances when they are not in use," Erdmann said.

By participating in the recycling program, children are learning how and what to recycle as well as understanding the consequences of not doing it, said Delome Greenwald-Schmitt, a second grade teacher, who has spear-headed the environmental program at the school.

"They know the relationship the world has to... Earth and to nature," Greenwald-Schmitt said.



Mindy Campbell

**Bamberg fire chief Harald Doktorowski, left, shows students from Bamberg Elementary School how to use a fire hose at an Earth Day event on Warner Barracks Wednesday.**

"They know how to take care of it and that if they don't, they won't have a world to live in, especially a healthy one. They are becoming truly globally aware."

The culmination of the school's conservation programs was held yesterday in honor of the Army's Earth Day. The event kicked-off at the elementary school with a program that included skits and songs performed by the children, Greenwald-Schmitt said. In addition, the winners of the Department of Public Works' environmental calendar art contest were announced.

Following that, the students headed out to Engineer Lake where they helped plant a tree, had a barbecue and encountered different nature stations where they gained hands-on experience with a variety of organizations. The 14th annual event held at Engineer Lake was sponsored by the DPW's Environmental Management Division and the elementary

school.

"The event at the lake is wonderful," Greenwald-Schmitt said. "Some of the children have never seen a tree being planted before. This is something they will never forget."

The students also had a chance to see up close farm animals at one of the stations.

"Some of the students have never seen a live farm animal," Greenwald-Schmitt said. "They have never touched the earth or smelled flowers."

By teaching the children about nature in elementary school, Greenwald-Schmitt hopes that it will have a lasting effect on the students.

"They will grow up to be environmentalists and naturalists," she said. "They have learned to care about life. They have a reverence for nature."



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## Honoring our warriors



Douglas DeMaio

Lt. Col. Steven L. Morris and Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Ocanas lay a wreath during a Memorial Day ceremony at Warner Barracks' Memorial Park May 26. To learn more about Memorial Day, visit <http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/memday/>.

## Adjustments needed for new AFN Europe satellite

George A. Smith, Armed Forces Network Europe Public Affairs number, 00800-2362683662 (00800-afnantenna).

The American Forces Network's satellite delivery platform is changing, requiring viewers who have an AFN decoder and satellite dish in their home to make some changes by July 31 to continue to get AFN TV.

"We know this change will inconvenience folks," said Col. Bill Bigelow, AFN Europe commander. "But we're doing all we can to help viewers make the necessary adjustments. We've set up a toll-free help desk, on-line manuals, and how-to videos to try and facilitate a smooth transition to the new satellite."

The AFN Help Desk will be manned Tuesday through Friday from 1-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Central European Time). Viewers from Germany, Italy, Belgium, the United Kingdom and most other European countries will be able to call in via a toll-free

Since the process of setting up a dish and re-adjusting a decoder varies according to decoder model, location and other variables, the help desk and on-line materials are especially critical. AFN Europe has posted manuals and how-to-videos in English, German and Italian at [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net). Click on the Eurobird 9A icon for the manuals and videos.

Direct-to-home viewers will need to reconfigure their home decoder and realign their satellite dish from the current satellite Hotbird 6/9 at 13 degrees East, to the new satellite, Eurobird 9A (EB9A) at 9 degrees East.

The move to the EB9A satellite positions AFN to better serve the audience in the future. If you have questions about whether this satellite change affects you, visit [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net) or give the AFN Help Desk a call.

## Student-run production gets cooking on hits, high notes

By Mindy Campbell,  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Students from the Bamberg Middle High School awed a sold-out crowd in the multipurpose room Friday night with their musical performances during the annual variety show.

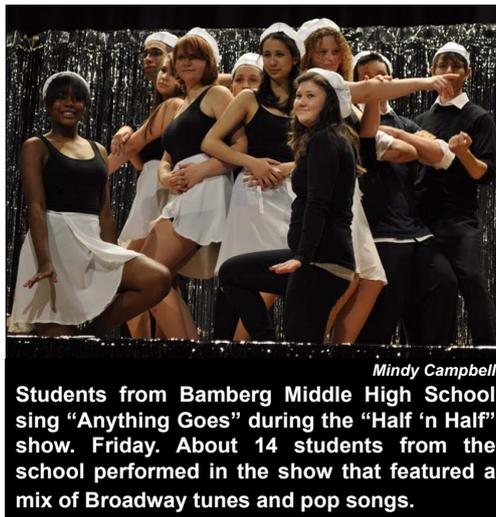
About 14 students performed in "Half 'n Half," a show that featured a mix of Broadway tunes and pop songs.

In the past, the school has hosted "A Taste of Broadway," which featured dinner and a variety of Broadway musical songs.

This year, the show was completely student-run and produced. When it was announced that the annual show was not going to happen due to teacher moves, two seniors – Charlotte Woods and Nick Ruiz - came forward and volunteered to direct and produce the show.

"I personally wanted to get it up and running again because it's something we graduating seniors hold close to our hearts as a significant memory in our time at BMHS," said Woods, in an e-mail.

With Woods tackling the technical side of the show, she coordinated the ticket sales and arranged for the culinary arts department to



Mindy Campbell

Students from Bamberg Middle High School sing "Anything Goes" during the "Half 'n Half" show. Friday. About 14 students from the school performed in the show that featured a mix of Broadway tunes and pop songs.

cater the dinner that was served prior to the show.

The attendees dined on lasagna, Caesar salad and finished off the night with chocolate cake and flan.

While Woods took on the technical side, Ruiz choreographed much of the show.

Both seniors collaborated on the creative vision for the show, as well as incorporating some of the cast members' ideas, Woods said.

"We took it in a different direction this year and



Mindy Campbell

Nick Ruiz, middle, acts in a scene during the Friday night musical performance. Ruiz, along with Charlotte Woods, not pictured, volunteered to direct and produce the show.

it was more of a democracy because we let our entire cast have a say in what they did and didn't want to do," Woods said. "We even included more full-cast songs this year to ensure that everyone has larger amounts of stage time."

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# Paratroopers mentor Bamberg's second-grade students

By Jessica Lipari, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

Carullo said.

BAMBERG, Germany -- Posted around the halls of the Bamberg Elementary School are picture collages of students and Soldiers sitting in a classroom together.

The parents appreciate the time the Soldiers are spending with their children and showed it by hosting an appreciation breakfast.

On a Tuesday morning, one can stop by Chris Hochstetler's second-grade classroom to find this is where the pictures were taken and witness first hand students and Soldiers participating in group activities.

"The benefit for my son Jeramy is that he gets to see that all Soldiers are caring and committed individuals just like daddy," Carullo said.

