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## 12th Combat Aviation Brigade Uncases Colors in Germany

By Spc. Ondirae H Abdullah-Robinson,  
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KATTERBACH, GERMANY -- Soldiers from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade held a ceremony Monday at hanger two here on Katterbach Kaserne during which the brigade's colors were officially uncased.

The colors were cased April 20 and deployed to Afghanistan with the Soldiers of the brigade's headquarters.

"It has been a very interesting six months since we stood out on the tarmac in front of the headquarters last April and cased all of our units' colors prior to deployment," said Col. Jay Voorhees, the brigade commander of the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Voorhees also thanked the Soldiers who were part of the rear-detachment for their hard work maintaining operations here and supporting the operations in Afghanistan.

The ceremony began with the national anthem of Germany and the United States, followed by the invocation by Chaplain Mark Levine. Next the brigade commander, Col. Jay Voorhees, and the brigade command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Micheal J. Clowser uncased the colors. Voorhees delivered remarks.

The color guard consisted of two U.S. Army riflemen with M-16A2's and two color bearers bearing The National Colors and the brigade colors, and a color bearer from the Bundeswehr (Germany's Federal Defense Force) bearing the German national colors.

While deployed, the 12th CAB conducted a wide variety of aviation missions including joint operations with NATO partners.

The brigade provided close air support, transportation of troops and cargo, and Aero-medical evacuation support to U.S., German, Swedish, Finnish, Norwegian, Lithuanian, Spanish, and Italian forces.

In Regional Command North alone, the brigade transported more than 10,000 personnel and 688 tons of cargo between over 30 different bases.

"As we uncase our colors back here, our



Spc. Ondirae H Abdullah-Robinson  
Col. Jay Voorhees, the commander of the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade here, and Command Sgt. Maj. Micheal Clowser, the command sergeant major of the brigade, uncase the colors Oct. 12 at the brigade's colors uncasing ceremony at hanger two here.

mission in Afghanistan is not complete," said Voorhees. "It will only be complete when every single Griffin Soldier is redeployed next spring." Historically the colors act as a rallying point for troops and mark the location of the unit commander.

Some information in this story was gathered from a previous news release, "Griffin Brigade realigns with drawdown of forces in Afghanistan," by Capt. Michael J Barranti, the brigade's public affairs officer.

## A star is born every day!



Courtesy Photo  
Congratulations to the Operations Rising Star Schweinfurt Winners! 1st Place: LabriJoy Corpuz; 2nd Place: Samantha Koopmann; 3rd Place: Kittrell Powell; Spirit Award: 12th Chemical Company. Joy, good luck representing Schweinfurt in the 2012 Army Wide Finals... shine on!

The top 12 performers from the 38 winners of garrison competitions will compete in San Antonio. The 12 finalists are scheduled to be announced around Nov. 13.



## Safety and knowing the rules is key to successful trick-or-treating

Staff Report  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Finding the perfect costume to dress up in for Halloween is important, but more important is safety while trick-or-treating.

Here is information on Halloween for community members who want to go trick-or-treating, but do not know the rules on post.

Trick-or-treat hours will be on Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. in all housing areas at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach and Bamberg and at Askren Manor at USAG Schweinfurt.

Slow down and pay extra attention for children while driving in these areas during trick-or-treat hours.

Community members should remember normal security and safety rules will apply during Halloween.

Children of all ages will be roaming the streets on post that night in search of goodies. Please remember to keep your eyes open for children and drive slowly.

Though parents might be tempted to send their children out to roam the neighborhood unsupervised, certain age groups must have

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Daylight Savings Time! Sunday, Oct. 28 at 3 a.m.  
Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

# Schweinfurt teachers head to Lithuania, then host Lithuanians

By DJ Grace, Schweinfurt Elementary Middle School music teacher in Lithuania.

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- A Lithuanian Educational Exchange has been established at Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School.

Eleven educators from Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School will travel to Kaunas, Lithuania, from Nov. 20 – 25 to collaborate with Lithuanian teachers and students at the Kauno Kazio Griniaus Progymnasium.

These Schweinfurt educators, which include both classroom teachers and special area teachers, have a full itinerary ahead of them.

The Schweinfurt group will present lessons to the Lithuanian students, ranging from English language, music and movement, math and technology.

The objective of the exchange is to offer American educators an opportunity to share the English language and American culture with students while visiting a variety of schools

Additionally, educators will participate in a teacher symposium which will be attended by Lithuanian teachers and student teachers. American teachers will enjoy performances presented by Lithuanian music and dance groups.

There will also be time set aside for touring the capitol city, Vilnius, and their second largest city, Kaunas.

To add to the cultural experience, Schweinfurt educators will stay in host family homes for the duration of their visit. This is a reciprocal exchange which means that the participating educators in Lithuania will come to Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School later in the school year and will be involved in many of the same types of activities here.

DJ Grace, music teacher at SEMS and organizer of this event, has sponsored Lithuanian visits in the past to schools in Bitburg, Germany and Lakenheath, England.



*Courtesy Photo*  
Eleven teachers from Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School head to Lithuania as part of the Lithuanian Educational Exchange. Lithuanian teachers will come to Schweinfurt later this year.

**Participants:**

- Linda Carle/Fred Gordan
- SuzAnne Payseur/Mike Monteleone
- Corrine and Jim Vail
- Keone Helton
- Eddie Jordan
- Sharon Rakestraw
- Laura Lynn Elgin
- Claire Ramberg
- Debra & Glynn Grace

## Army plans easier access to doctrine by 2015

WASHINGTON -- The Army plans to have a new, easy-to-use method for Soldiers to access manuals and other military publications by 2015. The new 10-page Army Doctrine Publications, known as ADPs, will be available on videos. The more detailed Army Doctrine Reference Publications, or ADRPs, will be on interactive...



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

## Recycling separates the good from the bad

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany -- One of the most challenging aspects of living abroad is adjusting to small lifestyle changes. For Americans in Germany, a pervasive issue is recycling. While many communities in the U.S. have adopted recycling, Germany has a standardized system that recycles a maximum amount of varied materials.



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

## Bra-Auction Raises Funds for Research



*Courtesy Photo*  
On Saturday, the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club hosted the Warner Barracks' first ever Bra-Auction. The Bra-Auction was designed to raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, although the event was not sponsored by the foundation. Individuals, groups and organizations decorated bras that were auctioned off to the highest bidder. The Bra-Auction raised over \$2,300.



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# Bleidorn Library reopens for book fans in Ansbach

By Bianca Sowders, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany -- After nine months of extensive renovation, the commander of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, Colonel Kelly J. Lawler, was finally able to reopen the U.S. Army Europe Library on Bleidorn Kaserne in Ansbach with the help of employees and community members.

The renovation project, which was originally scheduled to take about three months, cost about \$217,000, and it was definitely worth the wait.

According to Bruce Belknap, the supervisory librarian for USAG Ansbach, the renovation time was spent mostly with painting, installing new floors and carpets, lighting, restrooms and new decoration.

In his speech at the ribbon cutting ceremony the garrison commander reminded the audience of the importance of Army Europe Libraries "especially here in Germany, where the regular Soldier can't just walk into the community library downtown, like he would do in Continental United States, because he does not speak German."

The commander also encouraged the younger community members to do more reading in order to combat what he called a "creative crisis" that is hitting the youngest of all readers because of the wide availability of electronic entertainment.

But if you think libraries are only handling books, think again; modern libraries have so much more to offer.

There is a wide selection of audio books, music CDs, DVDs and video games that can be checked out on site; the Bleidorn library alone has 28,000 books and recordings on file that can be borrowed absolutely free of charge.

There are also ten PCs available for customers that offer not only the usual online research possibilities, but also access to full text articles through 50 licensed databases.

The library programs that are offered throughout the year target every age group from preschoolers to adults with various events like story book hour, book clubs, summer reading or recipe swaps.

The website of Army Europe Libraries at [www.library.ulinet.army.mil](http://www.library.ulinet.army.mil)



*Bianca Sowders*  
Col. Kelly J. Lawler, USAG Ansbach Commander, cuts the ribbon at the steps of the freshly renovated library on Bleidorn Kaserne with the help of library employees and community members. The library was recently reopened after nine months of renovation.

also offers very helpful services; the selection spans from searching and preordering books to downloading eBooks for your eReader, online researching and special sections for children, teens and Soldiers.

The "Research" tab offers sections on D.I.Y., Genealogy, Health, History, Literature, Military, Science, Homework Help and Test Preparation.

The first requirement for users of most of those online services is to stop by their library and register with their ID card; they can then create an account login that will enable them to access the website's services from their computer.

Visit your library today and find out about their programs and services.

To contact the Bleidorn Library call 0981-183-1740, for the Storck Library call 09841-83-4675; the Bamberg Library can be reached at 0951-300-1740 and Schweinfurt's Library number is 09721-96-1740.

## Expect the unexpected



*Simon Hupfer*

Expect the unexpected - that was the main lesson learned during a full scale force protection exercise at U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg, held in the evening hours Oct. 19. During "Operation Hellfire" host nation emergency first responders in cooperation with the garrison's response team successfully trained three different scenarios: A contaminated envelope at the mailroom, a head-on collision car accident and a hostage situation turned active shooter. The main goal of the annual exercise is to have a trained and capable community response force able to meet any contingency or crisis, incorporating host nation support.

## Alcohol banned at Nuremberg train station on weekend nights

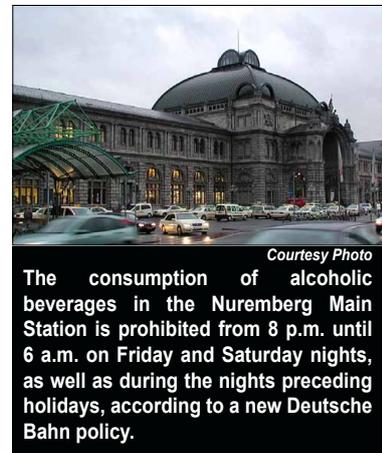
*Deutsche Bahn press release*

NUREMBERG, Germany -- Based on its rights as owner of the Nuremberg Main Station, DB Station & Service AG instituted a new policy prohibiting alcohol on weekend nights.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Nuremberg Main Station is prohibited from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as during the nights preceding holidays.

This prohibition shall not apply in leased properties that serve alcoholic beverages commercially.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the entire station including the passenger



*Courtesy Photo*

The consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Nuremberg Main Station is prohibited from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as during the nights preceding holidays, according to a new Deutsche Bahn policy.

building, platform tunnels and platforms.

Failure to comply with this order may result in removal from the premises and prosecution.



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direct supervision as per the garrison policies.

Many Germans enjoy this holiday and wish to join in the fun. They may participate, under the following guidelines:

- Only Soldiers, family members over 18 years and Department of Defense civilians with valid IDs registered in the Installation Access Control System may sign guests on post for trick-or-treating.
- These ID card holders are authorized to sign on up to four guests, but guests must have their Ausweis or passport to enter the installation.
- Authorized ID card holders must properly sign them in and out at the gate and must accompany them the entire time they are on post.

