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Illesheim children shine light on Rothenburg

By Bryan Gatchell,
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER, Germany – The Christmas season starts at different times. For major retailers in the United States, the season begins the day after Thanksgiving with door-busting deals. For savvy home shoppers, it's the Monday after Thanksgiving. For the Christian church, it begins the fourth Sunday preceding Christmas, which is anywhere from Nov. 27 to Dec. 3. This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. For many children, the holiday season begins on the first day of December with the beginning of the Advent calendar.

Students of Illesheim Elementary School, part of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, helped the town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber begin their Christmas season Dec. 1 in the town square with a building-sized Advent calendar.

Advent calendars are a relatively recent tradition. Candy canes date back to the 17th century; the Christmas tree to the 15th century. Advent calendars began in the 19th century and gained widespread popularity in the 20th

century. What an Advent calendar is can vary widely. They can be picked up at many supermarkets as a cardboard calendar with perforated doors containing candies. It could be a board with pictures to be turned over. For the town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, however, their town hall, or Rathaus, becomes an Advent

calendar for the Christmas season.

This year windows became displays for schools to decorate according to the theme of Christmas traditions around the world. Illesheim Elementary School designed and presented the first window with the theme

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Capt. Michael J. Barranti

The first Advent window is illuminated on Rothenburg ob der Tauber's town hall, or Rathaus, Dec. 1. The children of Illesheim Elementary created the Advent window as part of their celebration this year of Christmas around the world. The children gathered on the steps of the Rathaus to sing traditional and contemporary American carols.

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Teachers, volunteers and staff at Schweinfurt Elementary Middle School organized two events geared toward children with deployed parents. Throughout November, SEMS students recorded holiday greetings and sent them to their deployed family members, and on Nov. 28, students made crafts for deployed parents, pictured here.

Sky Soldiers are awarded Army Safety Excellence Streamer

By Capt. Christopher Webb,
173rd Brigade Support Battalion

LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – During the past 12 months, despite the hazards of three training rotations in Europe, the deployment of half of the battalion to Afghanistan, as well as the continued execution of sustainment operations in support of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion has once again earned the Army Safety Excellence Streamer for superior achievement in accident prevention.

Lt. Col. Luis A. Velez, commander of the 173rd BSB, present-

ed each unit within the battalion a company-level safety streamer for their demonstrated excellence in the area of unit safety, and prided the efforts of both commanders and Soldiers. Velez noted that “this effort was spearheaded by all company commanders, first sergeants, as well as company safety officers who made this happen, and I am proud of you all for your continued support and diligence.”

The battalion was also awarded the Army Safety Excellence Streamer to be added to the unit colors, which was presented by Col. Andrew M. Rohling, commander of the 173rd BSB, present-

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Health officials focus on high-risk persons for flu season

By Douglas DeMaio
Bavaria Medical Dept. Activity Public Affairs

VILSECK, Germany – Health officials at Bavaria Medical Department Activity are observing a large amount of people getting a flu vaccine this season, but are acknowledging more work needs to be done to protect people from an influenza outbreak.

Among individuals in the military community who are at high risk for complications associated with the flu, less than 50 percent received the immunization.

“The flu, contrary to common belief, is quite serious,” Victorio Vaz, an epidemiologist for Bavaria Medical Department Activity, said to listeners during a morning radio show on American Forces Network Dec. 3. “Between 5 and 20 percent of the population gets the flu every year.”

About 200,000 people are hospitalized every year because of the flu, Vaz said. For the

past 30 years in the United States, deaths range between 3,000 and 49,000 every year due to the flu.

Individuals at high risk for complications associated with the flu include pregnant women, newborns if the mother wasn’t immunized, elderly people, and anyone with diabetes, asthma or respiratory and cardiovascular diseases.

“As you get older, you have more chronic conditions and therefore you are probably more susceptible to serious complications,” Vaz told listeners. “Pregnant women are at very high risk for complications.”

While the flu vaccine is safe and effective

for pregnant women, recent studies have suggested the effectiveness of the vaccine is passed on to the newborns and provide them protection, Maj. Benjamin Palmer, Bavaria

Medical Department Activity Preventive Medicine chief, explained to listeners of AFN Bavaria’s morning show.

“For those babies who are less than 6 months, that is why it is important to

vaccinate the pregnant women because recent studies have shown that women are able to carry antibody immunity on to the child up to 4 months,” Palmer added.

The vaccine can be administered to children once they reach 6 months.

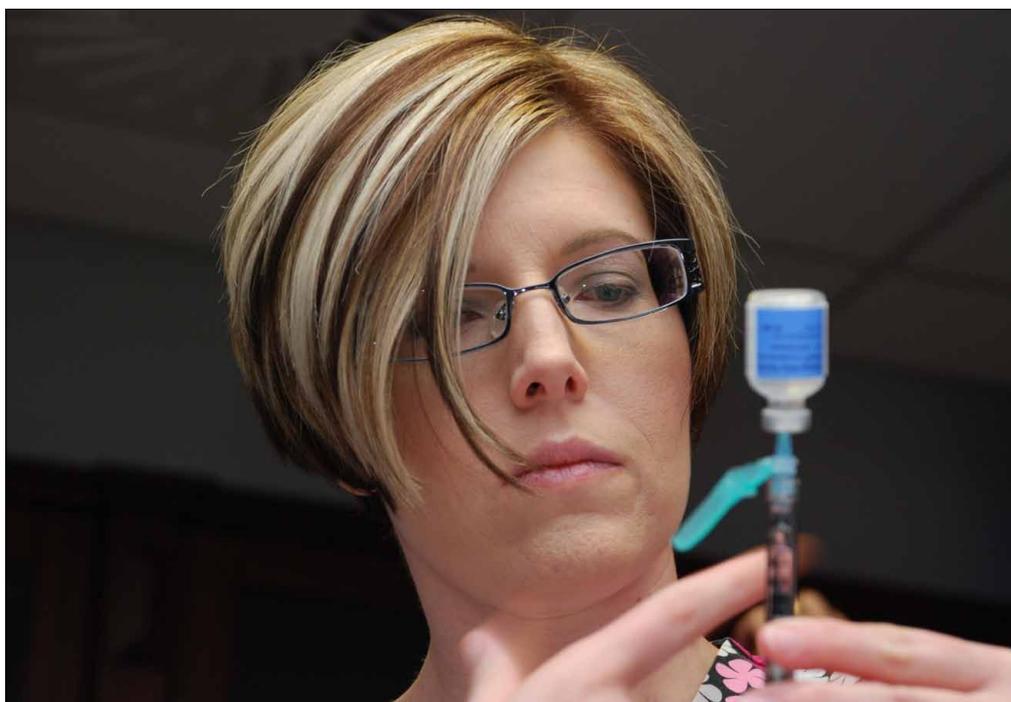
“Mothers to be who are out there, if you get vaccinated, you can carry on protection to your baby,” Palmer said to listeners. “By you protecting yourself, you are protecting others.”

By the beginning of National Influenza Vaccination Week, which started Dec. 2 and runs through Dec. 8, about 99 percent of all Soldiers in Bavaria had received the vaccination, Palmer said, who helps track the compliance ratio for BMEDDAC. About 95 percent of health workers in Bavaria have received their vaccination. The group of individuals categorized as high risk, who can receive the vaccination, has not reached a threshold that would diminish a virus if it were introduced to the community. Some persons, given their medical history, are unable to receive the flu vaccination because of health reasons.

