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## Fallen Sky Soldiers remembered in annual Running of the Herd

By Jessica Lipari,  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- After 24 hours of running, 26 teams completed 519 five-mile laps, to remember the past and present fallen Sky Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team during the sixth annual Running of the Herd. There was a four-way tie among the finishers.

Each of the four teams completed 30 laps during the time and it came down to a push-up contest to determine the winner. The Pink Ladies emerged as winners, when the only Soldier on the team, completed 126 push-ups to win.

Simultaneously, for the first time, deployed Soldiers of the 173rd ABCT, at Forward Operating Bases Airborne and Shank, also completed a shorter version of the run. To see videos of the deployed Soldiers taking part in the event, visit <http://www.dvidshub.net/video/172421/running-herd> or <http://www.dvidshub.net/video/172046/running-herd>.

For Amber Enns, whose husband is deployed with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4-319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment Battalion, participating in the event for a second time and completing four laps, impacted her



Jessica Lipari

**Soldiers and family members with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team participate in the sixth annual Running of the Herd on Nov. 8-9 in Bamberg. Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan also took part in the event, which remembers fallen Sky Soldiers.**

emotionally.

"The event was especially hard this year, knowing that loss was so recent within our brigade," Enns said. "The opening ceremony especially hit home. I wanted to make sure I gave my heart and soul for our fallen Sky Soldiers."

Enns prepared for the race with her friend by working through the running program "Couch

to 10K." Although she was not prepared for the terrain change, she was proud to participate in the event saying, "Our fallen deserve to be remembered, and it is a great cause to run for."

"Watching all our battalions come together for this amazing cause is really more than words can express," Enns said.

Sanela Grozdanic, whose husband is deployed (HERD continued on Page 7)

## Honoring Those Who Serve



Stephen Baack

**U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford C. Cain, left, and USAG Ansbach Garrison Commander Col. Kelly J. Lawler, pay tribute to U.S. military service members during a Veterans Day ceremony on Friday. For more information and photos from Veterans Day ceremonies in the Franconia Military Community, see Pages 5 and 6.**

## Franconia Military Community prepares for garrison AFAP conferences

By Kimberly Meadows, USAG Ansbach Army Community Service and Michele Bradfield, USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) provides the Army community a voice in shaping their standards of living and identifying issues related to the current environment. Through AFAP, all members of the Army, including active, reserve and National Guard Soldiers, family members, retirees, surviving spouses and Department of the Army civilians have a forum to voice concerns to Army leadership and make recommendations for change.

thought to yourself "That needs to change!" Or, "If I were in charge, this is how things would be done!" Each year, the Army hosts a series of conferences designed to find out how those of us that live in the Army every day – Soldiers, family members and civilians – see how things are run and what could be changed to improve our quality of life and increase mission success.

The garrisons in the Franconia Military Community will be hosting their own AFAP conferences and are seeking input and help from community members.

**Ansbach**

What does this mean? How many times have you looked around and

This year, U. S. Army Garrison (AFAP continued on Page 6)

**There will be no issue of The Franconian News on Nov. 22 due to Thanksgiving.**

# Installation Management Command looks to expedite hiring at garrisons

By Installation Management Command Public Affairs

Garrison commanders are recruiting for about 2,000 job openings, and while the competitive process can be time-consuming, exceptions to the process allow for noncompetitive selection of current Installation Management Command employees, transitioning Soldiers, disabled veterans and certain others.

At the same time, the Army still faces a new fiscal environment that could require more civilian workforce reductions in the future, so the headquarters will continue to closely oversee the filling of critical vacancies to ensure the command stays within sustainable end strength numbers.

IMCOM started fiscal year 2012 facing a mandatory reduction of more than 4,000 civilian positions including the headquarters, the regions and the garrisons. In the interest of retaining a highly experienced and specialized workforce, the command approached the necessary reduction with a commitment to meet the end strength target through attrition and judicious filling of critical vacancies.

This proactive approach to human resources management has succeeded to the extent that IMCOM has exceeded its reduction target through voluntary separations, retirement and cross-leveling through reassignment.

The new personnel outlook is good news for protecting the workforce, but the garrisons are now anxious to fill these nearly 2,000 openings to sustain their operations.

"It's great to see that we could continue to meet our mission requirements while still taking care of our civilian workforce," said IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter.

The federal hiring system is a competitive process, designed to evaluate applicants fairly, but not necessarily quickly, especially in recruiting from outside the government. But federal regulations allow for noncompetitive consideration of the very populations IMCOM seeks to help – including current employees, transitioning soldiers and disabled veterans.

"As we look at ways to expedite the approval process, there are steps the garrisons can take to speed the process, including streamlining the recruiting process, working in advance with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center on determining the level of competition, getting job assessments ready, considering noncompetitive selections of the current IMCOM workforce, and hiring veterans and family members," said IMCOM Director of Human Resources (G1) Karen M. Perkins.

Most hiring actions still must go to the HQ IMCOM Human Resources Management Board (HRMB) for initial screening and a recommendation to the commanding general.

When the commander approves a hiring request, he or she specifies whether a vacancy must be filled by a current IMCOM employee or whether it can be recruited outside the command and even outside the

federal workforce.

The first step remains the IMCOM Enterprise Placement Program (IEPP), which may provide a reassignment opportunity for a potentially vulnerable IMCOM employee who is willing to relocate. Managers can begin their recruitment process to be ready to select if IEPP does not provide an eligible candidate.

If managers want to consider using one of the special hiring authorities laid out under Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, there are many ways to hire transitioning Soldiers, disabled veterans and persons with disabilities noncompetitively.

"These are excellent ways to select qualified people noncompetitively, and they help disabled veterans and transitioning Soldiers, which we want to do anyway," said Lois Keith, chief of Civilian Personnel in the IMCOM G1.

One such authority is the Veterans' Recruitment Authority (VRA), which allows for noncompetitive appointment to positions in grades up to GS-11 of disabled veterans or veterans who served on active duty during a war, a recognized campaign or expedition or certain other military operations. The VRA also extends to recently separated veterans.

Another opportunity is to appoint a veteran retired from active duty with a disability rating of 30 percent or more.

These appointments are 60-day temporary or term to start with, but may be converted to career or career-conditional at any time.

There are no grade limits with a 30 percent disability appointment, as long as the applicant meets all qualification standards.

Another talent resource is Army spouses, who normally won't qualify for noncompetitive appointment, but often come with wide experience and varied skill sets that might not be readily available in the local talent pool. And former government employees eligible for reinstatement can be selected noncompetitively in any grade up to their former highest grade, as long as they meet qualifications.

The installation CPAC is the local resource for all civilian hiring, but especially when trying to expedite hiring through the use of noncompetitive appointments, so every action should be in consultation with them.

With the need for balance between expedited hiring and sustainable end strengths, garrison commanders need access to more than one option when filling a critical vacancy.

The headquarters will likely stay very involved in the hiring process for the foreseeable future in the interest of sheltering the workforce from future adverse actions due to civilian reductions. Options do exist, however, and using the hiring authorities provided can help garrisons fill their critical vacancies while also providing opportunity for some very deserving candidates.



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## Judge Advocate teaches German students about U.S. legal system

By Denise Meenan, Ansbach Law Center

ANSBACH, Germany -- Ansbach Law Center Judge Advocate and Legal Assistance attorney Capt. Danielle Naser recently traveled to Regensburg to teach German attorney apprentices about American jurisprudence and the U.S. adversarial system.

Naser was joined by Capt. Steven Suchomski, Grafenwoehr administrative law attorney; and Michele Mincer, 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command legal liaison advisor.

The course took place Nov. 7 in the Regensburg Regional Courthouse. Upon arrival, the group was greeted by their guide, Thomas Strauss, a judge at the regional court. The group was then invited to have coffee with Guenther Ruckdaeschel, president of the regional court.

The group taught a course that included three lectures and a mock trial. Naser lectured on constitutional law, essentially an introduction to the U.S. legal system. Suchomski lectured on criminal law and evidence.

Before the group broke for lunch, Suchomski and Naser asked for volunteers to play different roles in the mock trial. Two students volunteered to sit as the prosecutors, and two students volunteered to sit as the defense. Other students were involved as witnesses, a bailiff and jury. Mincer acted as the judge.