Military Police personnel will have an enhanced presence on Oct. 31 to help ensure the children's safety while trick-or-treating.

Those handing out treats are encouraged to follow these general guidelines:

- Stairwell residents should meet with their stairwell housing coordinator before Halloween to arrange a convenient way for children to get treats without having to walk up and down the stairs. One way to prevent a barrage of children is to have designated candy givers from each apartment meet out front of the building during trick-or-treat hours.
- Since the evening will be chilly, it would be a nice idea to have hot chocolate, coffee or tea available for participating residents. It is a good time to socialize and meet new neighbors too.
- If you don't want to participate in trick-or-treat, turn the lights off or don't be at your residence Oct. 31.

A few more guidelines for greeting trick-or-treaters:

- Greet children at the door but do not encourage them to come inside.
- Remove obstacles from steps, sidewalks and lawns so children will not trip.



- Keep lights on so children can see where they are walking.
- Wrap goodies - if loose or handmade. Add your name to packages so parents know where it came from.
- Halloween is a one-night affair. Discourage any visits before or after the actual date.

Everyone is encouraged to participate and enjoy the fall fun, but be safe.



#### Halloween and Fall Fest Events

Here is a list of the Halloween and Fall Fest events that are happening Oct. 26-31 in the Franconia Military Community. For more information on the Halloween and Fall Fests events listed below, please visit the community announcement sections beginning on page 10 of the Franconian News.

#### USAG Ansbach:

##### Oct. 26

- Halloween Howl Fest at Franken Kaserne from 4:30-10 p.m.

##### Oct. 27

- 10-kilometer Harvest Walk at Franken Kaserne at 11 a.m.
- Halloween Howl Fest at Franken Kaserne from 1-10 p.m.

##### Oct. 28

- Storck Chapel Fall Festival at 2/159 Hangar from 4-6 p.m.

##### Oct. 31

- Hallo-Read-A-Thon at Ansbach Elementary School from 12:30-14:30 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat at Storck Chapel Parking Lot from 4-5 p.m.
- Fall Festival at Ansbach Elementary School from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat at Katterbach Hangar 5 from 6-10 p.m.

#### USAG Bamberg:

##### Oct. 26

- "Warner Reaping" Haunted House at the Warner Conference Center from 6-9 p.m.

##### Oct. 27

- "Warner Reaping" Haunted House at the Warner Conference Center from 5-8 p.m.
- Monster's Ball Costume Party (18 and older) at the Warner Conference Center from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

##### Oct. 28

- "Warner Reaping" Haunted House at the Warner Conference Center from 6-8 p.m.

##### Oct. 31

- Trunk of Treat for children 6 and below at the Chapel Parking Lot from 3-6 p.m.

#### USAG Schweinfurt:

##### Oct. 27

- Kids Costume Run at Kessler Gym at 3 p.m.
- Adult Zombie Run at Kessler Gym at 5 p.m.

##### Oct. 31

- Fall Harvest Costume Contest at Andrews Federal Credit Union from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Picture with Frankenstein at the Main Exchange from 4-6 p.m.
- Disco Bowling at the bowling alley at 5 p.m.
- Fall Fest at the Ledward Activity Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- BOSS-O-WEEN Party (18 and older) at the Warrior Zone at 7 p.m.



#### Tips to keep children safe

Know your children's plans:

- What route will they be following? Know where to locate them quickly if necessary.
- What companions will they have? They should be their age level and in groups no bigger than three or four.
- What supervision will they have? An adult or responsible older child should accompany young children.
- What homes will they visit? It is best not to visit the homes of strangers or go into any houses.
- What activities have they planned? Trick-or-treating party or other plans? Be sure to know where your child will be located.
- What time will they be home? Set a reasonable time and insist that they keep it. Talk it over. Know their plans and be sure they understand the rules and limitations for their activities.



## Woodshop provides community members creative, practical outlet

By Heidi Sanders,  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Sgt. 1st Class Adam Casey, of the 16th Sustainment Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company, recently built a one-of-a-kind end table for his home – thanks, he says, to the helpful staff at Bamberg's woodshop.

The table, which can come apart into six pieces and can be reassembled in a puzzle-like fashion, was built out of a combination of various woods, including maple and walnut.

Casey said he and his wife, Sara, both signed up to take the basic woodshop safety course shortly after moving into their off-post home and discovering the lack of built-in cabinets and storage. Rather than purchasing furniture, the couple decided to try making some furniture of their own.

Although the table – which does not have any metal fasteners, such as screws – will not provide Casey with storage space, it did give him an opportunity to acquaint himself with a woodshop.

"I haven't done anything (in a woodshop) since



Heidi Sanders  
Sgt. 1st Class Adam Casey, of the 16th Sustainment Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company, assembles the one-of-a-kind end table that he built at the Bamberg woodshop. The woodshop is located on the second floor of the Community Activity Center, Building 7047. It is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

junior high," he said.

Casey said he chose to make the table free of

metal fasteners to create a sturdier piece that his cats would be less likely to knock over.

"Every time you try to put brackets on something it weakens it," he said.

Casey said he had an idea of what he wanted to create before heading to the woodshop, but the staff helped him bring his vision to fruition.

"Every step of the way, I asked these guys questions over and over," he said. "Everything I didn't know, they taught me how to do."

Casey said he completed most of the work on his table by visiting the woodshop during his lunch break a couple of times a week. Casey said he enjoyed working with his wife on the project.

"She came in and helped work on it at different points," he said.

Casey said he plans to continue his new-found hobby, which he said is fun and relaxing.

"I think it is enjoyable creating something – something that is going to be around longer than I am," he said.

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## TRICARE advises patients about German ban on mailed medicine

By Terri Moon Cronk,  
American Forces Press Service

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – A German law that prohibits importing medications into the country is changing the way the TRICARE mail-order pharmacy does business, said a TRICARE Management Activity official today.

Army Brig. Gen. (Dr.) W. Bryan Gamble, deputy director of the activity within the office of the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said the change is expected to take effect Jan. 1, 2013.

On that date, the U.S. Postal Service must stop delivery to FPO and APO addresses of imported pharmaceuticals and other prohibited items into Germany and the European Union. An Oct. 1 letter from TRICARE to its mail-order beneficiaries gives them early notice of the change.

The German government passed the importation ruling in 2006, but it is just now enforcing the legal restrictions that are expected to affect more than 2,000 prescriptions. Of those affected, 33 patients with 137 prescriptions are considered remote, or more than an hour away, from a military treatment facility, according to a TRICARE fact sheet.

"The prohibition rule put a 'blockage' [into] the future of our TRICARE mail-order pharmacy," Gamble said. "As I understand it, all pharmaceuticals have to come from an EU location into Germany."

The ruling affects service members and families, in addition to Defense Department civilians who have medications sent by mail through their private insurance, officials said.

"This impacts all Americans and foreign nationals in Germany who get mail-order [medications] from whatever sources," Gamble said.

While Gamble does not foresee complications with TRICARE beneficiaries obtaining their medications, getting immediate word out to them is now all the more important, he said.

"First and foremost, we must inform the TRICARE beneficiaries of what's happening, and what they might need to do to ensure they have a constant supply of their medications," while TRICARE works to find a way to adapt to

German restrictions, he said.

In his letter to beneficiaries, Gamble also offered solutions to obtaining medication until another system can be established: Use German doctors and local-host country pharmacies, or receive treatment and medication from U.S. military treatment facilities, which are aware of the issue and anticipate TRICARE patients joining their system, he added.

TRICARE Overseas Program Prime and Prime Remote beneficiaries are reimbursed for 100 percent of their out-of-pocket costs when they have an authorization and use host-nation pharmacies. Deductibles and cost-shares also apply for other beneficiaries who use the host pharmacies, which are treated the same as those that are non-network, where a patient pays for a prescription, and files a claim with TRICARE for a partial reimbursement, officials said.

"Particularly in Germany, this is a new way of doing business, and how we're going to look at making sure beneficiaries have the convenience of a TRICARE mail order pharmacy," Gamble emphasized. "For now, we want to allow them enough time to prepare to meet their health care and medication needs."

"At TRICARE, we take the quality, safety and the satisfaction of our beneficiaries, patients and families very seriously," he said, "So we'll continue to look at opportunities and ways we can continue to serve them ... into the future."



Courtesy Photo  
A German law that prohibits importing medications into the country is changing the way the TRICARE mail-order pharmacy does business.

# Community members reminded to winterize vehicles

Staff Report, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Ready for winter? You might not be ready, but you need to get your car ready for the winter season. Here is what you need to know for tire maintenance, a look under the hood, ensuring visibility, preparing a safety kit and driving tips.

## Tire Maintenance

Rain, snow and ice reduce tire traction and compromise control. There are different options you may wish to consider when you purchase your next set of tires:

- High performance winter / snow tires were originally designed to meet strict government regulations for driving on high-speed highways in Europe. They feature large directional and/or asymmetric treads to enhance handling and steering, resist hydroplaning and help tires work through snow and slush.

- All Season tires are a compromise for wintry road conditions and are the minimum legal requirement when operating a vehicle during inclement winter weather.

Check your tire pressure. Fall and early winter are the most critical times to check tire inflation pressures because the days are getting shorter and temperatures are getting colder. For every 10-degree Fahrenheit change in temperature, your tire's inflation will change about one pound per square inch. The inflation goes up with higher temperatures and down with lower. Check your tire pressure in the morning before you drive a few miles. If you park in an attached or heated garage, you will lose pressure when you leave its warmth.

Check your tire treads and sidewalls. Look for thin or uneven tread wear. Take a U.S. penny and insert it Lincoln-head first into your tire tread at the most worn part of the tire. If you see the top of Lincoln's head, you may need new tires. Cut or damaged sidewalls are also weak areas that can collapse under severe conditions. Legal minimum for tire treads in

Germany is 1.6 millimeters. Under the Hood

Check your battery. It takes a lot more power to start your car when it is cold outside. Check for clean and tight connections and proper fluid levels. Clean corrosion (a whitish powder) from battery terminals.

Check your cooling system. Your coolant system keeps your car warm. Check the level, acidity and concentration of radiator fluids at least every 3,000 miles. A mixture of 50 percent antifreeze and 50 percent water will protect the engine block from temperatures above -40 degrees Fahrenheit. If you change your radiator fluids yourself, it is a much more pleasant job in the spring or summer than winter and the antifreeze is good for two years.

Clean your fuel system. Add a de-icer to your fuel to keep moisture in the fuel system from freezing.

Change your oil and oil filter. Check your owner's manual for the grade of oil recommended for winter. In most cases, 10w30 oil works year-round.

Inspect and replace. Inspect your air filter, rubber hoses and drive belts; replace as necessary. Also, check your fluid levels including transmission, brake, differential, power steering and window washer fluid.

## Visibility

Safe driving in winter also depends on being able to maintain the best visibility possible. Replace worn blades and ensure both front and rear window defrosters work.

