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16th Sustainment Brigade cases colors in preparation for deployment

By Capt. Scott Tanaka,
16th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Emotions ranged from tears to cheers as deploying Soldiers and family members watched Col. Darren Werner and Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Rodriguez case the colors for the 16th Sustainment Brigade in the Freedom Fitness Facility at U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg on Tuesday. This was in advance of the 16th SB deployment to Afghanistan.

For the deploying Soldiers, there has been a lot of training at both the individual and collective levels to prepare for the deployment. At the individual level, Soldiers trained on

basic combat tasks, driving and shooting. The individual training culminated in a Convoy Live Fire Exercise (CLFX) and a Reflexive Fire Range.

Spc. Rodney McLeod, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Special Troops Battalion, was a gunner during the CLFX and said, "It was nice to shoot a lot of M2 rounds during the day and see the tracer fire at night. I was the top gun for the deployers."

At the collective level, Soldiers trained at Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La., and Poland to simulate working with their Afghan counterparts during their deployment. Additionally, Afghan language and culture classes were taught to provide deeper insights into their future partners.

Capt. Jason Upole, a signal officer for 16th STB HHC, attended the training in Poland.

"I've been to Iraq several times, but this was eye opening on how different the war in Afghanistan is from Iraq," Upole said.

As he looked out into his deploying formation during the casing ceremony, Werner stood in awe and appreciation for all the hard work that it took to get to this point.

"Thank you to the Families and family members for all the deployers," Werner said during the ceremony. "Supporting your deploying Soldier



Courtesy Photo
Soldiers in the 16th Sustainment Brigade participate in a casing ceremony on Tuesday.

is a hard job filled with worry and anguish. To the deploying Soldiers, our job is to continue the partnership with our Afghan partners and let the Afghans establish their own country free from terror and Taliban rule.

"I know the 16th SB rear detachment will be busy. Not only do they have the regular mission of maintaining operations as the rear detachment, but they also must continue to move operations from Bamberg to Baumholder. I am confident that the professionals within this brigade will achieve all missions that we are given."

As the casing ceremony ended, Families and Soldiers departed and looked toward the pending deployment to Afghanistan and the brigade's move to Baumholder.



Courtesy Photo

Col. Darren Werner, 16th Sustainment Brigade commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Rodriguez case the 16th SB's colors during a casing ceremony on Tuesday at the Freedom Fitness Facility.

New Closure 2014 webpage helps you prepare today for changes tomorrow

USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs
press release

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- Fact: The garrison here is scheduled to close by October 2014. Fact: Whether you're a Soldier, family member, employee, German or American or a retiree, you must prepare today and expect change tomorrow. Fact: The garrison will provide you the resources to transition into the next chapter of your life.

Closure looms in the 24-month forecast. U.S. Army officials have already begun handing property and land back to the German federal government. Tenant units, beginning with the 44th Expeditionary Battalion, have

either begun re-stationing or — as with the Schweinfurt battalions of the 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade — started inactivating.

That's why we're here at the U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt Public Affairs Office are working side-by-side garrison leaders and managers to keep you up-to-date on closure information. And we're keeping our ear low to the ground, taking feedback from you, so that we can keep our garrison staff informed of your anxieties and needs.

Our goal — using USAG Schweinfurt as a launch pad — is to give you the tools you'll need to

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Headquarters named for fallen Soldier



Spc. Ondirae Abdullah Robinson

Soldiers from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade bow their heads during the invocation remembering Chief Warrant Officer 5 John C. Pratt during a ceremony renaming the brigade headquarters building at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach in his honor Nov. 2. To read the full story on the ceremony, see Page 2.

12th CAB headquarters building named for fallen Soldier

By Capt. Michael Barranti, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs Officer

KATTERBACH, Germany -- The 12th Combat Aviation Brigade honored Chief Warrant Officer 5 John Castle Pratt, the brigade's first senior warrant officer, in a ceremony Friday renaming the headquarters building here for the fallen aviator.

The distinguished visitors for the event included Pratt's wife, Nicola, and daughter, Emma, Maj. Gen. James C. Boozar, acting commanding general of U.S. Army Europe, and Lord Mayor Heinrich Forster of Illsheim.

A native of Washington, D.C., Pratt had been a helicopter pilot for nearly 30 years. In his career, Pratt served three combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Pratt was killed in action along with his co-pilot Capt. John Brainard on May 28 when his AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter was shot down near Kabul, Afghanistan. He was interred with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery on June 21.

Flags were flown at half-staff the morning prior to the ceremony, which was held at the brigade headquarters building at Katterbach. Hundreds of Soldiers gathered out of respect for the fallen warrior. Two of Pratt's favorite songs, "Where the Streets Have No Name" by U2 and "Rocket Man" by Elton John played as Soldiers and guests gathered.

Following the national anthem and the invocation, Brigade Commander Col. Jay Voorhees delivered remarks. He honored Pratt's memory while reminding all present of those Griffin Soldiers still deployed.

"At this very moment, we have 12th CAB aircrews flying combat missions. And one of the reasons they continue to operate at the highest level is because of John Pratt, and the way he went to great lengths to make sure that all of our Soldiers were trained and ready to execute the very missions they are flying as we [are] here today," Voorhees said.

"John's enduring legacy lives, and will forever live through all Griffin Soldiers and all Army Aviation Soldiers every time they jump into a

helicopter. We are prepared to meet mission requirements because of John Pratt's efforts in training all. And our thoughts and our prayers with all Griffins spread throughout Kuwait, Germany and Afghanistan," Voorhees said.

As one of the most experienced Apache pilots in the Army and the most experienced warrant officer in the brigade, Pratt occupied a new named position in the command group of brigade senior warrant officer, at the behest of Voorhees. In this position, Pratt was the commander's adviser and the representative of the warrant officers in the brigade within the command team.

"John is very much still here in the hearts and minds of his friends and colleagues," Nicola Pratt said. "The dedication of this building, especially this building which Emma and I

visited so much, will mean that he will be remembered for so much longer."

"I have struggled to find words to express the depth of my appreciation and thanks that I have for many of the people here," she continued. "There are debts I can never repay.

"He always described himself as a back-of-the-bus kind of guy," she added. "And now he's got a camp in Afghanistan, this building and a dedication plaque, when all he ever really wanted was the parking spot."

At the conclusion of remarks, Pratt's wife and daughter, along with Voorhees, unveiled the plaque on the wall of the headquarters building, honoring Pratt. With the unveiling complete, the ceremony ended with Voorhees presenting Emma Pratt with a key to "Daddy's Building."

The headquarters building was originally constructed in World War II to house Soldiers of the German 52nd Combat Aviation Squadron. When Katterbach was occupied in April 1945, the building served as enlisted barracks for various units until 1969. From 1969 until 1983, a series of renovations were completed to convert the building from barracks to administrative offices and, finally, with the addition of an air traffic control tower, it became the headquarters for the 501st Aviation Regiment; later the Aviation Brigade of the 1st Armored Division, the 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; and in 2006, the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade. From Nov. 2, the building will henceforth be known as Pratt Headquarters.

"We are extremely proud that John's legacy will be known to everyone who passes through these doors," said Voorhees.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the flags were raised to full-staff as the crowd rendered a salute to the memory of John Pratt.

The dedication reads, "In memory of John Castle Pratt, CW5 US Army, 4 May 1961 – 28 May 2012. CW5 Pratt was renowned for his expertise and knowledge on helicopter operations. When John spoke, people listened."



Spc. Ondirae Abdullah-Robinson

Col. Jay Voorhees, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade commander, presents a key to the newly named Pratt Headquarters building to Emma Pratt, the daughter of fallen aviator Chief Warrant Officer 5 John C. Pratt, during a ceremony renaming the brigade headquarters at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach in honor of her father on Nov. 2.



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IMCOM seeks to hire, retain former Soldiers in the Army civilian workforce

By Bill Bradner Installation Management Command

Army civilians serve alongside Soldiers every day, in every theater. From state-side garrisons to forward operating bases in Afghanistan, Army civilians write contracts, deliver goods, manage networks, operate ranges, manage business operations and provide support functions that would otherwise present distractions to training and wartime operations. From the sound of reveille to when a Soldier turns out the lights at the end of the day, Soldiers are supported by their civilian counterparts.

There are vacant positions throughout the U.S. Army Installation Management Command which need to be filled so IMCOM can provide world-class customer service and deliver programs and services to Soldiers, civilians, and Families. Throughout the command, about 40 percent of civilian employees have served in uniform.

For Soldiers considering taking off their uniform, continuing their career with the Army as a civilian is a logical transition choice, said Col. Francis Burns, at the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management at headquarters, department of the Army.

“Have you ever wanted to live in Hawaii? Or return to Europe to live and work, while still supporting Soldiers and their Families?” Burns asked. “You owe it to yourself to consider using that training and experience you earned in uniform to help you land the perfect job as a civilian.”

Federal service may be an ideal opportunity for wounded warriors and disabled veterans through a process called “Schedule A” appointment authority. Using Schedule A, qualified candidates with disabilities can be hired non-competitively. This speeds up the recruitment process, helping our wounded warriors gain employment while filling critical vacancies quickly.

Schedule A benefits both the employer and potential employee by assisting those with disabilities to gain federal employment and by shortening the hiring process — which averages 102 days using traditional methods.

For example, the IMCOM headquarters placed six interns in less than



Courtesy Photo
Lori Mann, right, an Army Career and Alumni Program counselor offers career guidance to a Soldier at the ACAP center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

45 days using the Schedule A appointment authority and the Wounded Warrior database.

“Schedule A cuts through a lot of the red tape,” said Rufus B. Caruthers, the IMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity director. “The hiring action can take as little as two weeks, it can happen just that fast.”

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New online game trains kids against cyber attacks

WASHINGTON -- Worms, viruses, Trojan horses, and spyware: BEWARE! The National Science Center, or NSC, is now training kids to stay safe from cyber attack malware when they're surfing the web or using email and cell phones. A new online game called Cyber Swarm Defenders is targeted to 6th-8th grade students and is also appropriate for younger...