Hochstetler initiated the program in December where Soldiers can visit weekly to help the second-graders with math, writing, reading and crafts.

Students in the second-grade class who have a parent deployed have found this program helpful.

"When the Soldiers come in, they reteach or reinforce something that I have already taught," Hochstetler said. "It is another way of assessing the standard that was taught."

"They have an opportunity to stay connected to their deployed parent through the contact and connection with their Soldier mentor; the Soldiers fill a void in the child's life while that parent is away," Carullo said.

First Sgt. Rick Carullo of A Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, whose son Jeramy is in Hochstetler's class, helped start up the program.

Staff members at the school support the program, with many teachers asking how they can get the program started in their own classrooms. Principal Beverly Erdmann visited the second-grade class to observe the interaction and activities taking place during the program.

"Our Soldiers have been conducting this partnership since our return from Afghanistan and have no problem (sharing) their time for the children," Carullo said. "It is very rewarding for them to see the smiles on the children's faces as they enter the room every week."



Jessica Lipari  
Clarissa Goomtam, on the left and Adelynna Colon work on a math activity while Sgt. Chris Berry, A Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, watches. Berry coordinates and participates in the weekly visits to the Bamberg Elementary School's second-grade classroom.

Nine Soldiers were selected from the company and then paired up with two or three children from the class. Each week, they work with the same children, allowing the Soldiers and students to build a strong relationship, Hochstetler said.

engage students in learning."

The personal interactive experience of this program benefits not only the students, but Soldiers and the parents as well, Hochstetler said.

Erdmann would like to get more units involved in the program, allowing more students to benefit.

"The benefit to the Soldiers, is that whether they are single Soldiers or married Soldiers with children, they get a better understanding of the impact military life has on our children and a keen sense of community,"

"Debra Heit's third-grade class also works in partnership with the Soldiers from our school's partner unit, the 16th Sustainment Brigade," she said. "Both programs are a huge success."

For more information on this program, call Cheryl Tibbs, Bamberg Elementary School assistant principal, at 0951-300-7616.

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Ruiz said the process, which they started back in December, was stressful, but fun.

"It was a daunting task," Ruiz said. "It was a great way to end the year. I can't believe how much talent we have here."

Dominick Calabria, the school principal, was impressed with his students and the show.

"It was wonderful," Calabria said. "I think it may have been one of the best performances since I have been here. The students scripted, ran and performed the entire production by themselves. I think that is the key point why it was so successful."

Due to the response to the show, Calabria asked the cast to reprise their performance. A second show will be held



Mindy Campbell  
Students from Bamberg Middle High School culinary arts department cater a dinner before the "Half 'n Half" musical performance, which featured a mix of Broadway tunes and pop songs. Attendees dined before the show and ate a dinner prepared by the students, which included lasagna, Caesar salad and chocolate cake.

Thursday, June 2 in the multipurpose room at 3:30 p.m. The show is open to the public.

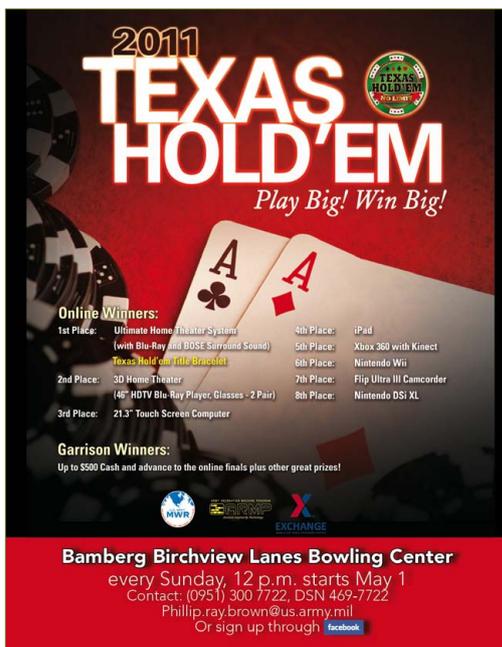
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## Science fair



Photo by Mary Denty

Bamberg Elementary School check out an exhibit at the science fair May 4. Military and civilians judged all the sixth grade students' projects using established criteria. The science fair was open to all students in the school. Parents and staff helped to set the room up and take it down. The community was invited and the response was overwhelming.



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<http://www.bamberg.army.mil/mobi/form.asp>.

### Spouse Sweepstakes

The "Salute to Spouses' Sweepstakes," created by the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation to promote military spouse appreciation day, runs through May 31 on [www.mwrpromotions.com](http://www.mwrpromotions.com). The sweepstakes offers four grand prizes: a laundry machine; an outdoor room package that includes a patio set and propane burner grill and two lounge chairs; an Exchange shopping spree/gift card worth \$1,500; and a Commissary shopping spree/gift certificate worth \$1,500. The sweepstakes is open to military spouses from any active service component, to include Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and their respective Guard and Reserve units, as well as retiree spouses who possess a valid military ID and are 18 years of age or older. Entries are limited to one per person. Winners of the prizes will be posted on or before July 24 at [www.mwrpromotions.com](http://www.mwrpromotions.com).

### Donations Accepted

Donations are being collect for orphans June 4 from 5 - 7 p.m. and June 5 from 4-8 p.m. at the Bamberg Chapel. Canned foods, used clothes and toys will be accepted.

### Blood Drive

There will be a community blood drive sponsored by Bamberg American Red Cross at the Basics Building in Bamberg June 8 from 8 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Make an appointment today at <https://www.militarydonor.com/index.cfm?group=op&hlc=Bamberg>.

### Scrapbooking

Learn different ways to present journaling on your scrapbook pages as well as creative uses for page titles June 3 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Family Readiness Group Center. Participants will have a chance to win a DYMO Caption Maker. The cost is \$15. All crops include dinner, hourly door prizes, and a free instructional class. Childcare is available at the FRG center play room with child care providers at a cost of \$2 per hour per child. Reservations for childcare must be made in advance as space is limited. For more information, call 0951-300-7308 or [wendy.sledd@us.army.mil](mailto:wendy.sledd@us.army.mil).

### Europa Park

Visit Germany's largest amusement park, Europa Park, June 4. The bus departs from the Freedom Fitness Facility at 3 a.m. The trip is sponsored by the

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program, but is open to the entire community. The price per seat is \$85. Children 3 and under have free entry to the park, but must pay the bus seat fee of \$40. Sign up through Freedom Fitness Facility, call 0951-300-8890/9086, or contact a BOSS representative.

### Trance

Meet the "Trance Lady", Joanna Cameron, June 11 at 7 p.m. at Stable Theater. Cameron is a clinical hypnotist who offers weight loss, anxiety reduction and smoking cessation classes. At the Stable Theater, she'll prove her reputation as being the "Monty Python of hypnotists". Fasten your safety belts for this high paced romp of extreme silliness and side splitting laughter. Admission to the show is free.