Palmer and Vaz advocated people in the community should be immunized if they are able to receive the vaccine and should help to prevent the spread of communicable diseases by practicing good hygiene; people should practice washing their hands, sneezing or coughing into the crook of their elbow and should not go to work when they are sick.

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- Victorio Vaz, epidemiologist, Bavaria Medical Department Activity



Courtesy photo

Amy Wilson, a registered nurse at Grafenwoehr Health Clinic, prepares a seasonal flu vaccine at the garrison headquarters building Oct. 12. Military community members who would like to have a flu vaccine can visit their health clinic. For more information about receiving the vaccine, visit www.flu.gov or contact the health clinic.



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Sgt. Carlos Balestena

Lt. Col. Luis A. Velez, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. David Franco attach the Army Safety Excellence Streamer to the unit's Headquarters and Headquarters Company during an awards ceremony at FOB Shank, Logar province, Afghanistan, Nov. 18.

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mander of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. In his remarks to paratroopers following the presentation of the safety streamer Rohling said, "I am truly proud of the hard work and dedication to safety that the BSB has displayed in earning this recognition for two years in a row. Part of our mission in Afghanistan has been the retrograde of excess equipment within our battle space, which in itself can be a quite hazardous endeavor."

"The BSB has been at the forefront of the movement of over 350 containers by ground, and this group of paratroopers are truly the unsung heroes of the brigade," Rolling said.

The Army Safety Excellence Streamer is awarded to detachments, company-sized units, battalion-level units or higher who have demonstrated safety excellence, upheld Army safety standards, and have not had any reportable Class A or B accidents for the past 365 days. In order to earn this award, all Soldiers of the BSB had to complete the Army Composite Risk Management Course and the Army Readiness Assessment Program survey. Company commanders were also required to complete the Commander's Safety Course.

"The course is very thorough and truly

engages leadership to take into account some safety considerations that they may have not thought about before," said Capt. David Molina, the BSB's medical company commander.

Capt. Matthew Schneller, commander of the BSB's maintenance company, deferred credit for the award to the members of his company.

"The only reason we received this award is because of the fact that our Soldiers did great things," Schneller said. "At the end of the day, commanders can issue guidance and develop a vision, but in the end it takes Soldiers to execute

and carry out the mission. This is exactly what they have done."

Paratroopers of the 173rd BSB provide support to not only Logar province, but Wardak province as well. Combat logistical patrols routinely travel through four provinces, including the city of Kabul, and the crews of the BSB's distribution company have driven thousands of miles delivering all classes of supplies.

While the maintenance company is on the road, at Forward Operating Base Shank in Logar province, the battalion's medical and maintenance companies remain busy treating dozens of sick-call patients and injuries on a weekly basis as well as repairing vehicles, generators and weapons. These monumental tasks have been conducted with no severe incidents or injuries, which has helped the unit maximize its manpower and efficiency.

At Warner Barracks in Bamberg, Germany, the battalion's rear detachment has also placed safety at its forefront, ensuring members of the unit completed the online training and were alert to the dangers.

"It is no easy task keeping Soldiers focused on safety, especially when they are thinking of their battalion brothers and sisters in Afghanistan and also have the distractions of living OCONUS, but I think we've done a good job," said Capt. Ivan Bermudez, the 173rd BSB rear detachment commander.

As the unit gets closer to redeployment it will continue to apply lessons to ensure that not only the 173rd ABCT continues to receive world-class support but members of the 173rd BSB remain safe in carrying out their mission.



Col. Andrew M. Rohling, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, joins Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel D. Coston to present the Army Safety Excellence Streamer to the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne) during an awards ceremony at FOB Shank, Logar province, Afghanistan, Nov. 27.

Sgt. 1st Class Lloyd Param

'Tune-Up Thursdays' focuses on overall health

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany -- Being healthy nowadays is much more involved than noshing on an apple a day and scheduling an occasional trip to the gym. "Proper health requires the overall well-being of one's mind, body and spirit," said Kettely Darden, Employee Assistance Program coordinator. A new initiative by the EAP coined "Tune-Up Thursdays" delves further into ...

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Stryker 'double v-hull' proven success

WARREN, Mich. -- More than 18 months ago, the Army's Stryker combat vehicle underwent a game-changing transformation when the service took lessons from theater and incorporated an improved hull design to protect Soldiers from improvised explosive devices and roadside mines. The new underbody design, known as a "double V-hull," was based on technology similar to that on mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles ...

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Children, families record holiday greetings for deployed parents

By Margaret Gotheridge,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – With smiles from ear to ear, children from the Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School and some family members enjoyed the opportunity to video record holiday wishes for their deployed parent.

More than 35 children participated in the event Nov. 7 and 8, which allowed the children to verbally express their feelings to the deployed parents.

“It’s not easy for anyone to be away from their families over the holidays, let alone a deployed family member,” said Margaret Ballinger, the teacher who coordinated the event. “We hope that this not only helps the children and families, but also the deployed parent so that they receive some joy from this as well.”

During the recording, students sang holiday songs, informed their deployed parent what they wanted for Christmas, described what they have been up to recently at school, shared with them any special moments that happened and told them how much they missed them.

According to Ballinger, the importance of providing an event like this to the children with a deployed parent is to show that the school supports those students and families.

Many of the children have parents who are Soldiers in the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, and some children have parents in other units that are deployed.

“These special holiday videos will be sent to the Soldiers down range through email,” said Ballinger. “Hopefully the videos will pro-



Margaret Gotheridge

Students Vincent and Ny'Azia McRae stand near their mother, Glennesia McRae, as they record a holiday greeting for their father, Staff Sgt. Vincent McRae, who is currently deployed with the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment. More than 35 children from Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School and their family members enjoyed the opportunity to video record holiday wishes for their deployed parents Nov. 7 and 8.

vide a little bit of comfort to them over the holidays.”

This is the first time the school organized an event where children and family members were given an opportunity to send a holiday message to a deployed family member.

Country music acts to take center stage in Bamberg, Ansbach

By Heidi Sanders
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – Country music star Aaron Tippin and the up-and-coming Lowry Sisters will be making concert stops in both Bamberg and Ansbach.

The concert will take place in Bamberg at the Freedom Fitness Facility Dec. 9. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7

p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-8647.

Two days later on Dec. 11, the tour will stop in Ansbach at the Storck Fitness Center. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m. No-cost tickets can be picked up at the Von Steuben Community Center or the Storck Community Activities Center. For more information, call 09802-83-2930.

Tippin, a South Carolina native who has been on the country music scene since the 1990s, is known for songs such as “You’ve Got to Stand for Something,” “Kiss This,” and “Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagle Fly.”

Jack Austin, U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg’s entertainment director, said audiences are in for a treat when they see Tippin perform.

“He might be the biggest act we have through here,” Austin said. “He is certainly the most influential. He has been making country western waves since the early-, mid-’90s that we have heard and do hear on the radio.”