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Army beats Air Force, 41-21

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Senior quarterback Trent Steelman rushed for 101 yards and threw for another 100 to help Army secure a 41-21 victory over Air Force, Saturday in front of more than 37,700 fans at Michie Stadium, here.

A stout Army defense limited Air Force to just one touchdown in the first three...

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



UMUC Europe offers application waiver during American Education Week

University of Maryland University College press release

HEIDELBERG, Germany -- University of Maryland University College Europe is celebrating American Education Week with a special application fee waiver for all new students who apply Nov. 11-17.

Also during this time, prospective and current students can receive a free UMUC Fast Plan with an academic advisor.

After applying to UMUC Europe as a new student during this time period, the \$30 undergraduate or \$40 graduate application fee will be waived. Students can apply online at www.ed.umuc.edu.

With a free UMUC Fast Plan, both prospective and current students can find out which program fits their goals best, how many previous credits

could transfer, how close they are to earning a degree and the classes needed to get there. Local field academic advisors stand ready to help students get started at www.ed.umuc.edu/advising.

Registration is available now for Holiday Express Intersession – a shortened session that gives students the opportunity to earn university credit in half the time during the holidays – beginning on Dec. 17. Many of these courses are offered face-to-face at downrange locations like Afghanistan and Bahrain, so deployed service members can work toward their goals while fighting for their country this holiday season. The schedule can be found at <http://webapps.umuc.edu/soc/europe.cfm>.

For more information, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, visit www.ed.umuc.edu, or call 06221-3780.

Franconia Military Community plan Nov. 14 drug take back

By Douglas DeMaio, Bavaria Medical Department Activity Public Affairs

VILSECK, Germany -- Installations across the Franconia Military Community will have a Prescription Drug Take Back Day at pharmacies in Bamberg, Illesheim, Katterbach and Schweinfurt from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14.

The event highlights efforts to turn in unwanted and unused prescriptions, so the pharmaceutical drug can be disposed of properly rather than flushed down the toilet, which is prohibited in Germany.

"We prefer people bring the medications in its original package..., but if not, that is ok; we will still take it," said Maj. James Kenisky, Bavaria Medical Department Activity pharmacy chief. "Within BMEDDAC, we take drugs back on a daily basis, but on Nov. 14, we are going to emphasize the importance of turning in your unwanted medications to protect the community and to promote that this service is offered to the community."

All Military Treatment Facility pharmacies in Bavaria take back expired or unused prescription drugs during opening hours throughout the year, Kenisky said. Getting prescriptions out of medicine cabinets and away from children who might abuse the drugs is the most important objective for the Take Back program.



Douglas DeMaio

Spc. Martins Isikhuemhen, a pharmacy technician at the Bamberg Health Clinic, fills a prescription through a dispenser the clinic received this year. Pharmacy technicians do not just provide over-the-counter medications and prescription drugs; the technicians also take back the items throughout the year for proper disposal.

By helping to properly dispose of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines, people are helping to make the community safer, he said.

The Partnership for a Drug Free America reports that approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time every day. Studies show a majority of prescription drug abusers obtain these drugs from family, friends and the home medicine cabinet.

Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications are also leading substances used in suicide, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Take Back program in Europe is different from the one in the states because the program in the United States is a Drug Enforcement Agency program.

"Once a year, they really promote this," Kenisky said.

According to the DEA, Americans who participated in the DEA's third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Oct. 29, 2011, turned in more than 377,086 pounds of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,327 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and U.S. territories.

"The amount of prescription drugs by the American public during the past three Take-Back Day events speaks volumes about the need to develop a convenient way to rid homes of unwanted or expired prescription drugs," said DEA Administrator Michele M. Leonhart.

The DEA is having its fifth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, but military community members living in Germany have the option available to them year-round.

Because there is no DEA outside the U.S., the Take Back program is managed by the MTF pharmacies. Take back programs in Germany are common at pharmacies.

People who turn in medications do not have to do any paperwork, but the pharmacist is not that lucky, Kenisky said. Pharmacists have to fill out paperwork for accountability purposes and the person turning in the medication needs to sign the form the pharmacist prepares.

"It is all done when they get to the pharmacy," Kenisky said.

Military community members are encouraged to take advantage of the Take Back program at the pharmacy in their military health clinic, he said.

Annual force protection exercise may affect you, cause delays

By Nathan Van Schaik, USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- Garrison officials here conduct their annual force protection exercise from Nov. 9-14.

The training event will escalate into a full-scale exercise Nov. 14 which will have an effect on gate services at Ledward Barracks.

The Ledward south gate across from McDonalds will be closed to both pedestrian and vehicle traffic, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those using the Ledward main gate can anticipate long delays.

The exercise culminating on Nov. 14 will have no effect on other installations' gates

As part of the training exercise, U.S. forces and personnel in the U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt community may see increased random force protection measures during this training period.

These random measures are not in response to any specific threat to U.S. Army in Europe installations or personnel, but a standard part of the garrison's security and anti-terrorism program.



Postponed Halloween Howl Fest rises from grave for second night of frights

By Stephen Baack,
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany -- Weather conditions almost ruled out this year's Halloween Howl Fest at Franken Kaserne, but with a little extra work and planning, members of the Franconia community had another chance to enjoyably indulge their fears on the evening of Nov. 3.

Originally scheduled for Oct. 26 and 27, the event was postponed after several inches of snow made it "just impossible to do the 'zombie ride' and corn maze" on the second day, said Richard Martin, the chief of the Community Recreation Division of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "So, we got snowed out and we rescheduled. It's a little bit lower key here for today."

Overall, the "Re-Howl" may have been lower key, but the screams filling the haunted house told another story. A smiling hostess in nondescript clothing guided visitors through the entrance of the house, but her calm introduction was interrupted by her own screams as a ghoulish figure carried her off through a dark side entrance. From then on, the victims were on their own as they navigated a labyrinth of nightmarish houseguests intent only on terrifying them.

The haunted house almost never happened,

however, because the members of the USAG Ansbach Teen Center who set up the attraction were only available Oct. 27 to run it. Luckily for visitors, volunteers from Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers came through and made it available for Nov. 3.

"It was already built in place, and the kids are on a trip this weekend, so the BOSS Soldiers stepped up and said, 'We'll be happy to run it for them.' So, at least their hard work that they put together didn't go to waste," said Darlene Hines, Family and MWR special events coordinator and BOSS adviser.

"It was good -- it was really good," said Cheyenne Nevada, president of the Ansbach Spouses Community Club, who went with friend Mary Lawler, wife of USAG Ansbach garrison commander Col. Kelly Lawler. The two spouses let out their share of howls during the maze-like haunted house. "My favorite part was going in and turning around ... and then, they change the whole maze."

Outside the house was a bonfire, and separate from that was a campfire around which children and parents listened to ghost stories. Just outside the haunted house, members of the Ansbach Spouses Community Club prepared and sold food and refreshments.

The Nov. 3 Re-Howl was scaled back from the previous weekend when the event was set up



Stephen Baack

Two volunteers of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers scared visitors of a haunted house on the night of Nov. 3 during the Halloween Howl Fest. Members of Katterbach Kaserne's Teen Center set up the haunted house at Franken Kaserne, after which BOSS Soldiers served as the assortment of ghouls, beasts and zombies.

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help yourself move to your next home or duty station, land your next job, or prepare for any modifications in garrison services.

We are investing in a positive closure. We bring to you the Closure 2014 webpage, chock-full of information. Here is the breakdown:

In the News

Plug in, stay connected, be informed. Here you will find the latest press releases regarding closure. Many stories are offered in both English and German. Stay current on the latest news releases from a variety of news resources, not just from USAG Schweinfurt. We'll provide it as we receive it. Prepare for change today, expect change tomorrow and trust that we'll get you the news that affects you.

Deutsche Nachrichten

"Deutsche Nachrichten" translates as "German News." This page is geared toward the local national work force, which plays a significant role in providing services to our community. In addition to press releases in German, this page provides slide presentations provided by the Works Council and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Miss a local national work assembly? Get the goods here.

Service Closures and Modifications

Many of the services provided throughout the installation will close or become modified from

their current versions. To confront a conflicting mission of closing a base down that must at the same time maintain its operational readiness and quality of life levels, the garrison commander has laid out a list of three priorities which will serve as a beacon between now and October 2014. Those priorities will guide decision-making over the course of the transformation.

Topping the command's list is support to the Army's combat capability, often referred to as Army Forces Generation, or ARFORGEN.

Second priority is to ensure life, health and safety on the installation.

The command's third priority is to support and strengthen the Schweinfurt community.

How those priorities affect the lives of the community will be more evident as the garrison goes through major restructuring. Those three priorities in order of significance will determine which services will be affected. Services that don't meet command priorities will be taken offline, reduced or substituted.

Soldier, Civilian, Employee and Family Resources

Here Soldiers, civilians, employees and Families will find the tools they can use to better prepare themselves for the future. The page caters to the individual's needs with links to a wealth of information that includes a permanent change of station checklist, employee benefits program, among other guides. These resources can help everyone as they prepare for the transition process.

Closure Blog

The goal of the blog is twofold. First, we're giving the microphone to those subject matter experts assisting with the transition. Second, this is your opportunity to weigh in on your concerns and apprehensions. We'll aim to field questions concerning closure and how it affects you.

Visit the website at www.schweinfurt.army.mil/closure2014/.

USAG Schweinfurt PAO

The garrison work force is investing in a positive closure set for October of 2014. The Public Affairs Office shop unveils a new webpage that gives you the tools needed to help yourself move to your next home or duty station, land your next job or prepare for any modifications in garrison services.

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There are many opportunities for Soldiers transitioning out of the Army, regardless of their status, to continue their service by joining the IMCOM team. Many of the benefits are obvious: paid job-related training and education, comprehensive benefits packages and leave accrual rates based on time-in-service. In addition to opportunities in the U.S., civilians serve around the world in locations such as Japan, Korea, Europe and Puerto Rico, among many others.

There are also many not-so-obvious benefits. The sense of camaraderie and teamwork is strong in the civilian workforce and is cultivated just as carefully as it is among active-duty Soldiers. Another similarity to serving on active duty is the emphasis Army civilians place on values.