### Army Birthday

U.S. Army Europe will celebrate the 236th Army Birthday during the Army Birthday Ball June 11 at 6 p.m. at the Village Pavilion, Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. The dress for military is Dress Blue with Bow Tie and for civilians Formal, with a black tie. The price per person includes dinner and entertainment. E1-E7, GS-7 and below is \$20. E8-O6, GS-9 and above is \$33. General officers and Senior Executive Service civilians is \$40. There are a limited number of tickets available and they are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Guests must be 16 years of age. Reserve your seat today with payment by visiting the USAREUR Protocol Office, Keyes Building, Room 215, Campbell Barracks, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Mammograms

The Bamberg Health Clinic is looking for volunteers to assist with administration of breast cancer screenings June 20-21. The time frame is from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. If interested, call 0951-300-8972 or e-mail [gail.kemp@amedd.army.mil](mailto:gail.kemp@amedd.army.mil)

### Bible School

The Bamberg Community Chapel is taking registrations for this year's Vacation Bible School. The theme this year is Nazareth and will be June 20 - 24. The time will be from 9 a.m. - noon. Volunteers are needed. For information, e-mail [gigiandken@hotmail.com](mailto:gigiandken@hotmail.com).

### Change of Command

The 1002nd Military Police Battalion (Criminal Investigation Division) will have a change of command on June 24 at 10 a.m. on Summerall Field. Lt. Col. Sonya K. Friday will change command with incoming commander Lt. Col. Jason M. Stoddard. The inclement weather location will be in the Basics



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### 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 June 4, Aug. 6, Oct. 1 and Dec. 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dates for Parents Night Out will be 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.

### Weekly Reminders

#### MWR Guide

Bamberg's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Guide for the month of June is now online at <http://issuu.com/BambergMWR/docs/june2011>

#### 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 p.m. until the end of September. For more information, call 0951-300-8261/8262.

#### DFAC Feedback

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

#### 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. For more information, call 0951-300-8001.

#### 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](mailto:RedCross.Bamberg@eur.army.mil).

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# Night at the Lake

June 10  
USAG Bamberg Engineer Lake

Camp set up starts 3 p.m. Live band 5-7 p.m. Family-friendly movie approx. 8:30 p.m. (at dusk). Dinner and breakfast items available at the MWR Imbiss wagon. Camping equipment available for rent at Outdoor Recreation.

Contact ODR at Tel. (0951) 300 9376

**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.

**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.

**Library Events**  
The library hosts weekly events. There is storytelling

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# 10k Trial Run & Mountain Bike Race

Aug. 13, 9 a.m.  
followed by the Bike Race  
at USAG Bamberg Local Training Area (LTA)

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USAG Bamberg Freedom Fitness Facility, DSN 469-8890, (0951) 300 8890

This event is sponsored by:

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for children ages 3-5 years old every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. There's also a Gamers' Challenge that meets every Saturday at 5 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-1740.

**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.

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

**Learn Deutsch**  
Army Community Service, Relocation Readiness Program, offers free Deutsch 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.

**Protestant Summer Study**  
Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet on Wednesdays, beginning June 8 9:30 - 11:30, in the Bamberg Community Chapel. The summer study will be the Women of Faith DVD. The Pair O' Bulls DVD will be shown to school age children. All ladies are welcome. Free food and childcare provided. For more information, call 0951-300-1570 or send an email to [pwoebamberg@yahoo.com](mailto:pwoebamberg@yahoo.com).

**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 weekday 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

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**Customs Office**  
The Bamberg Customs Office is located in Rooms

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## Recycling Progress

The first quarter of 2011 Bamberg recycled an averaged 38.33 tons of paper per month.

The value is based on recycling efforts between January-March.

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.

## Sports, Health and Fitness

### Waist Whittlers

Bamberg community members are invited to participate in a women's weight loss support. The group, for those looking for support to help them with their weight loss goals, will be held the first and third Thursday of each month in the Army Community Service building from 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Beth Danowsky at 0951-300-7913 or by e-mail at [elizabeth.a.danowsky.ctr@eur.army.mil](mailto:elizabeth.a.danowsky.ctr@eur.army.mil).

## Youth and Teens

### Youth Sports Coaches Needed

CYS Services is looking for coaches for the fall sports season. Children of coaches play for free. Coaches' clinics are held June 9, July 14, and Aug. 11, 6 p.m. at the School Age Center, Building 7669. For more information, call 0951-300-7523 or 0951-300-8698.

### Student Grades

The "You Made the Grade Program" rewards students for above-average academic achievement and inspires them to continue to work harder.



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Community Flea Market

Every second Saturday (March-October)

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



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Ask your unit's BOSS representative or sign up directly at FFF

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Join a BOSS sponsored trip to Germany's biggest Fun Park. Children 3 years and under have free entry, bus seat is \$40.

Info and Sign-up: FFF, Tel. (0951) 300 8890/9086

E-Mail: [mail.bam.dfmwrboss@eur.army.mil](mailto:mail.bam.dfmwrboss@eur.army.mil)

Recognizing student's academic achievements offers the Exchange an opportunity to contribute to the military community quality of life and establish loyalty in our younger generation. This program provides an incentive for youth, not only to stay in school but also, to excel. For more information, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/community/youmadethegrade/>.

### CYSS summer sign-ups begin

U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg community members can now sign up for Child, Youth and School Services summer programs at Parent Central Services beginning at 8 a.m. Bamberg summer programs include summer camps, youth sports, EDGE!, SKIES and a Kinder Readiness bootcamp. For more information, call Parent Central Services at 0951-300-8660 or visit the Bamberg CYSS Facebook page, or log on to webtrac.

### 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, call 0951-300-7452.

### Cub Scouts

There is a Cub Scout Pack 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, Bowlarama, etc.) Volunteers are needed to assist with den meetings and committee planning. Come and join in the fun of Cub Scouts. For more information, call 0162-234-0906.

### 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. For more information, 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>.

## 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 0951-300-8874.

## 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](mailto:bambergaquabarons@yahoo.com).

## Continuing Education

### Registration

University of Maryland University College Europe announces registration for the summer session. Registration for on-site courses is available through June 5. Registration for Europe online courses continues through June 12. For more information on registration, scholarships, and services, contact a UMUC Europe field representative or visit [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu).

### Scholarship

University of Maryland University College Europe is offering a \$500 Military Family Member Scholarship. It was created exclusively to help military spouses and dependents of all active-duty service members obtain a quality education. The scholarship may be used toward UMUC tuition and textbook fees for the summer 2011 session. Both new and current students are eligible to apply. For active-duty enlisted service members, UMUC is also offering the \$100 Orkand Family Military Book Award. Details can be found at [http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial\\_aid](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid).