The Lowry Sisters are an up-and-coming



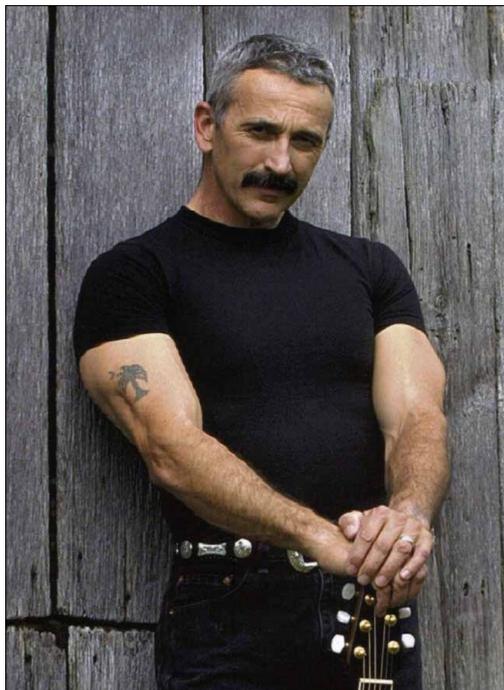
Courtesy photo

Nashville country artists The Lowry Sisters

band based out of Nashville, Tenn., consisting of three sisters: Allison Lowry, lead vocals; Lauren Lowry, back-up vocals and piano; and Ashley Lowry, back-up vocals, guitar, banjo, mandolin and dulcimer.

The sisters’ music reflects influences of Fleetwood Mac and Joni Mitchell.

Austin said after the shows, fans will have the opportunity for autographs and photographs with the performers.



Courtesy photo

Country music artist Aaron Tippin

Schweinfurt tree lighting ushers in holiday events, trips

By Nathan Van Schaik,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – Community members gathered outside the command building Nov. 30 for the annual tradition of lighting the tree in Andrus Garden, ushering in the beginning of the holiday season.

Temperatures dipped near freezing as the city of Schweinfurt and outlying areas experienced the first wave of winter weather.

The event kicked off a holiday season marked by a full list of events and trips geared toward Soldiers and community members of all ages and groups.

Dubbed the “Winter Event Wrap-up,” this year’s list includes ceremonies classes, Alpine retreats, ceremonies, events, trips, camps and more.

Notable happenings include [Winterfest](#) Jan. 18, a wide-range of [Christmas markets](#), a [photo contest](#) and multiple ski and snowboard day and [night trips](#) hosted by the Outdoor Recreation Center to [Garmisch](#) (Dec. 8 to 9), [Austria](#) (Jan. 18 to 21) and [Italy](#) (Feb. 15 to 18).

Another key event is the Dec. 11 to 13



Sgt. 1st Class Donald Windley

The lit tree outside the command building Nov. 30 in Andrus Garden marks the beginning of the holiday season and ushers in a full list of events and trips.

Army Family Action Plan — an Army-wide initiative aimed at leveling grassroots solutions to community issues. This year’s AFAP conference is specifically focused on closure

concerns. The garrison here is [set to close its gates by October 2014](#).

For the complete list, see the [Winter Wrap-up page](#).

Thanksgiving culinary competition winners announced

Nathan Van Schaik, USAG
Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – Army cooks from both of the garrison’s dining facilities showcased their skills in a culinary clash Nov. 22 that drew hundreds from the Schweinfurt community looking to indulge in the Thanksgiving feast put on by DFAC staff.

Both the Conn and Ledward dining facilities [hosted Thanksgiving to hundreds from the community – including Maj. Gen. James Z. Boozer](#) of U.S. Army Europe – in what’s become an annual platform for Army cooks to wield their talents in the kitchen.

The dining facilities competed against each other for best-decorated DFAC, best theme and best culinary display. The Conn dining facility took two of the three group awards for best overall cake displays and best decorated dining facility. Ledward DFAC won the best theme award.

Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Michael Runey, and Schweinfurt’s Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Gordon recognized the winners at the Conn and Ledward’s dining facilities Nov. 30 for the memorable Thanksgiving meal they cooked up and their culinary displays.



Spc. Latoya Dallas

On Nov. 30, garrison leadership awarded the winners of the 2012 Thanksgiving Ledward and Conn DFAC Culinary Competition. From left, are Spc. Xinyi Olson (silver medal), Staff Sgt. James B. Smith (bronze), Sgt. Talaya Q. Gray (silver) and Pfc. Violet Frias (silver).

What happens when you say ‘thank you’?

By Chaplain (Maj.) Chul Kim,
USAG Ansbach Religious Service Office

ANSBACH, Germany – Have you wondered what happens when you say “thank you” and you really mean it?

The very first English phrase I learned was “thank you” It was one of very distinctive cultural differences I experienced in America. In the 1960s and 1970s, “thank you” was not a commonly used phrase where I was growing

up due to political turmoil, social instability and economic struggle. Meanwhile, and in contrast, Americans thanked each other for almost everything. They were thanking each other for such simple acts as holding doors, bringing a cup to a kitchen sink, buying a pack of gum, in response to compliments, etc.

It appeared to be an essential part of life, like air. Perhaps this is why, for so many people, the phrase has lost its genuineness. People simply vocalize the phrase without meaning or heart. “Thank you” became a cliché or platitude.

Recently scientists have launched a course of research designed to understand gratitude and the circumstances in which it flourishes

or diminishes. Interestingly, they have found that people who practice gratitude consistently report a host of benefits such as stronger immune systems, lower blood pressure, higher levels of positive emotions, more joy, optimism and happiness, acting with more generosity and compassion, and feeling less lonely and isolated.

Naturally, it is wise to be thankful for what we have rather than ungrateful for what we do not have. We can even increase and multiply our thankfulness through giving and sharing with others. Perhaps it is why the Scripture teaches us, “Be thankful always!”

Thank you!

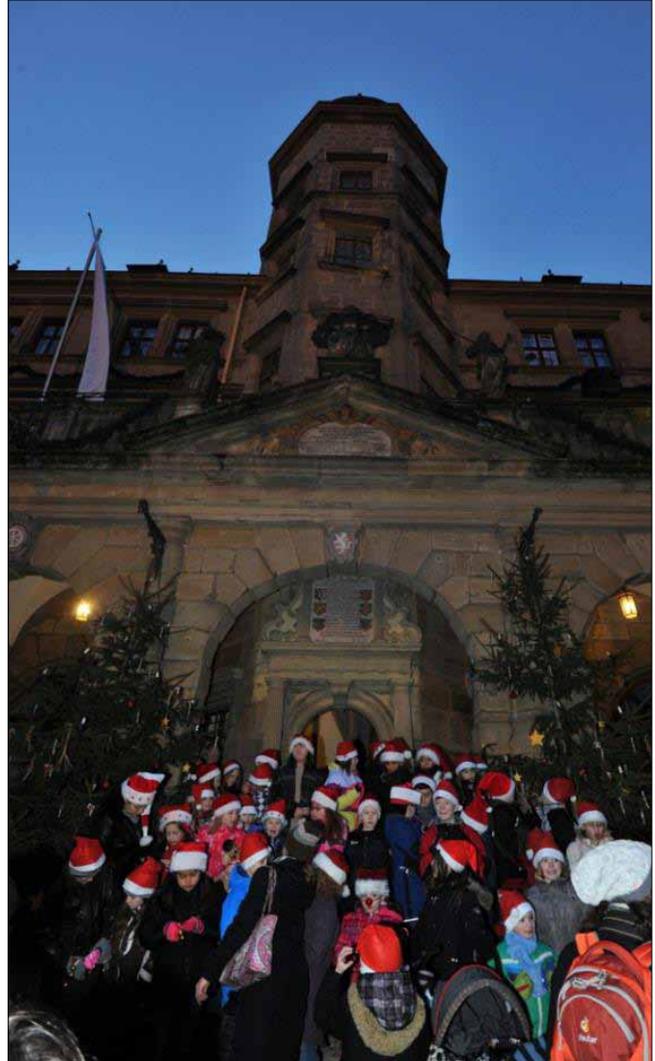
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“Christmas in America.”