"There's not much difference in how you feel about your job and how you conduct business in and out of uniform," said Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Willie Wilson, who today works for IMCOM and runs the Army's World Class Athlete Program. "And in most Army civilian positions, you're still taking care of Soldiers and their families. I'm glad that's still part of my job description."

The sense of accomplishment and value is high in the Army civilian workforce. In a recent Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, 92 percent of Federal employees answered positively to the statement "The work I do is important."

Training and leader development is also as pervasive in the civilian workforce as it is in uniform. The Civilian Education System, modeled after the Army Non-commissioned Officer Education System, provides a full spectrum of continuing education and career development courses. Civilians are first exposed to the training at in-processing to their first duty station and have access to schools and virtual classes to help them progress from entry-level to Senior Executive Service.

IMCOM leads the way in workforce development initiatives that include yearly opportunities for developmental assignments, structured mentoring programs and an academy dedicated to instruction of installation management professionals.

IMCOM has also developed the IMCOM Enterprise Placement Program to help ensure the command can keep employees in the organization once hired. IEPP matches job vacancies at Army installations around the world with qualified IMCOM employees already serving in another capacity. The voluntary referral and placement program is designed to give employees affected by structure and resourcing changes the opportunity to relocate and find the best fit to continue serving the Army family. The IEPP enables the command to retain institutional knowledge and preserve its superior workforce, all while continuing the Army's "I will never quit" philosophy that so many Army civilians take to heart.

"That's our version of leaving no Soldier behind," said Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, IMCOM commanding general. "We owe it to our dedicated civilians and to the soldiers we support to do everything we can to keep a highly-motivated, highly-qualified workforce in place to maintain our infrastructure and sustain our Army." Ferriter said there are more than 2,000 positions available today worldwide throughout IMCOM.

To learn more about the IEPP or civilian job opportunities within the Installation Management Command, visit the IMCOM homepage at www.imcom.army.mil.

Schedule A: The basics for those with disabilities

1. Wounded warriors or disabled persons seeking a position in the Federal Government should register with one (or more) of the following agencies:

- The Employer Assistance and Recruiting Network, <http://earnworks.com>, is a free service that connects employers with active duty, veteran and civilian disabled job candidates.
- The Workforce Recruitment Program, <http://wrp.gov>, is a recruitment and referral program that recently graduated students with disabilities through both summer and permanent jobs.
- Veterans and wounded warriors should contact the Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service at www.dol.gov/vets/welcome, the Hire Hero's program at www.hireheroesusa.org, and the Wounded Warriors project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.
- Other resources include the Office of

Personnel Management's disability site at www.opm.gov/disability and the Federal Government's one-stop website for people with disabilities, their families, employers, veterans and service members: www.disabilityinfo.gov.

2. Once registered, the Selective Placement Coordinator or Disability Program Manager at the agency taking advantage of the Schedule A hiring authority will search the databases above, as well as counterparts at other agencies, and provide a list of qualified disabled candidate to the hiring authority.

Schedule A: The basics for employers

1. Hiring managers should coordinate with their agency's Selective Placement Coordinator or Disability Program Manager, usually found in the garrison's EEO offices, and describe the competencies required for the position.

2. The SPC/DPM will consult with numerous resources, including local colleges and universities, the Wounded Warrior program, EARN and the Department of Labor's Workforce Recruiting Program (to name a few) and develop a list of eligible candidates. No job announcement is required.

3. The hiring official reviews the list, conducts interviews, and makes a selection. (Hiring officials also have the option of not selecting from the list and using the traditional hiring process.)

4. Once a selection decision is made, the agency's HR office makes an offer to the candidate.

"Schedule A has been around for as long as I've been in Federal service," Caruthers said, "but as the number of disabled vets grows, and with the president's emphasis on hiring disabled vets, we'll see a big increase in the number of people hired under that authority."

For employers, that means more qualified candidates to choose from. And for people with disabilities seeking employment, it means a significant growth in the number of hiring authorities using those databases to select candidates.

For more information, visit your local EEO or Wounded Warrior office, or go online to www.disabilityinfo.gov.

Spread Holiday Cheer... Mail Early!

To ensure your packages sent to the United States are delivered before Christmas, mail them no later than these dates.

HOLIDAY MAILING DEADLINES

SPACE AVAILABLE MAIL	26 NOVEMBER 2012
PARCEL AIR LIFT MAIL	3 DECEMBER 2012
PRIORITY PARCELS	10 DECEMBER 2012
FIRST CLASS LETTERS AND CARDS	10 DECEMBER 2012
EXPRESS MAIL (FOR AUTHORIZED LOCATIONS)	18 DECEMBER 2012

Participation required in fall cleanup next week



Command Sgt. Maj. William Funcheon

Staff Report

BAMBERG, Germany -- Twice a year community members are asked to participate in a garrison-wide cleanup to improve the living and working environment at the garrison by eliminating all safety hazards and unsightly conditions.

This is a reminder to all Soldiers, Families, Department of Defense civilians and local national workforce employees regarding this year's fall cleanup Nov. 14-16.

"The cleanup allows us to represent our community by providing a clean and safe appearance where we are all proud to say Bamberg is the best community we live in," said Command Sgt. Maj. William Funcheon. "We only ask community members twice a year to help out and clean up the garrison and, therefore, it is important for everyone to participate."

Fall cleanup will give residents of our community the opportunity to dispose of some of those unwanted household items. Each housing unit has an assigned building coordinator. They will assist in the cleanup effort by providing additional instructions regarding what is expected of residents during the cleanup.

On Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m., Soldiers' scheduled place of duty is to be at their residence to assist their building coordinators in cleaning until the mission is complete.

"We need to support the building coordinators in getting the housing areas cleaned up," Funcheon said. "Residents are not to be

released until the building coordinator releases them."

Cleaning the housing areas does not just include the outside areas but the common areas such as hallways and laundry rooms.

"Living in on-post housing is a privilege and we should take pride in where we live," Funcheon said. "Our homes reflect who we are and we should always try to look our best. Cleaning our homes and our installation is a team effort and I need everyone to contribute their share."

If you wish to dispose of bulk items like old furniture, place them neatly near the curb of your house for collection so the items do not obstruct any driveways, parking spaces, roads or walkways in your neighborhood. Housing residents can be proactive by setting items near the curbs beginning the evening of Nov. 13. No tires or hazardous waste are to be placed in these areas. Detailed personnel will pick up items from Nov. 14-16 with the last pick-up at 4 p.m. on the 16th.

Family members needing assistance in getting bulk items to the recycling center can contact their building coordinator or area zone coordinator for assistance.

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for the corn maze and tractor rides through the zombie trail. While the scaled-back version did not offer either, Oct. 26 offered both. This year marked the second Halloween Howl Fest, which provided attendees a larger corn maze for which MWR provided horse and carriage rides. The snow and rain, however, turned the area into a "mud hole," Martin said, which forced cancellation. Weather permitting, Hines said the kaserne is otherwise an ideal place for the Howl Fest.

"Franken Kaserne works well for doing the zombie trail because the BOSS Soldiers can be back there screaming and scaring people, and we're not disturbing neighbors or any of that," Hines said. "It's a facility where you can't get out and get lost, so it's really a wonderful kaserne to do these kind of things on."

In addition to the work put in from Teen Center members, Family and MWR and the Ansbach Spouses Community Club, more than 50 BOSS Soldiers put in more than 1,700 volunteer hours spanning two to three weeks of work on the zombie trail, the corn maze and their help running the haunted house, of which 14 Soldiers volunteered to be a part. Each Soldier who earned 100 hours received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and all received certificates of achievement.

"The Soldiers have been showing a great response, and they're encouraging," said

Shellan Francois, the USAG Ansbach BOSS president, who is attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment at Barton Barracks. "We appreciate everything they do."

Francois called the result of their work on the zombie trail, in particular, to be "phenomenal." The trail included a tunnel entrance with creepy Halloween scenes, a zombie hospital, a graveyard with a gatekeeper and a crypt featuring Freddy Krueger. As the visitors escaped the crypt, zombies rose from their graves and chased the tractor full of visitors, and a pack of wolves stormed toward them. As the tractor approached the exit, the journey ended with Jason Voorhees popping out of the coffin to give the victims one last fright.

"It was amazing," Francois added. "The volunteers loved doing it." Not to be outdone, the corn maze had its own share of zombies and other frights, she said, and the feedback for the entire event was positive.

Hines and Martin said they were worried about the weather not cooperating for the Re-Howl, but were relieved to see it end up working out.

"One weather station said 100 percent chance of rain," said Martin.

"We got lucky, so we were able to do this," Hines said. "And it seems like the community is enjoying it. We've had -- not great numbers like we would have had had Halloween Howl gone through -- but for people who like this

kind of thing and really wanted [to wear] their costumes, I think it served them well."



Stephen Baack

The host of the Halloween Howl Fest's haunted house lets forth a scream on the night of Nov. 3 at Franken Kaserne as a zombie abducts her at the start of her "tour," leaving visitors on their own as they try to escape. Members of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers ran the haunted house and served as its frightening occupants.

Rob Lake Magic Show to appear in Ansbach, Bamberg

By Simon Hupfer, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- Magician and illusionist Rob Lake will make a stop at U.S. Army garrisons Bamberg and Ansbach in November and bedazzle military community members.

Lake was the youngest magician ever to receive the prestigious Merlin Award, magic's highest honor, as the 2008 International Stage Magician of the Year.

"Rob Lake has dazzled audiences at military installations around the world for some time, and we're very excited to have him here in Bamberg," said Jack Austin, entertainment director at USAG Bamberg's Stable Theater. "It'll be a great family event, and maybe there'll even be a little bit of magic for the kids all to take home from the event."

Named America's Greatest by the Fox Family Channel, Lake's performances include TV, casinos, theaters, cruises and corporate events worldwide, according to Armed Forces Entertainment, which is bringing the show to military installations in Europe.

In addition to performing, Lake has created illusions for many of today's most famous magicians and numerous theatrical productions across the globe including more than 500 productions of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Phantom of the Opera."