### Field Study

Field study courses give students the opportunity to explore fascinating locations in Europe while earning university credit. Upcoming field study courses include HIST 217C/317C The Cultural History of London II July 30 - Aug. 6 in England, and ARTH 199L/489L Picasso in Paris Aug. 6-13 in France. Visit [www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy).

### PTA Scholarships

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



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**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 students 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**

**Fitness facility closed**

The Freedom Fitness Facility will be closed for cleaning May 27 - 30.

**AAFES Hours**

The Army Air Force Exchange Service will have altered hours May 27-30. Exchange will be open May 27 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., May 28 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., May 29 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and May 30 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Military Clothing and Sales will be closed on Memorial Day All concessions will close at 4 p.m. The food court will close at 5 p.m. Burger King will close at 7 p.m. and Popeyes will close at 5:30

p.m.

**Frankfurt Benefits Office Change**

The Federal Benefits Unit in Frankfurt has a new telephone number to call if you need assistance with Social Security, Medicare or Veterans Administration issues. The new number is 069-95551-110. The Federal Benefits Unit, Frankfurt may also be reached at [FBU.Frankfurt@ssa.gov](mailto:FBU.Frankfurt@ssa.gov) or by FAX at 069-749352.

**Vehicle Registration**

Vehicle Registration office will be closed May 30, June 2-3 and June 13, 17 and 23. For more information, call 0951-300-7580.

**POV Inspection**

The Privately Owned Vehicle Inspection Station will be closed June 3 and 17. For more information, call 475-7277.

**Airport Shuttle**

The Frankfurt Shuttle Bus has modified hours. The shuttle departs from the Bamberg Army Community Service building Monday-Friday at 6:25 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 holidays, but is on training holidays. Pets are allowed. For more information about the airport shuttle, call 069-695973816.

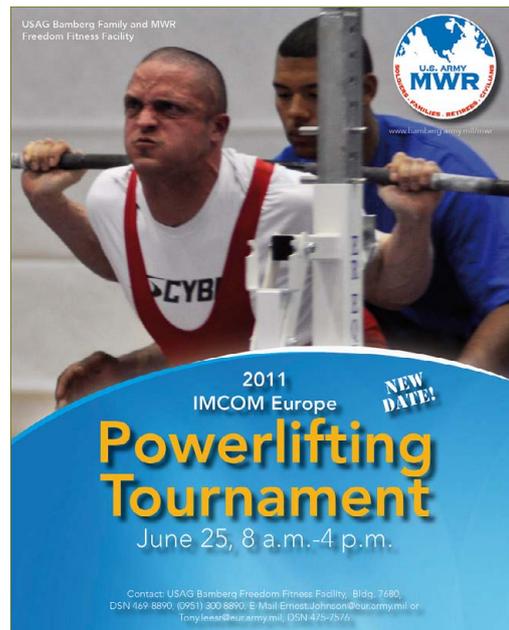
**CYSS facilities closed**

All Child, Youth and School Service facilities will be closed May 30.

**Entertainment and Leisure**

**Night at Engineer Lake**

Enjoy campfire, marshmallows and family camping at U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Engineer Lake June 10-11. Tents can be set up from 3 p.m. onward. Set-up is free of charge. A music band starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. followed by a family-friendly movie at 8:30 p.m. Barbecue items will be available for purchase at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation imbiss wagon. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. the next day until 10 a.m. at the MWR imbiss as well. Camping equipment is available for rent from MWR Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 0951-300-9376.



USAG Bamberg Family and MWR  
Freedom Fitness Facility

2011 IMCOM Europe  
**Powerlifting Tournament**  
June 25, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Contact: USAG Bamberg Freedom Fitness Facility, Bldg. 7680  
DSN 469 8890, (951) 300-8890, E Mail [Ernest.Johnson@eur.army.mil](mailto:Ernest.Johnson@eur.army.mil) or [Tony.Lewis@eur.army.mil](mailto:Tony.Lewis@eur.army.mil), DSN 475-7277

**Poker Tournament**

Take part in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation poker tournament every Sunday beginning May 1. This is a five-week event that runs through May 29. The top two seeds of each week will advance to the final table on June 5. The top three prizes will be cash prizes. The first place winner will receive an entry to an online worldwide poker tournament for the U.S. Army. The entry is free. For more information, call 0951-300-7722.

**Holka Polka**

Come see students of the Franconian International School perform "Holka Polka" for free at the Stable Theater at 7 p.m. June 9. The play follows a young witch on her quest to save the prince from a sleeping spell. The prince has been put under a spell and no one will fess up. It's up to a good witch named Brenda to save the day. Along the way to the prince's castle, Brenda meets dancing gnomes, a misunderstood wolf, a crying princess, and many other well-loved fairytale characters like Cinderella, the Big Bad Wolf, Pinocchio, Humpty Dumpty, the Fairy Godmother and a menagerie of witches, wizards, gnomes and fairies. Through the course of solving the mystery, delightful characters come to terms with who they really are. Performed by students at The Franconian International School in Erlangen. For more information, e-mail [stabletheater@eur.army.mil](mailto:stabletheater@eur.army.mil).



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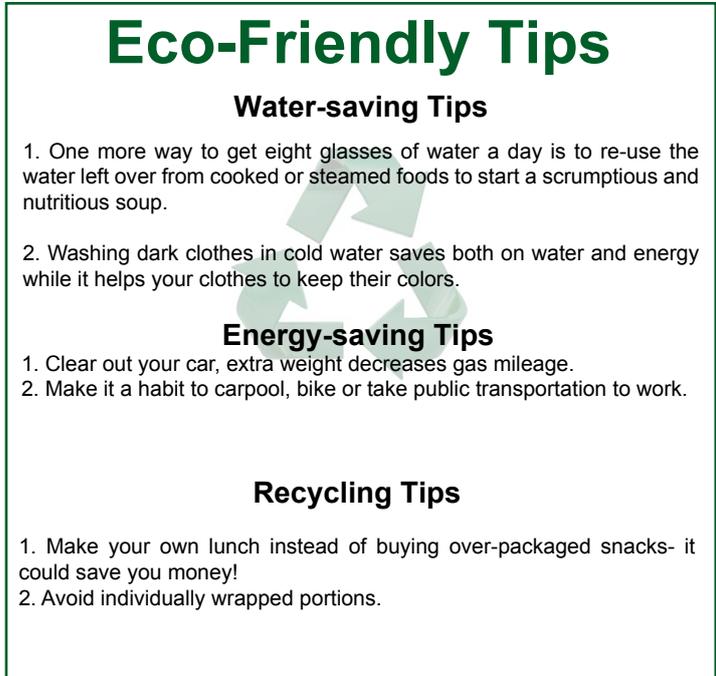
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**Eco-Friendly Tips**

**Water-saving Tips**

1. One more way to get eight glasses of water a day is to re-use the water left over from cooked or steamed foods to start a scrumptious and nutritious soup.
2. Washing dark clothes in cold water saves both on water and energy while it helps your clothes to keep their colors.