Ensure your washer fluid is "no freeze" and keep extra on hand to fill up the reservoir when empty.

## Winter Safety Kit

Prepare a winter safety kit to keep in your car at all times. Be sure to include:

- Winter necessities such as an ice scraper, tire chains, extra washer fluid, boots and gloves and abrasive material such as sand, kitty litter or old house shingles for traction in case you get stuck.

- Emergency supplies such as extra clothing and blankets, flashlight with spare batteries, energy bars or dried snacks, drinking water, a battery-powered radio with spare batteries, a first aid kit, booster cables, safety flares, a small shovel, a jug of water and funnel for radiator refills and a reflective vest.

- Tools and "fix-it" supplies such as a screwdriver, pliers, rubber hammer, wrench, a can of penetrating oil and a small throw rug or old shower curtain (for kneeling next to your car or getting under it).

## Winter Driving Tips

No matter how safe your car is, winter driving requires extra attention. Brake gently, accelerate gently and steer gently. Remember these tips, too:

- As every driver's education teacher repeats, steer into a skid. Do not rely on all wheel drive and four-wheel drive.

- If you get stuck in the snow, throw kitty litter, old newspapers or dirt in front of and behind the drive wheels.

- In snowy conditions, drive in lower gears. Avoid using your overdrive feature.

- Always keep your gas tank at least half-full.

- If on temporary duty, be sure to check the rental vehicle for an ice scraper. If the vehicle does not have an ice scraper, be sure to ask the rental car agency for one.

- Plan your travel and route. Check the weather, road conditions and traffic reports. Leave earlier to allow time to get to your destination safely. Let someone know where you are going and your anticipated arrival time.

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Casey said although he is still putting the finishing touches on his table, he already has his next project in mind.

He said he plans to build an under-the-sink cabinet for his bathroom. He said he and his wife plan to leave the cabinet as a gift for the owner of the house they are renting.

Casey said he encourages others in the community to check what the woodshop offers.

"Even if someone doesn't have any idea and they just want to learn, they should come in," he said.

Thomas Stenson, facility manager for Bamberg Arts and Crafts, said anyone can learn

woodworking.

"It is a matter of practice – practice and patience," Stenson said.

He said the end result can be a one-of-a-kind piece.

"If you do it yourself, it is not going to be factory made," he said.

Stenson said working on a project also can be a good way to relieve stress, which can be valuable in a sometimes high-stress military life.

"You can take it out on a piece of wood," he said.

Before using the woodshop, patrons are required to take the Woodshop Safety course,

which lasts about an hour and a half to two hours.

The class covers basic woodshop safety issues and operation of the tools in the woodshop. The course is offered the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. and the following Thursday at 6 p.m. The cost for the class is \$15.

Stenson said he is planning to offer a Woodshop 101 class sometime this fall, which in addition to basic woodshop safety will walk participants through the process of creating project so they can learn to use the tools in the shop.

The woodshop, which is located on the second floor of the Community Activity Center Building 7047, is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

# Inclement weather procedures, where to get updates

By Bianca Sowders,  
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs Office

## What are the first steps, when inclement weather (fog, snow, ice) occurs?

The Military Police patrol cars check the roads on specific routes on and off post between 2 – 4 a.m. during inclement weather season. The officers forward their gathered data and information to the Director of Emergency Services. The determination of the road conditions is made by the Garrison Commander in coordination with the DES by 5 a.m. and posted by 5:30 a.m. In case of overnight snow fall, Directorate of Public Works and German snow removal services engage around 4 a.m. (or earlier, if necessary); their focus is on primary roads; secondary roads may not be cleared for several days, depending on the amount of snow. Everyone should note that the road condition determination is a general call and may not reflect the situation in anyone's immediate area. Obviously, weather is not identical everywhere within the Franconia Military Community footprint. Everyone should know their local situation and the general situation in order to determine their own individual course of action.

## Road Conditions

The military road conditions (**GREEN**, **AMBER**, **RED** and **BLACK**) apply to military dispatched vehicles only! If the conditions are **BLACK**, no more military dispatched vehicles, including TMPs, will be allowed to move. The great exception is, of course, Emergency Services (fire trucks, MPs, etc.) and snow plows.

For all the rest of us, who are driving our privately owned vehicles (POVs), the military road conditions are a good indicator of the safety of roads on and off post. Soldiers and employees need to make a weather call to their supervisor, if they feel it is unsafe to drive, and get further instructions. Road conditions, published or unpublished, are not reason alone to miss work or official appointments. If the Garrison Commander determines that weather conditions deem it necessary to close the installation, it will be included in the road condition message.

Everyone should use common sense and make a call on safety's side; if they are not sure, they can drive safely in inclement weather or if the forecast calls for worsening conditions – when in doubt, do not drive!

## Road conditions in detail:

**GREEN** - Dry road surface, no ice or snow on the road surface; visibility is more than 50 meters (160 feet).

**AMBER** - Any of the following on the road surface: Patches of black ice/slush, up to four inches of snow and/or visibility between 20-50 meters (60 – 160 feet)– slow down (below 50kph/32mph) and drive with caution!

**RED** - Any of the following on the road surface: Flooding, drifting snow, ice sheets, four to eight inches of snow and/or visibility is less than 20

meters (60 feet).

**BLACK** - Any of the following on the road surface: Heavy flooding, heavy snow drifts, extreme sheets of ice, more than eight inches of snow and/or visibility less than 15 meters (50 feet)

During significant winter weather with heavy prolonged snowfall and possibly delayed snow and ice removal, DES and the Garrison Commander may change the road conditions to **RED** and decide on a two-hour delay for school and garrison employees in order to allow extra time for snow removal. Check the appropriate channels before you head out. It's good advice for everyone to confirm a delay with their supervisor, that is simply good communication. Example: If a two-hour delay is announced, the school buses will arrive at the designated stops two hours later than usual. Garrison employees can arrive two hours after their usual start time; this will give them ample time to take care of snow removal at home and take extra driving time.

In extreme/severe winter conditions, like prolonged heavy blizzards, the road conditions may be changed to **BLACK**. The message going out to the community could include the following: "Schools are closed. Only mission essential personnel report to work, as designated by the unit chain of command. Stay home or indoors when possible." Call your supervisor, if you are not sure what applies to you.

## Snow and ice removal in housing and residential areas:

Roads on post will be plowed as soon as possible, but please be careful and patient; residents are responsible for snow removal in their own driveways. Leased housing or private rentals residents are usually responsible for snow and ice removal in their own driveways and on the public sidewalk bordering their residence; make sure to check with your landlord on your personal responsibilities. In most cases, personnel living off post in private rental are required to keep their sidewalks and access to their property cleared from snow and ice 7 a.m. -7 p.m. every host nation work day.

In case of sheet ice, use a limited amount of special rock salt, available at Self Help Stores (Katterbach Bldg. 5516 and Storck bldg. 6555) for housing customers, and in small quantities for units and organizations. Off-post residents can purchase the salt called "Streusalz" in local DIY stores or supermarkets. Salt works best when it has to melt only a thin layer of snow or ice. Remove as much snow from sidewalks and driveways before applying rock salt; apply the salt evenly and use no more than one handful per square yard. The salt will melt the snow and ice gradually.

Keeping the ground free of ice and snow will prevent the build-up of thick ice sheets which are very hard to remove in freezing temperatures. Rock salt does not work well below 15 degrees

Fahrenheit ( - 9 Celsius). Do not use rock salt over plants or lawns, as it will cause severe damage. Do not use rock salt over metal, it will corrode the metal. Use it sparingly and not in areas where the melted snow will drain into streams, rivers, or lakes; salt residue can pollute the environment. Environmentally safe alternatives to salt are sand, fine gravel (grit) or organic granulate, which will not melt the ice, but give you traction and comply with host nation regulations.

Winter in Germany can be a lot of fun, as long as everyone realizes that the pace has changed and you just can't do everything the same way you could during summer times. The most important thing to remember is that everyone's safety comes first and it is up to you to make the right decision and take the appropriate action. Stay safe!

## How is the community informed?

- Tune in to AFN Bavaria Radio. Radio DJs will provide up-to-the-minute updates on conditions or go to [www.facebook.com/afnbavaria](http://www.facebook.com/afnbavaria).

- IMCOM-Europe Road Condition & School Delay/Closure website at [www.imcom-europe.army.mil/webs/sites/staff\\_org/safety/road\\_conditions/index.asp](http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/webs/sites/staff_org/safety/road_conditions/index.asp).

- If you live in government housing and have access to AFN television, turn to channel 1, the Atlantic channel. Crawlers along the boom of your television will provide critical closures and road and weather conditions information.

- If you are a Soldier and are still unsure, call your staff duty officer for further guidance.

- To locate a traffic jam - known as a "stau" in German - go to [www.bayerninfo.de](http://www.bayerninfo.de). Click on "Traffic Condition," and look for the stau signs along your route.

- Visit USAG Ansbach Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/U.S.Army.Garrison](http://www.facebook.com/U.S.Army.Garrison). Ansbach or call the USAG Ansbach Road Condition message line: 09802-83-3882

- Visit USAG Bamberg Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/#!/usagbamberg](http://www.facebook.com/#!/usagbamberg) or visit the USAG Bamberg website at <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/index.asp>.

- Stay connected to [www.teamschweinfurt.com](http://www.teamschweinfurt.com). Here you will find two critical sources. First, in the right hand column there is a "Weather Hotline" button. Click it to find out about school closures, road conditions and weather conditions. Second, link to our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SchweinfurtArmy](http://www.facebook.com/SchweinfurtArmy) for updates.

## Schweinfurt Soldiers battle it out on the mat

By Staff Sgt. Charles Crail, 172nd Infantry Brigade Public Affairs Office

SCHWEINFURT, Germany— In the age of asymmetrical warfare and body armor, a palm heel strike to the solar plexus is not going to get you very far.

Modern war is all about getting down and dirty with your opponent, pinning them to the ground before they can overcome you.

Soldiers of the 172nd Infantry Brigade here at Schweinfurt are polishing their skills this week through an intensive combative course, learning to grapple and subdue their opponent as quickly and effectively as possible.



*Spc. Latoya Dallas*

Soldiers of the 172nd Infantry Brigade in Schweinfurt are polishing their skills this week through an intensive combatives course.

## ISCC Members Enjoy Oktoberfest Bingo



*Felicia Goldbar*

Illesheim Spouses and Civilians' Club (ISCC) member J.J. Puckett shows off her winnings after competing in the dirndl competition at ISCC Oktoberfest Bingo. Over 30 Americans and Germans got together to enjoy bingo, raffle prizes, food and friendship at Gasthaus Dietz in Illesheim. The next ISCC event is a Crafter Fair Nov. 15, at the Longbow Lounge in Storck Barracks.

## Five things for Single Soldiers to do in Schweinfurt

By Spc. Adrian Sherrod, USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- Okay, so I've covered the basics on what every single Soldier should know while stationed in Germany.

And if you missed it, check out my last post "Top 10 things every single Soldier should know."