Lake's award-winning illusion spectacular is uniquely presented as awe-inspiring storytelling on the grandest scale. Lake is internationally renowned for captivating audiences across the U.S., Asia, Australia, Europe and at The White House.

At USAG Ansbach, 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 Concierge in the Von Steuben on Bismarck Kaserne Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In Bamberg, the JFK Teen Center will host the Rob Lake show Saturday, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. No tickets are required, and admission is free. For more information, call, 09802-83-2930 (Ansbach) or the Bamberg Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647, or visit www.roblake.com.

Team Appreciation Day recognizes employees muscling through year of uncertainties

By Nathan Van Schaik,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- Garrison employees muscled their way through a fiscal year pockmarked by uncertainties, but which culminated in a recent positive development and an appreciation day hosted by garrison leaders.

"These last few months have been challenging in many different ways, yet you have accomplished every mission put to us, across the spectrum," said Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Michael Runey, in a message to garrison employees.

Runey and his senior leadership team hosted the personally-sponsored Team Appreciation Day Oct. 26 at the Conn Club as a token of appreciation for the entire workforce's service, dedication and accomplishments.

The event comes on the heels of a recent positive development that pushed back the date when local national employees must involuntarily separate as a result of Department of Defense restructuring and a base closure slotted for October of 2014.

The U.S. Army in Europe announced Nov. 8 last year that it would reorganize with reductions in military, Department of the Army civilian and local national positions, in accordance with DOD direction.

That would have impacted 123 local national positions in Schweinfurt, which was set to go into effect March 2013. Many German employees fill positions in logistics, maintenance, housing, grounds crews and utilities — all of which would have seen major reductions in service.



Nathan Van Schaik
The garrison workforce outside of the Conn Club, Oct. 26, at the Team Appreciation Day hosted by the garrison leadership. Despite a year marked by the announcement of the garrison's closure, employees are still chocking up impressive numbers.

"But that number — which reflected positions and not actual people — has been significantly reduced, as a result of an updated operations order known as a fragmentary order, or FRAGO, released by the director of all U.S. Army garrisons in Europe on Oct. 11." Runey said in a Nov. 1 blog post on the garrison's closure page.

That occurred for several reasons, Runey said at the team appreciation day. Working with Installation Management Command — the organization overseeing Army garrisons worldwide — and its regional office in Europe, Schweinfurt was able to reduce its strength to meet Defense Department objectives. The garrison also worked side-by-side with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and the local national Works Council, as well as with individual employees, who either took annulment contracts or shifted into other available positions.

"I want to be very clear that the team that you are looking at today — and the positions and many of the people — will be the team we take to closure," Runey said at the Oct. 26 event.

"The best part about Friday was that it marked a turning point for us as a garrison staff," said Kevin Griess, the garrison's deputy garrison commander and No. 2 man behind Runey, on the team appreciation day. Griess will likely take the reins from Runey who is scheduled to leave next summer. "Many of our personnel actions are complete, the (reduction in force) is behind us for the most part, we have wrapped up our fiscal year and we were able to celebrate our team spirit together."

While normal attrition has taken its toll on the garrison workforce since 2010 — total staff has reduced from around 500 to its present 400 employees — and with DOD managers hamstrung by hiring restrictions, employees here have much to be proud of.

AWAG holds local conference at Von Steuben

By Bryan Gatchell,
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany -- Americans Working Around the Globe held a conference Nov. 1 at the Von Steuben Community Activity Center at Bismarck Kaserne. AWAG holds locally oriented conferences in the autumn in preparation of a larger regional conference in the spring. The event at Bismarck represented the Franken area, which includes U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, USAG Bamberg and USAG Schweinfurt.

Volunteers attend the AWAG conferences as a training opportunity. The organization for this season's local conference was spearheaded by Steffaney Oscarson, who serves as the Franken representative on the board of governors and keeps delegates in the area informed of what is happening.

"AWAG is a private organization open to anyone who volunteers in the European community," Oscarson said. "There's no membership. If you are a volunteer, you're welcome to the services."

The organization originally began as "American

Women's Activities, Germany" in the late 1940s. from Grafenwoehr and the United Kingdom.

The original intent was to form a group that could promote community welfare and charity in Germany. During the 1950s, the group's goals shifted to emphasize community relations between Germans and Americans. The scope widened beyond Germany to include clubs in France, the United Kingdom and Italy. Spread through many different countries, AWAG's purpose today, according to its web site, is "to train, strengthen, and connect volunteers, their organizations and their communities."

Volunteers can log hours by attending conferences such as the one held at Von Steuben. Training opportunities at this conference included classes on communication and marketing, finances when moving back to the United States, anticipatory grief and time management.

"Everybody needs to know how to manage their time better, especially when they're volunteering," Oscarson said, concerning the specific benefits of each class.

Speakers for the classes included several Ansbach-area residents, as well as experts

"Every single military community has facets of volunteerism ingrained in its culture and traditions," said Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford C. Cain, command sergeant major of USAG Ansbach, during a speech at the conference. "It is a tremendous way for people to participate and make a difference. That is why this AWAG conference is such an important and necessary event within our community, and we are honored to host it here in Ansbach."

Overall, Oscarson believed that the conference was a success.

"Everything I envisioned this conference being, it happened, and it all went smoothly," Oscarson said. "It was well received by the community and the board of governors, and all the delegates seemed to enjoy their classes. They thought they were able to take useful information back and implement it in their community."

The AWAG spring conference takes place May 5-9 at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch. To learn more about AWAG, visit www.awagonline.org.

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Disposing of these items properly is the most important thing you should be aware of during the fall cleanup. Each year the Army spends an enormous amount of money on waste disposal. Recycle what you can at the Community Recycling Center.

Throwing trash into a recycling bin meant for paper, metal, glass or plastic makes the material inside useless for recycling, and the material will be considered waste. The reason for this is that it is not cost effective to separate the material after it has been mixed. To have an effective fall cleanup this year, everyone in our community needs to contribute and we need to place material in the proper containers. Placing material in the proper container is an individual's responsibility.

One person's mistake can ruin the community's recycling efforts. Use reasonable judgment when disposing of all material, so items are not mixed in the wrong container.

During fall cleanup pick up service will be provided for leaf bags and recycling. Residents are asked to not wait until the last minute on Friday to put out their leaf bags and bulk items.

During the rest of the year, residents can get leaf bags from the Self Help Issue Point, but there is no regular pick up of leaf bags and yard waste. Residents are required to bring their leaf bags and yard waste to the Recycling Center.

On Nov. 14-15, all units and civilians will clean up their designated work areas. This includes

all office buildings and unit headquarters, in addition to assigned areas designated by the garrison.

Units have to take their bulk trash and leaf bags to the Community Recycling Center and separate all recyclable material into the proper containers.

Ensure all household hazardous waste is brought to the Community Recycling Center located at Building 7134. Do not place these items in the regular trash; doing this can harm the environment. Scrap metal, glass, paper and plastic should also be taken to the Community Recycling Center.

The Self Help Issue Point is a source available to on post residents for cleaning leafs and other landscaping cleanup projects, so please make use of this valuable resource. Items available include rakes, hedge trimmer, pruning shears, weed eaters, trash bags and brooms. Community members are encouraged to pick up items required from Self Help on Nov. 13.

Units must have an updated signature card DA 1687 to receive items from Self Help. For more information, call 0951-300-7669.

Leased and off-post housing are to use the city bulk dates in their area or bring the bulk items and leaf bags to the Community Recycling Center. For more information call, 0951-300-7598

"We would like to thank each one of you in advance for helping to keep Bamberg a clean and beautiful place. We look forward to seeing

each one of you do your part in making this installation the best in Europe," Funcheon said.

Clarifications to news release on USAG Bamberg closure

On Oct. 18 the Franconian News published an article on Page 5 titled "Preparation key as Bamberg approaches closure in 2014." The article highlighted the "road to closure" of U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg during a Military community commander's conference. On Oct. 9, USAG Bamberg Commander Lt. Col. Michelle L. Bienias briefed tenant unit commanders and program directors on the 2014 closure.

The following are some clarifications to the article:

- USAG Bamberg and Schweinfurt are equivalent to the size of Fairfax County, VA. USAG Ansbach does not make up part of this footprint.

- USAG Bamberg has one year and 11 months before it starts to close down.

- Currently USAG Bamberg is in Phase I Sustainment Operations and Planning of the plan and is preparing for Phase II Units Activities Movement. The transition into Phase II will not be until next summer when units start relocating.

- During Phase I in preparation for Phase II units and garrison directorates have started to turn in excess equipment.

Franconia Military Community Announcements

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.

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

Recycling Fact
About 80 percent of what Americans throw away is recyclable, yet our recycling rate is only 28 percent.

optimize Army OneSource the mobile experience for visitors. Visit www.myarmyonesource.com today.

Get EFMP Registered

Is your Soldier coming back from downrange? If your Soldier is receiving orders to another location, it is not too early to start your Exceptional Family Member Program paperwork. Family members can start the paperwork now. Your local Army Community Services EFMP manager can assist in determining what you need to do. Remember, if you have someone registered in EFMP, the registration has to be updated every three years or when the condition changes.

Sexual Assault

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

Pre-Separation Briefing

Planning to move from Soldier to civilian? Take advantage of the transition services offered by the Army Career and Alumni Program, such as a Department of Labor two-and-a-half day job assistance workshop, resume preparation assistance and information about veterans' benefits. Make an appointment to attend the mandatory ACAP Pre-Separation Briefing; offered weekly and about an hour long. Separating Soldiers can start the ACAP process one year before separating. Soldiers who will be retiring can start two years out from their projected retirement date.

Trial Defense Services

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

Teen Stress

The National Military Family Association created a kit to give the people in military teens' lives a way to help them manage stress and affirm the positive aspects of military life. To obtain a copy of the tool kit and learn more, visit <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/News/2010/07/OperationPurple>.

Involved Consideration

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

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.gibil.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.

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, Bismark Kaserne's Tax Relief Office at 09802-83-1780 or Storck Barracks' Tax Relief Office at 09841-83-4553.