**Energy-saving Tips**

1. Clear out your car, extra weight decreases gas mileage.
2. Make it a habit to carpool, bike or take public transportation to work.

**Recycling Tips**

1. Make your own lunch instead of buying over-packaged snacks- it could save you money!
2. Avoid individually wrapped portions.

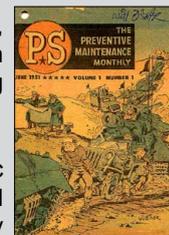
## Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reel Time Theater is closed  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Thu	May 19	The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thu	May 26	Red Riding Hood (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	May 27	Priest (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	May 28	Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		Priest (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	May 29	Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		Paul (R)	7 p.m.
Mon	May 30	Paul (R)	7 p.m.
Thu	June 2	Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	June 3	Pirates Of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	June 4	Sucker Punch (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		Pirates Of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	June 5	Pirates Of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		The Lincoln Lawyer (R)	7 p.m.
Mon	June 6	The Lincoln Lawyer (R)	7 p.m.
Thu	June 9	Sucker Punch (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	June 10	The Hangover Part II	7 p.m.
Sat	June 11	Hop (PG)	3 p.m.
		Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG)	7 p.m.
Sun	June 12	Hop (PG)	3 p.m.
		Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG)	7 p.m.
Mon	June 13	The Hangover Part II	7 p.m.
Thu	June 16	Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG)	7 p.m.
Fri	June 17	X-Men: First Class (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	June 18	Hanna (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		X-Men: First Class (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	June 19	Arthur (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		X-Men: First Class (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon	June 20	Your Highness (R)	7 p.m.

## PS Magazine marks 60 years of service

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. (Army News Service, May 17) -- The Army's master mechanic is still in uniform even though his tour of duty began during World War II.



Master Sgt. Half-Mast McCanick, an illustrated comic book character and archetype Army professional mechanic, first answered Soldiers' questions in Army Motors magazine during World War II.

Half-Mast, as he prefers to be called, and his sidekick, Cpl. Connie Rodd, took a break from military service at the end of the war, but the break was short-lived.

In June 1951, at the beginning of the Korean War, Half-Mast was...

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

## Soldier 360 takes shape, adding more extensive Physical Readiness Training

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany - As drill sergeants at Initial Military Training schools introduce new Soldiers to the Army's Physical Readiness Training, or PRT, Soldier 360, a military leader development course offered exclusively in Europe, provides seasoned noncommissioned officers instruction on the new standards while being supervised by a physical therapist.

"Soldier 360 provides direct, hands-on training in all areas of health and wellness for military leaders," said Col. Mary S. Lopez, director of strategic initiatives for the Bavarian Medical Command. "We develop the NCOs' (noncommissioned officers) 'muscle memory' and provide them tools to identify, respond, and manage physical, psychological, relationship, marital, and financial challenges with their Soldiers."



"Everything we do is based on research and reflects cutting-edge approaches," she said.

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

## Trips and Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation in May-June. Registration for trips begin 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>.



### May 27-31 Austrian Adventure Weekend \$375

Get your adrenaline pumping with some of the coolest spring-time activities in the Austrian Alps. We will kick off our week-end with rafting the first day, canyoning (descending mountain gorges by jumping & rappelling) on day two, and peak bagging by means of klettersteig (ascending mountains using fitted cables for protection) on day three. There will be plenty of time for self-guided hikes, swimming, the sauna, and relaxation. Transportation leaves Outdoor Recreation May 27 at 6 a.m. and returns May 31 at 10 p.m.

### June 4 Strasbourg, France \$65

With flavors of both France and Germany, Strasbourg is an ultimate European city. Visit "la Petite France," a picturesque neighborhood resembling a fairy tale and Place Kleber, a bustling square that's always bursting with activity. The trip includes transportation & a city tour. Children ages 4-12 are \$55; children 3 and under are \$45. Transportation leaves from the Chapel Parking Lot at 5 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m.

### June 4 Outdoor Climb \$25

Enjoy the summer air with friends and join ODR for an outdoor climb in the world famous sport climbing area known as Frankenjura. The trip includes transportation, instruction and equipment. Transportation leaves Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m.

### June 9 Tour Under Bamberg \$25

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 leaves Outdoor Recreation at 4:30 p.m. and returns at 7 p.m.

### June 10-11 Night at the Lake

Enjoy a night at Engineer Lake with Outdoor Recreation and other MWR facilities. There will be beer, camping, entertainment, and breakfast in the morning. Your camping gear (i.e. tents, etc.) can be rented from Outdoor Recreation for a reduced rate.

### June 15 Outdoor Climb \$25

Experience climbing in a world famous sport climbing area known as Frankenjura, while you observe the world from an angle rarely seen. Beginners are welcome. The trip includes transportation, equipment and instruction. Transportation leaves Outdoor Recreation at 5 p.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m.

### June 23 Evening Mountain Bike Ride \$15

Grab your bike or rent a Cannondale from ODR for \$10 as you enjoy the single-track terrain in the local area. This opportunity allows you to learn routes and stretch your legs after being confined to the office all day. You must sign up in advance. The trip leaves Outdoor Recreation at 5 p.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m.

## Referral process changes for host nation medical appointments

By Jennifer Walsh Cary,  
BMEDDAC Public Affairs

VILSECK, Germany -- Effective immediately, beneficiaries who are referred to a host nation provider for care can expect a 10-day waiting period between the date of their referral and the date the authorization for care is available.

"Prior to us having a contractor, the clinics issued their own authorizations, which is why we could give patients an authorization immediately," said Phyllis Morris-Samuels, deputy chief of Medical Management. "We are now operating under managed care so the contractor has assumed responsibility for issuing authorizations."

International SOS, the managed care support contractor, issues the authorizations, which are crucial to having a successful routine specialty appointment at a host nation facility.

"If you don't have an authorization, a couple of things could happen," she said. "It could be that the doctor won't see you because you don't have an authorization or they do see you and you may have to pay a portion or all of the claim."

The 10-day waiting period ensures the Tricare Referral Center receives the authorization and puts together a referral packet for the patient. The packet includes a copy of the referral, pertinent medical documentation, the authorization, an additional claims form in case the provider needs it and other information such

as directions to the host nation facility.