Even if you're not a single Soldier, and you're new (or even somewhat new), it's all good info.

But the next logical question is, so what? What can I do with that information?

Well, I recently tossed on my civvies, grabbed my camera and headed down town to stake out some places of interest here in Schweinfurt.

Here are some clutch locations.

Hey Single Soldiers! Looking to sample the fine arts? Itching to get taste of culture? Well, the Theater der Stadt Schweinfurt has exactly what you need. With shows in English, and a constantly changing schedule, there's something to whet every art lover's appetite. Follow the link here and enjoy the show!

Theater der Stadt Schweinfurt, Roßbrunnstraße 2, 94721 Schweinfurt  
[www.theater-schweinfurt.de](http://www.theater-schweinfurt.de)

Want to take a girlfriend or boyfriend to a cheap joint that's walking distance from the barracks? Catch a Mighty Dogs hockey game. The Mighty Dogs play in the "Oberliga Süd," which is Germany's third highest league after 1st Bundesliga and 2nd Bundesliga. This is minor league hockey at its best. They play other German teams. Adult tickets range from €10 – 16. What's more, the team typically sports a few American Soldiers. Home games are played at the Icedome—that big blue building about 300 yards west of the Yorktown main gate.

Icedome Schweinfurt, Willi Kaidel Str. 3, 94721 Schweinfurt  
[www.mightydogs.de](http://www.mightydogs.de)

More culture for the art starved!

Open from 1000-2100, this museum features contemporary pieces from artists, both local and foreign. Many different mediums are explored as well, from art on canvas, metalworking, to art done in neon lights! Check the link below and take a look.

Kunsthalle Schweinfurt, Rufferstraße 4, 94721 Schweinfurt  
[www.Kunsthalle-schweinfurt.de](http://www.Kunsthalle-schweinfurt.de)

Three museums on the single Soldier page?!?! Yep, that's the intent. All of the places on this list are a lot of fun and this is no exception. Specializing in 19th century German artwork, this museum's collections do a great job capturing the mindset of the time. If you enjoy history, or just want to see some cool artwork, this is a must see!

Museum Georg Schäfer, Brückenstraße 20, 94721 Schweinfurt  
<http://www.museumgeorgschaefer.de/>

This is the city's premier Indie concert venue. It was once the city's old south train station. Converted in the '90s, this place has housed some pretty big names like Yellowcard, Set Your Goals, The Fallen, At Dawn We Rage, and The Cancer Bats just to name a few. The concerts are inexpensive, the venue is small, and the crowd is good. What more can you ask for?

The Stattbahnhof, Alte Bahnhofstrasse 10, 94721 Schweinfurt  
<http://www.stattbahnhof.de/>

## Franconia Military Community Announcements

### Franken Area Mini AWAG Conference

There will be a Franken Area Mini AWAG Conference on Nov. 1 at Von Steuben on Bismark Kaserne in Ansbach. Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. and classes begin at 9 a.m. The closing remarks will be at 2:30 p.m. The theme of the conference is Leading by Serving. The cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. Registration is limited to the first 120 delegates. No children are allowed at the event and professional dress is encouraged. For more information, call 0151-1150-2473 or send an email to [s\\_oscarson@yahoo.com](mailto:s_oscarson@yahoo.com).

### Flu Vaccines

Flu Vaccines are now available at your local health clinic. An annual average of 36,000 deaths and 226,000 hospitalizations occur each year in the US due to influenza infections. Annual flu vaccinations are the most effective method for preventing influenza virus infections and its complications. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/flu-shot-video>.

### Care Experience

Returning an Army Provider Satisfaction Survey can generate money for the local health clinic. Positive responses to the questions that generate money for the clinic are great, but honest responses about the customer experience is necessary to improve the clinic's quality of service. Beneficiaries who do not receive a survey within six weeks of a visit to a local clinic should ensure their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System is up to date.

### CID Seeks Qualified Soldiers

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, is 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.

**Recycling Fact**  
Five plastic bottles (PET) recycled provides enough fiber fill to fill one ski jacket.

### 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 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

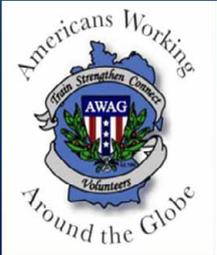
The National Military Family Association created a kit to give the people in military teens' lives a way to help them manage stress and affirm the positive aspects of military life. To obtain a copy of the tool kit and learn more, visit <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/>

**Franken Area Mini AWAG Conference**  
"Leading by Serving"  
November 1, 2012  
Von Steuben Community Center, Bismarck Kaserne, Ansbach-Katterbach

Includes lunch and professional, informative and fun classes: Anticipatory Grief, PRG Millionaire, Public Speaking, Communication & Marketing, Who Are You Really?, Protocol, Event Planning, Base Closures and Time Management.  
Classes subject to change

Price will be \$20 per delegate.  
Space is limited to 120 delegates.  
First come, first reserved!  
7:30 a.m. check-in; classes begin a 9 a.m. sharp!! Closing remarks 2:30 p.m.

Questions? 0151-11502473  
or  
[Franken@awagonline.org](mailto:Franken@awagonline.org)



[News/2010/07/OperationPurple](http://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.

### 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 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, Bismarck 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>.

### Career and Educational Goals

Military OneSource can help you achieve your career and educational goals by connecting you with the information and resources you need. For more information visit, <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=MOS:CATEGORY:0::SV,UT,LG,CID,TID:Army Active,Member,EN,23.50.40.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.23.50.40.0.0.0.0.0>

## 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).

### ISCC Scholarship Deadline

Furthering your education can be extremely expensive. If you need money for continuing education and are a member of the Illesheim Spouses and Civilians' Club, then we have money for you. However, the first Continuing Education Scholarship deadline of Nov. 1 is quickly approaching. For more information and a scholarship packet email [ISCCScholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ISCCScholarships@gmail.com).

### Paper and Refuse Pick-Up Change

There will be a pick-up change for paper and refuse at Urtas Housing. Paper pick-up is changed from Oct. 30 to Oct. 31. Refuse is changed from Nov. 2 to Oct. 31.

### Brown Bag Lunch

Bring a lunch and explore a new town with Army Community Service. The meeting place is ACS on the first Wednesday of every month at Katterbach and the fourth Wednesday of every month at Storck Barracks. Meet at 10:30 a.m. Cost is 10-15 Euros. For more information, call 09841-83-4555.

### Spouse to Spouse

Attend the Spouse to Spouse sponsorship training to provide assistance to spouses during reassignment. The class is offered Oct. 24-Nov. 8 from 9-11 a.m. at the Storck Community Activity Center and Oct. 31-Nov. 15 from 9-11 a.m. at the Katterbach Army Community Service. Call ACS today to sign up at 09802-83-2883 or 09841-83-4555.

### Storck Chapel Fall Festival

Come out and attend the Storck Chapel Fall Festival on Oct. 28 from 4-6 p.m. at 2/159 Hangar located directly across from the Illesheim Commissary. This is a free community event filled with fun, food, games and exciting special guests.

### Trunk or Treat on Katterbach

On Oct. 31 from 6-10 p.m. at Katterbach's Hangar 5 there will be a trunk or treat event. If you have no

trunk you can decorate a table. Cars are to be parked from 3-5 p.m. and doors will close at 5 p.m. to warm up the hangar. Decorating takes place from 2-6 p.m. There will be a costume contest at 7 p.m. This event is fun for all ages and open to everyone and there will be a haunted hallway and an opportunity to get a family picture. Reserve your parking space or table by calling 09802-83-3094.

### Trunk of Treat on Storck

Please join the community of Storck Barracks for a wonderful afternoon of treats, contests and prizes. The event will be Oct. 31 from 4-5 p.m. at the Storck Chapel Parking Lot (this is not a chapel sponsored event). There will be contests held for best costume (per age group) and best decorated vehicle. Costumes will be judged at 4:15 p.m. and best decorated vehicle will be judged at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to host a trunk during the event, please leave a comment on this Facebook event post: <https://www.facebook.com/U.S.Army.Garrison.Ansbach?ref=hl#/events/373444326064435/>. All participating vehicles can begin set up from 3:30-4 p.m., don't forget your candy supply.

### Trick-or-Treat Hours

U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach will have community trick-or-treat hours from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31 in all housing areas.

### Fall Festival

There will be a Fall Festival at the Ansbach Elementary School on Oct. 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Fall Festival is sponsored by the Katterbach Chapel.

### National Employment Disability Awareness

U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach will have a National Employment Disability Awareness Month observance from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Von Steuben Community Center on Bismark Kaserne. The guest speaker will be Rory A. Cooper, a noted author, inventor and U.S. Army veteran.

### Turkey Bowl

Sign-up your team or cheerleaders with your FRSA by Nov. 2 to compete in the Powder Puff Football Turkey Bowl flag football tournament. Each unit is eligible to participate and the event will take place on Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at the black and blue field on Storck Barracks.

### Health Clinic Improvements

The Katterbach Health Clinic has a brand new front entrance just in time for the 2012 flu vaccine campaign. Stop by the Katterbach Health Clinic for your 2012 flu shot and experience the renovations, which are designed to improve the patient experience.

### Magic Show

The Rob Lake Magic Show will be at the Katterbach Movie Theater Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the show. There is no cost to attend the show although tickets are required, even for infants due to fire code restrictions. Tickets are available at the Katterbach Movie Theater are now available at the Concierge in the Von Steuben on Bismarck Kaserne during Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call, 09802-83-2930.

### Halloween Howl Fest

There will be a Halloween Howl Fest at the Oberdachstetten Shooting Range on the B13 on Oct. 26 and Oct. 27. The fest will be open on Oct. 26 from 4:30-10 p.m. and on Oct. 27 from 1-10 p.m. On Oct. 27 there will be a 10-kilometer Harvest Walk at 11



a.m. The fest will have a corn maze, pumpkin patch for carving, children's activities, zombie trail ride, music and refreshments. There will also be a costume contest and a bonfire with Halloween storytelling. For more information, call 09841-83-4663.

### Skinny Jeans Weight Loss Contest

There will be a skinny jeans weight loss competition from Nov. 1 to Dec. 14. The registration deadline is Oct. 31. There will be a mandatory meeting on Nov. 1 for all participants, please attend either the one at the Katterbach Fitness Center from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or the one at the Storck Fitness Center from 2-5 p.m. The cost is \$10 for 20 classes and is open to U.S. ID cardholders 15 years and older. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

### Paint Your Own Pottery

Paint Your Own Halloween-themed pottery from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at the Storck Community Activity Center. Choose from ghosts, black cats, witches, pumpkins, leaves and

For more information on Ansbach community announcements, visit <https://www.facebook.com/U.S.Army.Garrison.Ansbach>



**HALLOWEEN HOWL FEST SHUTTLE BUS**

**FRI OCT 26 To the Fest**

LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME	DEPARTURE TIME
Bleidorn Main Gate	3:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Katterbach Bowling	3:50 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
Shipton Main Gate	3:58 p.m.	6:58 p.m.
Franken Kaserne	STOPS	STOPS
Storck CAC	4:45 p.m.	7:50 p.m.