Family Advocacy Programs

Army Community Services' Family Advocacy Program is here to provide help and support by offering a New Parent Support Program, Newborn Network, play group, parenting classes, communication classes, victim advocacy and anger/stress management classes. Contact your local ACS for dates and class schedules.

Immediate Appointments

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

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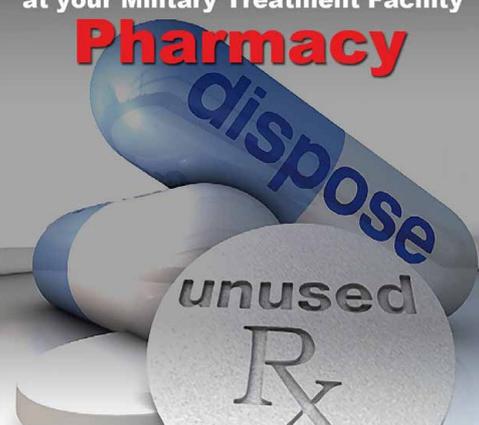
Turn in **Unused or Expired** Medications for disposal Nov. 14 at your Military Treatment Facility

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Ansbach Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Ansbach Public Affairs at usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Veteran's Day

On Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. there will be a Veteran's Day Memorial to honor those who have served and sacrificed at the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade Headquarters Memorial Park on Katterbach.

Dinner and a Murder Series

Dressing up isn't over yet! Sign up for the Dinner and A Murder Series: Murder at the Four Deuces. Nov 17, 6-9 p.m. at the Storck Recreation Center (Storck Community Activity Center). Enjoy a meal while being a costumed part of the play (costume rentals available at Theatrix). Sign up by Nov 14 at the Storck CAC. For more information, call 09841-83-4663.

Research Assistant Opportunity

An energetic, dynamic, and knowledgeable person is required to fill the new Health Promotion Research Assistant position that will be assigned to assist the HPO responsible for the Franconia Military Community area. The HPRA is responsible for the day to day administrative support of the program as well as researching trends, statistics and collecting existing data necessary to track the impact of the HP program on the local installation. The HPRA supports the mission of Health Promotion Operations by developing strategies and protocols, and managing, coordinating and producing research that supports and invigorates the installation health promotion process. These activities directly respond to the health promotion strategic and operational plans as they relate to continuous quality improvement of the health of the installation. The project will involve developing research methodologies, collecting, organizing, analyzing, interpreting, reporting, communicating and disseminating high quality data and information regarding installation characteristics, activities and operations. Either completion of a bachelor's or equivalent work experience is required with associated research knowledge. Minimal travel is required. This is a contract position equivalent to a GS-7. Anyone interested in applying should email

their resume to: darrel.d.kniss@us.army.mil.

Army Family Action Plan

Army Family Action Plan Conference Nov 27-29. Ride the train to change! Submit a problem or concern that affects the entire Army as a whole and suggest possible resolution(s). Remember: It takes a village. Issue Submission Forms are now available from your Army Community Service or online at <http://issuu.com/ansbachfmwr/docs/acsissueform>.

Stache Off

In recognition of the unofficial Testicular Cancer Awareness month in November, grow a mustache to help raise awareness of Men's Health Issues. Sport your mustache at the Illesheim Health Clinic Nov. 29 at 11 a.m. There will be prizes for best and worst mustache. Please sign up for the competition by emailing michelle.konstantinidis@amedd.army.mil. All contestants, including civilians, must grow a real mustache and adhere to Army Regulation 670-1 to meet the judging criteria.

Military Family Appreciation Month

In honor of Military Family Appreciation Month ACS brings you two great ways to celebrate: Edible Pumpkin Contest & Game Night and Art/Essay Contest (Theme: What Is Special About Being a Military Family). Edible Pumpkin Contest & Game Night: Nov 14, 6-8 p.m. Storck Community Activity Center and Von Steuben Community Center. Call ACS for contest rules and information: 09802-83-2883 or 09841-83-4555.

Book Discussion Group

Come to the Bleidorn Library on Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. to discuss the book "The Lost German Slave Girl" by John Bailey. For more information, call Storck Community Library at 09841-83-4675 or Bleidorn Community Library at 09811-83-1740.

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 Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dates for Parents' Night Out will be Nov. 9 and Jan. 11 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. and Nov. 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Visit Parent Central Services or Webtrac to sign up. For more information, call 09802-83-2533 or 09841-83-4880.

Crafters Wanted

Calling all crafters! The Illesheim Spouses & Civilians' Club wants to help you make some extra money at the ISCC Crafters Fair on Nov. 15 in the Longbow Lounge on Storck Barracks. Shopping is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are \$10 each, and crafters are able to reserve as many tables as needed. Reserve your spot today by sending an email to illesheimwaysmeans@gmail.com.

FRGs Needed

The Illesheim Spouses & Civilians' Club Crafters Fair could be a great money-maker for Family Readiness Groups. ISCC is looking for FRGs to sell food and drinks on Nov. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Longbow Lounge on Storck Barracks. Send ISCC an email at illesheimwaysmeans@gmail.com with what you would like to sell. ISCC will be sure there are no duplicate sellers in order to maximize your profit.

ISCC November Crafter Fair

The holiday shopping season is upon us! That is why the Illesheim Spouses and Civilians' Club is hosting a Crafters Fair on Nov. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Longbow Lounge on Storck Barracks. Browse and buy handmade items from local crafters

CYS Services Youth Sports Basketball Official's Clinic

November 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Barton Sports Office, Bldg. 5284
Barton Gym
Register with Sports at:
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U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

and enjoy hot drinks and food provided by Family Readiness Groups. This is a stroller friendly event, so feel free to shop with your little ones before the older ones are out of school. Not a member of ISCC? Don't worry – memberships are available at the door. For more information, check out the ISCC Facebook page or send an email to illesheim.iscc@gmail.com.

ISCC Thrift Shop Needs Volunteers

Looking for a fun and rewarding way to help others and give back to your community? Look no further than the Illesheim Spouses & Civilians' Club Thrift Shop. Volunteer openings include sorting donations, organizing clothes, tagging items and general housekeeping. Volunteers will receive \$5 store credit for working a full shift. Profits from the Thrift Shop are given back to the Illesheim Community in the form of welfare grants and scholarships. Thrift Shop hours are as follows: Tuesday 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH

Edible Pumpkin Contest & Game Night

November 14 • 6-8 p.m.
Von Steuben Community Center
Storck Community Activity Center

- Prizes for pumpkin cook off winners!
- Games! • Refreshments!

Art & Essay Contest

Deadline to enter: November 14
Von Steuben Community Center
Storck Community Activity Center

- Bring your art or essay to the Edible Pumpkin Contest & Game Night or drop off at any ACS.
- Theme: "What is Special About Being a Military Family"
- Winner in each category will be announced at the Storck Tree Lighting. Winning art/essay will be exhibited at ACS.
- Call ACS for contest rules and information.

CONTEST RULES
US ID Cardholder
18 years or older
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and the first Saturday of each month from 12-3 p.m. For more information, send an email to illesheim.iscc@gmail.com.

Bowling Membership Club Card

Join the Katterbach and Storck Bowling Center club for \$25. The membership is valid for 1 year and members will receive \$1.50 games, free show rental, a free t-shirt and a few bowling towel. For more information, call Katterbach Bowling Center at 09802-83-2638 or Storck Bowling Center at 09841-83-4530.

Movie Night

Enjoy a movie free at the Storck Library every Friday at 3 p.m. For more information, call 09841-83-4675.

Stress and Anger Management

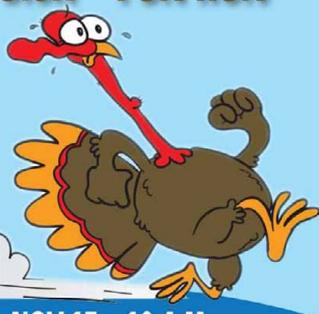
Don't be an angry bird! Help is available through a stress and anger management class. The class is offered on the first Wednesday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Katterbach Army Community Service or on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Storck ACS. Sign up today by call the ACS Family Advocacy Program at 09802-83-2516.

Turkey Trot
3.8K FUN RUN

NOV 17 • 10 A.M.
START: FRONT OF KATTERBACH COMMISSARY
RAFFLE • PRIZES • REFRESHMENTS

REGISTRATION (AUTHORIZED USERS) AT KATTERBACH FITNESS CENTER UP TO 1 HOUR PRIOR TO RUN

Katterbach Fitness Center
CIV 09802.83.3225 • 467.3225

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.

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.

Closures and Changes

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.

Youth and Teens

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.

Ansbach Girl Scouts

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

Sports, Health and Fitness

Basketball Official Clinic

NOVEMBER CRAFTER FAIR

LONGBOW LOUNGE • STORCK BARRACKS

NOVEMBER 15

SHOPPING FROM 11:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

ATTENTION FRGS:
NEED TO BOOST YOUR BANK ACCOUNTS BEFORE YOUR SOLDIERS RETURN HOME? THIS COULD BE A GREAT MONEY MAKER FOR CONTACT US AT ISCCWAYSMEMS@GMAIL.COM TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

FOOD LOCAL CRAFTERS DRINKS
STROLLER FRIENDLY EARLY SHOPPING FOR HOLIDAYS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL US:
ILLESHEIM.ISCC@GMAIL.COM
Find us on Facebook

ILLESHEIM spouses & civilians club

ISCC MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
MEMBERSHIP FEES GO BACK TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS & WELFARE GRANTS

Child, Youth and School Services Sports needs you to be a Basketball Official for this winter season! Come to our clinic Nov 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Barton Gym. Terrific discounts and become NFHS certified! Register with CYS Sports: 0981-183-7866.

Sweat Shop

Sweat Shop is a new class at Katterbach geared towards customers that need a cardiovascular component as a mode of physical fitness. Unlike some classes that are high intensity, this class renders a fully class of cardiovascular activities aimed to boost the body's maximal ability to utilize oxygen. The class takes place on Mondays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Starting Nov. 8, it will be offered in the evenings on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person per class.

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.

child, youth and school services presents:
PARENT'S DAY OUT

Need a little break?

