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## Sustainment Command conducts command-wide NCO induction

By Mike Bowers,  
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany -- A 21st Theater Sustainment Command Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony for 27 Soldiers throughout the command took place in the Galaxy Theater on the Vogelweh Military Complex in Kaiserslautern on July 27.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin L. Hill, the command senior enlisted leader for International Security Assistance Force, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, was guest speaker for the event that included reciting the Soldier's Creed, candle lighting, oath of induction and Creed of the NCO and a cake cutting.

"It is an event that allows the leadership and community to know that these noncommissioned officers have crossed the line between being one of the Soldiers to a leader," said Hill.

According to Sgt. Tiffany Johnson, a parachute and systems inspector/tester with the 5th Quartermaster Detachment, the ceremony was awesome, and it felt great to be recognized.

"I now get to put everything I have learned to good use," said Johnson, a native of Hillsborough, N.C. "I will uphold and maintain the standards...do exactly what the NCO Creed means in the way of taking care of Soldiers."



**Soldiers recite the Soldier's Creed during the opening phase of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command-wide Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony for 27 Soldiers in the Galaxy Theater on the Vogelweh Military Complex in Kaiserslautern on July 27.**

Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Joseph Podunavac, driver for the deputy commanding general of the 21st TSC, said he was impressed with the ceremony, and it made him recognize that he has to take more responsibility and accountability for the things he does.

"Being a NCO has changed my whole outlook on the Army," said Podunavac, a Logan, W. Va.,

native. "Being a young Soldier, you don't see how things come together and are not part of the decision-making process. People look at me different and give me more responsibility. There is now more of a trust and respect value."

Hill said now is the time the new inductees need

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## Friendly Competition



Richard Martin

Soccer players line up before a recent friendship game between the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach soccer team and the Bad Windsheim Sport Club team at Storck Barracks. The event also marked the 25th anniversary of the local district heating plant that serves Storck Barracks.

## Exchange Mobile Center to open, offers variety to community

By Jessica Lipari,  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Staying connected with friends and family throughout the busy day is important to most people. Having a cell phone gives one the opportunity to be available 24/7 no matter where they are.

While stationed overseas in Germany, selecting a cell phone plan is an important decision as they are not similar to those in the United States. If one is not careful and chooses to use a cell phone company off post, they can enter into a contract that they do not fully understand due to the language barrier and end up having to empty their pocket book to pay the bill.

The Exchange recognizes the need for many to have a cell phone and has recently switched contracts from Telepost Kabel-Service to SIGA telecom.

According to a press release from the Exchange, "It has never been easier to sort through the dizzying array of wireless choices - whether it be for the latest 4G phones, a better data plan or just the newest skin - and make smarter choices."

At U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg, the new store, called the Exchange Mobile Center, will have a grand opening on Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Bamberg mini mall. There will be cake and coffee along with other activities,

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# Schweinfurt's Family Zone opens, provides indoor recreation area

By Nathan Van Schaik,  
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- The garrison here recently unveiled an indoor recreational area geared toward parents with children in an effort to boost quality of life, even as officials brace for a base transformation that will see its eventual drawdown and closure by the fall of 2014. The new Family Zone opened its doors July 25 in The Commons on Ledward Barracks.

"This will be a place for parents, kids and Families to relax, have a bite to eat, meet friends or use the Internet," said Nancy Sieber, a Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation specialist and program manager of the initiative.

The new family area will complement the [Warrior Zone](#) currently situated in the same building. The Warrior Zone is open to the entire community but remains a spot specifically reserved for adults and Soldiers after 5 p.m. What the Warrior Zone lacks for families, the Family Zone offers, said Sylvia Joiner, who manages the [Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers](#) program in Schweinfurt.

The idea for the Family Zone was hatched last year when Family and MWR managers received feedback from community members looking for a place to bring their kids. Then, in January, garrison staff began drawing up plans to deliver such a facility with its available funding and resources.

"When the Defense Department announced that USAG Schweinfurt would close, we found ourselves in a bind," Sieber said. "Funding was



Meg Gotheridge

**On July 25, Schweinfurt unveiled the Family Zone — an indoor recreational area geared toward parents with children in an effort to boost quality of life here. It includes a play area for children, big screen televisions, video game consoles, free wireless Internet and cozy furniture.**

an issue but we weren't going to let that stop us. We decided to improvise."

Faced with the new fiscal realities — the garrison here is not authorized to begin any new construction projects — Family and MWR staff, in coordination with the Directorate of Public Works, rearranged and remodeled the space once occupied by the [tax relief office](#) in The Commons, or Building 224.

The new area is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed on American holidays. It includes a play area for children, big screen televisions, video game consoles, free

wireless Internet and cozy furniture. Tables and chairs offer parents respite to enjoy food and beverages, which they can purchase from Rohr's Cafe just one door over. What's more, a video monitor is positioned nearby displaying the arrival of the [garrison shuttle bus](#) for those awaiting transit.

Family Zone patrons will have to take into consideration the responsibilities that come with a communal area, Sieber said. "To keep the area safe and clean, we'll all have to follow a few rules. Children must be supervised at all times and parents should refrain from using it as a diaper-changing area," Sieber said.

## DOD to improve voluntary education safeguards

WASHINGTON -- The Defense Department is nearing completion of an agreement with post-secondary schools to ensure service members have the best possible experience in continuing their education, a senior Pentagon official said, July 24.



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

## Army tightens body fat standards for some recruits

WASHINGTON -- All male recruits age 17-20 who enlisted after May 16, must now have a body fat percentage of 24 or less before they begin basic training. For female recruits in that age category, their body fat must be at 30 percent or less.



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



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# Bamberg has the blues... for seven days

By Simon Hupfer, U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Top-ranking international blues and jazz musicians will be performing at Bamberg's 6th Tucher Blues and Jazzfestival, August 6-12. This year's headliners are John Lee Hooker Jr. and band, the Bruce James Trio (USA), The Three Ladies Of Blues (USA) and the second generation of the world-famous Buena Vista Social Club, Soneros de Verdad (Cuba).

The annual week-long festival usually draws about 100,000 visitors to the two stages in Bamberg's pedestrian zone, and offers 50 different open-air concerts in seven days – and thanks to various sponsors all of them are free of admission charge.

"The festival is one of the biggest free festivals of its kind in Germany. From more than 1,000 applications out of 25 countries, we were able to put a sensational international and diversified program together," said Klaus Stieringer, head of the organizing Stadtmarketing e.V. association. Soneros de Verdad features seven top-ranking musicians that can be counted among the best of the world, Stieringer said.

During a stroll through Bamberg's downtown shopping mile and pedestrian zone, visitors can also enjoy concerts from neighboring music genres like klezmer (Global Shtetl Band, Poland), rockabilly (Danny and the Wonderbras, Germany) ska (Skambomambo, Poland) and Texas honky tonk (Mountarillo, Germany) and more.

Stieringer and Volker Wrede, as art director, turned the festival into a Franconian visitor magnet for all blues and jazz lovers from all over Germany. Last year the festival almost reached the location's limits, Stieringer said. Bamberg's Maxplatz was jam-packed during the main concerts and even during heavy rain showers hardly any of the present 10,000 blues enthusiasts left.

Even after the open air concerts, several bands will keep on jamming in various pubs and bars in Bamberg's old town.

A special offer during Bamberg's Tucher Blues and Jazzfestival is the "Get On Stage" workshop which is offered to jazz, rock, pop or classic musicians. It's designed to hone skills in various musical fields, like composition, arranging and mixing sound tracks and singing or stage performance. Interested parties have to sign-up online.



Frank Vigil Photography

John Lee Hooker Jr., son of the 20th century blues legend, is the headliner at Bamberg's Tucher Blues and Jazzfestival and will perform Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Maxplatz.

"The relationship between Americans and Bamberg is affected by friendship and trust. I'm looking forward to bring a piece of home to our American friends at the Tucher Blues and Jazzfestival. I'm looking forward to seeing them there," Stieringer said.

Information on the festival and all featured bands is available at <http://blues-jazz-festival.mybamberg.de/programm/>. Check out all featured bands at <http://blues-jazz-festival.mybamberg.de/bands/>.

## Gaining Experience



Courtesy Photo

Pfc. Travis Bennett, a Soldier from the 15th Engineer Battalion, repairs a sink. Bennett was one of three Soldiers to participate in a monthly apprenticeship with Schweinfurt's Directorate of Public Works.

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leadership mentoring, nurturing and encouragement.

"They're going to go out and make mistakes ... tomorrow," said Hill. "We need to be there to pick them up and encourage them after they've made their mistakes. If they're not making their mistakes, chances are they're not doing anything. We want NCOs that do stuff."

NCOs inducted at the ceremony were:

**16th Sustainment Brigade:** Deandre Clay, Markanthy Gutierrez, Angel Hernandez, Christopher Moore, Garrett Russ and Steven Smith.