“It is truly an honor for us to be in Rothenburg ob der Tauber to participate in this unique northern Bavarian tradition,” said Col. Kelly Lawler, USAG Ansbach commander. “As the commander of United States Army Garrison Ansbach, Illesheim, Bamberg and Schweinfurt, the partnership we have with our German friends truly is great, and it comes to light here tonight.”

This is the first year that a USAG Ansbach school has participated in the event. In years

to come, other USAG Ansbach schools will participate as well, though with different themes from this year.

Illesheim Elementary School’s window featured the stars and stripes with the number “1” in the top two panes of the window and Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer and a stocking filled with candy canes in the bottom two panes.

“We are honored to be here and have the opportunity to share the first window,” said Audrey Griffin, principal of Illesheim Elementary School. “Since our theme is ‘Christmas in America,’ we would like to share

some traditional symbols in the window and songs from the USA.”

The songs the elementary school students sang included “O Tannenbaum,” both in German and English, “Go Tell it on the Mountain,” “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” “Jingle Bells” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

“We usually sing the Tannenbaum song about the Christmas tree, we don’t usually sing American songs outside of post,” said Connor Murphy, an Ansbach High School student on the usual American student repertoire in German public events.

“It was surprising to hear our own songs from America,” said Tyler Benton, another USAG Ansbach student. “It seems like we’ve been in Germany so long it was like a new thing for us.”

“It’s good to see them out in the community, doing something outside of school off base,” said Brett Brumley, whose children sang during the event.

“It’s our first Christmas market,” said Jennifer Brumley, Brett’s wife. “It’s very pretty out here.”

Rothenburg ob der Tauber will continue presenting new windows every evening at 5 p.m. through Dec. 24. To learn more about the town, visit www.rothenburg.de/index.php?get=121. To learn more about Illesheim Elementary School, visit www.ille-ems.eu.dodea.edu.



Capt. Michael J. Barranti



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BSCC, BOSS to provide Bamberg with Second Chance Prom

By Heidi Sanders,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany — Whether you loved or hated your prom, now is your chance to relive that night and make new memories.

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a Second Chance Prom beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Freedom Fitness Facility.

The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The prom is for adults ages 18 and older.

Attendees are encouraged to wear attire from the decade they went to the prom.

Sarah Equils, BSCC president,

said the idea for the prom was a joint effort between her, BOSS President Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Carswell and the Warner Conference Center Manager Michael Graham.

"We were looking for a fun way to beat the winter blues and get our community members out and about," Equils said. "Too many of us stay cooped up in our houses while our spouses are deployed and it's so cold out."

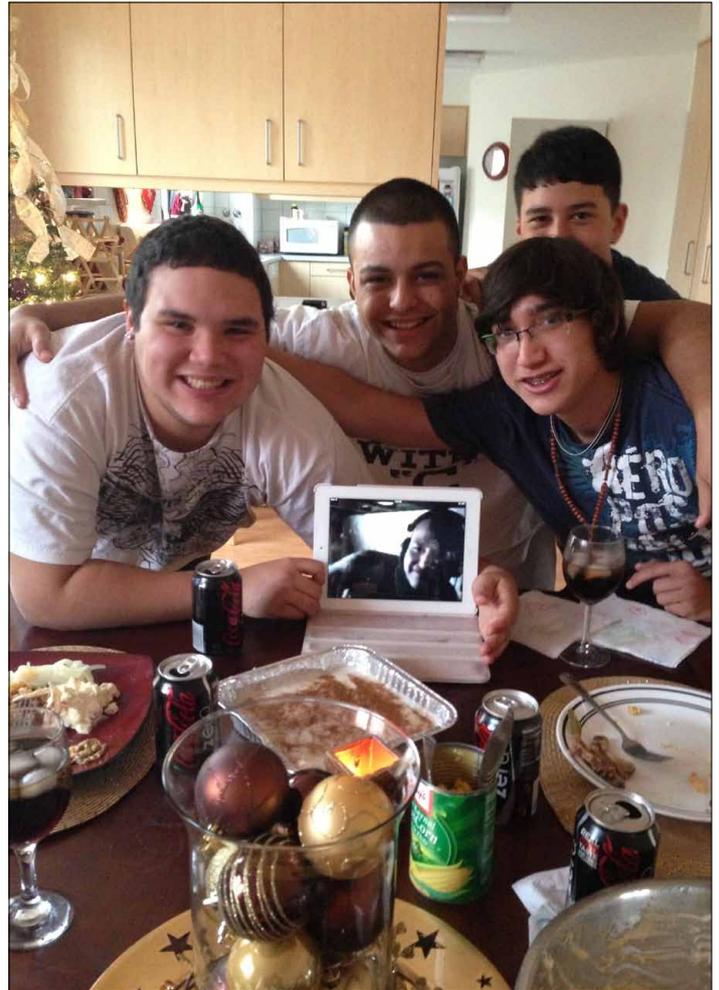
The event will feature the typical traditions of a high school prom, including crowning a king and queen and taking prom pictures, Equils said.

Attendees will receive a catered buffet dinner, free non-alcoholic beverages and a goodie bag.

"The Second Chance Prom is going to be a wonderfully good time, a chance to break away from the responsibilities of life and just have fun," Equils said.

For more information, email bsccpresident@gmail.com or jimmy.carswell@us.army.mil.

Thanksgiving photo contest winner



Valerie Fuentes took this photo of her sons during a video teleconference with their father, Sgt. Gilberto Fuentes, on Thanksgiving. Valerie won USAG Ansbach's Facebook Thanksgiving photo contest, "Capture the Moment" and won publication in this week's *The Franconian News*. Visit www.facebook.com/U.S.Army.Garrison.Ansbach for more.



Ansbach-area youths show off art skills at 5-day Urtas exhibit

By Stephen Baack,
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

As the culmination of a series of art projects, the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Child, Youth and School Services hosted a five-day art show Nov. 21 to 25 at the Urtas Post Exchange, featuring more than 65 pieces from their own young artists.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation teamed up with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service to host the exhibit, which also served as preparation for a Boys & Girls Club art exhibit planned for January. Children from both Katterbach and Illesheim school age centers contributed to the exhibit.

"The children have been working hard and doing different media, like monochromatic painting, mixed media, collages, and then we had them select the pieces we'd like to display," said Audrey Daugherty, supervisor with Child, Youth and School Services.

A ribbon-cutting officially opened the exhibit, before which Dan Riley, director of Ansbach's Family and MWR, spoke to the gathered children and caretakers about his

own love for art throughout his personal and academic life.

"It's a fantastic thing to do, because you learn a lot about the world, a lot about yourself and you'll be able to communicate great ideas that you have to other people," Riley told the children. "Never in the history of mankind has there been more art or have we been more

exposed to art than right now."

Theresita Ausborn, education technician at Katterbach School Age Center, said the exhibit marks the first such event for Ansbach School Age Services.

Each Thursday the children do self-expression sessions during which they write, draw or use any media that expresses who they are. Many of them choose artwork like that on the display boards. Ausborn told her students that one could argue "art is not art if it is not seen," and the idea of an exhibit was born.

"It's awesome," Daugherty said of getting to see the fruits of their labor. "I think they're enjoying it, like walking into a museum or gallery. I think it went really well.

"I hope that they're encouraged to do more," Daugherty continued. "We're trying to encourage more art projects and creativity. I think they'll take away that we value the work they do, that they're doing a good job and they will continue to do positive things."