**Return**

LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME	DEPARTURE TIME
Franken Kaserne	10 p.m.	STOPS
Storck CAC	STOPS	STOPS
Shipton Main Gate	STOPS	STOPS
Katterbach Bowling	STOPS	STOPS
Bleidorn Main Gate	END	END

**SAT OCT 27 To the Fest**

LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME	DEPARTURE TIME
Bleidorn Main Gate	1 p.m.	4 p.m.
Katterbach Bowling	1:20 p.m.	4:20 p.m.
Shipton Main Gate	1:28 p.m.	4:28 p.m.
Franken Kaserne	STOPS	STOPS
Storck CAC	2:20 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
Storck CAC	2:20 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
Storck CAC	8:45 PM.	8:45 PM.

**Return**

LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME	DEPARTURE TIME
Franken Kaserne	5:45 p.m.	10 p.m.
Storck CAC	STOPS	STOPS
Shipton Main Gate	STOPS	STOPS
Katterbach Bowling	STOPS	STOPS
Bleidorn Main Gate	STOPS	END

**BUS RULES**

- All stop points will not be deviated.
- Driver has volunteered to drive, please be courteous.
- No food or drinks are allowed on the bus.
- All small children must be accompanied by an authorized guardian.
- No pets are allowed on the bus.

Shuttle times are departures only. Arrival times are based on the amount of traffic.

**BAVARIAN Motor Cars GmbH**

skulls. Prices vary depending on item. Available while supplies last. For more information, call 09841-83-4714.

**FRG Child Care Night**

Child care is available for mission-related Family Readiness Group meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Parent Central Services at 09841-83-4880 or 09802-83-2533.

**Temporary BOSS Lounge**

The temporary lounge for Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is located at the Storck Community Activity Center. It is open Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/ansbachboss](http://www.facebook.com/ansbachboss).

**Hearts Apart Self-Empowerment Workshops**

The fourth Tuesday of every month at Stork and Katterbach Army Community Service from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. there will be a Hearts Apart Self-Empowerment Workshop. To register, call Storck ACS at 09841-83-4555 or Katterbach ACS at 09802-83-2883.



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**Wednesday, October 31, 2012**  
Hangar 5—Katterbach  
6 - 10 p.m.

No Trunk? Decorate a Table!

Park Cars 3 - 5 p.m.  
Doors close @ 5 p.m. to warm up!  
Decorate 2 - 6 p.m.  
Trunk-or-Treat 6 - 10 p.m.

Costume Contest at 7 p.m.  
Haunted Hallway  
Family pictures  
Fun for all ages & open to everyone

Reserve your parking space or table by calling 09802-83-3094

**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.

**Closures and Changes**

**Automated Appointments**

The ID Card/DEERS office now has an automated appointment scheduler available at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=631>. Individuals will be able to book appointments to the ID Card/DEERS office on Fridays from 8-11 a.m. Walk-ins will also be available on Friday mornings as well but will have to be seen as available after customers with appointments. This is currently a pilot system and will be expanded if customer are using the system and happy with its results. Any questions or concerns on the automation, please call the ID Card office at 09802-83-3302.

**Resurfacing of B-14**

Starting October 15, the state road B-14 along Urlas and Shipton Kaserne will be resurfaced. The project is scheduled in two phases and will be finished around Nov. 30. The speed limit will be reduced to 50 kilometers per hour and the temporary traffic light at the Shipton/Urlas access will be removed. Access and exit to and from Obereichenbach will remain the same. During phase one, two lanes going towards Katterbach will be resurfaced. Entering from Katterbach and exiting toward Ansbach will remain possible. There will be a detour exiting towards Katterbach and entering from Ansbach, offering two possibilities to turn around: One at Hotel Windmühle and one at Obereichenbach. During phase two, two lanes going toward Ansbach will be resurfaced. The current access near the traffic light will be blocked and drivers coming from Katterbach toward Ansbach will be detoured by Soldiers Lake. The detour for exiting toward Katterbach and entering from Ansbach will remain in place.

**Road Construction**

The access road to the modular Child Development Center on Storck Barracks will be blocked from Oct. 8-Nov. 19 for ongoing construction. It is necessary to reroute pedestrian access to the modular CDC building and to detour all vehicle traffic around the airfield (from Longbow lounge to modular CDC). The parking areas will be kept open. For more information, call 09841-83-4336.

**Storck CAC Repairs**

Storck Community Activity Center, Bldg 6510, will be getting the roof repaired starting Sept. 24. There will be a small disruption in traffic and parking in the vicinity of the building due to cranes, scaffolding, etc. Access to the building will not be disrupted and it will continue to operate. Repairs may last eight weeks.

**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 Registration 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**

**Ansbach Girl Scouts**

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**NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH OBSERVANCE**

**October 31**  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
Von Steuben  
Community Center  
Bismarck Kaserne

**Guest Speaker:**  
Rory A. Cooper, PhD  
Noted Author,  
Inventor and U.S. Army Veteran,  
University of Pittsburg, PA

Dr. Cooper is one of the world's leading authorities in medical rehabilitation research and rehabilitation engineering and co-editor of *Care of the Combat Amputee*, a volume in the series "Textbooks of Military Medicine," published by the Borden Institute, Office of The Surgeon General, US Army.

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.

**Sports, Health and Fitness**

**TRX Training**

This new mode of training will be offered at Storck Barracks Bunch Physical Fitness Center on Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. TRX is a core-based training that renders benefits not achieved from other modes of training like traditional weight training. The class is limited to eight people and will be based on first come, first serve. The cost is \$3 per person per class.

**Women's Basketball**

In an effort to increase women sports teams in the Ansbach Community, the USAG Ansbach Sports and Fitness Office has organized a tryout for the women's community basketball team. It will take place Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Katterbach Physical Fitness Center. 1900. Female soldiers, spouses and their female family members age 18 and older are encouraged to



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**9-11 A.M. OCT 31 · NOV 15**  
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Call ACS today to sign up:  
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STORCK ACS DSN 467.4555 CIV 09841.83.4555

## 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).

### \$1 Coat Days

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club announces \$1 Coat Days Nov. 6-8 at the Thrift Shop. Donations of winter coats can be dropped off at the Thrift Shop until Nov. 2 or at BSCC Bingo on Nov. 2 at the Warner Conference Center. Receive a free bingo card for a donated winter coat. The Thrift Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays.

### Monster's Ball

There will be a Halloween Monster's Ball Costume Party for ages 18 and up starting at 9 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Warner Conference Center. Come dressed in your best Halloween gear for your chance to win one of three prizes. The cost is \$5 or 4 Euros with an open bar and live DJ. For more information, call 0951-300-7596.

### Haunted House

A Haunted House will be offered the weekend prior to Halloween at the Warner Conference Center. The dates are Oct. 26 from 6-9 p.m., Oct. 27 from 5-8 p.m. and Oct. 28 from 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and younger. Enter at your own risk and leave by ours. For more information, call 0951-300-7596.

### Polish Pottery Bingo

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club will have a Polish Pottery Bingo night Nov. 2 at the Warner Conference Center. Card sales begin at 6:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. Bring a winter coat or other outerwear for donation and receive a free bingo card. For more information, email [bssc1stvp@googlemail.com](mailto:bssc1stvp@googlemail.com).

### Wood Safety

Arts and Crafts is scheduled to have a Woodshop Safety class Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. and Nov. 8 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.

### BSCC Members-Only Luncheon

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club will host a members-only Jeopardy Bamberg Style luncheon at 11:30 on Nov. 5 at the Warner Conference Center. The cost is 10 euros. RSVP by Nov. 1 to [bsscreservations@gmail.com](mailto:bsscreservations@gmail.com). Not a BSCC member? Sign up at the Bamberg Thrift Shop.

### JROTC Veterans Day

The 15th Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Battalion is hosting a Veterans Day program on Nov. 6 at the Bamberg Movie Theater from 2:15-3 p.m. The battalion is putting on this program to support and honor the veterans and Soldiers that served in past and present wars and the Families that sacrifice during the difficult times of war. The program includes patriotic readings, poems and songs. All veterans, Soldiers and Families are welcome to attend. A reception follows the program. For more information, email [Madonna.roberts@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Madonna.roberts@eu.dodea.edu) or call 0951-300-8605.

### Veterans Day Ceremony

U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg will have a Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at Memorial Park or at the Warner Conference Center if there is inclement weather. For more information, call 0951-300-1530.

### Berliner Ring/Zollnerstrasse Construction

The intersection at Zollnerstrasse and Berliner Ring will be subject to major construction starting Oct. 8. Entering Zollnerstrasse from Berliner Ring and crossing Berliner Ring using Zollnerstrasse will not be possible for the duration of the construction. Traffic will flow on one lane only in both directions on Berliner Ring. The entire project is scheduled to be finished by Nov. 2. Community members are asked to plan accordingly and follow the signage for an alternative route. Detours will be set up via Seehofstrasse (and then through Gartenstadt) and Weissenburgstrasse. The operating hours for Gate 1 and Gate 5 will change during the construction. Gate 1 will be open for inbound traffic from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and for outbound from 1-6 p.m. At the same time, Gate 5 afternoon outbound traffic will be closed to cover the increased hours at Gate 1. Left turns from Hauptsmoorstrasse into Gate 3 will be temporarily allowed during the duration of the construction. Outbound traffic from Gate 3 will only be allowed to make a right turn on the Hauptsmoorstrasse.

### Recovered Items

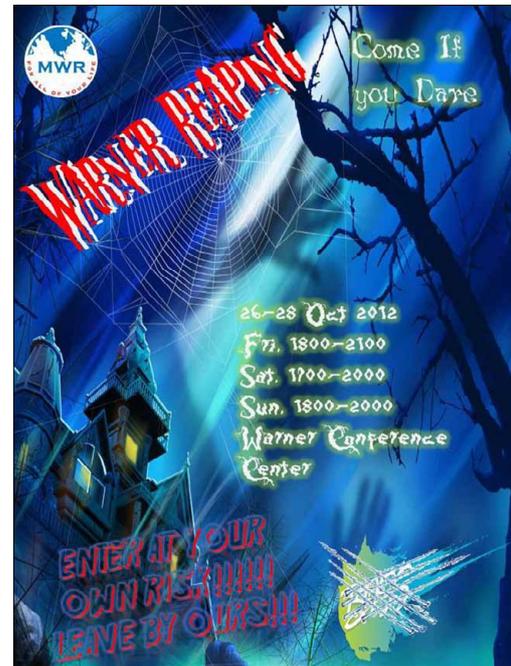
If you have lost or had any personal electronic devices stolen on USAG Bamberg within the past six months, please contact CID at 0951-300-8818 with a detailed description of the device and the circumstances of its disappearance, in order to possibly recover your equipment.