**18th Engineer Brigade:** Brent Bowers, Fatisha Clark, Ronald Martin and Bradford Smoot.

**18th Military Police Brigade:** Azizdin Azizdeen; Jordan Kearney, Bradley Mester, Jeffrey Meyer and Eric Villarreal.

**21st Special Troops Battalion:** Michael Helton, Christopher Brown, Joseph Podunavac, Kathrine Genavia, Eric Meneses, Tiffany Johnson, Aaron Leake, Francisco Zavalza, Stacy Cook, Teresa Canales, Angelina Ramirez and Joshua Thompson.

# Schweinfurt BOSS program named Europe's best

By Spc. Adrian Sherrod,  
USAG Schweinfurt BOSS President

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- An Army-wide program here geared toward providing opportunities to single Soldiers in Schweinfurt recently took top awards for Best Installation Program, Best Event and Best Warrior Zone in Europe.

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers executive council spent the last week of June training, learning how to run the organization better and competing with other programs to be the best in U.S. Army Europe.

Some of the U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt BOSS council members to attend the Installation Management Command-Europe BOSS and Warrior Zone Training program this year included Spc. Adrian Sherrod, the BOSS president; Aaron Henry, the Warrior Zone manager; Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Gordon, the senior enlisted advisor; and Silvia Joiner, a Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation BOSS advisor.

Annually, BOSS program council members from different U.S. Army Europe garrisons come together to share experiences and lessons learned and to compete against each other. The three major competition categories were the Best Warrior Zone Photo, Best Installation and Best Event.

The only criterion for Best Warrior Zone



Margaret Gotheridge  
**The Schweinfurt Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, which is geared toward providing opportunities to single Soldiers, recently took top awards for Best Installation Program, Best Event and Best Warrior Zone in Europe.**

Photo required the presented photo entries to showcase the three pillars of BOSS: community service, recreation and quality of life. The other competition categories included video entries and were judged by the same criteria, but it was restricted by size and time constraints.

The Schweinfurt BOSS program beat out other garrisons including Stuttgart and Wiesbaden, and walked away with first place trophies in the Best Installation Program and Best Event competitions. Additionally, the Ledward Warrior Zone was awarded Best Warrior Zone in Europe.

"This was a lot of fun. I feel like the council

all shined well in their individual strong points and that's why we were able to take home all three trophies," said Spc. Dequindrae Ogletree, the Schweinfurt BOSS administration officer. "Things just work better when you've got a team that excels in all the places that other members are weak in."

BOSS personnel from the Department of the Army, along with staff from other venues, taught classes on all aspects of the program.

U.S. Army Europe executive council members from all garrisons were trained in all aspects of the BOSS program from the basics, such as the three pillars of BOSS, to more intensive subjects, like financial planning and inspector general reporting.

The Schweinfurt BOSS council mutually expressed their satisfaction with the training. However, their disappointment comes as all members change duty stations within the next nine months.

"We'll be getting new BOSS representatives and council members. Replacing the ones that have become permanent fixtures will be hard, but as long the new individuals do their best, I've got no worries," said Spc. Cyril Pennerman, the Schweinfurt BOSS treasurer. "We're leaving them a great program. Besides, if they don't bring home the trophies again next year, our advisors won't let them hear the end of it."

## Logon access for TRICARE Online to change Aug. 17

By Douglas DeMaio, Bavaria Medical  
Department Activity Public Affairs 24/7.

VILSECK, Germany -- The logon process for TRICARE Online is changing Aug. 17.

Users logging into their accounts can use either their MyPay username and password or their Common Access Card.

"The site itself, once you get in, hasn't changed a whole lot; it's getting into the site that is going to change," said Sgt. 1st Class Juan Olivarez, who works as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of Clinical Operations for Bavaria Medical Department Activity.

The new logon will provide a new, easy and convenient way to log on to the site, Olivarez said.

"I think it will eliminate the need for multiple passwords and it makes it a little quicker to get into that site," he said.

TRICARE Online is a Department of Defense patient portal that allows authorized TRICARE beneficiaries to access personal health data, refill prescriptions or schedule appointments

A person can view their schedule, view or cancel appointments in real-time. The system also allows users to set auto reminders for their appointment, which are sent via email to either a government account or commercial email service.

"No-shows are a big problem and with this, you give a Soldier one more option to cancel an appointment," Olivarez said.

TRICARE Online provides military health care beneficiaries with the best opportunity to engage the military health care system and interact with their electronic health care data, said Terrance J. Eiteljorge, a managed care specialist with U.S. Army Medical Command.

"People using TRICARE Online are less likely to contribute to the missed appointment rate, which causes Military Treatment Facilities to lose millions of dollars annually in lost revenue and productivity," Eiteljorge said. "Many studies have shown that a patient who is actively engaged in their own healthcare is much more likely to achieve a higher state of wellness and maintain that state throughout their lives."

MyPay accounts are available to all active duty Service personnel and retirees, but family members have an opportunity to use TRICARE Online.

"If you are a spouse, you should be using your DS (DoD Self-Service) logon identification," Olivarez said. "That used to be a whole separate process where you had to physically go into an office, verify your eligibility in DEERs and request a user name and password through the mail. You had to wait weeks, or longer, to get it."

"That was also changed in the past couple of months. You can now verify your status online and receive a user name and password, also, online."

Basic DS logon accounts limit users to booking appointments and ordering prescription refills on an individual basis.

Family member booking and Blue Button access is not available through a basic account.

To register for a premium account, visit the DoD My Access Center website at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/>.

## Stable Theater to offer additional theatrical workshops, tap dance class

By Heidi Sanders, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- The Theatrical Workshop Series at the Stable Theater has been well received by the community, organizers said, and three additional workshops have been added.

The free series kicked off July 12. Jack Austin, U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's entertainment director, said about 25 participants attended the first two workshops.

For that kind of thing, for us it is a good turnout," Austin said.

Approximately a dozen people took part in the July 26 workshop on writing situation comedies and improvisation.

Austin said both children and adults have been attending the workshops.

"We've had several Families really enjoying doing things together in the theater," he said. "There aren't many recreation activities, outside of travel, that can really, truly be enjoyed by all members of the Family in a significant way."

Originally the workshops were scheduled to run through Aug. 23 but three additional dates have been added.

"There were some people who were not here this summer who expressed some interest in doing these," he said.

The remaining workshops are Aug. 2, Directing; Aug. 9, Singing for Broadway; Aug. 16, Clowning and Body Movement; Aug. 23, Stage Management Essentials; Aug. 30, Auditioning; Sept. 13, Moving on Stage; and Sept. 27, Stage Tech. All workshops are from 6-9 p.m.

Austin said he hopes the workshops will spark interest in the Stable Theater's fall production, "101 Dalmatians."

Auditions for the show will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 5-6 at the Stable Theater. The auditions are open to aspiring actors age 7 and up. No preparation is required to audition. The shows will run in mid-November.

The Stable Theater also will offer tap dance classes beginning Sept. 11. The classes will be offered Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m.

The classes are open to adults and children. Previous tap dancing experience is not required.

Austin said the classes will be free thanks to a grant from the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club.

Participants will be asked to buy tap shoes. Austin said the Stable Theater will help facilitate the purchase if needed.

Austin said attendance at all 15 tap dance sessions is not required. "However, we are strongly encouraging people to come to all the sessions," he said.

Austin said it has been a while since the Stable Theater has offered dance lessons. He said jitterbug lessons were offered in 2004-2005.

Nora Sobering will teach the tap dance classes. Sobering has a background in dance and theater. She has choreographed several musical productions, including "Hairspray" for which she won a Topper award.

"We are taking advantage of Nora's skills while she is here," Austin said. Depending on the success of the tap classes, Austin said, the Stable Theater may put on a future show that includes tap.

To register for the theater workshops or tap dance classes, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647 or send an email to [stable.theater.tickets@eur.army.mil](mailto:stable.theater.tickets@eur.army.mil).

## Bamberg community honors Soldier killed July 19 in Afghanistan

By Heidi Sanders, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Friends and colleagues remembered Cpl. Darrion T. Hicks as a dedicated Soldier with a promising military career ahead of him.

Hicks, 21, died July 19 in Ghazni, Afghanistan, in an improvised explosive device attack.

Hicks, who was assigned to the 42nd Clearance Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, was honored at a memorial service on July 26.

Lt. Col. Thomas Austin, commander of the 54th Eng. Bn., said when Hicks joined the Army he was a gangly, tall Soldier, who others were not sure would adapt to Army life.

But, Hicks proved all those who doubted him wrong, Austin said.

"He turned those supposed weaknesses into strengths," Austin said.

Hicks attended -- and excelled in -- the Army Warrior Leader Course, Air Assault School and Sapper Leader Course, Austin said.