"We want to ensure you are not making multiple trips back and forth looking for an authorization so the timeline for referral packet pick-up was extended to 10 days," Morris-Samuels said. "Now it's a one-time stop at your military treatment facility.

"You'll have everything you need to complete your network appointment."

Although 10 days may seem like a long wait, Morris-Samuels stressed that for routine specialty appointments the access to care standard is 28 days from the date of the referral. This is also not unique to Europe.

"Other military treatment facilities in the U.S. have utilized a managed care support contractor for years," she said. "These facilities often have a seven- to 10-day wait for authorizations,"

"We here in Europe have only recently obtained the service of a managed care support contractor and now our referral process will be much more similar to the one Soldiers and families experience back in the U.S."

Patients who have urgent medical needs will go through an expedited authorization process.

"If it is urgent specialty care, we aren't asking you to wait 10 days," she said. "The Tricare Referral Center will work with the referring provider, consulting provider and ISOS to get that patient in with an authorization as soon as

possible."

Once patients have their authorization in hand, they can schedule their host nation appointment in one of three ways.

"The preferred way is that the patient calls and makes their appointment," Morris-Samuels said. "If you can't make the appointment because of a language barrier then ISOS can assist.

"And of course, your clinic's Tricare Referral Center is available to assist as well."

In the event of a medical emergency, which is defined as threat to life, limb or eyesight, patients should go directly to a host nation emergency room.

The patient should call ISOS or their local Tricare Referral Center to have an authorization retroactively issued.

Overall, she said adjusting to the new process is about embracing change.

"In reality, it's about change. We're just going to have to realize that military health care is changing," Morris-Samuels said. "We're growing into the managed care concept of medicine with the goal of maintaining quality, cost-effective health care."

For more, contact your local Tricare Referral Center or International SOS toll-free at 0800-181-8505.

## Dig, set, spike!



Szilvia Ascencio-Csapo

Teammates of Elizabeth Gonzalez, diving, maneuver to take a pass during the U.S Forces Europe Volleyball Championship at the Freedom Fitness Facility Sunday. The Bamberg women's team placed second and the coed team took first place. Ramstein's team took first place in both the men's and women's divisions. View more photos at [Bamberg's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Facebook page](#).

## Sun safety: Protect yourself from the sun

E. Wayne Combs, Ph.D. U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)

Every spring and summer, Soldiers get painful sunburns that lead to time lost from duty and training. Even in the winter, Soldiers can get a sunburn and "snow blindness." Also known as "welder's flash," snow blindness is a brief, painful swelling of the eyes. If you have a fair complexion and light hair, you are especially at risk for skin damage from the sun. The sun can also hurt your eyes, so even Soldiers with dark complexions need to protect themselves.

### How should you protect your skin?

Use sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor of 30 or above that protects against both Ultraviolet A and Ultraviolet B rays. Reapply every few hours if you can. Don't forget to apply sunscreen to your lips. Many lip balms contain sunscreen. Once opened, sunscreen loses its strength over a year, so replace your sunscreen at least once a year. Get a waterproof sunscreen if you will be sweating a lot or will be around water. To protect your skin, you should also seek shade, use your uniform to cover your arms and legs, and wear a wide-brimmed hat when possible to protect your head and neck.

### How should you protect your eyes?

Wear sunglasses that provide 100 percent UV protection. Sunglasses do not have to be expensive to protect well. Wrap-around shades work the best. Wide-brimmed hats also help. Use goggles in snow-covered areas.

### When should you protect yourself?

The sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Use the rule "Short Shadow? Seek Shade!" If your shadow is shorter than your height, you can get a light sunburn in about 35 minutes. But when your shadow is twice as long as your height, it would take about 90 minutes for you to get that same light sunburn. Pay attention to the UV Index. The UV Index informs the public of the level of UV exposure expected on a given day.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Math tutoring for high school/middle school students available. I am a certified teacher with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and a Masters in Teaching. Available to tutor on weekdays. Please e-mail me for further information: [dorothykim@gmail.com](mailto:dorothykim@gmail.com). (4/28/11)

Any person having claims or obligations to the estate of Staff Sgt. Joshua S. Gire of the 541st Engineer Company (Sapper), 54th Engineer Battalion should contact the summary court officer, 1st Lt. Steven Warner at 0951-300-7504. (4/21/11)

Wanted: German King Size Bed Frame. E-mail: [rushharry@hotmail.com](mailto:rushharry@hotmail.com). (3/31/11)

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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 [puromariachi@hotmail.com](mailto:puromariachi@hotmail.com). (1/3/11)

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## EMPLOYMENT

Central Texas College-Europe is seeking applications for Automotive Instructors who have an associate's degree or higher and a minimum of five years work experience in the maintenance field or a bachelor's degree and a minimum of three years work experience in the maintenance field or A.S.E. Certification. For more information, call 09721-96-8309; or e-mail [sarah.boerner@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:sarah.boerner@europe.ctcd.edu). (4/7/2011)

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)

Vendor/stocker position are available for night stocking in the Bamberg Commissary. For more information about available positions, 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](mailto:troy.shoemaker@us.army.mil).

Bamberg's Exchange is accepting applications for entry-level retail and food positions. Join a unique organization with the competitive package by applying online at [www.applymyexchange.com](http://www.applymyexchange.com) or by calling Human Resources Office at 0951-303159.

## FOR SALE

Kitchen for sale! Full kitchen including appliances for sale. Asking price is €2,000 OBO. Kitchen includes refrigerator, stove, oven, and dish washer. All appliances are high quality and fully functional. Lots of

cabinet space. Original price for the set was over €4,000. Only used for 1 1/2 years. Contact Holly Matesick at [hollydietzel@hotmail.com](mailto:hollydietzel@hotmail.com) for more pictures and further details. (3/31/11)

220 Volt Large freezer, \$250 Jeep jogger stroller- still in great condition. \$50 Low maintenance elliptical- \$20 Lightening 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](mailto:wgonzalez001@yahoo.com). (1/20/11)

Big free standing RCA HDTV on rollers. 51 1/2 inches tall, 48 1/2 inches wide, 120v, works great \$200 O.B.O. call 015151679661 or e-mail [brikenmar@yahoo.com](mailto:brikenmar@yahoo.com).

## AUTOMOBILES

2009 BMW 328XI, 19,000 miles, Sports Package, Premium Package, Cold Weather Package, US SPEC. \$29,900 Contact Jonathan Roberts, 01702027674 or [jonathan.f.roberts@us.army.mil](mailto:jonathan.f.roberts@us.army.mil).