Ansbach CYSS is planning to host a Boys & Girls Club art competition Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. at the Katterbach SAC.



Stephen Baack

Dan Riley, director of Ansbach's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, speaks to children of Child, Youth and School Services Nov. 21 at the Urtas Exchange before the ribbon-cutting that opened the children's five-day art exhibit.

Home-based business: Know the dos and don'ts

By Jessica Lipari,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – While stationed overseas it may be harder for spouses to find a job, and therefore many choose to operate a home-based business.

Running a home-based business can be a good source of household income, but while under the Status of Forces Agreement and living in government-owned or leased quarters, Soldiers and their family members need to be aware of the legalities of operating a home-based business.

Home-based businesses are not clearly defined. Essentially they are a business run from a person's household, but there are many types of businesses an individual can choose to operate. Common businesses operated by spouses in the past at U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg include pet grooming and selling Tupperware, Mary Kay and Pampered Chef.

Crafters do not fall under the home-based business umbrella. The definition for a crafter is a person who makes handmade, nonfood items that are typically personalized to a customer request and cannot be bought elsewhere, said Christa Roney, budget analyst for USAG Bamberg.

Therefore, community members who are baking or selling food to others are running a home-based business and need to apply to operate the business legally.

Not following the rules for a home-based business can result in fines and tax demands from German customs, as well as legal and civilian misconduct action.

To ensure one does not risk operating an illegal home-based business,

read and understand the dos and don'ts of a home-based business from government-owned or leased quarters. They are as follows:

Dos

- Do apply and receive written approval to operate the business by the garrison commander. There is a process involved to apply that follows Army in Europe Regulation 210-70 "On-Post Commercial Solicitation." See below for further details on the application.
- Do contact Christa Roney at 0951-300-8708 or email christa.w.roney.ln@mail.mil to see if it is a legal business or if the individual would be classified as a crafter. Roney will also be the point of contact during the application process.
- Do make sure you complete the package fully; incomplete packages will be returned by the legal office. Also allow time for the approval process; it can take several weeks.

Don'ts

- Don't use your U.S. registered privately owned vehicle. These are for personal use only and using them to deliver goods and services or pick up merchandise for a business is illegal.
- Don't use the military post office for a business. Goods cannot be shipped or received through them for a business. The German postal service or another commercial shipping company must be used. In addition, any goods bought for resale must be declared through German customs.
- Don't buy items at the commissary or the Exchange. It is not allowed, as these items are tax-free. Using a Value Added Tax form when purchasing items off-post is also not authorized for a home-based business.

What you need to do before you start your home-based business ...

By Jessica Lipari,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

What is required to apply to operate a home-based business?

1. Signed (original ink) letter requesting permission to operate a home-based business with:
 - a. The proposed name of the business
 - b. Address
 - c. Telephone number
 - d. Type of business
 - e. Service or goods offered for sale
 - f. Proposed methods of contacting customers and advertising (provide copy of advertisement/flier and list of posting locations)
 - g. How services are to be conducted
2. A signed copy of AE Form 210-70A
3. Two current passport-size photographs
4. One copy of any retail or installment contracts in English and including a cancellation clause that states in bold, "The buyer may cancel the contract within 14 days after the date of the contract without penalty or obligation. The contract must be cancelled by giving written notice to (insert name and address of the commercial enterprise or self-employed vendor) by mail, telegram or personal delivery. Mailing the cancellation notice within 14 days satisfies the term."
5. A catalog or list of goods and services offered by the vendor with descriptions,

photographs and prices

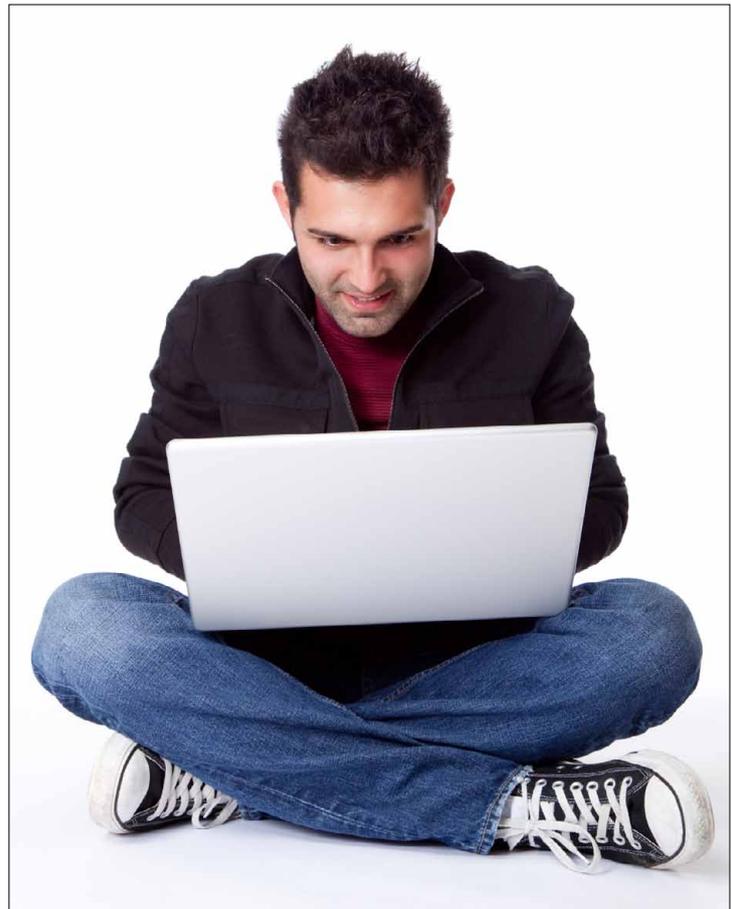
6. A photocopy of the applicant's valid passport
7. A photocopy of the SOFA Identification Certificate
8. A signed statement that no modifications will be made to government-owned or leased quarters or an explanation of proposed modifications

The package is to be submitted to Christa Roney who will review the application and ensure it is complete. Once the completed package is received, Roney will forward the package to the legal office for review. After legal review the garrison commander will review and sign off, giving approval to the business. This entire process may take several weeks.

For more information, contact Christa Roney at 0951-300-8708 or

email christa.w.roney.ln@mail.mil.

Note: The above information is based on AE Regulation 210-70 and information provided in the Bamberg Newcomers Guide.



Nürnberg's Christkindmarkt opens Christmas season for townspeople, visitors

By Bryan Gatchell,
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

For a view of the balcony of the Church of Our Lady during the opening prologue of the Nürnberg's Christmas market Nov. 30, the crowd becomes entirely impassable. The Hauptmarkt, now occupied by shops selling Christmas goods and food, becomes a scavenger hunt for a vantage point. Small children sit on the heads of their fathers. Some visitors stand on tiptoes raising their cameras as high as they can to snap a picture over the throng and through various market obstacles.

The lights go out throughout the market square. The tone of the crowd changes. A spotlight shines on the balcony where the Christ Child and her attendants stand. She recites the words of Nürnberger playwright Friedrich Bröger, which have not been revised since the 1960s. The prologue welcomes visitors to the Christmas market while also celebrating the city that hosts it. The Christ Child raises her arm, music is sung by choir and crowd alike, the lights turn back on in the market, and the crowd slowly declots.

Intrepid parents can take their children to the side of the Church of Our Lady facing away from the market so their children can tell the Christ Child their Christmas wishes. The Christ Child began as a Lutheran tradition so children would focus on Christ rather than Saint Nicholas during the season. According to the



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Attendees of the Nürnberg Christkindmarkt enjoy Glühwein and other warm drinks Nov. 30.