"He was on track to become an NCO (noncommissioned officer) before his first term of enlistment expired," he said.

Pfc. Ezra Wilson, Hicks' friend, said Hicks will not be forgotten.

"I promise you, your legacy will live on through all of us," Wilson said.

Hicks is survived by his mother, Tracy Hicks; father, Paul Hocutt Jr.;



Heidi Sanders  
Lt. Col. Thomas Austin, 54th Engineer Battalion commander, kneeling, and Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Lowenthal, also with the 54th, pay their final respects to Cpl. Darrion T. Hicks.

two brothers, Devin Emerson and Kendrick Hocutt; a sister, Danielle Emerson; and grandparents, Paul and Cora Hocutt.

# First deployment: A Schweinfurt spouse shares her views

By Sarah Chambers,  
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs volunteer

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- So the day my spouse deployed has come and gone. I am going on week four of my first deployment as a military spouse in Schweinfurt, our first duty station. This is also our first time overseas.

I received deferred travel up until three months before he deployed and we celebrated our one year wedding anniversary a matter of weeks before he deployed.

So if you are a military spouse, like me, you know the story or have one similar.

Before the deployment date arrives it stays as a looming blip in the back of your mind. As it draws closer and closer you barely have time to ask him for logins to pay bills and where to find the hide-a-key for the front door.

After your final goodbye, the deployment ceremony is over and strangely that gives you a small amount of relief. But as I headed to an empty home, or, in my case, a house with two dogs that run past me looking for someone who isn't coming home, the dogs and I realize it's just us.

As the first few days went by I started feeling proud of how I was holding myself together. My stomach occasionally dropped and I found it hard to breathe when something small happened like, finding his Physical Training stuff still laying on the floor or when I came across a forgotten coffee cup he left sitting on the counter.

I have been told that the first week is the hardest, and I've found some truth in that. But once I eventually established a routine and as

time started moving forward — even if it seems like it does so at a snail's pace — I realized that I shouldn't deprive myself of the joy in reminiscing over great time spent together and the memories my spouse and I made. I can take my occasional emotional hiccups of hearing a love song or my favorite memories and keep going.

So with my heart on my sleeve, I asked myself, "What should I do?" The answer has been simple: keep busy and get involved. It is something I've found that makes the time pass more quickly. I allowed myself a few days of moping. Then I got out there, started making new friends and I have been trying to stay active so I don't sit at home.

I discovered that the Schweinfurt community and surrounding areas have a lot to offer. My first recommendation to anyone in the same shoes would be to get involved with your Family Readiness Group. I have found that my FRG has been a great source to find comfort and support during the deployment, especially since everyone in the FRG is in the same boat. Whether you participate in a community fundraiser, a spouse's retreat or at a large community event like I did on the Fourth of July, an FRG is a great way to stay connected.

I also learned about another great program, [Military and Family Life Consultants](#), if I need to reach out and talk to someone. You can talk to them about something small like being homesick to something larger like ongoing depression. You can make an appointment by calling 0151-1002-3585. Off-site meetings are also available.

The next tip I was given was to check out the [Schweinfurt Army Garrison Facebook](#) page and [Schweinfurt Community website](#). I've

found these sites to be vital resources for all things happening in and around Schweinfurt. Here they have information about upcoming trips, events or festivals and job fairs in our community. So far, I have grabbed a friend of mine and we enjoyed a night out at a local wine festival.

Another suggestion is to travel. I told myself, "You're here in Germany, make the most of it!" Just a few hours of driving and I can be in major cities like Berlin or Munich and I can visit countries like Austria, France or Italy in a weekend. But it may be best for you if you don't tell your spouse if you venture to [Oktoberfest](#) without him or her. Or, if you want someone else to plan a vacation for you, check out [SATO Travel](#). So during the deployment I plan to gas up the car and hit the road. I don't want to miss the opportunity to travel while I am here.

After planning all these activities to keep me busy, I feel that I will need to take a break once in a while. A great secret that I learned about is US TV Now, a site where you can watch American TV channels like ABC, NBC, CBS and others for free. You can pay a little more per month for extra channels. You can even get a virtual digital video recorder.

If home projects are more your thing, then the [Self-Help Issue Point](#), or SHIP, is a resource you need to know about. I have been able to get anything from light bulbs to yellow trash bags to paint and supplies.

Take my advice. Go out, explore and have fun while in Bavaria. Next time you're wondering how you will get through the next months, or wishing there was something to do here in Schweinfurt, make use of these resources available to you.

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give-a-ways and special offers.

The Exchange Mobile Center will offer service plans with the four largest cellular service providers in Germany, which include T-Mobile, Vodafone, O2 and Base.

In addition to offering service plans, they will have a wide selection of cell phones including the newest smartphones and accessories.

"Exchange Mobile Center brings the wireless world into the Exchange through top brands and great services, all at competitive prices," Mike Lanham, Exchange general manager, said in the press release. "Our trained and highly knowledgeable wireless professionals are familiar with all the offerings and can help customer pick the plan or handset that best meets their needs."

Community members with a current cell

phone contract with TKS do not have to worry about canceling their contract and retaining a new one from SIGA telecom. Existing TKS contracts will be turned over to Deutsche Telekom and SIGA telecom will be able to look at these contracts and help you with them if you visit their store.

By utilizing the services offered on post community members are guaranteed that, they can get out of their mobile phone contract when they deploy or receive permanent change of station orders. If PCSing to another part of Germany, they will have to keep the existing contract.

Retaining a contract off post cannot guarantee this and often one may find themselves having to pay cancellation fees for not fulfilling their contract.

Additionally, the service provided at the Exchange Mobile Center is in English, and the contracts are in English as well. This

will ensure that when signing a contract you will understand the fine print and not incur additional charges, restrictions or stipulations that they may not understand on a contract written in German.

Value Added Tax forms cannot be used for telecommunication plans but can be used if purchasing a cell phone separately.

However, VAT forms can be used for landlines and internet plans.

TKS will remain open at USAG Bamberg as they will continue to provide telephone landlines and internet services to community members.

For people living on post TKS is the only provider that can provide these services to your house. For those living off post, there are other options but by using TKS you are guaranteed to get service in English.

## Franconia Military Community Announcements

### CID seeks qualified Soldiers

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, is actively recruiting qualified Soldiers who are interested in pursuing a career as a federal law-enforcement officer. For more information, visit [http://www.cid.army.mil/join\\_CID.html](http://www.cid.army.mil/join_CID.html).

### 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.

### DEERS Validation

Soldiers are responsible for ensuring Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System information is updated. Please see the ID card section to update your DEERS information.

### OneSource Mobile

Army OneSource is now available for smart phone browsers. The launch of a mobile device version will optimize Army OneSource the mobile experience for visitors. Visit [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com) today.

### 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.

### Sexual Assault

Your Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is available 24 hours a day. Call 0162-510-2917 for the 24-hour hotline.

### Pre-Separation Briefing

Planning to move from Soldier to civilian? Take

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Turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth can cut your water usage in half.

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; offered 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.

### Trial Defense Services

If you're a Soldier and you are questioned by law enforcement, Criminal Investigation Division or members of your command about suspected acts of misconduct, you have the absolute right to remain silent. You have the right to refuse to answer any question, even from your commander and you have the right to talk to an attorney. If questioned, you should immediately, demand to speak to an attorney. As a Soldier, you are entitled to free consultation and representation by a military defense counsel. All communications with a trial defense attorney are privileged and will not be released to your command. Let a U.S. Army trial defense attorney help you. For more information, come speak with a free trial defense attorney.

### 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>.

### Involved Consideration

Missed appointments diminish a medical facility's ability to provide efficient health care. The next time you cannot make your medical appointment, please be considerate and cancel your appointment. We need your involvement to provide better care for our military community.

### Scout Program

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects three young people — of the Boy or Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts or Venturing Crew — who have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, scouting and the community. The first-place winner receives a \$5,000 award, the second-place winner receives a \$3,000 award and the third-place winner receives \$1,000. For more information, visit <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Scout-of-the-Year-Scholarship/>

### PTA Scholarships

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

### Post 911 GI Bill

Take advantage of your military benefits. Earn a degree or skill with your Post 911 GI Bill. Find out more about your benefits by visiting <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>.

### Edelweiss Resort

Ongoing specials and packages Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. This full-scale resort and alpine lodge is in the heart of the Bavarian Alps and ski country. The hotel is part of USAG Garmisch with nearby AAFES shopping and gas facilities. There are often deals and package specials available. For more, visit [www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com](http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com).

### Utility Tax Relief Services

Tax Relief Office offers a new service for U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, Bamberg and Schweinfurt 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. For more information, call the Warner Barracks' tax relief office at 0951-300-1780, Leward Barracks' Tax Relief Office at 09721-96-1780, Bismark Kaserne's Tax Relief Office at 09802-83-1780 or Storck Barracks' Tax Relief Office at 09841-83-4553.