Courtesy Photo  
Capt. Danielle Naser, Ansbach Law Center judge Advocate and legal assistance attorney, far left, and Capt. Steven Suchomski, Grenwoehr administrative law attorney, far right, taught German attorney apprentices in Regensburg about the U.S. legal system and conducted a mock trial.

After lunch with Strauss, the group conducted a mock trial. The trial was based on a possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia case. Suchomski sat with the defense to advise and guide them through the process, and Naser was with the prosecution to do the same. The pair helped the students argue a motion, conduct voir dire – the preliminary examination of a witness or juror to determine his or her competency to give or hear evidence, make opening statements, question and cross examine witnesses and making closing arguments.

At each stage, the pair of attorneys would

stop to explain different rules of court and procedural issues as they arose. The students had no previous experience with these roles, but seemed to enjoy trying their hand at an American trial.

The result of the trial was a guilty verdict on both counts. Congratulations to Naser for a job well done.

For more information about the Ansbach Law Center and the Ansbach Legal Assistance Office, please call 09802-83-2103 or visit [www.facebook.com/Ansbach.Legal.Assistance](http://www.facebook.com/Ansbach.Legal.Assistance).

## Ensure a Happy Thanksgiving with fire safety tips for turkey day

By Simon Hupfer,  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- The garrison's fire and emergency services reminds community members to use extreme caution when using turkey fryers.

"Based on test findings, the fryers used to produce those great-tasting birds are not worth the risk," John Drengenberg, a consumer affairs manager at Underwriters Laboratories (UL), a safety consulting, testing and certification company, said in a press release.

Using turkey fryers can be extremely hazardous. Potential hazards are tipping the pot over and spilling oil, which can result in a

grease fire. Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can also cause a spillover effect and extensive fires. UL remains firm in its decision not to certify any turkey fryers.

If you absolutely must use a turkey fryer, Harald Doktorowski, fire chief at USAG Bamberg's fire and emergency services, recommends the following precautionary measures:

- Never use turkey fryers indoors, in a garage or on a wooden deck.
- Avoid accidental tipping and use turkey fryers on a flat surface only.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls and will continue to heat until the oil catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer,

even if it's not in use. The oil inside the fryer can remain dangerously hot even hours after use.

- Do not overfill the fryer.
- Use well-insulated potholders and protect your eyes by wearing goggles from oil splatter
- Water and oil don't mix. Be careful with marinades and ensure the turkey is completely thawed.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby and never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

For more information, go to [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kspx1oOP\\_fE&feature=player\\_embedded#!](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kspx1oOP_fE&feature=player_embedded#!) and [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYkRF\\_FmD40](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYkRF_FmD40).

## Female body armor named among best inventions by Time Magazine

NATICK, Mass. -- An innovation that will leave female Soldiers safer and more comfortable on the battlefield was named one of Time Magazine's "Best Inventions of the Year 2012."

A collaborative effort between the Natick Soldier Research...



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## Natick engineer looks at football technology to improve helmets

NATICK, Mass. -- Whether someone absorbs a hit by an improvised explosive device or a charging linebacker, the effect can be devastating on the human brain.



Knowing that, researchers from the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center are examining technology...

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## Native American celebration will feature traditional music, dance



*Courtesy Photo*  
Lindbergh and Sandra Namingha will perform at Bamberg's Native American Heritage celebration on Nov. 21

By Heidi Sanders,  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany -- The garrison will celebrate Native American Heritage Month on Nov. 21 with performances at Bamberg Elementary School.

There will be two shows – one from 8:30-9 a.m. for children in kindergarten through second grade and second show from 9:30-10:15 a.m. geared towards students in third through sixth grade.

The community is invited to attend either or both of the performances which will take place in the elementary school's multipurpose room.

"Parents of children who want to take advantage of one of those once-in-a-lifetime moments can take photos of children dancing in a powwow," said Master Sgt. Matthew Waldron, U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Equal Opportunity adviser.

The performances will feature Native American artists and dancers Lindbergh and Sandra Namingha.

Lindbergh is Hopi Pueblo from Second Mesa, Ariz., and his wife, Sandra, is half German and

half Piegan Band Blackfoot Band. Her father is from the Sweetgrass Hills area of Montana.

The Naminghas specialize in traditional Native American music and dance, Waldron said.

"There are no tapes or CDs," he said. "It is all live. He brings his own drum."

Waldron said this is the first time the Naminghas will perform at Warner Barracks.

He said they performed in Hohenfels in the late 1990s or early 2000s when Waldron was stationed there.

Waldron said audience participation will be a part of the show.

"Children will be arranged in a semi-circle, which will turn into a circle for the community involvement, where people in attendance will take part in the dance itself," he said.

The Naminghas will also take part in the chapel's Thanksgiving service at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 21 in the chapel.

"Lindbergh is going to offer a prayer as a part of the service in the Hopi tradition," Waldron said.

## Cross-continental passengers face physical adjustments including jet lag

By Bryan Gatchell,  
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany -- From the left side of the aircraft, the final glow of the sun fades from green to purple in the west over the many towns and cities on the United States' East Coast. The loud hum of the jet engines drones loudly throughout the otherwise quiet cabin. Towns disappear as the flight finally swings over the Atlantic Ocean. Out the window, now facing to the north, constellations Ursa Major and Ursa Minor are visible over the immense, midnight body of water. Soon towns reappear. So does daylight. The plane descends into a milky soup of low-drifting, morning clouds. With that, night has flitted by in significantly less time than it should have, and the passengers are on a different continent at a different time.

Moving from the United States to Germany can be an incredible adjustment. Besides the large – but never insurmountable – cultural change, Soldiers, Families and civilians will also find themselves immediately facing off against a physical change.

The U.S. spans six time zones, the closest of which, Eastern, lags six hours behind Germany's time zone. Though it is easy to reschedule daily tasks like having breakfast and going to bed according to the new environment's light and dark cycles and local clocks, the human body is much more complex than that. Retraining it to the new schedule is more than a matter of will.

The human body operates according to a circadian rhythm. Melatonin is released when it is time to sleep; core body temperature rises throughout the waking cycle. These internally produced bodily functions adjust themselves according to external cues like daylight hours, but it takes the body time to catch up to new environmental cues.

"It is worse going eastward than going westward because eastward is opposite the natural circadian rhythm – the light exposure is opposite," said Capt. Jess Miller, medical director of Katterbach Army Health Clinic. The largest problem associated with jet lag is sleep disorders. Poorly



Moving from the United States to Germany can be an incredible adjustment, not only culturally, but physically. Typically travelers crossing time zones from east to west feel the effects of jet lag less strongly than travelers crossing from west to east.

timed melatonin secretions will cause grogginess during the day, and the sufferer of the disorder may feel no biological need to sleep at night. Other symptoms of jet lag, according to Miller, include nausea, headache, poor concentration, confusion and irritability.

"Any prolonged disruption of sleep could decrease the effectiveness of your immune system," Miller said.

Losing sleep, therefore, could cause a health nuisance to new arrivals to the continent.

"Arriving here, people could be exposed to different allergens and different strains of the common cold," Miller said.

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## USAG Ansbach pays tribute to American veterans past, present

By Stephen Baack,  
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany -- Soldiers, veterans, family members and other members of the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach community gathered at Memorial Park here Friday to honor American military veterans and their service to their country, during USAG Ansbach's Veterans Day observance.

USAG Ansbach partnered with members of American Legion Post 1982 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9342 to make the event happen. Col. Kelly J. Lawler, USAG Ansbach garrison commander, said he was pleased to see higher attendance than last year. Lawler told attendees that, among the ways citizens can honor veterans, ceremonies are simply one way they should do so.

"We owe them untold gratitude and selfless service for their sacrifices that have kept our nation free and safe from harm," Lawler said. "We continue to remember our deployed Soldiers and we continue to redeploy members of the 12th (Combat Aviation Brigade), and across the Franconia military community we have 173rd (Airborne Brigade Combat Team) still in harm's way. We have other units that are still deployed. We keep them and their Families in all our thoughts and prayers until they return safely from a successful deployment."

American Legion Post 1982 Post Commander Johnnie Walker served as the keynote speaker. Walker recounted the history of Veterans Day and how it evolved from Armistice Day, which commemorated the 1918 treaty between Germany and the Allied Forces at the end of the "war to end all wars."