Christkindmarkt website, the appearance of the Christ Child as an angel likely comes from the character of the Angel of the Annunciation from the medieval German Christmas play. Because angels are commonly played by women, the Christkind became a female role.

In the market square, thousands of attendees milled through the open-air shops, what Bröger describes in his prologue as "This little town within the town, of wood and cloth made," to shop for Christmas wares, eat traditional holiday foods and drink traditional holiday drinks.

Two traditional German holiday drinks include Glühwein and Eierpunsch. Glühwein is a spiced, mulled wine served warm. Eierpunsch (literally "egg punch") is an egg-based alcoholic beverage similar to eggnog and served warm. As a non-alcoholic option to stay warm, there is also Kinderpunsch (children's punch) and hot chocolate.

Christmas shops, besides selling the a variety of Christmas décor, including snowglobes, tree decorations and holiday miniatures, also sell small figurines made out of dried fruit called Zwetschgenmännle. According to Nürnberg's official website, these figurines usually have prunes for legs, dried figs for the body and a smooth walnut for the head. The prune people can take an hour or more to create. Although they are made of food, they are not edible. With dusting and occasional cleaning with alcohol, the figurines can last for years.

"It was very nice – pretty crowded," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Yager, of the 172nd Infantry Brigade out of U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwöhr. "Come out during the day, see all the things they have to offer, the Christmas gifts, hot chocolate and Glühwein. ... Last year I was in Afghanistan, and I missed it. I was glad to come out here and see it again."

Christmas markets are typically open during the Advent season, which begins roughly four



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The Christkind (Christ Child), a traditional role during the Nürnberg Christkindmarkt, meets the public after the Christmas market's prologue Nov. 30.

weeks before Christmas Day. Nürnberg is one of the more visited markets in Germany and has many unique traditions tied to it, but many communities throughout Middle Franconia, Bavaria and Germany host their own Christmas markets with a variety of other unique traditions. To see more information on local Christmas markets, see Page 22.

To learn more about the Nürnberg Christkindmarkt, visit www.christkindlesmarkt.de/en.



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A Rauschgoldengel, a traditional figure of the Nürnberg Christmas, hangs over the street during the town's Christmas market.

Schweinfurt commissary offering scholarships to military children

By Tammy Reed,
DeCA marketing and mass communication

In 2012, the Scholarships for Military Children Program celebrated a major milestone as it reached more than \$10 million in scholarships awarded to 6,742 students from around the globe.

It's time once again to add to these impressive numbers, as applications for the 2013 Scholarships for Military Children Program will be available starting Dec. 3 at commissaries worldwide. You can also find them online through a link at www.commissaries.com and directly at www.militaryscholar.org.

Scholarship awards will be based on funds available, but the scholarship program awards at least \$1,500 at each commissary. If there are no eligible applicants from a particular commissary, the funds designated for that commissary will be awarded as an additional scholarship at another store.

The scholarship program was created to recognize military families' contributions to the readiness of U.S. armed forces and to celebrate the commissary's role in the military community.

"DeCA is focused on supporting a good quality of life for our military and their families," said Defense Commissary Agency Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu. "We do that by delivering a great commissary benefit, while our industry partners and public donations help the scholarship program provide money for higher education to many worthwhile students."

To apply for a scholarship, the student must



Margaret Gotheridge

Students can apply for a military children scholarship beginning Dec. 3 at the Schweinfurt commissary.

be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, Reservist, Guardsman, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty or survivor of a retiree. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current military ID card. The applicant must also be planning to attend or already attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2013 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants must submit an essay on a topic chosen by the Fisher House. The essay topic will be available Dec. 3 on www.militaryscholar.org.

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 22, 2013.

The scholarship program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to service members and their families. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship-management services organization, manages and awards these military scholarships. If students have questions about the scholarship program application, call Scholarship Managers at U.S. number 856-616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

No government funds are used to support the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public donate money to fund the program. Every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarships.

Combined Federal Campaign finished; still time to give because you care

By Jessica Lipari,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany — "Serve to honor your country, give because you care," was the slogan many Soldiers and Department of Defense civilian personnel followed in the Franconia Military

Community while contributing to the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas this year.

The campaign began Sept. 17 this year and ran for nine weeks until Nov. 16. Although the campaign is officially over, units are still turning in pledges until Dec. 15.

Currently, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach has donated \$95,429.88 with a 36.1 percent participation rate. USAG Bamberg has donated \$85,996.68 with a 37.6 percent participation rate, and USAG Schweinfurt has donated \$110,282.06 with a 26.9 percent participation rate.

The 3rd Airfield

Operation Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, out of Illesheim had a 138 participation rate this year, which earned them the best unit participation at USAG Ansbach.

The 42nd Engineer Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, won the NASCAR Surge Award this year. The three units with the highest participation increase from Oct. 15 to 26 earn this award.

Anyone who missed the opportunity to give can still go online and donate until the Dec. 15 cutoff. Online giving can be done at www.cfcoverseas.org by credit or debit card or electronic checks.

A big shift in online donations was a trend this year. At USAG Bamberg, online giving in the past totaled around \$300 but this year more than \$19,000 was donated

through the online giving option.

This year's campaign offered more than 2,500 charities to donate to around the world. The many options allowed donors to find charities to pledge that are important to them. In addition to the charities, pledges could be made to donate back to the garrison.

Donors who donated \$150 or more received a recognition coin. The coin is a limited edition and there is a limited quantity produced. If a donation was made online, individuals need to print out a slip and submit it to their unit coordinator to receive the coin.

To date, \$13,492,494.69 has been raised this year in the CFC worldwide.



USAG Bamberg Tree Lighting Festival



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 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 smartphone browsers. The launch of a mobile device version will optimize Army OneSource the mobile experience for visitors. Visit www.myarmyonesource.com today.

Recycling Idea

The 17 trees saved by recycling one ton of paper can absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the air each year.

Get EFMP Registered

Is your Soldier coming back from deployment? 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 Service 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 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 www.gibill.va.gov/.

Edelweiss Resort

Ongoing specials and packages are available for 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 information, visit www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com.

Utility Tax Relief Services

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

Immediate Appointments

Are you tired of waiting on hold while scheduling a medical appointment at a health clinic? With TRICARE Online, you don't have to wait on hold. You can schedule appointments, refill prescriptions and manage your health needs better. Register today at www.tricareonline.com. To learn more, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7VeUlyTMA4.



WIESBADEN SPORTS & FITNESS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH TOURNAMENT
BOXING

SATURDAY, FEB 23
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
1ST BOUT AT 7PM

\$4 ENTRY, KIDS 12 AND UNDER FREE
COVER REGISTRATION AND WIESELBACH AMMUNITION

PROTECT YOURSELF - PROTECT YOUR FAMILY - PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY
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YOUR HEALTH CLINIC

Ansbach Community Announcements

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

Holiday Photo Contest

Now through midnight Dec. 16, send us your photos illustrating what the holiday season means to you. We will post them to a photo album Dec. 17, and the photographer with the most "Likes" by Dec. 26 gets two flex tickets to the Terrace Playhouse. Send photos to paoansbach@yahoo.com with "Capture the Moment" or "Holiday Photo Contest" in the subject line. To learn more, visit "Capture the Moment general rules" in the Notes section of the USAG Ansbach Facebook page.