### Family Advocacy Programs

Army Community Services' 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. Contact your local ACS for dates and class schedules.

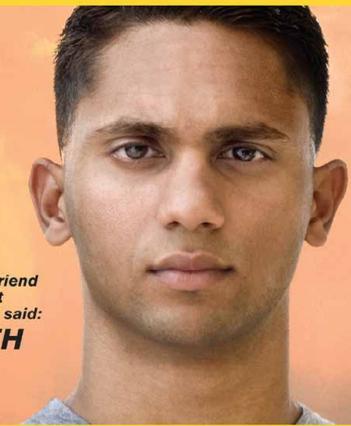
### Immediate Appointments

Are you tired of waiting on hold while scheduling a medical appointment at health clinic? With TRICARE Online, you don't have to wait on hold. You can schedule appointments, refill prescriptions and manage your health needs better. Register today at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com). To learn more, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7VeUlyTMa4>.

### Pertussis Prevention

Pertussis, or whooping cough, is on the rise. It affects people of all ages, is most severe in children and can be fatal in infants. Immunizations children get to protect against this disease wanes with time. Unimmunized, infected adults can unknowingly spread pertussis to children. Symptoms in adults can appear like a common cold and develop into violent coughing. Preventing the spread of the disease is possible. To protect yourself but, most importantly, the children of our community, we urge adults to be vaccinated against pertussis. Ask your health clinic professionals about the Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis vaccine or T-DAP.

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**24/7 Bamberg Sexual Assault Hotline: 0162 510 2917**

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## Ansbach Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Ansbach Public Affairs at [usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil).

### Help Wanted

The Katterbach Thrift Store is in dire need of volunteers. If you have some time to donate, we would really appreciate it. Our hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-2 and Thursday from 12-6. Any time you have to spare would be helpful.

### Job Fair

Army Community Service is having a job fair on Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Von Steuben Community Center on Bismark. Representatives will be there from Army and Air Force Exchange Services, Community Bank, Subway, PONDS Security, Inverness Technologies, Army Career and Alumni Program, University of Maryland, Central Texas College, University of Oklahoma, Embry Riddle and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. For more information, call 09802-83-2374.

### High Wire Act

Mark your calendars for a great family event. The Weisheit Family High Wire Act will be Aug. 2 at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. at Urtas Housing Area. There will be a shuttle bus (route coming soon), food and refreshments. For more information, call 09802-83-2929.

### Arts and Crafts Sale

Fifteen percent off all frames and engraving supplies through September 1. Building 5262 on Barton Barracks next to Vehicle Inspection. For more information, email [ansbachartscrafts@eur.army.mil](mailto:ansbachartscrafts@eur.army.mil) or call 0981-183-7627.

### BOSS Trip to Croatia

Hey BOSS Soldiers! Take a trip to Pula, Croatia on August 9-13. Costs are \$299 for Single Soldier (double occupancy) and \$349 (single room). Includes transportation, two nights at Hotel Pula, breakfast, dinner, and a three hour guided tour of Pula. Sign up now at Concierge in the Von Steuben Community Center on Bismarck. For more information, call

09802-83-2921.

### Family Camping at Soldiers Lake

Enjoy the outdoors with the Family at Soldiers Lake on Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. Camp at no cost, equipment available at Outdoor Recreation. Stick around on Aug. 4 for the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars youth fishing event at 8 a.m. Fishing equipment is provided. For more information, call 09802-83-3225.

### Auditions for Disney's "The Little Mermaid"

Calling all Ariels, King Tritons, Ursulas and Flounders: Auditions for Disney's "The Little Mermaid" are taking place on Aug. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. at Terrace Playhouse. For more information, call 0981-183-7636.

### Closures and Changes

#### Legal Office Closed

The Ansbach Legal Office, to include Legal Assistance, Claims and Military Justice will be closed on July 27 for consolidated Office of the Staff Judge Advocate training at Grafenwoehr. For more information, call 09802-83-2475.

#### New U.S. Customs hours of operation

Effective 1 Aug 2012, the hours of operation for the U.S. Customs office will change. Normal operation will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday and will be closed on U.S. holidays. The first Friday of every month the office will be closed for customer service operations. On these days, those personnel who need short-term fuel cards will need to go to the Ansbach Military Police Station.

#### Fuel Pump Closure

The Transportation Motor Pool Fuel Pump, Building 6644, at Storck Barracks is closed until further notice due to a malfunction.

#### Stork Barracks Vehicle Refistration Closure

The Vehicle Registration Office will temporarily suspend the Storck Barracks Vehicle Registration Office operations. All vehicle registration operations will be provided at the main office on Barton Barracks, 3rd floor, Room 303, Building 5254. For more information, call 09811-83-7892.

### Youth and Teens

#### Rainbow Elementary School

Rainbow Elementary School on Barton Kaserne will be having a Back to School barbecue on Aug. 24 at 3-5 p.m. Class lists will also be posted at this time. The first day of school for grades 1-6 is Aug. 27 and kindergarten will begin on Sept. 4.

#### Ansbach Elementary School

Here are some important dates for the mini-cougars to mark on their calendars. On Aug. 24 there will be a student/Family orientation at 11 a.m. followed by a Back to School barbecue at 1-3 p.m. The first day of school for grades 1-6 is Aug. 27 and kindergarten will begin on Sept. 4. Sept. 3 is Labor Day and there will be no school.

#### Soccer Camp

U.S. Youth Soccer is a soccer program designed for youth ages 8-18 years old that would like to participate in a year round soccer program. U.S. Youth Soccer is putting on soccer camps at various military installations around Bavaria. Camps are open to youth of any soccer level that would like to improve on their soccer fundamentals. Camp dates

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Don't Drink and Drive

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- Alcohol and asphalt are the recipe for a deadly cocktail.
- DUI crashes aren't accidents — they're indiscipline.
- Hit the bottle, hit the road — get hit by an Article 15.

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for Ansbach are August 18-19. The camp costs \$90 per player. If you would like to sign up or would like further information about the U.S. Youth Soccer program please email [oberpfalzsoccer@yahoo.com](mailto:oberpfalzsoccer@yahoo.com).

#### Katterbach Child Development Center

Hourly care is available Monday to Friday with the exception of federal holidays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact Parent Central Services at 09802-83-2533 to make reservations.

#### Storck Child Development Center

Hourly Care is available Monday to Friday with the exception of federal holidays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Please call the CDC in advance to make reservations. For children 6 weeks to 24 months call CDC Main at 09841-83-4505 or for children 24 months to 5 years call CDC Annex at 09841-83-4423.

#### Family Child Care Opportunities

Looking for hourly, part-day or full-day child care? Katterbach in-home Family Child Care providers have slots available to meet your child care needs. For availability, please contact Parent Central

**Family Camping**  
at nearby **Soldiers Lake**

Stick around!  
AUG 4 • 8 A.M.  
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(Fishing Equipment Provided)

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**Ansbach Arts & Crafts Center**  
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For more information on Ansbach community announcements visit,  
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# ARCHERY BEGINNER WORKSHOP



**STORCK**  
AUG 7, 21  
Location TBA

**URLAS**  
AUG 14, 28  
Soldiers Lake

**TIME**  
Children: 6 p.m.  
Adults: 7 p.m.

- NO COST  
Sign up for as many sessions as you'd like
- REGISTRATION  
One week prior to session
- LIMITED SPACE AND SUPPLIES  
Feel free to bring your own

**INSTRUCTORS & EXPERIENCED ARCHERS NEEDED**

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:  
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Services at 09802-83-2533. Interested in providing child care from your home? Child, Youth School Services is recruiting for Family Child Care providers (living in government quarters) to run a child care business from home. Some of the benefits include; free training with curriculum beneficial to your own children, FCC Certification is beneficial worldwide, easy transfer of credits to next duty station and work toward a college degree while you provide child care. For more information, contact the Family Child Care office at 09802-83-2536.

**Ansbach Girl Scouts**

What is green, almost 100 years old and hip and cool as ever? Girl Scouts! Come be a part of the adventure and fun that is Girl Scouts. Any girls kindergarten through 12 grade are welcome. To join or for more information, email [gsansbach@yahoo.com](mailto:gsansbach@yahoo.com) or call 0151- 445-12471.

**EDGE!**

After school activities for middle and high school youth is available at no cost. For more information Katterbach Kaserne Parent Central Services at 0909802-83-2533 or Storck Barracks Parent Central



## GET AHEAD AT THE JOB FAIR

**AUG 9 • 10 - 2 p.m.**  
**Von Steuben Community Center**

Community Bank • Subway • AAFES • PG&D's Security • Inveness Technologies  
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Embry Riddle • And more

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CIV: 09802.83.2374



Services at 09841-83-4880.