Twenty-three years later the U.S. entered World War II, during which more than 418,500 American service members laid down their lives – almost four times the number of fallen American troops in World War I. After a push from veterans to broaden the scope of Armistice Day, it was soon thereafter renamed Veterans Day, "honoring all veterans of all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America," Walker said, and added that Veterans



Stephen Baack  
U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach celebrates Veterans Day on Friday with a ceremony at Memorial Park.

Day observances traditionally honor all who have served in the U.S. military. Walker said it's not only important that Americans honor veterans and their service, but that citizens also honor veterans' Families – who have paid their own price.

"We must honor their Families – not just with blue and gold bandanas – but with compassionate hearts," said Walker. "PTSD, traumatic brain injury and life-altering war wounds not only affect the veteran, but also can take an enormous toll on the Family as well."

Walker emphasized the need not to merely honor veterans, but to "endeavor to serve our veterans as they have served the nation," he said. "We should remember the motto of the national commander of the American Legion, James Koutz, that 'every day is Veterans Day.'"

Today, veterans comprise roughly 10 percent of the American public but also make up one-fourth of the nation's homeless population – despite nine out of 10 of those homeless veterans

having received honorable discharges, said Walker, and a full 50 percent having served in the Vietnam War.

Walker reported that, on the other hand, "this special group often provides the vital services that enable our communities to function."

"Chances are, that if you surveyed your local police force or fire department, you would find a disproportionately high amount of those members are veterans," Walker said. "When an emergency hits, there's a good chance that a veteran will be first to respond. Whether it's a school teacher, construction worker or first responder, military veterans take their mission seriously.

"We are the land of the free because of the veterans of yesterday," Walker continued, "many of which are standing here today."

One of those "veterans of yesterday" who attended the ceremony was Paul J. Parent

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Without adequate immune system resistance, newcomers might easily find themselves more prone to these commonly communicable diseases.

Nevertheless, there are ways to alleviate the strain that jet lag causes. As a measure of prevention, according to Miller, travelers should try to set their sleep time for the target destination three days in advance of their trip. If coming from the Pacific time zone, and wishing to set an 11 p.m. bedtime in Germany, this means getting to sleep at 2 p.m.

Though trying to sleep mid-afternoon may seem

exceptionally difficult due to bright sunlight, pharmacies often sell physical sleep aides like eye covers.

"People can take melatonin at 5 milligrams 30 minutes before bedtime at their target or arrival destination," said Miller. "This will help. It's an over-the-counter medication; if it's taken over-the-counter at the recommended dose, it is safe to use."

Soldiers and their Families with jet lag or other health concerns can visit their local health clinics. Bamberg Health Clinic is open Mondays through Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To make an appointment, call 469-

1750 or 0951-300-1750. Illesheim Health Clinic is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7:30 a.m. to noon Fridays. To make an appointment, call 467-5141 or 467-5112.

Katterbach Health Clinic is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7:30 a.m. to noon Fridays. To learn more, call the front desk at 467-3229. To make an appointment, call 467-3398 or 09802-83-3398.

Schweinfurt Health Clinic is open Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon. To schedule an appointment, call 354-7901 or 09721-96-7901.

# U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg honors veterans



Photos by Heidi Sanders and Simon Hupfer

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who served 20 years in the U.S. Army and served previously with the Canadian-British Army during World War II, standing shoulder to shoulder on the shores of Normandy with members of America's combat divisions.

Walker directed his next remarks at those still wearing the uniform.

"We are the home of the brave because of you, the men and women in

uniform today and your comrades around the world who are standing in harm's way to maintain and protect our freedom," said Walker. "We veterans of yesterday say thank you, and we salute you."

The ceremony ended with a playing of "Taps," during which USAG Ansbach leaders joined members of the American Legion and VFW to render honors at the foot of one of four ceremonial wreaths placed throughout Memorial Park as local Junior ROTC cadets marched with colors representing the U.S., Germany and USAG Ansbach.

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Ansbach will host its annual AFAP conference November 27-29 at the Von Steuben Community Center. AFAP needs you—and your ideas. All those times you have come up with ways to improve quality of life, here is your chance to help make a difference.

Write down your suggestions on an official Issue Form available at Army Community Service or online at <http://issuu.com/ansbachfmwr/docs/acsissueform> and drop it off at ACS. Your ideas will be considered at the local AFAP conference and may end up at the Department of the Army, to make positive changes in the lives of all who serve. We are also looking for community members to serve at the conference as a delegate. Registration forms are available at ACS or through your Family Readiness Support Assistant.

What type of issues do we need? Issues should affect everyone in the Army. Customer service issues, although important, are for local agencies to solve to meet the needs of the local community and should not be submitted to AFAP. So far, AFAP has resulted in 128 legislative changes, 179 policy changes and 200 improvements to programs. And each

change started as an individual AFAP issue. What will your suggestions change?

### Schweinfurt

With the base closure on the horizon, for many the future is unknown.

One thing is certain: Change usually brings concern and angst.

For the time being, the community here will have an opportunity to cope with those anxieties and uncertainties head on. This year's annual AFAP conference will empower the community to help shape USAG Schweinfurt's closure.

Until October 2014, the scheduled closure date, people will continue to live and work on base. Schweinfurt leadership wants to know what can be added, changed or improved to ensure this is a positive experience for all.

This year's AFAP Conference will be held Dec. 11-13 at the Conn Club.

Voice your concerns or suggestions for improvement by submitting an issue at <http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/infovault/afap.html>.

If you have an issue that affects the "Big Army," feel free to submit it as well. All issues will be worked by community delegates consisting of Soldiers and family members, who have your best interest in mind.

Issues are submitted to the garrison leadership team for review. The end goal is to implement prompt action or develop a resolution for change.

Soldiers, family members and employees are an integral part of this installation's future.

The AFAP conference is the perfect venue to vocalize how USAG Schweinfurt leadership can better assist the community through transition.

For more information on the AFAP and how you can participate, visit the ACS website, <http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/directorates/acs/afap.htm>.

### Bamberg

An AFAP conference in Bamberg is being planned for the end of January or early February. No date has been set, but more details will follow once the date has been finalized.

# Faces of Schweinfurt - Christina Carmona: A connection for military families

By Spc. Latoya Dallas,  
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- In a small room sits 15 pupils, with workbooks open in front of them, who are chatting minutes before class begins.

First things first: To review from Monday, they recite the numbers in German as their teacher, Cristina Carmona, points to each number written on the whiteboard.

Carmona is not the typical educator you may think of when you think of a foreign language teacher.

In fact, she is the Information and Referral

Program Manager for Army Community Service (ACS), a program that provides commanders, Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians and their family members with information and referrals regarding military and civilian community resources.

She also functions as the instructor for the German Language Class for Beginners.

Based on community trends of what members want and need to know, Carmona has serviced countless individuals with off-post referrals, courtesy translations, cultural and seasonal field trips, coupons, an apartment finder and every other thing imaginable.

Almost all of the ACS booklets and flyers on

what's going on in and around Schweinfurt's local community are thanks to Carmona – oftentimes conceived of (based on the needs of the people), printed, assembled, and stapled together by her own labor.

Don't know where to go locally for dining out, shopping or traveling? Carmona will give you some unique ideas, including those places hidden off the main strip (B303).

Need to communicate with your landlord? Carmona, who's bilingual, can help you with that too. Bored and just don't know where to go? Carmona has some suggestions.

"There is not a crazy or inappropriate question."  
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with Bravo Company, 173rd Special Troops Battalion, was a first-time participant in the race. Grozdanic shared similar reasons as Enns for participating in the race.

"I participated because it was a great way to honor the fallen Sky Soldiers and all the sacrifices that our military Families make," Grozdanic said. "I was really happy that the event was held even though our unit is deployed and that we were able to run in the race at the same time as our Soldiers downrange."