Inclement Weather Info

In the past few days there have been many questions and requests for information about weather conditions. We have heard you and have created a website filled with this information. Visit our new "What You Should Know when Inclement Weather Comes to USAG Ansbach" at www.ansbach.army.mil/web%20pages/InclementWeather.asp. You can find the link to the webpage under the Weather Information menu item on the left side of the homepage and, when the popup menu shows, select "What you should know."

Christmas Markets

Army Community Service will be taking the train to several Franconia Christmas markets. On Dec. 6 visit Nuremberg, on Dec. 13 head to Rothenberg and check out Ansbach's market on Dec. 20. All trips depart at 8:30 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. The cost is approximately 20 euros for the train and food. For more information or to sign up, call Katterbach ACS at 09802-83-2883 or Storck ACS at 09841-38-4555.

Holiday Tree Lighting

There will be a Holiday Tree Lighting Dec. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Katterbach Boardwalk. The event will include photos with Santa, carols and refreshments. For more information, call 09802-83-2929.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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. Parents' Day Out will be Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents' Night Out will be Jan. 11 from 6:30 to 10:30 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 housekeeping. Volunteers will receive \$5 store credit for working a full shift. Profits from the Thrift Shop are given back to the Illesheim community in the form of welfare grants and scholarships. Thrift Shop hours are as follows: Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, and the first Saturday of each month from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, send an email to iscc@gmail.com.

Bowling Membership Club Card

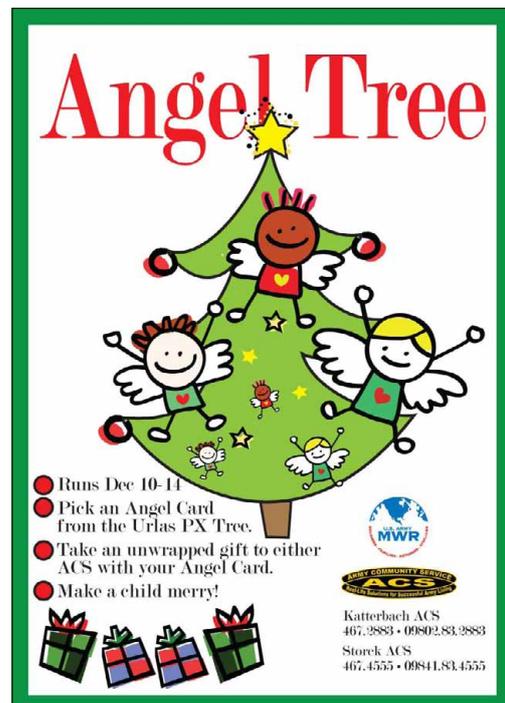
Join the Katterbach and Storck Bowling Center club for \$25. The membership is valid for one year and members will receive \$1.50 games, free show rental, a free T-shirt and a few bowling towels. For more information, call Katterbach Bowling Center at 09802-83-2638 or Storck Bowling Center at 09841-83-4530.

Movie Night

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

Stress and Anger Management

Don't be an angry bird! Help is available through a stress and anger management class. The class is offered on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at Katterbach Army Community Service or on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at Storck ACS. Sign



Angel Tree

- Runs Dec 10-11
- Pick an Angel Card from the Urlas PX Tree.
- Take an unwrapped gift to either ACS with your Angel Card.
- Make a child merry!

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COMMUNITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM
ACS
Katterbach ACS
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Storck ACS
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up today by calling 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 to 15 Euros. For more information, call 09841-83-4555.

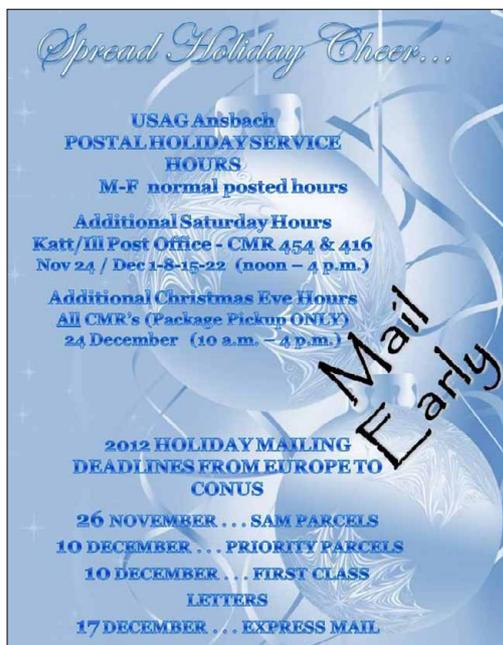
Health Clinic Improvements

The Katterbach Health Clinic has a 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.

Closures and Changes

Resurfacing of B-14

Resurfacing is ongoing for state road B-14 along Urlas and Shipton Kaserne. The speed limit is reduced to 50



Spread Holiday Cheer...

**USAG Ansbach
POSTAL HOLIDAY SERVICE
HOURS**

M-F normal posted hours

Additional Saturday Hours
Katt/III Post Office - CMR 454 & 416
Nov 24 / Dec 1-8-15-22 (noon - 4 p.m.)

Additional Christmas Eve Hours
All CMR's (Package Pickup ONLY)
24 December (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

**2012 HOLIDAY MAILING
DEADLINES FROM EUROPE TO CONUS**

26 NOVEMBER ... SAM PARCELS
10 DECEMBER ... PRIORITY PARCELS
**10 DECEMBER ... FIRST CLASS
LETTERS**
17 DECEMBER ... EXPRESS MAIL

**Mail
Early**



WARRIOR BOWLING

GRAND OPENING

STORCK BARRACKS BLDG 6642

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BOSS AWARDS • REFRESHMENTS
Meet & Greet with Aaron Tippin

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

Holiday Tree Lighting

STORCK
30 NOV • 6-8 p.m.

KATTERBACH
7 DEC • 6-8 p.m.

Carols • Santa • Refreshments • Fun for All!

- Storck Pedestrian Zone: Nov 30
- Katterbach Boardwalk: Dec 7
- Bowling for youth 17 and younger starting at 6 p.m. \$1/game & free shoe rental
- Photos with Santa!
- BOSS Santa Calling Sign ups
- More Info? 09802.83.2929/467.2929, 09841.83.4663/467.4663

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

Sports, Health and Fitness

Sweat Shop

Sweat Shop is a new class at Katterbach geared toward customers that need a cardiovascular component as a mode of physical fitness. Unlike some classes that are high intensity, this is a full class of cardiovascular activities aimed to boost the body's maximal ability to utilize oxygen. The class takes place Mondays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person per class.

TRX Training

This new mode of training is offered at Storck Barracks Bunch Physical Fitness Center on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. TRX is core-based training that has benefits not achieved from other modes of training like traditional weight training. The class is limited to eight people and will be first come, first served. 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 unique 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. at the Katterbach Fitness Center. This class includes a variety of fitness components for optimal health and fitness improvements. For more information, call 09802-83-2771.

Weekly Reminders

Safety Hazard on B-13

A safety hazard exists on B-13 between Ansbach and Illesheim north of Oberdachstetten, where there is a steep decline that goes under a railroad overpass. One lane of traffic goes down the hill and two lanes of traffic goes up the hill. Please do not pass.

Pet Reminder

Remember that all pets at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach installations need to be on leashes when outside. Please pick up after your pets.

Used Clothes and Shoes Container

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

Safety Training and Information

The U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Safety Office recommends this [website](#) containing many safety topics, in both English and German, which can be used for information and training in your organization throughout the year. As time goes by, more will be added, but there is a vast volume of workplace and off-duty subjects; including videos and slide shows.