**Sports, Health and Fitness**

**Community Soccer**

The Ansbach Community soccer team is scheduled to play against the USAG Grafenwoehr team on Aug.4 at 11 a.m. on the Grafenwoehr Sports Field.

**Flag Football**

Come and join USAG Ansbach's Flag Football at the Katterbach and Storck Physical Fitness Centers. The league games start in August. The league is open to all Soldiers, civilians and local nationals. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

**New Aerobic Class at Katterbach**

A new aerobic class called "Power XTREME" will start at the Katterbach Fitness Center on Aug. 2 and will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. This class includes a variety of fitness components geared towards optimal health and fitness enhancement. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

**Aerobic Certification**

The U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Sports and Fitness Center will host an AFAA Certification at Katterbach Physical Fitness Center on Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. This is a one day course aimed at certifying candidates aspiring to become group Aerobic Instructors. For more information, call 09802-83-2771, or view the AFAA website, [www.AFAA.com](http://www.AFAA.com).

**Unit Softball**

The 2012 U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Unit Softball Season will end July 31 at the Katterbach Sports Field. The championship game will start at 7 p.m. USAG Ansbach will be represented by the 516th Military Police team at the Army European Unit Championship in Hohenfels on Aug. 3-8. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

**Racquetball Challenge**

Racquetball Singles Challenge on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 10- August 21 at 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sign up at Katterbach and Storck Fitness Centers, Concierge in the Von Steuben Community Center and Storck Community Activity Center. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

**TRX Suspension Training**

For the 12 week challenge workout try the TRX Suspension Training at the Katterbach Fitness Center on Tuesdays from July 10-August 27 at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Limited to 8 people, first come, first served. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

**Archery Beginner Workshop**

There will be a archery workshop for beginners on Storck Barracks Aug. 7 and 21 and Urlas Soldiers Lake on Aug. 12 and 18. Bring your own supplies in encouraged. Registration deadline is one week before the workshop. The children workshop is at 6 p.m. and the adult workshop is at 7 p.m. For more information, call 09802-83-3225.

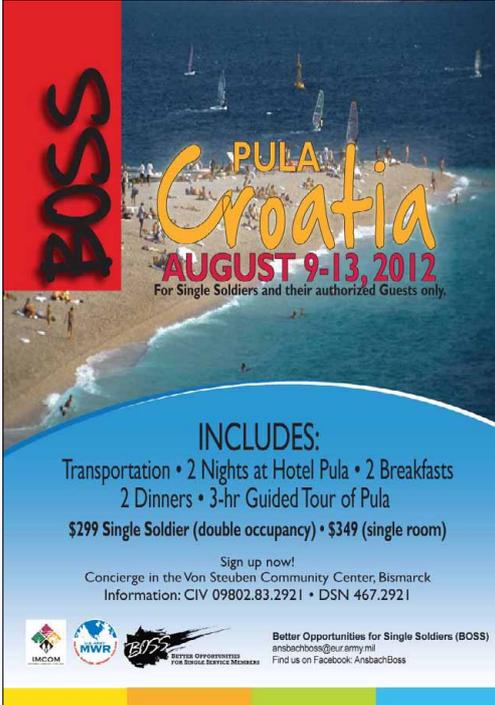
**Weekly Reminders**

**Safety Hazard on B-13**

Safety Hazard on B-13 between Ansbach and Illesheim North of Oberdachstetten there is a steep decline that goes under a railroad overpass ("Marktbergel Hill"). One lane of traffic going down the hill and two lanes of traffic going up the hill, please do not pass.

**Pet Reminder**

Remember all pets on USAG Ansbach installations need to be on a leash when outside. Please pick up after your pets.



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**PULA Croatia**  
**AUGUST 9-13, 2012**  
For Single Soldiers and their authorized Guests only.

**INCLUDES:**  
Transportation • 2 Nights at Hotel Pula • 2 Breakfasts  
2 Dinners • 3-hr Guided Tour of Pula  
\$299 Single Soldier (double occupancy) • \$349 (single room)

Sign up now!  
Concierge in the Von Steuben Community Center, Bismarck  
Information: CIV 09802.83.2921 • DSN 467.2921

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)  
[ansbachboss@ourarmy.mil](mailto:ansbachboss@ourarmy.mil)  
Find us on Facebook: AnsbachBoss



**Used Clothes and Shoes Container**

We need your help! The used clothes and shoes containers are provided to the community at no cost. Unfortunately, they are often mistreated as garbage dumpsters. Please be sure that only clothes and shoes are disposed off in these containers. Please also make your neighbors aware of the purpose of these containers. If these containers are continued to be misused, the respective contractor will be unable to continue to provide this service.

**Community Yard Sale**

Every first weekend of the month starting in June until September, all residents of housing areas in USAG Ansbach can host a community yard sale. The yard sales will be Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Off-post residents can sell their goods on Katterbach at Rocket Park or Illesheim near Longbow Lounge.

**Safety Training and Information**

The USAG Ansbach Safety Office recommends this [website](#) containing many safety topics, in both English and German, which can be used for information and training in your organization throughout the year.

# AUDITIONS



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**AUG 27 & 28**  
7 p.m.  
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# Bamberg Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Bamberg Public Affairs at [usarmy.bamberg.usareur.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.bamberg.usareur.mbx.pao@mail.mil).

### Estate Claims

Anyone have any claims on or obligations to the estate of 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicky of the 4/319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, should contact the summary court officer, 1st Lt. Stuart Erkes at 0951-300-7996.

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Cpl. Darrion T. Hicks of the 54th Engineer Battalion should contact the summary court martial officer, 1st Lt. Shane G. Kalpokas at 01511501330 or at [shane.g.kalpokas.mil@mail.mil](mailto:shane.g.kalpokas.mil@mail.mil).

### Vacation Bible School

The Bamberg Community Chapel will host its Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 20-24. This year's theme is "Sky," and is open to children age 4 to those who are going into sixth grade. Parents can register their children at the Bamberg Community Chapel. Volunteers are needed and can sign up at the chapel. Child care will be provided for volunteers' children under the age of 4. Children who are older than sixth grade can be volunteers.

### Center Stage Karaoke

Come and sing with us and let your inner rock star shine. Every Saturday evening in August there will be karaoke at 9:30 p.m. at the Birchview Lanes Bowling Center. There are 1,000's of songs to choose from and it is free to participate. For more information, call 0951-300-7722.

### Operation Rising Star

Operation Rising Star is back. Sign up for the All-Army Talent Competition and win the chance for the ultimate recording experience. U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Round 1 competition will take place on Aug. 31 at the Stable Theater. Advance sign-up required. Open to Soldiers and Family members 18 and over. For more information, call 0951-300-8647.

### BOSS Trip

All community members 18 years of age and above can join the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers for a trip to Pula, Croatia on August 9-13. Cost is \$299 per person and for a single room it costs \$49 extra.

Trip includes roundtrip transportation, two overnights in a three star hotel with breakfast and dinner, guided sightseeing tour of Pula. Trip to be payable in full no later than Aug. 1. For more information, call 0951-300-8890.

### Theatrical Workshop Series

The Stable Theater will have a series of free theatrical workshops for adults and children this summer. They are Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. The topics will be as follows: Aug. 2 - Directing; Aug. 9 - Singing for Broadway; Aug. 16 - Clowning and Body Movement; Aug. 23 - Stage Management Essentials; Aug. 30 - Auditioning; Sept. 13 - Moving on Stage; and Sept. 27 - Stage Tech. For more information, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647.

### Adult and Kids Craft

The Community Activity Center will host an adult and kids craft on Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. Participants will make homemade lotion and lip balm. The craft is free. Parent supervision is required. Space is limited so sign-up is required. For more information, call the Community Activity Center at 0951-300-8837.

### Hot Dog Day

Join the Community Activity Center on Sept. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. for a hot dog bar. Create your favorite hot dog using different toppings. The cost is \$2 per hot dog with unlimited toppings.

### Community Flea Markets

The Community Activity Center will host a Community Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Saturday of the month through October at the CAC, Building 7047. The dates for the flea markets are Aug. 11, Sept. 8 and Oct. 13. For more information, call the CAC at 0951-300-8837

### CPR, AED and First Aid Certification

Come and learn how to give CPR, first aid and use an automated external defibrillator with the American Red Cross Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Army Community Services building. The cost of the CPR and First Aid Certification is \$45. You can log onto [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to register. Once on the ARC site, go to "take a class" and enter your APO zip code to find the course, register and pay online. You can also register in person at the ARC office. For additional information or questions, stop by the American Red Cross office, Building 7029 or call 0951-300-1760.

### Back to School Donations

During the entire month of August, donate a back to school item at the Community Activity Center and receive a free small slushy. Donated items will be given to Bamberg Elementary School. For more information, call the Community Activity Center at 0951-300-8837.