For Sale: 1995 BMW 318i Sports Package, dark blue, manual transmission, German Specs. Passed Inspection April 15. 230K kilometers. Drives and handles very well. New water pump, rear shocks, stabilizer link and brakes. \$2,300. Call Chris 0152-2428-8428 or 0951-209-99112. (4/21/11)

For Sale: 2006 Ford Mustang for \$10,500. Very good condition. 5 speed. Black exterior with grey interior. Power windows, CD player. 46,000 miles. No accidents, one owner. Services conducted on time. Contact: Michael Battles at 0152-274-50479 or Jessica Durbin at 0151-42-439913 (4/21/11)

For Sale: \$3,500 OBO! 1996 Honda Civic Hatch, Euro Specs, Manual, EK9 2000 suspension. Just passed inspection, very good gas mileage, summer/winter tires. Contact: Edward Ablang at [edwardablang@hotmail.com](mailto:edwardablang@hotmail.com) or 0152-232-68033. (4/21/11)

For Sale: 1999 Mazda Demio hatchback.

Standard; Euro specs. - very good condition, dependable. 3rd owner, owned since 2002. \$1,500 0172-898-3445. (4/14/2011)

For Sale: 2005 Hyundai Accent, Automatic, Hatchback, only 56k miles, Silver. Super reliable. Exterior has some minor dings, interior in good conditions (non-smokers). Just passed inspection (Feb. 14). New brakes and tires. Asking \$3,000. DON'T BUY A BEATER BMW! CALL 0162-597-1027, [JFredrick\\_sw@hotmail.com](mailto:JFredrick_sw@hotmail.com). (3/3/11)

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. For more information and details, call Daryl at 015224123655- make an offer! (2/10/11)

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. (10/25/10)

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](mailto:wgonzalez001@yahoo.com). (1/20/11)

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## Outside the Gate

Compiled Simon Hupfer, Family and MWR Marketing Weekend

Events in and around Bamberg May 27 - May 29.

### Friday, May 27

- 2 p.m. Spring Plaerrer (spring-time fair): Carneval rides, food and fun for the entire family at Bamberg's Plaerrer fair ground (right by Park and Ride, Breitenau/Zeppelinstrasse, Air Field, 96052 Bamberg)
- 4 p.m. Judenstrassenfest at Judenstrasse, 96047 Bamberg
- 5 p.m. KONTAKT – The culture festival, at Aula of the Bamberg University, Dominikanerstrasse 2a. 96047 Bamberg
- 5:45 p.m. Long Night of Churches: Experience various concerts and guided tours through Bamberg's churches: Details: [http://www.kultur.bamberg.de/\\_plaza/kuba2008.neo?veranstaltungid=184608](http://www.kultur.bamberg.de/_plaza/kuba2008.neo?veranstaltungid=184608)
- 8 p.m. 125th Anniversary of Roschlaub Fire Fighters: Enjoy live entertainment with "Aischzeit" at the beer tent at Pausdorf, 96110 Schesslitz
- 8 p.m. Rock Concert with "Neumond", awarded best party-rock-band Germany 2008. 96123 Melkendorf, tickets are 6 Euros.
- 9 p.m. "Back To You" – Rock, Pop concert, Live Club, Obere Sandstrasse 7. Fans of Elton John, Alan Parsons, Rod Stewart will like the sound of "Back To You".
- 9 p.m. Rock-In-Concert Festival Warm Up Party with Andy Brings, live and DJ, at Habana, Boettgerstrasse 4
- 9 p.m. Sewer Rats & The Acting Apes at Sound-n-Arts, Obere Sandstrasse 20
- 11 p.m. The Beat Bass Bazooka: Electro, House, Mash-Up with Justus Schrotte, Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg

### Saturday, May 28

- 10 a.m. Guided tour at Schloss Weissenstein, Pommersfelden. Schloss Weissenstein, Schloss 1, 96178 Pommersfelden, 09548/981811, [schlosspommersfelden@schoenborn.de](mailto:schlosspommersfelden@schoenborn.de), [www.schloss-weissenstein.de](http://www.schloss-weissenstein.de)
- 12 p.m. Free organ concert at Bamberg's cathedral (30 minutes, Johann-Sebastian Bach and K. Hoeller)
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- 5 p.m. KONTAKT – The culture festival, at Aula of the Bamberg University, Dominikanerstrasse 2a. 96047 Bamberg
- 7:15 p.m. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Magical Flute, opera performed by Bamberger Marionettentheater, Untere Sandstrasse 30, 96047 Bamberg. Definitely a must-see while in Bamberg: Bamberg's historical puppets-on-strings theatre from 1821. Purchase tickets in advance at BVD, Lange Strasse 22. The historical theatre has only 31 seats.
- 8 p.m. 125th Anniversary of Roschlaub Fire Fighters: Enjoy live entertainment with "Aischzeit" at the beer tent at Pausdorf, 96110 Schesslitz
- 9 p.m. Irish Folk Rock with "Auld Corn Brigade", at Sound-n-Arts, Obere Sandstrasse 20, 96049 Bamberg
- 9 p.m. Foam Party at Tanzpalast Gunzendorf, Jurastrasse 30, 96155 Gunzendorf. [www.beautiful-noise-events.de](http://www.beautiful-noise-events.de)
- 11 p.m. Black and White Music (House, Techno, Deep House) feat. Narkis Tepler at Morph Club, Luitpoldstrasse 17, 96052 Bamberg



### Sunday, May 29

- 10 a.m. Pflingst Market (Fair) Marktplatz, 96132 Schluesselfeld. [www.schluesselfeld.de](http://www.schluesselfeld.de)
- 10 a.m. Lake-Fest at Fischerhuetten Gerach/Mauschendorf, enjoy smoked trouts and other specialties.
- 1:30 p.m. Fest Parade. 100th Anniversary of Obts- und Gartenbauverein Melkendorf. Franconian music by Bischberger Blaskapelle and Blasjapelle Litzendorf.
- 2 p.m. Fisherman Museum Fest, Hauptstrasse 130, 96120 Bischberg.
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### National Concert Schedule:

- May 30** Mr. Big, Munich, Kesselhaus
- May 31** Iron Maiden. Munich Olympiahalle
- June 3-5** 23rd International Africa Festival, Wuerzburg, Mainwiesen
- June 3-5** Rock Im Park feat. Coldplay, Kings of Leon, In Flames, System Of A Down and many more. Nuernberg, Zeppelinfeld
- June 11** Shakira, Frankfurt a.M., Festhalle