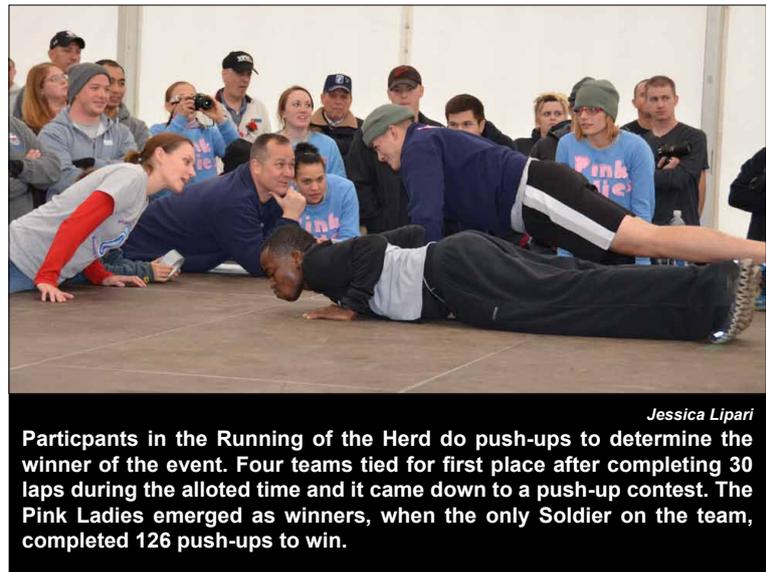
Although Grozdanic was not 100 percent prepared for the race, she completed three laps.

"I should have done more running outside to prepare because the uneven terrain was difficult to run on, especially after it got dark," Grozdanic said. "It was also challenging because my team and I had to run a FRG (Family Readiness Group) fundraising booth between our runs, and take turns watching each other's kids while on the runs."

This year through the help of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation there was a large fest tent set up, that not only provided warmth during the cooler temperatures, but also provided an area for entertainment and FRGs to sell food. Four members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association flew in from the U.S. to attend the event.

Three of the four being Vietnam Veterans. Roy F. Scott, the national and international president for the 173rd ABA; Eric Hitchcock, the 173rd Foundation president and Terry Aubrey, the national vice president, all served with the 173rd during the Vietnam war.

Besides providing financial support for the event, the association members took the time to talk with those in attendance, to not only recruit new members, but find out how the association can better support their fellow Sky Soldiers.



*Jessica Lipari*  
Participants in the Running of the Herd do push-ups to determine the winner of the event. Four teams tied for first place after completing 30 laps during the allotted time and it came down to a push-up contest. The Pink Ladies emerged as winners, when the only Soldier on the team, completed 126 push-ups to win.

"To be here and be with the Soldiers and their Families is outstanding," Scott said.

"For the brigade to honor the fallen from Vietnam was emotional and uplifting, showing their pride and Airborne spirit," Scott said.

This was the last year that the race will be held at U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg as the unit is scheduled to move to Vicenza, Italy, this summer.

However, the tradition will continue as long as the Brigade is standing.

"There is something about being a paratrooper, they have esprit de corps," Scott said. "Once a Sky Soldier always a Sky Soldier."

## 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

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You are in a foreign country. The smallest things all of a sudden become difficult because you don't know where it is, what it's called, or how to cook it," Carmona said.

For decades, Carmona has been making it better for families and individuals here by making their lives as comfortable as possible, and probably personally knows each rock on this base.

"For 30 years I've essentially worked in a foreign country," said Carmona with a hearty laugh. "When I ride through the gate each morning, I have to speak a different language, embrace a different culture and personalities. And I love it!"

One can imagine how many awards she's received after almost 30 years of service to USAG Schweinfurt. Some frames hang along the walls, others travel up and over the door and fill the draws, and are largely cited for civilian service.

Over time, Carmona has worked within various divisions around the garrison: for the property department, for the MP station, for eight years as an administration specialist for the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and has assisted with the base closure.

With time, she has grown from an aloof young adult to a mature woman who raised her own children and overcame her own personal situations.

A number of years ago, Carmona felt the time was right and that she was knowledgeable enough to take care of everyone else. She applied for her current ACS position. Besides, Schweinfurt is her hometown. So, she is a treasure-chest of resources.

According to Carmona, her request to be transferred to ACS was



Spc. Latoya Dallas

Christina Carmona of Army Community Service reviews with those willing to conquer the German language Nov. 7. Carmona is the Information and Referral Program Manager, a program that provides commanders, Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and their family members with information and referrals regarding military and civilian community resources.

approved, and she's been exhilarated with and personally rewarded by the position from the start.

Carmona remarked on the imminent closure of the garrison: "I definitely will miss this—doing this type of work, speaking English, helping those who need help with the small things in life," Carmona said. "It's made me recognize how important small things can become if you don't speak the language or understand the culture."

## Bamberg's Gate 5 to be permanently closed; Gate 1 to be opened 12 hours per day

### Staff Report

BAMBERG, Germany -- After evaluating gate usage and conducting traffic surveys, it has been decided to permanently close Gate 5, near Bamberg Middle High School.

Gate 1 will continue to be opened for 12 hours a day Monday through Friday. Gate 1 will be open for inbound traffic from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and for outbound from 1-6 p.m.

This decision was based on low usage of Gate

5 as compared to Gate 1, especially during peak traffic times.

In order to get the most value from the limited resources available, it is necessary to institute this change.

## Drug Take Back Day



Bryan Gatchell

John Strader, acting director of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, talks with Jose Carlo, USAG Ansbach's Army Substance Abuse Program drug-testing coordinator, during Prescription Drug Take Back Day Wednesday at Katterbach Health Clinic. Similar events were held in Bamberg and Schweinfurt.

## Helping the Community



Bryan Gatchell

Col. Kelly Lawler, left, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach garrison commander, explains the good Service Credit Union cash cards will do for junior enlisted Soldiers when Michael Besant, center, manager of the Ansbach Branch Office of Service Credit Union, presents a novelty-sized card to Lawler and Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford C. Cain, USAG Ansbach command sergeant major, Nov. 7 at USAG Ansbach headquarters. The large card represented the 70 cash cards that should help alleviate financial stress for Soldiers and their Families during the holiday season.

# Understanding how Schweinfurt responds to cold weather

By Nathan Van Schaik,  
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany -- Staying informed of weather and road conditions is easy. But understanding what occurs between the fall of the first snowflake and the decisions that follow is more complex. Inclement weather that arrives during the fall and winter months sets into motion a series of events here that the public is largely unaware of, sparking curiosity, pushing debate and even fueling public outrage.

The garrison officials who collect and analyze weather conditions are, of course, at the mercy of Mother Nature who, at a moment's notice, can dump inches of snow over Schweinfurt or plaster streets with sheets of ice – as many will recall from that dreadful and now notorious early morning storm that paralyzed the city in January 2011.

Those same officials are also faced with lesser known challenges like impending deadlines and limited resources. Department of Defense schools, for example, must know no later than 5 a.m. whether schools will be delayed or canceled, given that buses must leave at that time to make their scheduled routes.

And those military police patrolling the streets – whose observations are eventually forwarded to the garrison commander – only have the time to safely drive a specific route, not the hundreds of miles of pavement meandering through Schweinfurt's nearly 50 villages where thousands of people live and commute.

Here's how a typical scenario might unfold:

## 5 p.m.: Snow in the Forecast

Well before snow accumulates or black ice forms along bridges and sidewalks, garrison officials are busily making preparations for worst-case scenarios. Threatening weather does not set off a single chain of events, as one domino topples the next, but rather sets off a cluster of individual reactions.

So at 5 p.m., when weather reports indicating inclement weather come streaming in, different organizations are formulating their own responses simultaneously. It is through their combined efforts, however, that the community is kept informed, prepared and, most importantly, safe.

There are several key players who by this time have already begun preparations for inclement weather.

There's the directorate of emergency services headed by the provost marshal who coordinates with local authorities and dispatches military police along routes to conduct road assessments. The MP front desk becomes the garrison's nerve center, manned every hour of the day, whose desk sergeants

receive and respond to the information that is eventually fed to the garrison commander – the person ultimately accountable for the entire military community, and who is granted lone decision-making authority to make the final call on the designation of road conditions, school closures and work delays.

The garrison commander can also authorize the use of a liberal leave policy. And there's also the directorate of public works that provides street cleaning crews and salt trucks.

## 11 p.m.: Snowfall Is Imminent

Temperatures begin plummeting, ripening the conditions for snowfall, frozen bridges and slick streets. In addition to evaluating roads on post at four different installations, garrison MPs manning a total of four patrol cars begin their first round of road assessments driving along a circular route westbound on the 303, north up the B19 toward Poppenhausen and back southeast along the 286.