### English as a Second Language Classes

English as a Second Language classes will take place each Monday and Tuesday in the Family Advocacy Program classroom, Building 7487 on Armor Drive behind the flower shop. ESL Level 1 will meet from 9-10:30 a.m., Level 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon and Level 3 from 12:30-2 p.m. There will be no classes on Nov. 12, and the last class for the year will be Dec. 18. All U.S. ID card holders are eligible to attend. For more information, contact Jeffrey Card at [jeffrey.p.card.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jeffrey.p.card.civ@mail.mil) or at 0951-300-7777.

### Running of the Herd

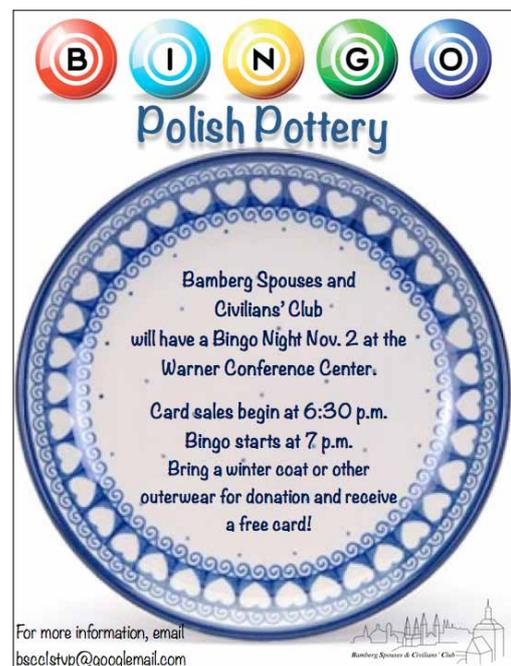
Get ready for the Running of the Herd on Warner Barracks Nov. 8 and 9. Come honor the paratroopers of past and present by running in the 24-hour relay event. Seven members (civilian and/or military)



compete on each team, and one member is always running along the five-mile loop around Bamberg's training area. The event begins at noon and ends the next day at noon. Teams are encouraged to hang out and camp out throughout the duration of the event. All participants will receive the 6th Annual Running of the Herd T-shirt. More information about the event is included in the registration packet. If a team registers after the cut off, they may not be able to receive T-shirts, or if they do, it may not be the correct size. The cost per team is \$90. If you would like to buy just a T-shirt they can be purchased for \$8. For more information, email [adam.j.obregon@mail.mil](mailto:adam.j.obregon@mail.mil).

### Red Cross Website

The [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) site is experiencing technical issues with class participants signing up for classes online. We request that all interested individuals call the station at 0951-300-1760 and sign up until further notice. We appreciate your patience. Alternately, you can search for available course offerings at <https://classes.redcross.org/>; it just isn't quite as user friendly as the main Red Cross website interface. Under the "New Users" link, click on the "View Catalog" link to



**CYSS SPORTS & FITNESS  
BASKETBALL AND CHEER  
REGISTRATION**



**Important Information**

Parent Night will be Thursday Nov 8 at 6pm at Freedom Fitness Facility. Please make every effort to attend.

Practice for Bantam and Junior Basketball will start Nov 15 & 16.

Practice for All Cheer, Intro, Pee Wee, & Minor Basketball will start the first week in January.

If you have ANY special requests for your child please inform the sports office BEFORE Parent Night on Nov 8. The sports office is located in building 7669.

Registration is Oct 1- Nov 2!  
Sign up at Parent Central or Web Trac.

Age groups for Basketball are:  
3-5 (Intro) \$20  
6-7 (Pee Wee) \$40  
8-9 (Minor) \$40  
10-12 (Bantam) \$40  
13-15 (Juniors) \$40

Cheer 6-7, 8-9,  
10-12 & 13-15 all \$40



U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

Red Cross Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Army Community Services building. The cost of the CPR and First Aid Certification is \$55. 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.

**Closures and Changes**

**Parking Lot Closure**

The Garrison will be closing the upper parking lot adjacent to Memorial Park (Desert Storm Park) from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1 in support of the annual U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Halloween Trunk or Treat event. All vehicles need to be moved from the lot by 12 p.m. on Oct. 30, any vehicles remaining in the lot after that time will be towed at the owner's expense. The lot will be closed again starting Nov. 19 in order to prepare for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 30. The Garrison reminds all personnel that this lot is not for long-term parking and vehicles should not be left there during field exercises, temporary duty assignments or while on leave.

**Tax Relief Office Hours**

Beginning Oct. 22, the Tax Relief Office in the Community Activity Center will be open 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 0951-300-1780.

**Vehicle Registration Closures**

The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed Nov. 1, 12 and 22. For further information, call 0951-300-7580.

**Youth and Teens**

**Kids-On-Site Childcare**

The childcare at the gym, Kids-On-Site, is available Monday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Your free hours of deployment hourly care can be used if you qualify otherwise the cost is \$4 an hour. Punch card must be pre-purchased at Parent Central Services. Please stop by Parent Central Services to sign your contract and pick up your punch cards. Reservations can be made on Webtrac at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/bambergcyms.html> or call 0951-300-8660.

**CYSS Basketball and Cheer Registration**

Child, Youth and School Services has registration from Oct. 1 to Nov. 2 for Basketball and Cheer. Sign-up at Parent Central Services or on Webtrac. For more information, call 0951-300-8660

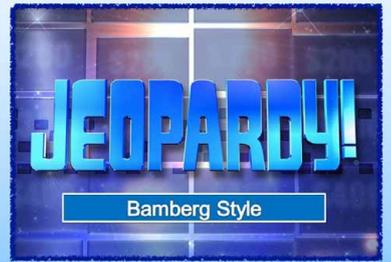
**Boy Scouts**

Boy Scout Troop # 40 in Bamberg is looking for boys ages 12 and older interested in becoming Boy Scouts. The troop meets every Monday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. except on holidays. The boys work on requirements for advancement and earning Merit badges. The troop is also looking for adult volunteers and Eagle Scouts to assist with troop activities. Don't delay, become a Boy Scout today. For more information, call Cliff Leach 0160-1585894.

**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 Dec. 1 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dates for Parents' Night Out will be 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.

**Bamberg Spouses and  
Civilians' Club  
invites you to a  
Members-Only Luncheon**



Nov. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Warner Conference Center

Cost is 10 Euros

RSVP by Nov. 1 to [bsccreservations@gmail.com](mailto:bsccreservations@gmail.com)

**Sports, Health and Fitness**

**Basketball Clinic**

There will be a basketball clinic Nov. 6-8 from 6-9 p.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility. The clinic is for certification, recertification, coaches, players and anyone who wants to learn more about basketball. For more information, call 0951-300-7597 or send an email to [charles.w.williams.civ@mail.mil](mailto:charles.w.williams.civ@mail.mil).

**Flu Shots**

Flu shots are now available. Bamberg Elementary School students can get their flu shots at the school Oct. 30 from 1-4 p.m. and 8:30-11 a.m. on Oct. 31. Elementary school staff can receive the flu shot from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 2 at the school. Bamberg Middle High School students and staff can get the flu shot from noon to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 1, 6 and 8 at the school.

**Circuit PT**

Looking for an alternative to the old school push-ups, sit-ups and run? Revamp your fitness routine with Circuit PT. This lunchtime workout will get your heart pumping as well as target major muscle groups. This class is free to all ID card holders 18 and older. The class is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-8890 or email [tonya.l.williams.naf@mail.mil](mailto:tonya.l.williams.naf@mail.mil).

search available offerings in your area. To register online for a class, you will need to create a user profile.

**Parenting Skill Builder Classes**

The first three Tuesday mornings of each month from 9-11 a.m. the Bamberg Chapel Family Life Center will have classes. Learning the skills to parent with Love and Logic can help make parenting fun and rewarding, instead of stressful and chaotic. You will be learn practical tools and techniques to build respectful, healthy relationships with children and help prepare children for the real world. For more information, or to register and sign-up for child care call 0951-300-1570/8141.

**Red Cross Volunteer Orientation**

Come and learn how you can become a volunteer with the American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 2 and Nov. 16 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.

**CPR, AED and First Aid Certification**

Come and learn how to give CPR, first aid and use an automated external defibrillator with the American

**BOSS Luxembourg & Brussels, Belgium**  
Nov 9-12  
(Veteran's Holiday Weekend Getaway!)

**\$249** (per person, double room) or **\$329** (per person single room)

Includes: Roundtrip bus transportation on German Motorcoach, guided tour of the American Military Cemetery & Memorial in Luxembourg, 2 overnights in Hotel in Brussels with breakfast, and guided city tour of Brussels.

Bus departs at 7 a.m. Friday morning Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, and returns early Monday morning, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Nov @ 1 a.m.

For more information, contact the Freedom Fitness Facility @ DSN 469-8890/9086 or civ: 0951-300-8890-9086 or your BOSS Program @ 0162-2709103.

**Basketball Clinic**  
Nov 6-8, 6-9 p.m.  
Freedom Fitness Facility

Clinic is for certification, re-certification, coaches, players, and anyone who wants to learn more about Basketball. For more info call Mr. Williams, Bamberg FFF, DSN 469-7597 or email [Charles.w.williams.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Charles.w.williams.civ@mail.mil)

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## Schweinfurt Community Announcements

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

### Estate Claims

Any persons or agencies with claims against the estate of Spc. Antonio Bloodworth should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, 2nd Lt. Jason Lemmerman, at [jason.t.lemmerman.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jason.t.lemmerman.mil@mail.mil), 09721-96-3312 or mobile phone 0151-4184-7021.

### Children's Fall Harvest Costume Contest

Put on your best costume and follow the yellow brick road to Andrews Federal Credit Union on Ledward Barracks on Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Have your picture taken with the Wizard of Oz characters for a chance to win an Andrews Federal \$25 gift card.

### Fall Arts and Crafts Show

There will be a fall arts and craft show at Schweinfurt Elementary Middle School on Nov. 3. Come sell or buy beautifully handmade items from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tables are \$10 per section. Contact the PTA at [pta-sch-es@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:pta-sch-es@eu.dodea.edu) to reserve your spot or for more information. Handcrafted items like jewelry, photography, basket weaving, needlework, wood work, painting and more will be available.

### Schweinfurt Soldiers' and Veterans' Monument

On Veteran's Day, Nov. 12, at 9 a.m. the monument at Alter Friedhof, a public park behind the Schweinfurt Musikschule, will receive its final piece of the monument, a sculptured eagle. The monument was erected to commemorate the nearly 70 years of service given by past and present Army Soldiers and Families in the Schweinfurt community.

### Cosmo Night

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is having a Cosmo Night on Nov. 16 at the Warrior Zone from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Cocktail attire is requested. There will be free spa treatments, make-up classes, lounge music, food and drinks. The event is open to single Soldiers and guest 18 years and over. For more information call, 09721-96-6082/8476.

### Fall Clean-Up

The Army Family Housing and Government Leased Quarters fall clean-up is scheduled for Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Community Yard Sale

If you need to shed some items from your house then you should sign up for the Community Yard Sale. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 sell your items or pick up some good finds at the yard sale. Residents of Askren Manor can set up their table in front of their residences and those living off post will need to set up on Lee Street. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will have tables and benches available for rent for \$5 per set. Feel free to bring your own tables and chairs or set up a blanket free of charge.