- **Katterbach CDC/SAC**
18 August • 10-3 p.m.
- **Storck CDC/SAC**
22 September • 10-3 p.m.
- **Katterbach CDC/SAC**
27 October • 10-3 p.m.
- **Storck CDC/SAC**
17 November • 10-3 p.m.
- **Katterbach/Storck CDC/SAC**
15 December • 10-3 p.m.

For more information or to make a reservation:
Katterbach Kaserne:
09802.83.2533 • 467.2533
Storck Barracks:
09841.83.4880 • 467.4880
Dates and times are subject to change.

Reservations can be made at Parent Central Services and on Webtrac
Eligible patrons may use their 16 free hours of child care.
Cancellations must be made at least 48 hours in advance.
Deployment hours are not refundable.

Parent Central Services
Katterbach: 09802.83.2533 DSN 467.2533
Storck: 09841.83.4880 DSN 467.4880

Sign up and pay at CYSS Webtrac:
<https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/ansbachcys.html>





Bamberg Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Bamberg Public Affairs at usarmy.bamberg.usareur.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Club Beyond Winter Blitz

Club Beyond will be having its Winter Blitz camp Dec.30-Jan. 5 in Innsbruck, Austria. The cost is \$250 for the general camp package or the basketball package and \$310 for the skiing or snowboarding package with rentals or \$290 without rentals. Spots are limited, so sign up now. For more information, contact Laura Reisinger at Ireisinger@clubbeyond.org.

Native American Rug Weaving

The Community Activity Center will have a free child/adult craft on Nov. 15 at 4 to 6 p.m. The craft will be Native American Rug Weaving. Please sign up at the CAC as limited quantities are available. For more information, call 0951-300-8837.

Turkey Bowling

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club and Bamberg Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host Turkey Bowling Nov. 16 from 4-10 p.m. at the Birchview Lanes Bowling Center. Units or organizations can sign up their teams of four to eight people to bowl frozen turkeys. The cost is \$15. The winning organization will enjoy a free catered Thanksgiving lunch at the Warner Conference Center on Nov. 19. Prizes will be awarded for the best team uniform or costume. Applications are available online or at the Thrift Shop. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 8. For more information, email BSCCPresident@gmail.com.

Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament

The Whispering Pines Golf Course will host a Turkey Shoot golf tournament on Saturdays at 9 a.m. beginning Nov. 17. The last Turkey Shoot tournament will happen will be at Dec. 24.

Rob Lake Magic Show

The Bamberg JFK Teen Center will host the Rob Lake Magic Show Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. No tickets are required, and admission is free. For more information, call Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647 or visit www.roblake.com. The show is also hosted at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach on Nov. 15 at 6:30

p.m. and Nov. 16 at 6:30 and 9 p.m. at the Katterbach Movie Theater.

Battle of the DJ's

On Nov. 24 from 5-9 p.m. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a Fight for the Throne Battle of the DJ's at the Warner Conference Center. This is no ordinary competition. Show your skills in mixing, scratching and mash ups. Pick your best 16 tracks from all genres and let's see if you got what it takes to be crowned No. 1. DJ's must register by Nov. 20 to participate. For more information call 0951-300-7626 or email jimmy.l.carswell@mail.mil.

Native American Heritage Month

U.S. Army Bamberg Native American Heritage Month Celebration on Nov. 21 from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Bamberg Elementary School multi-purpose room. Come join us and the children of the BES as we pay tribute to Native American Culture through music, song and dance. Audience participation in traditional Native dances is expected. For more information, call 0951-300-8624.

Stable Theater Fall Musical

The Stable Theater presents Disney's "101 Dalmatians Kids" fall musical on Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances on Nov. 10, 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for kids and \$25 for Families. For more information, call 0951-300-8647.

Taco Tuesday Buffet Bar

Come enjoy the Taco Tuesday Buffet Bar at the Community Activity Center on Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 15 and Feb. 19. The taco bar is \$6 per person and includes either two hard tacos, two soft tacos or nacho chips with your choice of toppings. Toppings include cheese, tomato, lettuce, sour cream, refried beans, salsa, corn, beans, guacamole, onion, rice, peppers, etc. The buffet bar will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-8837.

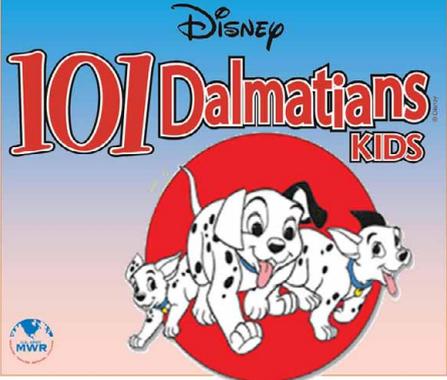
Berliner Ring/Zollnerstrasse Construction

The intersection of Zollnerstrasse and Berliner Ring is subject to major construction. 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. 10. 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 items 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. Some things in their possession include backpacks, car keys, cameras and jewelry.

OPENING NOV 8 for 8 Shows!



Disney 101 Dalmatians KIDS

Thu/Fri Nov 8, 9, 15, 16
and Sat Nov 17, 7:30pm
Sat/Sun Nov 10-11, 18 3pm

Tix \$9/\$7 CALL: 0951 / 300-8647 **stable.theater.tickets@eur.army.mil**

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

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 am. 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 or at 0951-300-7777.

Red Cross Website

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



Monthly Taco Tuesday

\$6.00

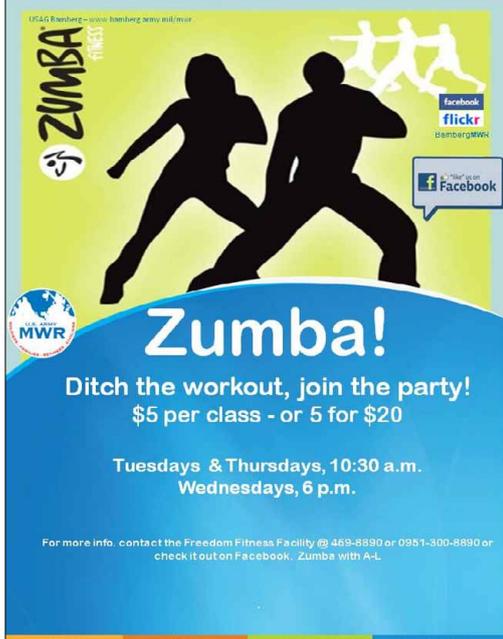
at CAC

Sept. 18, Oct. 23,
Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 15
Feb. 19

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Enjoy our Taco Buffet Bar for \$6.00 per person. Choose between 2 hard or soft tacos, or nacho chips with your choice of toppings

Contact the Community Activity Center at
Tel. 0951 300 8837

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS



Zumba!

Ditch the workout, join the party!

\$5 per class - or 5 for \$20

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

For more info, contact the Freedom Fitness Facility @ 469-8890 or 0951-300-8890 or check it out on Facebook. Zumba with A-L

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIREES FOR CIVILIANS

For more information on Bamberg community announcements, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/bambergmwr>

Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club and Bamberg BSCC
present
Turkey Bowling!



Nov. 16 4-10 p.m.
Birchview Bowling Center
Units/Organizations sign up teams of 4-8 to bowl frozen turkeys!
 \$15 dollar sign up
 Winning Organization will enjoy a free catered Thanksgiving Lunch at the Warner Conference Center on Monday, Nov. 19th.
 Email BSCCPresident@gmail.com
 Best team uniform/costume contest!
Sign up by Nov 8th
 (applications online & in Thrift Shop)

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 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

Bamberg Law Center

The Bamberg Law Center will be closed on Nov. 15 for 7th JMTC OSJA Organization Day. We will resume normal business hours on Nov. 16.

Parking Lot Closure

The Garrison will be closing the upper parking lot adjacent to Memorial Park (Desert Storm Park) 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.

Vehicle Registration Closures

The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed Nov. 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/bambergcysms.html> or 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 programs. Dates for Parents' Day Out will be Dec. 1 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 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.

Sports, Health and Fitness

Turkey Trot

On Nov. 17 at 9 a.m., there will be a Turkey Trot five-kilometer fun run/walk. The run begins at the Freedom Fitness Facility. For more information, call 0951-300-8953.

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.-

USAC Bamberg Family and MWR supporting
Military Family Appreciation Month 2012

2 Nov. CYS Parents Night Out
 8 Nov. Tour Under Bamberg with Outdoor Recreation (100% off for Blue Star cardholders)
 6-11 Nov. & 15-17 Nov. "10" Dalmatians Musical (\$25 off for Blue Star cardholders)
 8-9 Nov. Special Family activities in conjunction with training of the Herd
 15 Nov. Adults & Kids Crafts at CAC, 4-6 p.m., free
 17 Nov. Rob Lake Magic Show, Free admission for Soldiers and their Families
 17 Nov. Military Family Appreciation 5K Turkey Trot, 7:00-9 a.m.



Army Families - Strong, Caring, Resilient

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH

NOVEMBER 2012

CYS School Age Center, Tel. (0951) 300-8008 - CYS Teen Center, Tel. (0951) 300-8871
 CYS Child Development Center, Tel. (0951) 300-8759
 Community Activity Center, Tel. (0951) 300-8932, The Soccer Theater, Tel. (0951) 300-8647
 Freedom Fitness Facility, Tel. (0951) 300-8890, Outdoor Recreation, Tel. (0951) 300-8976
 Army Community Service, Tel. (0951) 300-7772

12:30 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-8890 or email tonya.l.williams.naf@mail.mil.

Fitness Classes

The Freedom Fitness Facility offers a variety of fitness classes. To see a complete schedule, go to <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/directories/dfmwr/docs/fff/FFF-FitnessSchedule.htm>.

Running Club

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

Weekly Reminders

By Soldiers - For Soldiers

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for Warner Barracks take place weekly on Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Community Activity Center, Room 409. These meetings are open to anyone. Duty uniform allowed.

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. 16, Dec. 7 and 21 and Jan. 4 and 18 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 Red Cross Nov. 9, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to

MAGIC SHOW



ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS
ILLUSIONIST ROB LAKE
DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC?