There are, according to city and county officials, nearly 500 miles of paved roadways in the Schweinfurt area – about the driving distance from New York City to Raleigh, N.C., – negating any possibility to assess all the roads.

If you live off post and have ever wondered why road conditions weren't degraded when the snow was a foot deep on your street, this is why: There are simply too many roads for the garrison's four patrol cars to assess.

The MPs' entire route is accomplished in about an hour. MP patrolmen report road conditions back to the MP front desk for further dissemination. Meanwhile, the desk sergeant at the front desk is receiving feeds from the local German police, who are making similar assessments.

## 3 a.m. : Snow Hits Schweinfurt

At first, flurries float through the sky only to increase in intensity and eventually giving way to an all out snow storm. The snow quickly begins sticking and the MP's hour-long route slows to a two-hour crawl through the powdery snow accumulating on the streets.

The desk sergeant at the MP front desk receives his first report of accumulation from the patrolman. The details of the report – along with the current road conditions, weather forecast and visibility – are then fed through a matrix to determine whether road conditions should be changed.

The desk sergeant determines that the road conditions warrant a change from green to amber. This, however, requires approval through the garrison commander. The garrison commander receives the first of several phone calls that will wake him through the night.

Changes in road conditions are immediately

relayed to radio and television personnel with the Armed Forces Network. The Weather & Roads page at the garrison's website, [www.TeamSchweinfurt.com](http://www.TeamSchweinfurt.com), is also updated to inform the public.

Meanwhile, snow plows and salt trucks belonging to the state, county, city and surrounding villages wake from hibernation to carve through snow at breakneck speed. Germany's snow removal trucks are as territorial as they are efficient. The Schweinfurt county, or landkreis, employs crews to remove snow from district streets while the state construction office removes snow and ice from federal and state roads. City trucks take on city roads. And what about small community roads? That's the responsibility of the village in the vicinity which is why some people living off post are luckier than others.

Inside the gates of the Schweinfurt garrison, Directorate of Public Works crews take sole responsibility. Two shifts of five-member teams take turns plowing snow and laying down salt, though between the hours of 8 p.m. and 3 a.m. labor regulations – with the exception of emergency cases – restrict them from working. The garrison owns a total of seven vehicles including tractors and trucks.

Roads inside the garrison are prioritized and it takes crews between two to three hours just to complete priority one roads which include those along Askren Manor and Yorktown Village housing and, most of Ledward and well-trafficked ways through Conn Barracks.

## 4 a.m. : Road Conditions Worsen

In a struggle pitting man against nature, road crews are unable to prevent the accumulation of snow for safe passage along Schweinfurt's main arteries.

DPW crews are working feverishly to clear the first round of the priority one roads. By this time, garrison MPs patrolling the streets have already increased the frequency of their routes (they're required to make hourly reports once a change in road conditions has been made).

Road conditions worsen. Visibility is poor. The forecast looks grim. All of this the desk sergeant at the MP front desk feeds to the garrison commander over the phone. It's crunch time now. He'll have to make a critical decision that will affect the lives of thousands in the community. Should school be canceled? Should road conditions be moved from amber to red, or maybe even, gulp, black? What about work delays? The public has to know.

## 4:30 a.m. : A Decision Is Made

The garrison commander decides that in the interests of safety, there will be no school today. Road conditions are set at red and a two-hour work delay has gone into effect for all government employees.

## 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](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

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### 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.gibill.va.gov/>.

### Edelweiss Resort

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

### Utility Tax Relief Services

Tax Relief Office offers a new service for U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, Bamberg and Schweinfurt customers. With the implementation of the Utility Avoidance Program customers can sign up and save 19 percent tax on their electricity, gas and water bills. For more information, call the Warner Barracks' Tax relief office at 0951-300-1780, Leward Barracks' Tax Relief Office at 09721-96-1780, Bismark Kaserne's Tax Relief Office at 09802-83-1780 or Storck Barracks' Tax Relief Office at 09841-83-4553.

### Family Advocacy Programs

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

### Immediate Appointments

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

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## Ansbach Community Announcements

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

### Volunteers needed at Arts & Crafts

Seeking volunteer and contract teachers one to two times per month for sewing, cake decorating, felting, general crafts and more. Open to all ID cardholders. No experience needed just a happy personality and a creative idea to share. Send an email to [AnsbachArtsCrafts@eur.army.mil](mailto:AnsbachArtsCrafts@eur.army.mil).

### Irish Storyteller Dinner Show

Experience an enchanting evening of Irish folklore and storytelling while enjoying a delicious candlelit dinner at dessert in the Terrace Playhouse on Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. Teenagers 13 and older are welcome. The cost is \$20 per person or \$15 for ASCC members.

### Kinderheim Holiday Celebration

Brighten a child's Christmas by sponsoring them for the Dec. 1 Kinderheim 2012 Holiday Celebration at Strock Barracks. The event is sponsored by J. Ruth Roberts Ch. #22. The event is from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsors will meet their child at the Longbow Lounge, Building 6622 on Strock Barracks around 10 a.m. The sponsor and child will be able to enjoy various activities including a helicopter display, fire truck display, free bowling and arts and crafts. Each child will receive a gift from Santa at the end of the day. To sponsor a child or for more information, email [jruth\\_roberts22@yahoo.com](mailto:jruth_roberts22@yahoo.com) or call 0951-300-8055.

### Eagle's Nest Recreation Hall

The Barton Barracks Eagle's Nest Recreation Hall, next to the Duggan Gym, offers a full kitchen with an area to seat more than 30 people. The Eagle's Nest is open to all community members. For more information or to reserve, please call 0981-183-7848 or send an email to [usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.ioc@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.ioc@mail.mil).

### 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](mailto: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 at 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### 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

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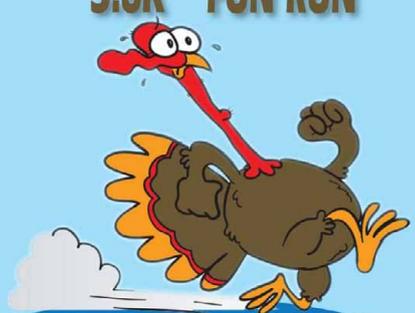
### Bowling Membership Club Card

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

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For more information on Ansbach community announcements, visit  
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**TURKEY BOWL**  
 November 20, 2012 09:00-12:00  
**BLACK AND BLUE FIELD**  
*Storck Barracks*  
 Each unit eligible to participate  
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**FLAG FOOTBALL**  
**TEAM & CHEERLEADER**  
**SIGN UPS WITH YOUR FRSA**  
**BY NOVEMBER 02**

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.

**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

**BARTON BARRACKS**  
**EAGLE'S NEST**  
 RECREATION HALL  
 The Barton Barracks "Eagle's Nest," located next to the Duggan Gym, offers a full working kitchen with an area to seat 30 plus people. The "Eagle's Nest" is open to all Community Members. For more information or to reserve please contact the IOC at 09811837848 or send an email to:  
[usarmy.ansbach.incom@europa.mbx.ioc@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ansbach.incom@europa.mbx.ioc@mail.mil)  
 The building is shown at the bottom of the poster.

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](mailto:gsansbach@yahoo.com) or call 0151- 445-12471.

**Sports, Health and Fitness**

**Turkey Trot**

There will be a 3.8-kilometer fun run at 10 a.m. on Nov. 17 in front of the Katterbach Commissary. For more information, call the Katterbach Fitness Center at 09802-83-3225.

**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

**We're looking for instructors**  
 Share your hobby!  
 Earn extra cash!  
 Flexible hours!  
**Storck**  
 COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER  
 STORCK RECREATION CENTER  
 THIRD FLOOR • BLDG 6510  
 467.4714 • 09841.83.4714  
 U.S. ARMY MWR  
 U.S. ARMY GARRISON ANSBACH

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.

**R.I.P.P.E.D. Season 9 Launch**

R.I.P.P.E.D. has recently taken the community of Ansbach by storm. With its uniqueness in activities and instructions, R.I.P.P.E.D. aerobic classes attract more than 30 people per class; the highest participation was 50 people in one class. Season 9 elements will be part of the new activities for the next three months. The fee per participant is \$3.00.