Now available: Gondola rides in Bamberg: Be enchanted by a trip on the River Regnitz in an original Venetian gondola. Enjoy the diversity of the city's one thousand year history during a romantic gondola trip along the Old Canal and past Little Venice among fascinating monuments and spots of natural beauty in an enchanting setting. Starting point: the Old Canal beneath the Upper Bridge. The duration is 30 minutes. Times: Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May-October) 3 p.m. - 3.30pm. Special appointments on agreement! Only six persons per gondola. For more information: [www.gondelfahrt.info](http://www.gondelfahrt.info)

Information in English on all guided tours is available on this website <http://www.bamberg.info/en/stadtfuehrungen/>

Dates and information on the popular "Kirchweih" festivities are available here. [http://www.kirchweihkalender-bamberg.de/2011/\\_plaza/kerwa.neo](http://www.kirchweihkalender-bamberg.de/2011/_plaza/kerwa.neo) Just click on the place-name sign of your choice to get detailed information on upcoming fests and "Kirchweih" events. For general information on Bamberg's sights, fests, party locations and freetime activities, check these websites: <http://www.bambergtravel.com/> or <http://www.bamberg.info/en>. The information is available in English and with the nice pictures you will get in the mood for getting out and enjoying yourself. Insider tips and ratings for the coolest pubs, clubs, bars and sights can be found on this website <http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Epe/Germany/Bavaria/Bamberg>

People who have been to these locations before share their insight information and experiences. It is a great resource for all who would like some more information on their favorite destination in and around Bamberg before leaving base. Enjoy the good weather with the volksmarching enthusiasts. At [http://www.dvwwandern.de/v\\_vb/10/Wandertage](http://www.dvwwandern.de/v_vb/10/Wandertage), you will find the upcoming dates of the volksmarching activities in Franconia. For general information on events in Franconia, you can check [http://www.dvwwandern.de/v\\_vb/10](http://www.dvwwandern.de/v_vb/10). For information on the German-American Volksmarching Club Bamberg (Deutsch-Amerikanischer Wanderclub Bamberg) and information in English, you can contact Mr. Wolfgang Keller, Warner Barracks, building 7090, room 103, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3-5 p.m.



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Lt. Col. Luis Valez said that it is a great honor to have the chance to lead such an outstanding unit - a battalion, which has a great reputation throughout the Army.

Valez thanked Johnson and his wife for all their help and support. Valez said he looked forward to serving with each of the Sky Soldiers as they face the challenges ahead.

The next day the 173rd Special Troops Battalion had a ceremony. While deployed in Afghanistan last year, Lt. Col. William Brown said the unit set the gold standard for partnerships saying Gen. David Petraeus referred to them for their 47 skills sets, who were instrumental in the Voices of Modern Islam Program, which partnered the Jordanian Soldiers of Task Force 222.

Brown, who managed a battle space of more than 5,000 square kilometers, started innovative programs that are being imitated by other units today. The Jordanian unit's commanding officer called and sent his regrets for not attending, but congratulated the Soldier of 173rd STB.

Lear recognized the commander's wife, Amy Brown, and the wife of the STB's Command Sgt. Maj. Dana Cooper, Tina Cooper, for donating more time than nearly anyone else at Bamberg, leading the way for the battalion to have the best volunteer record on the installation.

Brown thanked the crowd in German, translating it in English thanking everyone for their friendship and support, especially the German American Men's Club. Brown said his unit always did more with less and it never mattered what tasks his paratroopers were given, they did wonders, Brown said. Brown thanked his wife, Amy, for making the lives of the Soldiers and families better.

STB's new commander Lt. Col. Lee Hicks thanked Lear for the chance to lead the unit and



**Staff Sgt. Bruce Cobbeldick**  
Left: Lt. Col. Curtis Johnson, Col. Kyle Lear, and Lt. Col. Luis Valez prepare to change command at a change of ceremony Monday.

**Above: Lt. Col. William Brown** talks with guests after his change of command ceremony Tuesday.

**Right: Lt. David Sink** gives a final salute to paratroopers of 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment Wednesday.

extended his appreciation for their tremendous help and said that the battalion had a great reputation thanks to Brown and his wife's fantastic leadership.

The final ceremony conducted at Bamberg for "The Herd" was a ceremony for outgoing commander, Lt. Col. David Sink and it included the change of responsibility ceremony for Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Wood. The King of the Herd, the 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment.

With the colors being passed from Sink to Lt. Col. Kelly Webster, the King of the Herd began a new era on Wednesday. The brigade commander began the ceremony by greeting the guests and telling Sky Soldiers they looked awesome on the parade field.

Lear said Sink made a tremendous job of preparing his team for the deployment to Afghanistan and that the 4-319th is truly the king of battle. Whether assigned lethal or non-lethal missions, Sink and his team showed that their hard training paid off, Lear said.

The entire battalion set the standard, Lear said. Sink's team did the job better than anyone else could have. The 4-319th set the standard and Lear commended Sink for having a long and distinguished career.

Lear welcomed the incoming commander and expressed confidence in his leadership skills.

Sink said that in his 23 years in the Army, leading Soldiers during the 1980s, 1990s through now, there is no doubt in his mind that today's Soldiers are the best Soldiers in the history in the Army. Sink said that his men are the best trained and most disciplined field artillery airborne battalions in the Army. It reflects what we envisioned back in 2008, Sink said. Sink said that when he became the commander of the battalion the unit had an enormous challenge, but it was the troop's leadership and discipline that allowed his unit



to accomplish everything he asked of them and more.

He thanked his wife, Julie Sink, saying he never had to worry about the family or the household, while he was gone and he told his children he loved them and appreciated how his family allowed him to do what he loves - Soldiering.

It was inevitable that six different battalion commanders with Type "A" personalities and all peers coming together would cause conflicts to arise, but it never did. He thanked his fellow battalion commanders for their friendship.

"I can tell you that I never saw such a true, band of brothers. To my field grades, job well done. Thank you for supporting my vision and being able to juggle more than one ball at one time."

Sink thanked his command sergeant major for his calm leadership and total commitment to his paratroopers.

Sink encouraged Webster and incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin M. Jacobs saying he has the utmost confidence in their ability to lead.

Wood used his opportunity to address the crowd by thanking people and assuring his peers and juniors' efforts would not be forgotten.

Wood graciously introduced the combat veterans in the crowd and reminded them that under the force of their arms, they helped push out the Taliban and insurgency out of the way and he told his troops that they inspired him every single day.

Webster, the incoming commander for 4-319th thanked Lear, Sink and his wife for their help, support and hospitality.

Webster thanked the sergeants major and the dedicated noncommissioned officers for making the ceremony possible, complimenting the King of the Herd troops for looking outstanding.

With Webster's closing remarks, it ended a whirlwind tour by the brigade staff who showed up in force to support the leadership teams of three commands in three days, representing half of the brigade's six battalions in Bamberg.