NOV 17 • 3 p.m.
Free Admission
Bamberg JFK Teen Center

INFORMATION
 Bamberg Stable Theater 0951 300 8647

The show is also hosted at USAG Amnabach, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. & Nov. 16, 6:30 and 9 p.m. at the Katterbach Movie Theater. Tickets required, free admission.

INFORMATION: 467.2930, 09802.83.2930

Thanksgiving Weekend MWR
Ski/Snowboard Trip
Bamberg Outdoor Recreation

Looking for something fun to do over the Turkey Day weekend?

Head to the Alps to ski and snowboard!

Nov. 22-25
 Trip includes transportation,
 3-night lodging in a 3 star hotel at double occupancy with breakfast & dinner.
 Traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be cooked by hotel staff.

\$35 Per Person DOES NOT INCLUDE LIFT PASS.
 A single room is an extra \$35.
Limited Space! Sign Up Soon!

BAMBERG OUTDOOR RECREATION

VISIT US AT ODR (BLOG TAG) OR CALL: 0951-467-2930 CIV 0951-300-2930
 Outdoor Recreation (ODR) is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

Schweinfurt Community Announcements

Please send all announcements to Schweinfurt Public Affairs at usarmy.schweinfurt.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Thanksgiving Dinner

You are invited to enjoy a mess-free meal with family, friends and local nationals. Conn DFAC will be cooking-up a delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal will be complete with turkey, potatoes, pie and so much more. Meal price is \$7.50 per person or \$6.40 for dependents of E1-E4 Soldiers.

Thanksgiving Dinner

There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner for Single Soldiers only at the Finney Recreation Center on Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 09721-96-8476/6082.

Schweinfurt Soldiers' and Veterans' Monument

On Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, at noon 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.

Christmas Baking

Learn to bake the original Nürnberger Lebkuchen (gingerbread) and to prepare the original Glühwein (non-alcoholic) with Andrea at the Ledward Library on Nov. 13 from 4-5 p.m.

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.

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 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 base closure will impact you is to stay informed. Go to www.teamschweinfurt.com and click on "Transition 2014."

Youth and Teens

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, 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.

German Class

Let's talk German! Come learn German one-on-one every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. This great program is taught by our own education tech who was born and raised in Schweinfurt. This class can help your German grade go from a C to an A+ and it may even help you make friends in the German community. Test out your skills by joining us on a field trip downtown. For more information, call the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

SKIES Unlimited

SKIES offers different classes every month for youths ages birth through 18. The program is designed to complement, expand, and support the academic, life skills and athletic experiences children and youth have within Child, Youth and School Services

Schweinfurt Community Fall Clean-Up
Clean out your clutter!

Clean-up (Army Family Housing & Government Leased Quarters)
Sat, Nov. 17th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Yard Sale (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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news, services, recreation. Facebook.com/SchweinfurtArmy

programs and in schools. For the latest class listings, click here.

4-H Club

4-H is a club designed for middle and high school students. As a club, students will plan field trips, events and activities based on their four core values; head, hands, heart and health. 4-H meets every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. To participate, students must be registered with CYSS. For more information or to get involved, call the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

EDIS

Are you concerned about how your child is developing? If so, call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services to schedule a free screening. Screenings are available to children ages birth to 3 years old. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 09721-96-6257.

Cosmo Night
@The Warrior Zone
November 16 @1930-2400

- Cocktail Attire Requested
- Free Spa Treatments
- Make-Up Classes (Bring Your Own Make-Up)
- Lounge Music
- Chocolate Fountain
- Fresh Fruit & Cupcakes
- Drinks Available
- Single Soldier and Guest 18+

BOSS/Warrior Zone | Ledward Barracks, Bldg 224 | 09721-96-6082/354-6082
BOSS/Finney Rec Center | Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64 | 09721-96-8476/353-8476

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Basketball Season

Community Basketball League
Register: Mon, Oct. 8 - Fri, Oct. 19
Coaches Meeting: Tue, Oct. 23, 6 p.m.
Season Starts: Sat, Nov. 10
Free & open to male/female 10 cardholders age 18+
Games played on weekends. Travel required.

Officials Basketball Clinic
Tue, Nov. 13 - Fri, Nov. 16
6 - 8:30 p.m. at Finney Gym
Free to participate. Required for all officials and score keepers.

Men's Basketball Tournament
Sat, Nov. 17 - Sun, Nov. 18
8 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Finney Gym
Register: Mon, Nov. 5 - Wed, Nov. 14
\$250 Registration fee per team. 12 player maximum.
Limited to first 6 teams registered/paid.

Finney Fitness Center
Conn Brks, Bldg. 64
09721-96-8234 (CIV)
353-8234 (DSN)

Unit Level Basketball League
Register: Sun, Oct. 21 - Mon, Nov. 12
Coaches Meeting: Tue, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.
Season Starts: Tue, Nov. 20
Free & open to military service members only.
Games played on Tue, Wed & Thu nights.

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



Destination Schweinfurt
US Army Garrison Schweinfurt

Your Passport to Success!

40 ON THE 90 TUE - SEP 4, OCT 2 & NOV 6 9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. MEET AT ACS Your introduction to staying safe and healthy in Schweinfurt	USAG SCHWEINFURT UP CLOSE THU - SEP 27, OCT 18 & NOV 8 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. MEET AT BRADLEY INN GOLF BRASS A walking tour and orientation of our four installations
WHERE & HOW WE LIVE TUE - SEP 11, OCT 9 & NOV 13 9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. MEET AT ACS What you need to know about housing and living on the economy in Germany	HOW WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FRI - SEP 14 & MON - OCT 22 9:30 A.M. - 11 A.M. MEET AT ACS Where and how to look for a job in Schweinfurt
KIDS & US WED - SEP 5, OCT 10 & NOV 7 9 A.M. - 12:30 A.M. MEET AT ACS Schools, service and fun provided on base for families with children	SCHWEINFURT BY BUS MON - SEP 17 & FRI - OCT 12 & NOV 2 9:30 A.M. - 2 P.M. MEET AT VORSTELTZ PLAZZ BUS STOP An orientation to the German bus system as well as tours of Leopoldina Hospital and downtown Schweinfurt
GERMANY BY RAIL FRI - AUG 31, OCT 5 & NOV 9 8:30 A.M. - 4 P.M. MEET AT HANFRAHMHOF An orientation to the German train system and day trip	BANK UNDELFUTOD THU - SEP 20, OCT 18 & THU - NOV 20 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. MEET AT ACS Banking, money and consumer differences and need to know information
BY ARMY FAMILY WED - SEP 26, OCT 16 & NOV 28 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. MEET AT ACS An orientation to life in the Military	AGWARTER BEI ROTZ & TORN MON - SEP 24, OCT 29 & NOV 26 9-11 A.M. / 1-3 P.M. MEET AT ACS Understanding driving in Germany; cars, gas stations, getting a drivers license and much more

Classes Offered Monthly
Limited FREE childcare available. Contact ACS for info.
ACS | Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 242 | 09721-96-6933/354-6933

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to military service members only. Register between now 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

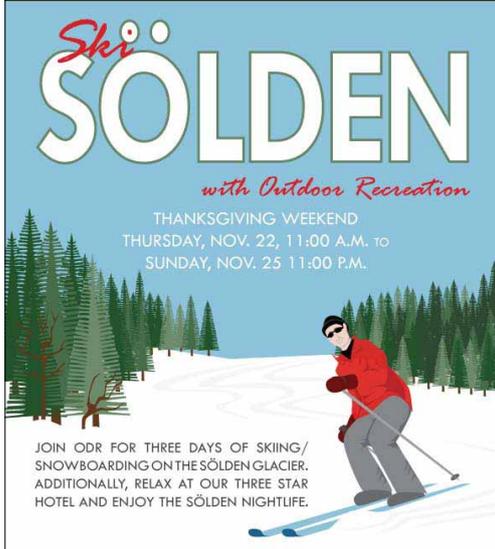
There will be a men's community basketball tournament Nov. 17-18 at the Finney Fitness Center. Registration runs Nov. 5-14. The cost is \$250 per team, a maximum of 12 players per team. Limited to the first six teams registered and paid. For more information, email william.t.comeford.naf@mail.mil or call 09721-96-8470.

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.



Ski SÖLDEN
with Outdoor Recreation

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
THURSDAY, NOV. 22, 11:00 A.M. to
SUNDAY, NOV. 25 11:00 P.M.

JOIN ODR FOR THREE DAYS OF SKIING/ SNOWBOARDING ON THE SÖLDEN GLACIER. ADDITIONALLY, RELAX AT OUR THREE STAR HOTEL AND ENJOY THE SÖLDEN NIGHTLIFE.

COST IS \$349 / PERSON - INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, 3 OVERNIGHTS WITH BREAKFAST AND DINNER, FREE SKI OR SNOWBOARD RENTAL AND SNOWBOARD LESSONS THE FIRST DAY. (LIFT TICKET NOT INCLUDED) TO SIGN UP, CONTACT OUTDOOR RECREATION AT 09721-96-8080.

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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.

Family Child Care Providers Needed

Help the community and start a new career as an 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.

Sports, Health and Fitness

Unit Level Basketball League

The Unit Level Basketball League is free and open

Paintball Field Open

Relieve some stress or have some good old 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.

Inclement Weather in Schweinfurt

Know where you can find information on school closures and weather and road conditions. [More...](#)

Local Flea Markets

Flea markets are a fun way to find a bargain. The Army Community Services Information and Referral program provides a monthly list of flea markets here.

Dental Clinic Space Available

The U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt Dental Clinic now offers space available stand-by appointments for other-than-active-duty eligible beneficiaries. Appointments can only be scheduled 24 hours in advance.

BOSS Meetings

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings are on the second (at the Warrior Zone) and fourth (at the Finney Recreation Center) Tuesday of every month. For more information, call the Warrior Zone at 09721-96-6082 or the Finney Recreation Center at 09721-96-8476.

Open Mic Night

Come and share your talent with the Warrior Zone, every Friday at 8 p.m. to midnight. Intended for Single Soldiers but open to the entire community. Adults only. No early sign ups required. For more information, call 09721-96-6082.