**New Aerobic Class at Katterbach**

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

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](mailto:usarmy.bamberg.usareur.mbx.pao@mail.mil).

### Tap Dance - the Sequel

Starting Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Stable Theater there will be advanced tap dance calluses for adults. Each session is \$5. This continues from the recent tap classes led by Nora Sobering. Classes will be Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. Adults with prior tap dance experience are welcome. The class will be fast paced and will rely on previous steps learned. Call to register in advance at 0951-300-8647.

### Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Kick off the Christmas season with a tree lighting ceremony Nov. 30 from 4-7 p.m. in the chapel parking lot. For more information, call 0951-300-7920/8659.

### BSCC Members-Only Luncheon

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club will host a members-only Ugly Sweater luncheon at 11:30 on Dec. 3 at the Warner Conference Center. The cost is 10 Euros. RSVP by Nov. 29 to [bsccreservations@gmail.com](mailto:bsccreservations@gmail.com). Not a BSCC member? Sign up at the Bamberg Thrift Shop.

### Second Chance Prom

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a Second Chance Prom Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Freedom Fitness Facility. The cost is \$30 and includes a goodie bag, dinner and non-alcoholic beverages. This is a chance for adults of all ages to relive or redo their high school prom. Come dressed as you did about your prom, decade appropriate. Donations of dated formalwear are requested at the Thrift Shop. For more information, email [bsccpresident@gmail.com](mailto:bsccpresident@gmail.com) or [jimmy.carswell@us.army.mil](mailto:jimmy.carswell@us.army.mil).

### London New Year's Trip

Bring in the new year in London with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers. The cost is \$399 per person plus \$140 for a single room. The bus leave in the evening on Dec. 28 and returns late in

the evening on Jan. 1. The cost includes three nights in a four-star hotel with breakfast, a sightseeing tour of London, roundtrip transportation on a German motor coach including ferry crossing, New Year's fireworks show near the London Eye and free time for your own adventures. Sign up with a \$100 deposit to reserve space, payable in full by Dec. 14. The trip is open to all adults, age 18 and older.

### 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 [lreisinger@clubbeyond.org](mailto:lreisinger@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 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](http://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 DJs

On Nov. 24 from 5-9 p.m. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a Fight for the Throne Battle of the DJs 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. DJs must register by Nov. 20 to participate. For more information call 0951-300-7626 or email [jimmy.l.carswell@mail.mil](mailto: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 multipurpose 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.

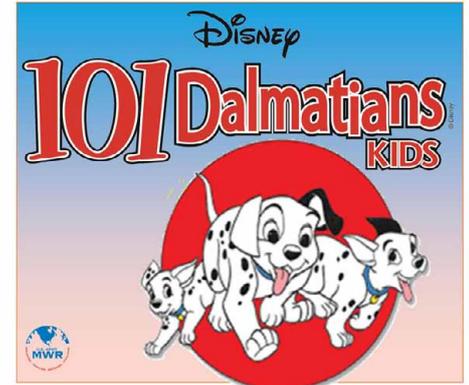
### Stable Theater Fall Musical

The Stable Theater presents Disney's "101 Dalmatians Kids" fall musical on Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performance on Nov. 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 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,

## OPENING NOV 8 for 8 Shows!



**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

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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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:jeffrey.p.card.civ@mail.mil) or at 0951-300-7777.

**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 Ansbach, 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

**Zumba!**

Ditch the workout, join the party!  
\$5 per class - or 5 for \$20

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

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

**Slayer Tournament**  
**December 1, 2012**  
**AAFES POWERZONE**  
*Sign up @ POWERZONE or BOSS office inside the CAC.*

For more information, contact the BOSS @ DSN 463-7626, civ. 01622703103 or your local garrison BOSS Office.

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

**Parenting Skill Builder Classes**  
 The first three Tuesday mornings of each month from 9-11 a.m. the Bamberg Chapel Family Life Center will have classes. Learning the skills to parent with Love and Logic can help make parenting fun and rewarding, instead of stressful and chaotic. You will be learn practical tools and techniques to build respectful, healthy relationships with children and help prepare children for the real world. For more information, 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

**Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club**  
 &  
**Bamberg BOSS**  
 present  
**Second Chance Prom**  
**December 8**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Freedom Fitness Facility**  
**30 dollars**  
*Price includes goodie bag, dinner, and non-alcoholic beverages*

Join us for a night of fun for adults of all ages to relive or redo their high school prom! Come dressed as you did at your prom; decade appropriate.

Donations of extra dated formalwear are requested at the Thrift Shop.

For more information email [bsccpresident@gmail.com](mailto:bsccpresident@gmail.com) or [www.parsnell@us.army.mil](http://www.parsnell@us.army.mil)

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 3:30 p.m. at the Army Community Services building. The cost of the CPR and First Aid Certification is \$55. You can log onto [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to register. Once on the ARC site, go to "take a class" and enter your APO zip code to find the course, register and pay online. You can also register in person at the ARC office. For additional information or questions, stop by the American Red Cross office, Building 7029 or call 0951-300-1760.

**Closures and Changes**  
**Parking Lot Closure**  
 The Garrison will be closing the upper parking lot adjacent to Memorial Park (Desert Storm Park) starting Nov. 19 to prepare for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 30. The Garrison reminds personnel that this lot is not for long-term parking. Vehicles should not be left there during field exercises, temporary duty assignments or leave.

**Vehicle Registration Closures**  
 The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed Nov. 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/bambergcym.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**  
**Golf Xmas Sale**  
 The Whispering Pines Golf Course will have a Golf Xmas sale on Nov. 17 starting at 9 a.m. Items will be 5, 10, 15 and 20 percent off of items marked with a red tag. For more information, call 0951-300-8953.

**Turkey Shoot**  
 The Whispering Pines Golf Course will have a Turkey Shot on Nov. 17 starting at 9 a.m. The tournament

**Thanksgiving Weekend 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.

**\$355 Per Person DOES NOT INCLUDE LIFT PASSES.**  
 A single room is an extra \$45.  
**Limited Space! Sign Up Soon!**

FOR RESERVATIONS, VISIT US AT OOR (Bldg. 7029) OR CALL DSN 463-7626 CIV 0951-300-7626. Outdoor Recreation (OOR) is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

**BAMBERG OUTDOOR RECREATION**

will be a two-person scramble, best ball format. First place will win a turkey, second place will win a duck and third place will win a Cornish game hen. Entry is \$10 per person. For more information, call 0951-300-8953.

**Turkey Trot**  
 On Nov. 17 at 9 a.m., there will be a Turkey Trot five-kilometer fun run/walk 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.-12:30 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-8890 or email [tonya.l.williams.naf@mail.mil](mailto:tonya.l.williams.naf@mail.mil).

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

**BOSS London**  
**Dec. 28- Jan. 1, 2013**  
**\$399** (p.p. in a double room; plus \$140 for single rooms)

Bus departs at Friday evening Dec. 28 and returns Jan. 1 late evening Jan. Trip includes: 3 overnights in 4 star Hotel with breakfast, sightseeing tour of London highlights, roundtrip transportation on German Motor Coach, ferry crossing, New Year's Fireworks Show near the London Eye & plenty of free time for your own adventures!

Sign-up with \$100 deposit to reserve space, payable in full by no later than Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Trip is open to all adults, 18 years of age and up.

For more information, contact your local BOSS program in your community!

# Schweinfurt Community Announcements

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

### Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt's 2012 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. at Andrus Garden in front of Garrison Headquarters on Ledward Barracks. Come out, celebrate the beginning of the holiday season, and enjoy free refreshments and pictures with a special guest. The event will feature holiday music performed live by the U.S. Army Europe Brass Quintet.

### CYSS Wrestling Clinic for Officials

Youth Sports and Fitness will host a wrestling clinic on Nov. 30 from 5-7 p.m. and Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This clinic will certify you as a qualified wrestling official through non-appropriated funds sports. Contracts with NAF sports are paid positions. For more information or to register, call 09721-96-6822.

### Bamberg Christmas Market

Travel with Army Community Service on Nov. 30 to the Bamberg Christmas Market by train. The cost is 7.50 euros to the ride the train and extra Euro is required to shop and eat. Departure is at 8:15 a.m. at the Hauptbahnhof and returns at 5:30 p.m. For more information and to sign-up for this please call, 09721-96-6933.