### Basic Sewing Application

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a Basic Sewing Application class Aug. 11, Sept. 8 and Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. and Aug. 16, Sept. 13 and Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. The cost for the class is \$15. The class will provide instruction on basic sewing techniques and the operation of the Arts and Crafts sewing machines. The class is mandatory for people who want to use the sewing machines. For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

### Matting and Framing

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a basic matting and framing class Aug. 18, Sept. 15 and Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. and Aug. 23, Sept. 20 and Oct. 25 at 6 p.m.



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## Summer Kid's Crafts

June 28, July 12, 19, and 26,  
August 2, 9, and 16, 2-4 p.m.

### Community Activity Center

Cost is free thanks to a donation from the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club (BSCC). Please sign up and inquire at the CAC front counter. Contact (0951) 300-8837 or [megan.l.martin.naf@mail.mil](mailto:megan.l.martin.naf@mail.mil)

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The cost for the class is \$15. For more information, call 0951-300-8659.

### Wood Safety

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a Woodshop Safety class Aug. 4, Sept. 1 and Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. and Aug. 9, Sept. 6 and Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. The cost for the class is \$15. The class is mandatory for people who want to use the woodshop. For more information, call 0951-300 8659.

### Red Cross Volunteer Orientation

Come and learn how you can become a volunteer with the American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to noon August 3 and 17 at the Army Community Service building. Please call and RSVP no later than the day before each scheduled orientation. For additional information, visit the American Red Cross office, Building 7029 or call 0951-300-1760.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in volunteering? Equal Opportunity office is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming observances. For more information, contact the Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity



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## YOUR BAMBERG HEALTH CLINIC IS CLOSED ON AUGUST 10, 2012

Friday, August 10 is a scheduled USAREUR Training Holiday.

Your Bamberg Health Clinic Team is conducting Organizational & Staff Resiliency Activities.

We will resume normal operating hours on Monday, August 13.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Free, reliable health care information is only a phone call away. Bamberg Health Clinic beneficiaries are invited to contact the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line for confidential answers to a wide variety of medical questions.

Contact the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line 24 Hours a Day at 0800-4759-2330

*Bamberg Army Health Clinic*



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## 10K Trail Run!

August 11, 9 a.m.

### Local Training Area (LTA)

Sign-up at the Freedom Fitness Facility prior to run date or on day of run at site! Free!  
Open to all community members!

For more information, contact the Freedom Fitness Facility at DSN 469-8890 or civ: 0951-300-8890.



USAG Bamberg - www.bamberg.army.mil/mwr

**Women's Equality Day**

**5k Fun Run/Walk**  
August 24, 7 a.m.  
Starts at Freedom Fitness Facility, Bldg 7680

Trophies for the top 3 winners in Men's & Women's Open category, Boys & Girls (12 and under), and 4 person teams. Free string backpacks for the 1<sup>st</sup> 200 participants that register and show up on race day! Registration opens 1 Aug. at the FFF Door prize drawings!  
For more information, contact FFF at DSN 469-8890/or civ: 0951-300-8890.

offices at 0951-300-8624.

**Closures and Changes**

**Health Clinic Closure**

The Bamberg Health Clinic will be closed Aug. 10 for an organizational day and staff resiliency activities.

**Customs Office**

The Customs Office is closed every first Thursday of the month for training.

**Youth and Teens**

**CYSS Fall Sports Sign ups**

Sign ups have begun for the CYSS Fall sports programs. Programs offered will be cheerleading for 9-15 year olds: \$40, flag football for 9-12 year olds: \$40, soccer for 3-5 year olds: \$20, soccer for 6-15 year olds: \$40 and tackle football for 12-14 year olds: \$135. If your spouse is deployed or deploying soon you qualify to enroll at no cost using your AFC benefits, just bring in deployment orders. Practices start the week of Aug. 27 with the exception of tackle football which starts conditioning camp Aug. 13. Sign ups are on a first come, first serve basis. Sign ups end Aug. 17 or when the team is filled. We still need volunteer coaches for all sports. Our programs don't

work unless people step up to volunteer plus your children will be enrolled at no cost. Please call Youth Sports with any questions at 0951-300-7523.

**Parents' Night and Day 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 Aug. 4, Oct. 6 and Dec 1 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Dates for Parents' Night Out will be Sept. 7 and Nov. 2 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.

**Library Events**

There's also a Gamers' Challenge that meets every Saturday at 2-3 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-1740.

**Youth Lessons**

Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Unlimited offers lessons in fine arts ages 6 to 12, kinder German with parents ages 6 to 9, gymnastics for various age groups, kickboxing ages 5 to 18 and piano ages 6 to 18. For more information, call 0951-300-7452.

**Sports, Health and Fitness**

**Family Day Golf Tournament**

On August 11 at 9 a.m. the Whispering Pines Golf Course will have a Family Day Golf Tournament. The entry fee is \$35 for member and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call 0951-300-8953.

**10K Trail Run**

On August 11 at 9 a.m. there will be a 10-kilometer trail run at the Local Training Area. Sign-up at the Freedom Fitness Facility prior to the run date or on the day of the run on site. The run is free and open to all community members. For more information, call 0951-300-8890.

**IMCOM Europe Mountain Bike Race**

Following the 10K trail run will be followed by the Installation Management Command Europe Mountain Bike Race at 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 per entry. Sign-up at Outdoor Recreation. Racers will accumulate points toward the U.S. Army Europe Championship Series. For more information, call 0951-300-9376.

**Women's Equality Day Run**

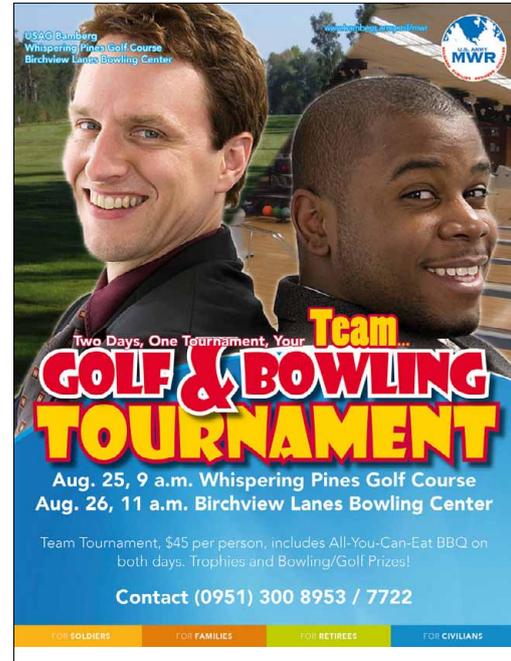
On Friday, August 24 at 7 a.m. there will be a Women's Equality Day five-kilometer fun run/walk. The run begins at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Free string backpacks will be handed out to the first 200 participants that register and show up on race day. Registration opens Aug. 1 at the Freedom Fitness Facility. There will be trophies for the top three winners in Men's and Women's Open category, Boys and Girls (12 and under) and four-person teams. There will be door prize drawings. For more information, call 0951-300-8890.

**Golf and Bowling Tournament**

Enter your team in the two day, golf and bowling tournament. The tournament will begin on Aug. 25 at 9 a.m. at the Whispering Pines Golf Course for the team round of golf. On Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. at Birchview Lanes Bowling Center the teams will compete in the bowling round. Entrance fee is \$45 per person and includes an all-you-can-eat barbecue on both days. There will be trophies and prizes. For more information, call 0951-300-8953/7722.

**Thursday Night Scramble**

Come to Whispering Pines Golf Course for Thursday Night Scramble every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$10. For more information, call 0951-300-8953.



USAG Bamberg  
Whispering Pines Golf Course  
Birchview Lanes Bowling Center

**Team Golf & Bowling Tournament**

Two Days, One Tournament, Your Team

Aug. 25, 9 a.m. Whispering Pines Golf Course  
Aug. 26, 11 a.m. Birchview Lanes Bowling Center

Team Tournament, \$45 per person, includes All-You-Can-Eat BBQ on both days. Trophies and Bowling/Golf Prizes!

Contact (0951) 300 8953 / 7722

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**Running Club**

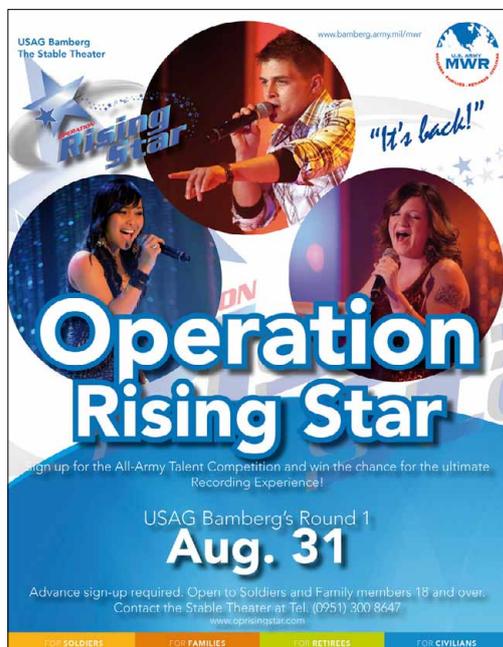
Join the Bamberg Running Club for all levels of runners, but especially targeted for beginners using the Jeff Galloway training method of running/walking! The Bamberg Club will meet two times a week for 45-60 minutes of training, plus weekend runs. This is will be partnership between Freedom Fitness Facility and the Bamberg Health Clinic. For more information, email [kelly.woodruff@us.army.mil](mailto:kelly.woodruff@us.army.mil) or [ernest.d.johnson3.naf@mail.mil](mailto:ernest.d.johnson3.naf@mail.mil) or call 0951-300-9086.