### Community Fall Fest

The Religious Support Office will be hosting a Community Fall Fest as an alternative Halloween event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 at the Ledward Activity Center. There will be games, hot dogs and fun for the entire Family. All community ID cardholders are invited. No scary costumes please. Volunteers are needed to help with games, face painting, monitoring the jump house and setting up or cleaning up. For more information, contact Donna Hilley at 0151-042-1810 or [donna.hilley.civ@mail.mil](mailto:donna.hilley.civ@mail.mil).

### Pumpkin Picking

Round up the kids and bring them along for a full filled morning picking pumpkins from a local patch on 26. Bring your own basket and knives to pick and cut your own pumpkin straight from the field. Prices are determined by the size of the pumpkin, an average pumpkin will cost between 3 and 4 Euro. Meet at Army Community Service at 9:30 a.m. for carpooling or meet there at Bamberger Strasse 69, 97359 Düllstadt.

### Zombie Fun Run

On Oct. 27 there will be a Kids Costume Run at 3 p.m. followed by an Adult Zombie 5-kilometer Run at the Kessler Gym. The kids fun run will include Halloween candy stations placed along the route. The adult run is for adults 18 and over, participants run in costume as Zombies of all speeds attempt to chase you down and turn you into one of their own. Pre-registration is not required to participate. There will be food and drink for purchase, along with surprises and prizes. For more information call 09721-96-6082/8476.

### BOSS-O-WEEN

On Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will have a BOSS-O-WEEN event at the Warrior Zone. The event is open to ID cardholders 18 and over. There will be a best costume contest, live DJ and haunted punch. For more information, call 09721-96-6082/8476.

### Halloween

Team Schweinfurt has something spooktacular planned for everyone this year on Oct. 31. There will be pictures with Frankenstein from 4-6 p.m. at the Main Exchange. The bowling alley will have Disco Bowling starting at 5 p.m. with candy for trick-or-treaters and 1 free game for those in costume. Trick-or-Treat hours will be from 6-8 p.m. in the Askren Manor housing area.

### Photo Scavenger Hunt: Basic Challenge

The Ledward Library will be having an ongoing photo scavenger hunt beginning Oct. 1. How well do you know your military community in U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt? Checkout the photo gallery in the library and guess where in the community they came from. Submit your guesses about where the pictures were



## ZOMBIE FUN RUN

### Saturday, October 27

Kessler Gym • Surprises & Prizes • Food & Drink for Purchase

- 3 P.M. - Kids Costume Run**  
A costume fun run for kids. Halloween candy stations placed along the route. Fun for all ages.
- 5 P.M. - Adult Zombie 5K Run (18+)**  
Run for your life from Zombies located throughout the route! Participants run in costume as Zombies of all speeds attempt to chase you down and turn you into one of their own!

Pre-registration is not required to participate in either Fun Run!  
Contact the Warrior Zone or Finney Rec Center for more info or questions  
Warrior Zone | Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 224 | 09721-96-6082/354-6082  
Finney Rec Center | Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64 | 09721-96-8476/353-8476


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taken and the person with the most right answers wins a prize.

### 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.

### Closures and Changes

#### Schweinfurt EEO Services Limited

Schweinfurt community members requiring assistance from the Equal Employment Opportunity office must now contact the Ansbach EEO office at 0981-183-7733/7937. The best way to know how the



## Schweinfurt Community Yard Sale

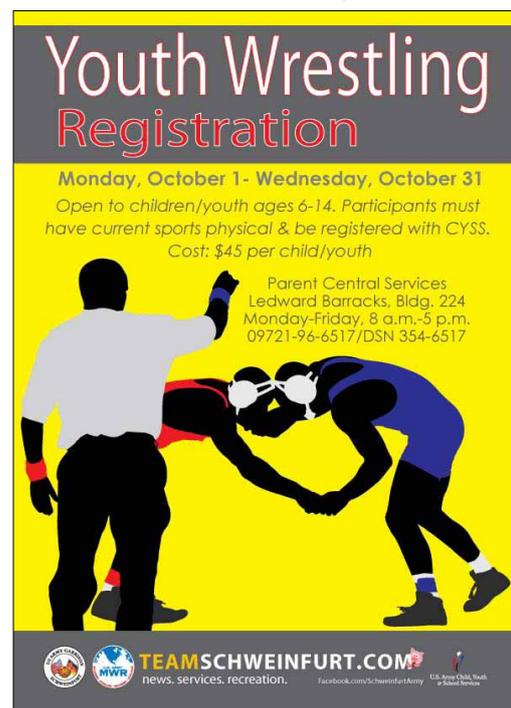
Clean out your clutter!

### Askren Manor

**Sat, Oct. 27th**  
**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Yard Sale Info**  
No registration required! Fest tables and benches available for \$5 onsite at Lee Street fest site. No cost to sell from a blanket on the ground. Residents of Askren Manor may present their yard sale items in front of their building.


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## Youth Wrestling Registration

Monday, October 1 - Wednesday, October 31

Open to children/youth ages 6-14. Participants must have current sports physical & be registered with CYSS.  
Cost: \$45 per child/youth

Parent Central Services  
Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 224  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
09721-96-6517/DSN 354-6517


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For more information on Schweinfurt community announcements, visit <http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/calendar/google.html>

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AND GO OUT!**

**FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING!**

**BASKETBALL**  
AGES 3-5 \$20 & AGES 6-15 \$40

**CHEERLEADING**  
AGES 6-15 \$40

**REGISTRATION**  
OPEN FROM MON. OCT. 1 - WED. OCT. 31

REGISTER AT CYSS MON. - FRI. BETWEEN 8 A.M. & 5 P.M.  
THE COMMONS ON LEDWARD BARRACKS, BLDG. 224

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH CYSS AND HAVE A CURRENT SPORTS PHYSICAL.

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT PARENT CENTRAL SERVICES AT DSN 354-6414 OR CIV 09721-96-6414

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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.

**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 Monday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call the youth center at 09721-96-6732.

**Wanted: Youth Sports Coaches and Officials**

The Schweinfurt community is looking for coaches and officials for the youth sports program. No experience is necessary to participate. By registering through Child, Youth School Services, you will become a certified coach in the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS). This is a great way to volunteer in the community and earn extra income by officiating. For more information contact CYSS at 09721-96-6822 or email [Derek.r.walker.naf@mail.mil](mailto:Derek.r.walker.naf@mail.mil).

**Family Child Care Providers Needed**

Help the community and start a new career as a Family Child Care provider. FCC Providers maintain a happy home-away-from-home atmosphere (in government controlled housing only) for children who can't be with their own parents during the day. You can care for your own children in addition to outside customers. All training and education is provided free of charge. Call 09721-96-6487 for details.

**School Registration**

Families newly assigned to Schweinfurt can register their children daily in the main office. Please bring a copy of the student's current immunization records and orders assigning you to Schweinfurt which are required to complete registration. Students who are not registered prior to the first day of school could have a delayed start date. Please contact the school at 09721-96-6518 with any questions.

**Sports, Health and Fitness**

**Unit Level Basketball League**

The Unit Level Basketball League is free and open to military service members only. Register between Oct. 21 and Nov. 12 at the Finney Fitness Center. The season starts Nov. 20. Games will be played Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. There will be a coaches meeting at 6 p.m. Nov. 13. For more information, call 09721-96-8234.

**Men's Basketball Tournament**

There will be a men's basketball tournament Nov. 17-18 at the Finney Fitness Center. Registration runs Nov. 5-14. The cost is \$250 per team, a maximum of 12 players per team. Limited to the first six teams registered and paid. For more information, call 09721-96-8234.

**Basketball Officials Clinic**

There will be a basketball officials clinic Nov. 13-16 at the Finney Fitness Center. The clinic runs from 6-8:30 p.m. each evening. There is no cost to participate. Required for all officials and score keepers. For more information, call 09721-96-8234.

**Personal Training**

Dedicated personal trainers are available to the Schweinfurt Community by appointment. For details, contact the Kessler Fitness Center at 09721-96-6765 or Finney Fitness Center at 09721-96-8234.

**Paintball Field Open**

Relieve some stress or have some good old

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-Best Costume Contest  
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-Haunted Punch

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BOSS/Finney Rec Center | Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64 | 09721-96-8476/353-8476

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fashioned fun every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rental equipment is available at the Paintball Field. For information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

**Tuesday Night Cosmic Pin Bowling**

Enjoy cosmic bowling every Tuesday night at the Kessler Bowling Center with funky lights and music mixed with colored pins in each lane. Games are \$1.50 each. Win a free game by knocking down a strike with the colored pin as the head pin. Cosmic Bowl also includes specials on food and drink.

**Weekly Reminders**

**Newcomer Meet and Greet**

Meet other spouses, learn about the community and get connected here in Schweinfurt every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Conn Club. The newcomer meet and greet initiative links up incoming spouses with seasoned Schweinfurt residents, offering the warm welcome our community is known for. Coffee and refreshments will be served and children are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Army Community Services at 09721-96-6933.

base closure will impact you is to stay informed. Go to [www.teamschweinfurt.com](http://www.teamschweinfurt.com) and click on "Transition 2014."

**Youth and Teens**

**CYSS Winter Sports Registration**

Register for Child, Youth, and School Services winter sports Oct. 1-31. CYSS will be accepting registration for wrestling (ages 6 -14), basketball (ages 3 -15) and cheerleading (ages 6 -15). Must have a current sports physical to participate. For more information or to register, contact Parent Central Services 09721-96-6414.

**Volunteers Wanted**

Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School needs volunteer crossing guards. Help keep our children safe. For more information, call Volunteer Coordinator David Blakeman at 09721-96-6933.

**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. Dedicated participants will see positive results. Workouts will include sports,

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**Children's Fall Harvest Costume Contest!**

Put on your best costume... follow the yellow brick road to Andrews on Ledward Barracks...

...and have your picture taken with the Wizard of Oz characters for a chance to win an Andrews Federal \$25.00 gift card!

When: October 31, 2012  
Time: 09:00-16:00

Religious Support Office  
**Community Fall Fest!**

10.31.2012 LEDWARD ACTIVITY CENTER - 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.  
Fall Fest is an alternative Halloween event where there will be games, free hot dogs and fun for the entire family! All community I.D. cardholders are invited to participate, but no scary costumes please!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Looking for volunteers interested in helping with games, face painting, monitoring the jump house and a set-up/clean-up crew. Please contact Donna Hillely if you would like to assist.

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## IN THEATERS • OCT. 25 - OCT. 31

**ILLESHEIM THEATER** • 09841-83-4546  
Oct. 27 - THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 4 p.m.  
TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 8 p.m.  
Oct. 28 - FRANKENWEENIE (PG) 3 p.m.