### Nürnberg Christkindlesmarkt

Travel with Army Community Service on Dec. 10 to the Nürnberg Christkindlesmarkt by train. The cost 20 Euros to ride the train and extra Euro is required to shop and eat. Departure is at 8:15 a.m. from the Hauptbahnhof and returns at 5:30 p.m. For more information and to sign-up for this please call, 09721-96-6933.

### Texas Hold'em Tournament

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a Texas Hold'em Tournament Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. at the Warrior Zone. Open to all ID cardholders. The cost is \$30. Preregister by Nov. 30. Call 09721-96-6082/8476 for more information.

### 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.

### 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 is 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](http://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.

**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

### 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.

**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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**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
@1800  
21 Nov 2012  
@ Finney Recreation Center  
Single Soldiers Only

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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**2012 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**

USAG SCHWEINFURT

FRIDAY, NOV. 30, 4:00 P.M.  
ANDRUS GARDEN  
GARRISON HEADQUARTERS  
LEDWARD BARRACKS

**Celebrate THE BEGINNING OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

ENJOY FREE REFRESHMENTS AND PICTURES WITH A SPECIAL GUEST!

FEATURING **Holiday Music** PERFORMED LIVE BY THE USAREUR BRASS QUINTET

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**SKIESUnlimited**

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 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.

**Bamberg Christmas Market**

Date: November 30, 2012 Time: 8:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Cost - 7,50+ to ride the Rail & Extra Euro to shop and eat.

The Bamberg Christmas markets come in four different shapes and sizes in the UNESCO World Heritage town of Bamberg: the traditional Christmas market on the Maxplatz Square, the delightful medieval Christmas market at Geyerswörth Palace, the Advent Market in the Sand and the arts and crafts Christmas market on Jakobsplatz square. Come Join Us for a day of Great Holiday fun.

We will travel by rail so meet at the Hauptbahnhof NLT 8:15. Don't forget a scarf and mittens. It will be Cold!

For more information and to sign-up for this class please call ACS CIV 09721-96-6933 or DSN 354-6933. Day Care will not be provide on this trip, but please feel free to bring your little ones.

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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](mailto:Derek.r.walker.naf@mail.mil).

**Family Child Care Providers Needed**

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

**Sports, Health and Fitness**

**Personal Training**

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

**Paintball Field Open**

Relieve some stress or have some good old 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.

**Nürnberger Christkindlesmarkt**

Date: December 10, 2012 Time: 8:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Cost - 20,00 + to ride the Rail & Extra Euro to shop and eat.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The smell of mulled wine and rum punch, roasted almonds, Nuremberg bratwurst and gingerbread fill the air. Come join us as we lead you through the streets of Nürnberger Christkindlesmarkt. We will travel by rail so meet at the Hauptbahnhof NLT 8:15 a.m. Don't forget a scarf and mittens. It will be Cold!

For more information and to sign-up for this class please call ACS CIV 09721-96-6933 or DSN 354-6933

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**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 Hilley 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**  
**Conn/Ledward DFAC**

THU, NOV. 22 | \$7.50 PER PERSON | \$6.40 (DEPENDENTS E1 - E4)

Conn Dinner		Ledward Dinner	
11 A.M.	2 P.M.	11:30 A.M.	2 P.M.
BEVERAGES		BEVERAGES	
CHICKEN * SOUP/JUICE * COFFEE * TEA * EGGSALAD		CHICKEN * SOUP/JUICE * COFFEE * TEA * EGGSALAD	
MAIN COURSE		MAIN COURSE	
TURKEY * HAM * PRIME RIB * STEAMSHIP		TURKEY * HAM * ROAST * CORNISH HEN	
SIDE DISHES		SIDE DISHES	
SWEET POTATOES * STUFFING * SHIMP * SALAD		SWEET POTATOES * POTATOES * BOLLIS	
CORNBREAD * GREENS/VEGETABLES * POTATOES		CORNBREAD * GREENS * GUMBO	
DESSERTS		DESSERTS	
ASSORTED PIE * ASSORTED PASTRIES		ASSORTED PIE * COOKIES * SHORTCAKE	

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November 9, 2012 | 92 Minutes

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## IN THEATERS • NOV. 15 - NOV. 28

**ILLESHEIM THEATER • 09841-83-4546**

Nov. 17 - CHASING MAVERICKS (PG) 4 p.m.

FUN SIZE (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 18 - PARANORMAN (PG) 3 p.m.

Nov. 24 - FLIGHT (R) 4 p.m.

THE MAN WITH IRON FISTS (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 - WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 4 p.m.

**KATTERBACH THEATER • 09802-83-1790**

Nov. 17 - THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) 4 p.m.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 18 - PARANORMAN (PG) 3 p.m.

ALEX CROSS (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Nov. 23 - CHASING MAVERICKS (PG) 7 p.m.

Nov. 24 - FUN SIZE (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 3 p.m.

LAWLESS (R) 6 p.m.

**BAMBERG THEATER • 0951-297-3934**

Nov. 16 - THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 17 - WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 3 p.m.

FLIGHT (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 18 - WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 3 p.m.

THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 19 - FLIGHT (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 23 - SKYFALL (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 24 - MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 3 p.m.

SKYFALL (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 3 p.m.

SKYFALL (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 26 - SKYFALL (PG-13) 7 p.m.

**SCHWEINFURT THEATER • 09721-96-1790**

Nov. 15 - THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 16 - FUN SIZE (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 17 - CHASING MAVERICKS (PG) 4 p.m.

FUN SIZE (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 18 - CHASING MAVERICKS (PG-13) 4 p.m.

FUN SIZE (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nov. 21 - PARANORMAN (PG) 7 p.m.

Nov. 23 - WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 3:30 p.m.

FLIGHT (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 24 - WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 4 p.m.

FLIGHT (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 - WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 4 p.m.

THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R) 7 p.m.

Nov. 28 - THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (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. 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. 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.

**Nov. 22-25 Sölden Ski & Snowboard \$355**  
Looking for something fun to do over the Turkey Day weekend? Head to the Alps to ski and snowboard. Trip includes transportation, three-nights lodging in a three-star hotel at double occupancy with breakfast & dinner. Traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be cooked by hotel staff. Does not include lift pass. A single room is an extra \$65. Departs chapel parking lot at 3 a.m. Nov. 22.

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

### SCHWEINFURT

**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

## Energy-saving Tips

1. It is time for baking cookies. Turn off the oven a few minutes before they are done, and use the residual heat in your oven to finish baking.
2. After dinner, run a full load in your dishwasher. Running a partial load uses the same amount of energy and water as a full load – but you get less done. Running full loads allows you also to run your washer or dryer less often.

## Recycling Tips

1. Need something new? Invest in high-quality, long-lasting products. You might pay more now, but you'll be happy when you don't have to replace items as frequently, and this means less waste.
2. Broken energy-saving light bulb? Open the window for 15 minutes and leave the room. Gather all broken pieces carefully and put them in a glass pot or a plastic bag. Wash your hands. Do not put it in the normal trash. Bring it to the Recycling Center, as it is hazardous waste.

## Water-saving Tips

1. Traveling? While staying in a hotel or even at home, consider reusing your towels.
2. Do you have a dual-flush mechanism for the toilet? The multi-flush device allows you to choose exactly how much water goes to waste when pressing the handle. A dual-flush device has a short flush button for liquids and a longer flush button for solids.

# Was ist los in Franken?

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## 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](http://www.wildbretwochen.de).

## Peter Gabriel tribute show coming to Schweinfurt

Secret World, a Peter Gabriel tribute show, will come to Schweinfurt at the Kulturhaus Stattbahnhof (Alte Bahnhofstraße 8-12) on Nov. 16 at 9 p.m.

## Winter Dreams at Schloss Faber-Castell in Stein

The Winter Dreams exhibition in Stein's castle (Schloss Faber-Castell, Rednitzstraße 2a, 90547 Stein) on Nov. 16-18 features traditional and handmade items, unique details and great surroundings as it opens its doors and park to the public. Opening hours are Friday 2-10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; admission tickets are 8 Euros for adults and children under 12 years 1 Euro (children under 4 years enter for free). For more information, go to [www.wintertraeume.eu](http://www.wintertraeume.eu).