**Fitness Class Schedule Changes**

The Freedom Fitness Facility has had several changes to its fitness class schedule. Body Tone, \$5 per class, is now on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Yoga, \$4 per class, is now on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m., and Thursdays at 7 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-8890.

**Kick the Habit**

There is a Smoking Cessation Group meeting every Monday at 4:30-5 p.m. in the Dental Clinic Conference room. No registration required. For more information, call 0951-300-8999.



USAG Bamberg  
The Stable Theater

**Operation Rising Star**

Sign up for the All-Army Talent Competition and win the chance for the ultimate Recording Experience!

USAG Bamberg's Round 1  
**Aug. 31**

Advance sign-up required. Open to Soldiers and Family members 18 and over. Contact The Stable Theater at Tel: (0951) 300 8647  
[www.operationrisingstar.com](http://www.operationrisingstar.com)

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USAG Bamberg - www.bamberg.army.mil/mwr

**Bamberg Open Dodgeball Tournament!**  
14-15 Sept.

\$10 team registration  
Team Trophy for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place!  
Sign-up no later than 10 Sept. at Freedom Fitness Facility.  
Top two Soldier teams will compete in the IMCOM-Europe Dodgeball Challenge in Ansbach 29 Sept.  
TROPHY FOR BEST TEAM UNIFORM WILL ALSO BE GIVEN!

For more information, contact SFC Carswell@ DSN 469-7626 or your unit BOSS representative.

## Schweinfurt Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Schweinfurt Public Affairs at [usarmy.schweinfurt.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.schweinfurt.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil).

### Estate Claims

Any persons or agencies with claims against the estate of Spc. Eugene P. Lawrence should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Jorge E. Farinacci at email [jorge.e.farinacci.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jorge.e.farinacci.mil@mail.mil), 09721-96-8256/8609, or mobile phone 0170-280-0974.

### Dental Assistant Training Program

The Schweinfurt American Red Cross office and the USAG Schweinfurt Dental Clinic are now offering the dental assistance training program, which is aimed at providing spouses with training and marketable experience they can take elsewhere. The program begins Oct. 1 and only a limited number of positions are available. Some eligibility requirements apply. Applications can be picked up at the Red Cross office (Building 274) on Ledward across from the Ledward Theater. Red Cross is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Applications must be turned in to the Red Cross office no later than noon Aug. 31. For more, call the Red Cross office at 09721-96-1760.

### Magic: The Gathering Tournament

Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers will be having a Magic: The Gathering Tournament on Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Warrior Zone. The tournament is open to Soldiers and their guests age 18+. Food and drink will be available for purchase. There is a \$15 registration fee, which enters you into a raffle to win one of three 2013 Promo packs. For more information, call 09721-96-6082.

### Free Family Event

Join us for a free family event. On Aug. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Ledward Theater there will be a free showing of Ice Age: Continental Drift. Doors open at 3 p.m. and seats will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Food and drink will be available at your own expense. For more information, call 09721-96-6933.

### All-Hands Meetings

The quarterly all-hands meeting is scheduled for Aug. 6 at the Ledward Theater. Staff should choose to attend one of the two sessions: 1-2 p.m. or 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please note that this is the place of duty for all U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt employees that are able to attend. Directors may excuse/exempt employees that are providing front door services or are engaged in activities that take precedence. Services may be reduced, but do not close or stop any service provision to customers that needs to be open. Directors have the authority to exempt employees from the all hands, but it must be for operational reasons.

### Schweinfurt's 2012 Splash Bash

Schweinfurt community, join us for fun in the sun for a free, family friendly event. The 4th Annual Splash Blast will take place on Aug. 25 at 12 to 6 p.m. at Askren Manor (Lee St.). Entertainment will be available for all ages and interests, which includes water pools, bouncy castles, games and so much more. In addition, enjoy live music from Donny Vox Band while consuming yummy food and drink purchased from your local Family Readiness Group and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation vendors.

### Home Based Business Seminar

Are you interested in starting your own home based business? Join Army Community Service for an information seminar on how to correctly and legally start a business while living in Germany as a U.S. citizen. The next class is on Aug. 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Yellow Ribbon Room. For more information, call 09721-96-6933

### Recycling Education Class

Recycle education course for trash disposal offenders and anyone who wants to learn about recycling. The class is offered twice a month on Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Family members nine and up are encouraged to attend with their parent. Bring a friend if he or she lives in military housing or military-leased housing. Class space is limited so please call 09721-96-6955 to sign up. Classes cancelled if no one signs up by 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday before class.

### Spray Tanning in Schweinfurt Day Spa

The Day Spa in the Finney Recreation Center now has spray tanning. According to the folks at AAFES, this is now the only location in all of USAREUR that offers spray tanning services. You're your appointment today by calling 0176-762-09299.

### Closures and Changes

#### Tank Trail Closed

The Directorate of Emergency Services must secure the cable beam barriers across the Tank Trail adjacent to Kessler Field beginning June 1.

#### Community shuttle increases weekend runs

Effective immediately the community shuttle will add two additional circuits to its weekend schedule. The weekend schedule includes holidays and U.S. Army-Europe training holidays. [More...](#)

### Youth and Teens

#### Smart Girls

Young ladies, we are proud to tell you that your Smart Girls program is up and running again! Topics include; life skills, healthy eating, fitness, health care systems, positive mentors, respecting yourself, fashion shows, dinner with parents, lock ins and more. Age groups include 11-14 and 15-18. Smart Girls meet every

**BOSS TOURNAMENT**  
**MAGIC: The Gathering**  
**Warrior Zone | 11 a.m.**  
 Magic collectible card game tournament for soldiers and their guests age 18+. Food and drink available for purchase. \$15 registration fee, which enters you into a raffle to win one of three 2013 Promo packs!  
 1st: One 2013 Core Set Booster Box and One Avacyn Restored Fat Pack  
 2nd: Two Avacyn Restored Fat Packs  
 3rd: Two 2013 Core Set Intro Decks  
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 Warrior Zone | Ledward Bldg, Bldg. 224 | 09721-96-6082/0134-0082  
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Monday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call the youth center at 09721-96-6732.

### Give Me 20

Looking to get fit? The Youth Center is offering a free fitness program every Wednesday and Thursday at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for youth ages 13 through 18-years-old. Program facilitators will show youth how to safely workout and stay fit. Working out doesn't have to be hard; it can be fun! Dedicated participants will see positive results. Workouts will include sports, spinning, weight lifting and more. Participants must be registered with CYSS and have a permission slip on file. To learn more or to register, contact the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

### German Class

Let's talk German! Come learn German one-on-one every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. This great program is taught by

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**Sat, Aug. 4**  
**Ice Age: Continental Drift**  
**4 p.m. Ledward Theater**  
 Join us for this free family event! Doors open at 3 p.m. Seats available on a first come, first serve basis. Food and drink will be available at your own expense. Hope to see you there!  
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For more information on Schweinfurt community announcements visit,  
<http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/calendar/google.html>



## coming to THEATERS

Ice Age 4: Continental Drift  
July 20, 2012 | 101 Minutes

Scratch's nutty pursuit of the cursed acorn, which he's been after since the dawn of time, has world-changing consequences - a continental cataclysm that triggers the greatest adventure of all for Manny, Diego and Sid. In the wake of these upheavals, Sid reunites with his cantankerous Granny, and the herd encounters a ragtag menagerie of seafaring pirates determined to stop them from returning home.

Rated PG for mild rude humor and action/peril.

Visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) for more information.



### IN THEATERS • AUG. 2-8

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Aug. 4 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 4 p.m.

MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 5 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 3 p.m.

KATTERBACH THEATER • 09802-83-1790

Aug. 2 - CHERNOBYL DIARIES (R) 7 p.m.

Aug. 3 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 4 - MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 4 p.m.

THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 5 - CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG) 3 p.m.

THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 6 p.m.

BAMBERG THEATER • 0951-297-3934

Aug. 2 - MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 3 - THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 4 - MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 3 p.m.

THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 5 - MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 3 p.m.

THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 6 - THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 7 p.m.

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Aug. 2 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 3 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 4 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 4 p.m.

MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 5 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 4 p.m.

MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 8 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 7 p.m.

## Eco-Friendly Travel Tips

### Water-saving Tips

1. Check for water leaks before you leave for vacation.
2. Place your indoor flowers in a shady place during your time of leave while your friends or neighbors water them. This will reduce the amount of water needed.

### Energy-saving Tips

1. If your travels leave behind an empty house, unplug and power down as many appliances as is possible like your TV, computer and stereo equipment.
2. On your way to the airport, to your hotel and all around your destination city, consider using public transit like airport shuttles, trains or buses. You'll meet more people, see more sights, have more fun and you use less fuel than you ever could in a car.

### Recycling Tips

1. Go paperless. Airlines have almost all gone ticketless. Not only does this save on paper waste, it also makes check-in faster and easier.
2. Shopping for souvenirs? Try to buy items that are small and light, and ask if they're locally made of sustainable materials. It would be great to support local charities, schools or conservation programs.

## Trips and Travel Opportunities

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. 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.



### ANSBACH

**Aug. 5 Bikes Rule! - Liebliches Taubertal \$29**  
Bikes rule the road as we're free to ride through the scenic region of Liebliches Taubertal, without any automobile traffic. Inline skaters are welcome to join as well. Trips depart Katterbach Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. and Storck Barracks at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$29 for adults, \$19 for children and \$65 for Families. Transportation only. Bike rentals are available at a discounted price.

**Aug. 18 Saddles, Paddles and Sleeping Bags \$45**  
Join Outdoor Recreation on a fun-filled canoeing, biking and camping trip at the nearby Frankische Seenland. We embark on the canoe trip near the medieval town of Ornbau and paddle along the meandering Altmühl River that spills into the Altmühl Lake where we will find our campground and pre-positioned tents and bikes. A late afternoon bike ride to the bird sanctuary followed by dinner and a lakeside music festival. Having honed your paddling techniques, you'll start Day 2 by paddling across Kleine Brombachsee and after lunch you'll end the day by paddling across Grosse Brombachsee, the largest Bavarian man-made lake. Don't forget, participating in the Saddles, Paddles and Sleeping Bags trip entitles you to one free Sunset Paddling Club trip. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 for children and \$109 for Families. Trip departs Storck Barracks at 8 a.m. and Katterbach at 9 a.m.

For more information call, Ansbach Outdoor Recreation at 09802-83-3225.

### BAMBERG

**Aug. 4 White Water Kayak \$35**  
Beginners and experts alike are invited to join us on our Wiesent White Water Kayak trip. Please wear a swimming suit and bring a towel, sack lunch and water. Trip includes transportation and equipment. Transportation departs Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m.

**Aug. 4 Neuschwanstein \$65**  
Visit the famous castle from King Ludwig II of Bavaria and let Outdoor Recreation take care of the driving. Transportation is a German motor coach with AC, WC and DVD. Children up to 18 years of age are free. Adult admission is 26 euros per person. Departs Outdoor Recreation at 5 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m.

**Aug. 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. Departs Outdoor Recreation at 5 p.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call Bamberg Outdoor Recreation at 0951-300-9376.

### SCHWEINFURT

**Aug. 11 Hiking Trip Pottenstein \$15**  
Take a day trip with Outdoor Recreation to the famous Franconia Switzerland. You'll visit the Devil's Cave and have fun at an outdoor rollercoaster. Cost is \$15 per person for transportation; bring Euros for entrance to cave (€2-4).

**Aug. 18 Wunsiedel \$15**  
Discover a granite rock labyrinth which is truly a miracle of nature and great fun for the whole family. Passing huge granite rock formations and canyons; you will walk through low-ceilinged caves, climb in stone carved stairways and finally reach the Summit Cross with an altitude of 785 meters. Cost per person is \$15 for transportation. Entrance fee to the rock labyrinth not included. (Adults €4, Youth 1.50 €, Families 9€, under 6 free.) Departs at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

For more information, call Schweinfurt Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

# Was ist los in Franken?

By Bianca Sowders, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

## Bike and Music Weekend in Geiselwind

The Bike and Music Weekend in Geiselwind takes place on August 2-5 at Autohof Strohofer (Scheinfelder Straße 15 – 23); entertainment and exhibitions include bikes, American Cars, stunt und drag race shows and many live bands. For details, check [www.bike-and-music-weekend.de](http://www.bike-and-music-weekend.de).

## Blues & Jazz festival in Bamberg

A Blues and Jazz festival with 40 live bands playing free of charge takes place in Bamberg on August 6-12 at Maxplatz and Gabelmann. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 4:30-9:30 p.m., Friday 4-10:30 p.m., Saturday 3-10:30 p.m. and Sunday 1:30-9:30 p.m. Check out details at [www.blues-jazz-festival.mybamberg.de](http://www.blues-jazz-festival.mybamberg.de) or contact the Stadtmarketing Bamberg e.V. at 0951- 20 10 30 or [info@stadtmarketing-bamberg.de](mailto:info@stadtmarketing-bamberg.de).

## City Beach in Wuerzburg

Wuerzburg is offering a quick trip to the beach on the public Stadtstrand on Ludwigskai, open daily from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. until September 15. More information at [www.stadtstrand-wuerzburg.de](http://www.stadtstrand-wuerzburg.de).

## Klassik Open Air in Nuremberg

Classic open air concerts, free of charge, take place in Nuremberg at the Luitpoldhain every summer. Pitch your lawn chair or picnic blanket and listen to the Nuremberger Symphoniker play music with the motto "I could have danced all night" on August 4, both concerts start at 8 p.m. For details also check [www.klassikopenair.de](http://www.klassikopenair.de).

## Rosengarten Serenades in Bamberg

Every year a series of classical concerts called Rosengarten Serenaden take place in Bamberg at the Rosengarten der Neuen Residenz at Domplatz. They begin at 8 p.m. and are scheduled for the following dates: Aug. 3, 4 and 31; Sept. 1. In case of inclement weather the concerts are moved into the Kaisersaal. For more information go to [www.rosengarten-serenaden.com](http://www.rosengarten-serenaden.com).

## Bird shows in Schillingsfürst Castle

The castle in Schillingsfürst (near Rothenburg) houses falconry with birds of prey like falcons, vultures, eagles and kites. Bird shows take place on a daily basis until the end of October at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; there is also a falconry museum and a baroque museum that can be toured. Admission prices are 7 Euros for adults, 4 Euros for children, or 20 Euros for a family. For more details also check [www.bayerischer-jagdfalkenhof.de](http://www.bayerischer-jagdfalkenhof.de).

## Volksmarch Highlights in Franken

Here is a quick look at upcoming Volksmarches in Franconia. Participants can typically choose from 5-, 10- or 20-kilometer distances; hikers don't start all at once, but within a certain time frame and cover the chosen distance at their own pace. Food and drinks

will be sold on location and registration is possible on site. It is best to contact the listed point of contact for exact starting times, updates and location information. For other locations within Germany also check the website [www.dvv-wandern.de](http://www.dvv-wandern.de).

• August 4-5: 6, 10, 20 km in Oberdachstetten – POC: Wanderfreunde Oberdachstetten 1987 e.V., 09845-987464, [www.wanderfreunde-oberdachstetten.beepworld.de](http://www.wanderfreunde-oberdachstetten.beepworld.de); start time: 6 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Guided tours are a good way to get to know the place you are living or stationed. It is a good way to spend time outside, with friends or family. Check this website available in English on guided tours <http://www.bamberg.info/en/stadtfuehrungen/>.

For general information on Bamberg's sights, fests, locations and free-time 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 rating for the coolest pubs, clubs, bars and sights can be found on this website: <http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/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 on Bamberg before leaving post.

## National Concert Schedule

All dates, and tickets are available on the following website <http://www.eventim.de/tickets-konzertkarten.html?affiliate=GMD>

- Aug. 10** Taubertal Festival feat. Placebo, Beatsteaks etc.
- Aug. 25** Rock Im Pott feat. Red Hot Chili Peppers, Placebo and more
- Aug. 29** Sean Paul and special guest Das Bo, Columbiahalle, Berlin, 8 p.m.
- Aug. 29** Green Day and special guests: Angels and Airwave, Warstiener Hockey Park, Monchengladbach, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 30** Green Day and special guests: Angels and Airwave, Kindl-Bühne Wuhlheide, Berlin, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 19** Nickelback, o2 World Hamburg, Hamburg, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 21** Nickelback, Lanxess Arena, Koln, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 8** Lionel Richie, Festhalle, Frankfurt, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 23** Lionel Richie, Olympiahalle, Munich, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 25** Jennifer Lopez, Olympiahalle, Munich, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 24** Jason Mraz, Jahrhunderthalle, Frankfurt, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 28** Jason Mraz, Zenith die Kulturhalle, Munich, 8 p.m.

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