Single Soldiers Christian Fellowship and Supper

The Conn Chapel offers fellowship and supper every Thursday at 6:30 to 8 p.m. The program is for single Soldiers and includes Bible study, worship and a home-cooked meal. For more information, call Donna Hillel at 09721-96-1370.

Children's Story Time

Bring your child in to the library on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. for Children's Story Time.

Karaoke

Karaoke all-stars, come and share your talent with the Warrior Zone, every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Intended for Single Soldiers but open to the entire community. Adults only. No early signups required. For more information, call 09721-96-6082.



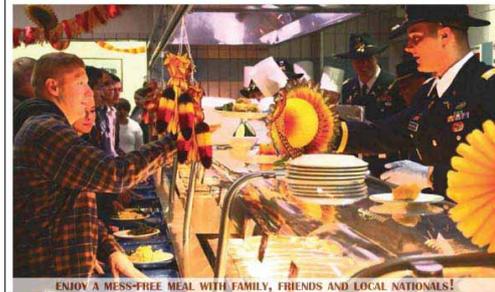
Thanksgiving Dinner

@1800
21 Nov 2012
@ Finney Recreation Center
Single Soldiers Only

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ENJOY A MESS-FREE MEAL WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND LOCAL NATIONALS!

Thanksgiving Dinner
Conn/Ledward DFAC

THU, NOV. 22 \$7.50 PER PERSON \$6.40 (DEPENDENTS E1 - E4)	
Conn Dinner 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.	Ledward Dinner 11:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.
BEVERAGES CIDER * SODA/JUICE * COFFEE * TEA * EGGSALAD	BEVERAGES CIDER * SODA/JUICE * COFFEE * TEA * EGGSALAD
MAIN COURSE TURKEY * HAM * PRIME RIB * STEAMSHIP	MAIN COURSE TURKEY * HAM * ROAST * CORNISH HEN
SIDE DISHES SWEET POTATOES * STUFFING * SHIMP * SALAD	SIDE DISHES SWEET POTATOES * POTATOES * BOLLIS
DESSERTS COGNIBREAD * GREENS/VEGETABLES * POTATOES	DESSERTS COGNIBREAD * GREENS * GUMBO
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coming to THEATERS

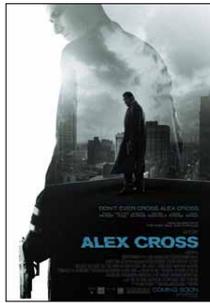
ALEX CROSS

October 26, 2012 | 102 Minutes

Alex Cross follows the young homicide detective/psychologist, from the worldwide best-selling novels by James Patterson, as he meets his match in a serial killer. The two face off in a high-stakes game of cat and mouse, but when the mission gets personal, Cross is pushed to the edge of his moral and psychological limits in this taunt and exciting action thriller.

Rated PG-13 for violence including disturbing images, sexual content, language, drug references and nudity.

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IN THEATERS • NOV. 8 - NOV. 14

ILLESHEIM THEATER • 09841-83-4546

Nov. 10 - ALEX CROSS (PG-13) 4 p.m.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 11 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 3 p.m.

KATTERBACH THEATER • 09802-83-1790

Nov. 8 - SPARKLE (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 9 - SINISTER (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 10 - HERE COMES THE BOOM (PG) 4 p.m.

ARGO (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 11 - THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) 6 p.m.

BAMBERG THEATER • 0951-297-3934

Nov. 8 - THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 9 - RED DAWN (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 10 - RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 3 p.m.

RED DAWN (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 11 - LIFE OF PI (N/A) 3 p.m.

RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 7 p.m.

Nov. 12 - LIFE OF PI (N/A) 7 p.m.

SCHWEINFURT THEATER • 09721-96-1790

Nov. 8 - HIT AND RUN (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 9 - ALEX CROSS (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 10 - ALEX CROSS (PG-13) 4 p.m.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 11 - ALEX CROSS (PG-13) 4 p.m.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 14 - PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (R) 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 percent. 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.

Nov. 22-25 Ski/Snowboard Austria \$349
A family-friendly Thanksgiving Ski/Snowboard Trip to Kaprun/Zell am See, Austria. Trip includes three overnights with dinners and breakfasts, including a special Thanksgiving dinner. Ski/Snowboard lessons are available upon advanced request, by certified PSIA and AASI instructors. Departs Storck at 8 a.m. and Katterbach at 9 a.m., returns approximately 6 p.m. Sunday.

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

BAMBERG

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.

Nov. 16 Learn to Climb \$30
Learn to climb in the world famous sport climbing area known as Frankenjura. If weather is bad, we will move indoors to the rock climbing wall in the John F. Kennedy gym. Beginners are welcome. Equipment and instruction will be provided for a safe and enjoyable climbing experience. Depart Outdoor Recreation at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

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

SCHWEINFURT

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

Water-saving Tips

1. Do not throw away old prescription drugs and toxic items in the toilet. Small amounts of old drugs can be disposed of in the normal trash, but toxic items can be disposed as hazardous waste at the Recycling Center on post.

2. Turn off the water while you wash your hair.

Energy-saving Tips

1. Don't leave your mobile phone charging all night – it only needs a couple of hours. Then, unplug the charger from the wall socket.

2. Towel-dry your hair thoroughly to cut down on the time for which you'll have to use your hairdryer.

Recycling Tips

1. Are you getting ready to move? If you don't want to take all your furniture with you, even if it is in good shape, don't throw it away. Talk to your neighbors and friends to see if they would like it, or call a local purchaser to pick it up – your Environmental Office will assist you.

2. Before disposing of old clothes, think about re-purposing the fabric and using it as nice gift wrap. Use your creativity for an arts and crafts project.

Was ist los in Franken?

By Bianca Sowders, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Wiletta Carson - Jazz in Nürnberg

Wiletta Carson, a Jazz singer from Chicago living in Germany, performs at the Kleinkunstbühne Bammes in Buch-Nürnberg (Bucher Hauptstr. 63) on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. Admission tickets are 22 Euros; for more information go to www.kleinkunstbuehne-bammes.de.

Honky Tonk Kneipenfestival in Würzburg

The Würzburg pub crawl called Honky Tonk takes place on Nov. 10 at various places downtown. For program details and other information go to www.honky-tonk.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:

- 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.

Wild game and fowl weeks

The county of Neustadt an der Aisch - Bad Windsheim is sponsoring wild game and fowl weeks, "Wildbretwochen," Nov. 10-25. In selected restaurants you can find delicious meals specific for this time of the year. For a list of restaurants and menus go to www.wildbretwochen.de.

Al Di Meola in Fürth

Al Di Meola, world famous guitarist who had his prime time during the 80s while performing with John McLaughlin and Paco de Lucia, is coming to the Kofferfabrik (Lange Str. 81) in Fürth on Nov. 25. He will give two concerts, at 7 and 10 p.m.; for more information check www.kofferfabrik.cc.

Wein & Gourmet Messe in Bamberg

A wine and gourmet fair is scheduled for this weekend, Nov. 10 and 11, at the Hegel-Saal inside the Kongresszentrum (Mußstraße 1); opening hours are Saturday noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon-7 p.m. For details go to www.wein-und-gourmet.info.

Martini – A German tradition

Martinstag or Martini on November 11 commemorates St. Martin (ca. 317-397), Bishop of Tours, one of the most revered European saints. The best-known legend connected with Saint Martin is the dividing of the cloak; Martin, then a soldier in the Roman army, tore his cloak in two pieces to share it with a freezing beggar at Amiens. Later in life he became a bishop. Although Martinstag is a Catholic observance, German Protestants also consider November 11 a special day, the christening day of the Protestant reformer Martin Luther (1483-1546). The protestant "Pelzemärtl" brings the children little gifts. Many towns and villages organize lantern parades for elementary school kids, complete with a St. Martin on horseback and a beggar. Often a small market is connected to the holiday (not a federal holiday). Very popular is also the traditional goose dinner on Martin's Day. For Carnival lovers the day also marks the beginning of the Fasching season, starting exactly at 11:11 a.m. on Nov. 11.

Martini Markets

- Neustadt a.d. Aisch: Nov 11, 12:30-5:30 p.m.; includes open shop Sunday
- Bad Windsheim: Nov 11, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.; includes open shop Sunday (1-5 p.m.)
- Dinkelsbühl: Nov 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; includes open shop Sunday (12:30-5:30 p.m.)
- Ansbach: Nov 11, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; includes open shop Sunday (1-6 p.m.)
- Feuchtwangen: Nov 11, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; includes open shop Sunday
- Kitzingen: Nov 11, 12:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; includes open shop Sunday

Amy Macdonald sings in Offenbach

Amy Macdonald and special guests are performing at the Stadthalle (Waldstraße) in Offenbach on Nov. 13 at 8 p.m.

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Winterdorf in Bayreuth

The annual winter village in Bayreuth with little wood huts and local specialties in the Ehrenhof of Altes Schloss (Maximilianstraße 12-14) starts on November 25 and stays open until New Year's Day. Opening hours are Mon-Sat 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun 12:30-11 p.m. For more information go to www.bayreuther-winterdorf.de.

Celtic Christmas Concert

For a different kind of Christmas concert go to Burg Rabenstein in Ahorntal (Fränkische Schweiz, Rabenstein 33, 95491 Ahorntal) on Dec. 1 at 8 p.m.; bard and harpist Andy Lang takes his audience on a trip through Ireland and Scotland with his selection of Celtic Christmas songs. Admission for adults is 22 Euros, 16 Euros for students. More information is available at www.burg-rabenstein.de; registration is required at 09202-970-0440.

Guided Tours

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

Insider Tips

Insider tips and rating for the coolest pubs, clubs, bars and sights can be found on this website: <http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Germany/Bavaria/Bamberg>. People who have been to these locations before share their insight information and experiences. It is a great resource for all who would like some more information on their favorite destination on Bamberg before leaving post.

National Concert Schedule

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

Nov. 24 Jason Mraz, Jahrhunderthalle, Frankfurt, 8 p.m.

Nov. 28 Jason Mraz, Zenith die Kulturhalle, Munich, 8 p.m.

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