## Diwali – Indian Light Fest in Fürth

Diwali, the Indian Light Fest is celebrated in the Grüne Halle (Krautheimerstraße 11) in Fürth on Saturday, Nov. 17, starting at 2 p.m.; be seduced by the magic world of India, the scents, colors, food, dances and much more. Details can be found at [www.gruenehalle.de](http://www.gruenehalle.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](http://www.kofferfabrik.cc).

## The Chicago Christmas Show

American Christmas event for "kids" from 4 to 94: Wiletta Carson, a Jazz singer from Chicago living in Germany, performs at the Comödie Fürth (Theresienstraße 1) on Sunday, Nov. 25 at 2:30 p.m.; she'll take you back to her home town singing about "Churches, Bars, South Side, Daily Plaza and Magnificent Mile" during the holiday season. Information and tickets are available through [www.comoedie.de](http://www.comoedie.de); children are welcome and pay half price.

## 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](http://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](http://www.burg-rabenstein.de); registration is required at 09202-970-0440.

## Christmas rock party on the lake

For a different kind of Christmas party check out the X-Mas Rockparty on Lake Brombachsee. Take a trip on a boat for 12.50 Euros on Dec. 7 and dance to seasonal music all night long; the boat leaves at 7:30 p.m. at the sail boat harbor in Ramsberg (Am Segelhafen, 91785 Pleinfeld) and it will return to Ramsberg at 9 p.m. for late party guests; the trip will be finally over by 1 a.m. For detailed information and reservations, go to [www.ms-brombachsee.com](http://www.ms-brombachsee.com).

## Gospel in Bamberg and Schweinfurt

The Love and Joy Tour 2012/13 of Best of Black Gospel is coming to Bamberg on Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. at St. Otto Kirche (Siechenstr. 72); the same concert will take place in Schweinfurt's St. Michael church (Florian-Geyer-Straße 11) on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.

## Uriah Heep in Aschaffenburg

Uriah Heep is bringing their 'The Nail On The Head Christmas Tour' to Aschaffenburg's Colos-Saal (Rossmarkt 19) on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. (enter at 7 p.m.).

## Franconian Jazzband in Nürnberg

The Franconian Jazzband will be playing Jazz Classics in Nürnberg at the Jazzstudio Nürnberg e.V. (Paniersplatz 27/29) on Dec. 15, beginning at 9 p.m. For more information go to [www.jazzstudio.de](http://www.jazzstudio.de).

## Windsbacher Knabenchor in Nürnberg

The Windsbacher Knabenchor, famous boys' choir from Windsbach near Ansbach will perform at the Meistersingerhalle (Münchener Straße 2) in Nürnberg on Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.

## 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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# Christmas Markets 2012

- Ansbach** – Weihnachtsmarkt (Johann-Sebastians-Bach-Platz): Nov. 28-Dec. 23; [www.ansbach.de](http://www.ansbach.de)
- Aschaffenburg** - Weihnachtsmarkt (Schlossplatz): Nov. 29-Dec. 22; [www.aschaffenburg.de](http://www.aschaffenburg.de)
- Bamberg** - Weihnachtsmarkt (Maxplatz): Nov. 29-Dec. 23; [www.bamberg.info](http://www.bamberg.info)
- Bernkastel-Kues** – Weihnachtsmarkt – Nov. 24-Dec. 23; [www.weihnachtsmarkt-bernkastel-kues.de](http://www.weihnachtsmarkt-bernkastel-kues.de)
- Coburg** - Weihnachtsmarkt : Nov. 30-Dec. 23; [www.coburg-tourist.de](http://www.coburg-tourist.de)
- Dinkelsbühl** - Weihnachtsmarkt (Spitalhof): Nov. 29-Dec. 23; [www.weihnachtsmarkt-dinkelsbuehl.de](http://www.weihnachtsmarkt-dinkelsbuehl.de)
- Erlangen** - Medieval Weihnachtsmarkt (Neustädter Kirchenplatz): Nov. 30-Dec. 24; [www.erlangen.de](http://www.erlangen.de)
- Fürth** - Weihnachtsmarkt (Freiheit): Nov. 29-Dec. 23; [www.fuerth.de](http://www.fuerth.de)
- Forchheim** - Weihnachtsmarkt : Dec. 1-24; [www.forchheim.de](http://www.forchheim.de)
- Garmisch** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec 1-26; [www.garmisch-partenkirchen.de](http://www.garmisch-partenkirchen.de)
- Heidelberg** - Weihnachtsmarkt (Karlsplatz): Nov. 21-Dec. 22; [www.heidelberg-tourismus.de](http://www.heidelberg-tourismus.de)
- München** - Christkindlmarkt (Marienplatz): Nov. 30- Dec. 24; [www.muenchen-tourist.de](http://www.muenchen-tourist.de)
- Nürnberg** – Christkindlesmarkt: Nov. 30-Dec. 24; [www.christkindlesmarkt.de](http://www.christkindlesmarkt.de)
- Roth** – Christkindlesmarkt (Schloss Ratibor): Dec. 1-9; [www.stadt-roth.de](http://www.stadt-roth.de)
- Rothenburg ob der Tauber** – Reiterlesmarkt: Nov. 30-Dec. 23; [www.rothenburg.de](http://www.rothenburg.de)
- Schweinfurt** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Nov. 29-Dec. 24; [www.weihnachtsmarkt-sw.de](http://www.weihnachtsmarkt-sw.de)
- Würzburg** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Nov. 30-Dec. 23; [www.wuerzburg.de](http://www.wuerzburg.de)
- Weekend Christmas Markets 2012**
- Bad Kissingen** – Lichterglanz (lights aglow): Nov. 30-Dec. 24; [www.badkissingen.de](http://www.badkissingen.de)
- Bad Mergentheim** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 13-16; [www.bad-mergentheim.de](http://www.bad-mergentheim.de)
- Bad Wimpfen** – Altdeutscher Weihnachtsmarkt: Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Dec. 7-9, 14-16; [www.badwimpfen.org](http://www.badwimpfen.org)
- Bad Windsheim** - Weihnachtsmarkt : Nov. 29-Dec. 2, Dec. 6-9, 13-16, 20-23; [www.bad-windsheim.de](http://www.bad-windsheim.de)
- Freilandmuseum Bad Windsheim** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec 2, 9, 16; [www.freilandmuseum.de](http://www.freilandmuseum.de)
- Gunzenhausen** – Weihnachtsmarkt – Dec. 2, Dec. 6-9, 13-16, 20-23; [www.gunzenhausen.de](http://www.gunzenhausen.de)
- Heilsbronn** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 7-9; [www.stadt-heilsbronn.de](http://www.stadt-heilsbronn.de)
- Herrieden** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 21-22
- Hilpoltstein** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 1-2; [www.hilpoltstein.de](http://www.hilpoltstein.de)
- Iphofen** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 8-9; [www.iphofen.de](http://www.iphofen.de)
- Marktbreit** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 2; [www.marktbreit.de](http://www.marktbreit.de)
- Marktheidenfeld** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 7-9; [www.marktheidenfeld.de](http://www.marktheidenfeld.de)
- Neustadt an der Aisch** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 7-9; [www.neustadt-aisch.de](http://www.neustadt-aisch.de)
- Ornbau** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 1; [www.ornbau.de](http://www.ornbau.de)
- Schloss Geyerswörth** (Bamberg) – Medieval Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec 8-16; [www.kzk.de](http://www.kzk.de)
- Schwabach** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 7- 9, Dec. 14-16; [www.schwabach.de](http://www.schwabach.de)
- Stein** – Weihnachtsmarkt (Mecklenburger Platz): Nov. 30- Dec. 2; [www.stadt-stein.de](http://www.stadt-stein.de)
- Wasserburg am Inn** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Dec. 7-9, Dec. 14-16, Dec. 21-23; [www.wasserburg.de](http://www.wasserburg.de)
- Weikersheim** – Weihnachtsmarkt (Castle): Dec. 14 -16; [www.weikersheim.de](http://www.weikersheim.de)
- Windsbach** – Weihnachtsmarkt: Dec. 1-2; [www.windsbach.de](http://www.windsbach.de)
- Wolframs-Eschenbach** – Sternlesmarkt: Dec 15-16; [www.wolframs-eschenbach.de](http://www.wolframs-eschenbach.de)