**KATTERBACH THEATER** • 09802-83-1790  
Oct. 25 - TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 26 - WON'T BACK DOWN (PG) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 27 - LOOPER (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 28 - THE PIRATES! BAND OF MISFITS (PG) 3 p.m.  
THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 6 p.m.

**BAMBERG THEATER** • 0951-297-3934  
Oct. 25 - MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 26 - ARGO (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 27 - HERE COMES THE BOOM (PG) 3 p.m.  
SINISTER (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 28 - HERE COMES THE BOOM (PG) 3 p.m.  
SINISTER (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 29 - ARGO (R) 7 p.m.

**SCHWEINFURT THEATER** • 09721-96-1790  
Oct. 25 - THE BOURNE LEGACY (R) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 26 - TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 27 - FRANKENWEENIE (PG) 4 p.m.  
TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 28 - FRANKENWEENIE (PG) 4 p.m.  
TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Oct. 31 - TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

## 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

**Nov. 9** **Nachtmann Crystal Factory** **\$29**  
Stock up on stemware, bowls, vases and more. This shopping trip is transportation only. Bring a Value Added Tax form to save 19%. Cost is \$29 for adults, \$19 for children and \$65 for family. Departs Storck at 7 a.m. and Katterbach at 8 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

**Nov. 17** **Pottery Shopping** **\$129**  
Shop the famous handmade pottery factories of northern Italy and Poland. Visit one of the Italian factories that produce for Williams and Sonoma and other famous retailers. The Poland trip will visit several family-owned factories producing high quality hand-painted pottery. Cost for transportation only is \$129 for adults, \$79 for children and \$279 for family. Departs Storck at midnight and Katterbach at 1 a.m. and returns at 8 a.m. Sunday.

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

### BAMBERG

**Nov. 3** **Little Swiss Hike** **\$25**  
Delve into the beauty of Little Swiss on a hike through the breathtaking landscape of Germany! Please wear layered clothing, hiking shoes and bring a comfortable backpack with drinks, lunch and snacks. Departs Outdoor Recreation at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m..

**Nov. 8** **Tour Under Bamberg** **\$25**  
This unique trip through tunnels under Bamberg gives you a view of the city that shouldn't be missed. The tunnels are generally cool and damp, please wear appropriate clothing and bring a flashlight. This is the last one before the new year! Departs Outdoor Recreation at 5 p.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 9-12** **Ski/Snowboard Hintertux** **\$350**  
Start the new year off right with some of the best snow in the Alps. Hintertux Glacier provides the perfect location for starting off the snow season right. Includes transportation and three nights lodging with breakfast. Does not include lift pass. Snowboard lessons are available for \$25 for one and half hours. Departs Outdoor Recreation at 3 a.m. on Nov. 9 and returns at 10 p.m. on Nov. 12.

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

### SCHWEINFURT

**Oct. 27** **Spa Trip to Palm Beach** **\$15**  
Fun and Beach! This trip allows for 4 hours of pool time. The cost per person covers transportation; entrance fee not included. Entrance fees to the pool for 4 hours: Adults €14.50, Youth (6 to 15 years old) €12.50, Children under 6 years old) €5.50. Use of the sauna world is an additional €5.00.

**Nov. 8-12** **Croatia Dive Trip** **350€**  
Join the Outdoor Recreation Center for an extreme diving experience as Outdoor Recreation dives in Croatia Nov. 8-12. Explore ship wrecks, caves and reefs on this diving adventure. If you don't have your diving certificate yet, don't worry you can get your PADI Open Water Diver Certification while you are there. The cost is 350 Euros and includes transportation and three nights at a hotel. Dive and PADI certification is an additional expense. Participants must have a valid passport. Space is limited.

**Nov. 22-25** **Austria Ski and Snowboard Trip** **\$349**  
Join Outdoor Recreation for three days full of skiing/snowboarding on the Soelden Glacier, and either relax at our three-star hotel or enjoy the Soelden nightlife. Cost is \$349 per person and includes transportation, 3 overnights with breakfast and dinner, free Ski or Snowboard rental and snowboard lessons the first day. Lift ticket not included. Departs at 11 a.m.

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

# Eco-Friendly Tips

## Recycling Tips

1. Save plastic and paper shopping bags to reuse, or use them as trash bags.
2. Lids and caps from plastic bottles are sometimes made of a different material than their containers and need to be sorted separately.

## Energy-saving Tips

1. Adjust lighting to your actual needs; use free "daylight" during the day.
2. To prevent glare, eyestrain and headaches do not over-light. Too much light can be as bad for visual quality as too little light is also, and it costs a lot more.

## Water-saving Tips

1. After boiling water for tea or cooking on the stove use the leftover water for your plants, just let it cool down first!
2. Spend less time in the shower. Bring a radio into the bathroom and time yourself by the number of songs that play while you're in there. See if you can get your shower time down to one song.

# Was ist los in Franken?

By Bianca Sowders, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

## Herbstplärren in Bamberg

The Bamberg Fall Fest Herbstplärren is ongoing until Oct. 28. As one of the larger fests in northern Bavaria it offers two fest tents, three beer gardens, a ferris wheel, bumper cars and more.

## Aischgründer Karpfenschmeckerwochen

The Aischgrund, the area around Neustadt an der Aisch and Höchstädt/Aisch is famous for its delicious carp. The new carp season has just started and is celebrated with the "Karpfenschmeckerwochen" until Nov. 4. A carp is usually served "blau" (boiled) or "gebacken" (fried), but there are many other tasty ways to prepare this popular fish, like smoked, in wonderful sauces or even as brat or sushi. Local restaurants often offer a "Karpfen Buffet" where you can try different varieties at once. For more information check out the website [www.karpfenschmeckerwochen.de](http://www.karpfenschmeckerwochen.de).

## Maryland Jazz Band in Ansbach

The Maryland Jazz Band will be performing in the Orangerie in Ansbach on Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. Information and tickets are available at the Ansbach Tourist Office at 0981-51243.

## Kitzingen Wine Fest

The wine fest in Kitzingen, called the Weinherbst, takes place on Oct. 27 at the market square and surrounding locations. The traditional parade begins at 1 p.m. More details can be found at [www.kitzingen.info](http://www.kitzingen.info).

## Würzburger Jazzfestival

The Jazz Festival in Würzburg takes place on Oct. 27-28 at the Felix-Fechenbach-Haus (Gabelsberger Straße 2 c). Tickets at the evening counter are available for 30 Euros, a matinee on Sunday at 11 a.m. is free. For details and program information, go to <http://www.jazzini-wuerzburg.de/>.

## Faszination Pferd - Nürnberg

The Messezentrum Nürnberg is featuring a special horse show with tournaments and other sport events involving horses. The show is scheduled Oct. 30-Nov. 4 and is open daily from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Details can be found at [www.faszination-pferd.de](http://www.faszination-pferd.de).

## Kinder Bazaars

A Kinderbasar is a second-hand bazaar for used children's clothing, toys and equipment. They are usually organized by parents in the fall and spring and are a good opportunity to purchase well-kept items for a reasonable price. Often there will be coffee and homemade cake for sale at the event. Here are some examples of upcoming bazaars:

- Breitenguessbach at St. Michael – Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Buch am Wald at Gemeindehaus – Oct. 28, 2-4 p.m.
- Colmburg at Gemeindehaus – Oct. 28, 1-5 p.m.
- Erbes-Buedesheim at Bürgerhaus, Nacker Str. 1 – Oct. 28, 2-4 p.m.
- Erlabrunn at Feuerwehrhaus – Oct. 28, 1-3:30 p.m.
- Ansbach at Montessori Haus, Karolinenstr. 5 – Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-noon (toys only)
- Gerach at Mutter-Kind-Gruppe – Nov. 18, 2-4 p.m.
- Rothenburg at Jakobsschule, Kirchplatz 13 – Nov. 24, noon-2 p.m.
- Heilsbronn at Grundschule – Nov. 24, noon-2 p.m.
- Baunach at St. Oswald – Nov. 24, 1:30-4 p.m.

## Pumpkin Festival in Ludwigsburg (near Stuttgart)

Ludwigsburg's 'Blühendes Barock' Garden is a place that goes all out when

it comes to celebrating the pumpkin—each year the garden hosts a special fest that pays tribute to more than 450 varieties of this North American native. Sculptures and fountains decorated with pumpkins are a big feature of the fest, as well as lots of pumpkin-based treats like soup, spaghetti and even wine; the festival is open to the public until Nov. 4. The Baroque Garden also features a fairy-tale park that takes you through some of Europe's most famous children's stories. Visit with Red Riding Hood, then choose a pumpkin of your very own to bring home. For details visit <https://www.facebook.com/kuerbisausstellung> or <http://www.blueba.de/Veranstaltungen/Kuerbis/kuerbis.html>.

## Fish Harvest week in Dinkelsbühl

The Fisch-Erntewoche in Dinkelsbühl, Oct. 26-Nov. 4, is a must for fish lovers; there will be carp, wels catfish, walleye, tench and trout on the menu, freshly harvested from the ponds. For details go to [www.fischerntewoche.de](http://www.fischerntewoche.de).

## Lebkuchenmarkt in Nürnberg

The annual ginger bread market, Lebkuchenmarkt, in Nürnberg takes place in front of the Lorenzkirche downtown on Oct. 26-Nov. 4; stop by for a sample of the famous Nürnberger Lebkuchen and enjoy a warm beverage with it. The market is open daily 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

## Consumenta in Nürnberg

The consumer fair Consumenta opens its doors again in the Messezentrum Nürnberg on Oct. 27 until Nov. 4. New 'theme parks,' interesting events and activity areas in ten exhibition halls offer something for everybody. Opening hours are daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information go to [www.consumenta.de](http://www.consumenta.de).

## Kitzinger Weinherbst

The annual wine fall fest in Kitzingen on Oct. 27 starts at 11 a.m.; a traditional parade of the vintners begins at 1 p.m., ending up at the Marktplatz. More information can be found at [www.kitzingen.info](http://www.kitzingen.info).

## Happy Halloween Dance Party in Nürnberg

Radio Gong is featuring a Halloween dance party at the Rockfabrik (Klingenhofstraße 56) in Nürnberg on Oct. 27, starting at 8 p.m. Admission is free for zombies, witches and monsters. For more information go to [www.gong971.de](http://www.gong971.de).

## Kneipenjagd in Forchheim

The Forchheim pub crawl on Oct. 27 begins at 8 p.m. at several different locations. Tickets are available at the evening counters for 12 Euros (pay once for all locations). More info on [www.kammer-events.de](http://www.kammer-events.de).

## Happy Halloween at Wildpark Schloss Tambach

The Wildpark Schloss Tambach (Schloßallee 3, 96479 Weitramsdorf-Tambach) is celebrating an outdoor Halloween with campfires, spooky stories and torch parade; dress up and join the fun on Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. For more information also go to <http://www.wildpark-tambach.de/cms/index.php?menuid=1&reporeid=25>.

## Bird shows in Schillingsfürst Castle

The castle in Schillingsfürst (near Rothenburg) houses a 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).

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