Reserve Space

Did you know? You can use the Von Steuben Community Activity Center at Bismarck Kaserne for your official Family readiness group meeting, unit meeting or official use training conference area. The space is available for no cost for official usage Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call for reservations today at 09802-83-

Community Bank
Operated by **Bank of America**

ANNOUNCEMENT

The **NEW** Community Bank ATM is **NOW** available for your convenience at the **Urlas PX/Commissary, Bldg. 8135**

2930, or stop by Concierge in the Von Steuben Community Activity Center.

Java Time

Come to Java Cafe for warm drinks and free Internet access at Storck Barracks' Bowling Center. The cafe is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cafe is now open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 09841-83-4530.

Spouses and Civilians' Club

The Ansbach Spouses and Civilians' Club is a great way to meet people, develop new interests and get involved with your community. For more information, email ascgermany@googlemail.com.

Taxi Service

Ask for a driver with a U.S. installation pass and provide the following information: pickup point, number of passengers, destination, name and number, and time of pickup. If traveling to the airport, notify the driver of number of passengers and bags. For a taxi in the Ansbach area, call 0981-5005 or 0981-19410; in Illesheim, call 09841-7200.

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 to 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

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 97

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

14,15,16 December
21,22,23 December

Friday 5 PM – 7:30 PM
Saturday 11 AM – 7 PM
Sunday 11 AM – 6 PM

Where:
Commissary Gazebo
Katterbach Army Airfield

USAG ANSBACH OFFICIAL SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

ANSBACH AND ILLESHEIM SHUTTLE SERVICES

In observance of the Christmas/New Year's Holiday Season the USAG Ansbach Shuttle Service will not be available on the following dates:

14 Dec 12	Garrison Christmas party
24 - 26 Dec 12	Host Nation and U.S. Holidays
31 Dec 12 - 1 Jan 13	Host Nation and U.S. Holidays

FOR INFO CALL: DSN: 468-1800/7755, CIV: 0981-183-1800/7755

THE USAG ANSBACH TMP WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL MILITARY, FAMILY MEMBERS AND CIVILIANS A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS

Bamberg Community Announcements

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

Changes for Bamberg CDC

From Dec. 10 to Jan. 11, hourly care services at the Bamberg Child Development Center will be temporarily reduced to 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The change is necessary due to the holidays and staffing issues. Also, beginning Jan. 7, the Strong Beginnings program will move from the School Age Center back to the Child Development Center. Other than the location, the teachers and program hours will remain the same.

Emergency Placement Care Program

The Emergency Placement Care Program, which provides a safe and caring environment to children in crisis, is looking for Emergency Placement Care Providers who will open their homes to children in need. For more information, call Army Community Service at 0951-300-8397/7777.

Extended Holiday Postal Hours

The Postal Service Center will be open Saturdays until Dec. 22 during the holiday season. The finance lobby and mail room window will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The mail room window will also be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

Bingo

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club will host a White Elephant Gift Exchange Bingo on Dec. 7 at the Warner Conference Center. Card sales start 6 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Wear a Santa hat to receive a free bingo card. For more information, email bscc1stvp@gmail.com.

Aaron Tippin and Friends Concert Tour

Country music star Aaron Tippin will perform a free concert beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Tippin is known for songs like "You've Got to Stand for Something," "Kiss This," and "Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagle Fly." The opening act will be The Lowry Sisters. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647 or visit www.armedforcesentertainment.com/aarontippin.htm.

Single Soldier, Wounded Warrior Christmas Dinner

U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg, Better Opportunities for

Single Soldiers, Kontakt Club and the Religious Support Office will host a Christmas dinner for single Soldiers and wounded warriors at the Warner Conference Center at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 12.

Jingle Bell Jog

There will be a five-kilometer Jingle Bell Jog at 9 a.m. Dec. 15 at the Freedom Fitness Center.

Financial Peace University Preview

Interested in learning more about Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University? The Bamberg Community Chapel will host a preview lesson at 6 p.m. Dec. 13. For more information, call 0951-300-1570.

Holiday One Acts

The Stable Theater will present "A Feast of Holiday Tales" One Acts at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 to 15. For more information or to make a reservation, call 0951-300-8647.

Children's Christmas Stocking Craft

Children are invited to design a stocking for Santa to fill with candy at 4 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Community Activity Center. There is no cost. For more information, call 0951-300-8837.

Ray's Diner Christmas Celebration

Ray's Diner will host a Christmas celebration from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 20. The cost is \$7.50 or \$6.40 for family members of E4 or below. The menu will include roast turkey, steamship round, honey-baked ham, savory bread dressing, buttered mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, seasoned corn, turkey gravy, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, cucumber and onion salad, cranberry sauce, assorted pastries, assorted beverage and a salad bar.

Children's Christmas Craft

Make a sweet snack for Santa's reindeer at 4 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Community Activity Center. There is no cost. For more information, call 0951-300-8837.

Adult Christmas Craft

The Community Activity Center will host an adult Christmas craft at 4 p.m. Dec. 20. Make a Christmas decoration for your home or as a gift to a special friend. Pick one of four crafts for \$10 or pick more and get a discount. For more information, stop by the CAC or call 0951-300-8837.

Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Program

Starting in January there will be a Dental Assistant Apprenticeship Program offered to military dependants 18 and older who have a PCS/DEROS no earlier than July 1. Other restrictions may apply.

Call for Auditions

The Stable Theater will have auditions for the musical "Legally Blonde" Jan 9 and 10 at 6:30 p.m. No experience is required. Prepare a short song to sing. Men, women and teenagers are invited to audition. Shows will run the middle or end of March. For more information, call 0951-300-8647.

Tap Dance - The Sequel

The Stable Theater is offering advanced tap dance classes for adults. Each session is \$5. This continues from the recent tap classes led by Nora Sobering. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 to 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.

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

ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS
Country Music Artists: Headliner Aaron Tippin and opening act, The Lowry Sisters
AARON TIPPIN & FRIENDS 7
ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT
SUNDAY DEC 9
7 p.m. — FFF
FREE ADMISSION!
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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 on your prom, decade appropriate. Donations of dated formalwear are requested at the Thrift Shop. For more information, email bsccpresident@gmail.com or 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 departs in the evening Dec. 28 and returns late in the evening 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, ages 18 and older.

Club Beyond Winter Blitz

Club Beyond will be having its Winter Blitz camp Dec. 30 through Jan. 5 in Innsbruck, Austria. The cost is \$250 for the general camp package or the basketball package

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Revamp your fitness routine with this lunchtime workout geared toward getting your heart pumping as well as target major muscle groups.
This class is FREE to all US ID card holders 18 and over.
For more info contact FFF @ 0951-300-8890 or email Tonya.L.Williams.NAF@mail.mil
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This changes EVERYTHING!
Your money. Your story. Your life.
Learn God's ways of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University!
The average turnaround is \$8,000 in just the first three months!
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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 bsscspresident@gmail.com or

and \$310 for the skiing or snowboarding package with rentals, or \$290 without rentals. Spots are limited, so sign up now. For more information, email [Laura Reisinger at lauringer@clubbeyond.org](mailto:Laura.Reisinger@clubbeyond.org).

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, 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.

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 to 10:30 a.m., Level 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon and Level 3 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The last class for the year will be Dec. 18. All U.S. ID cardholders are eligible to attend. For more information, contact Jeffrey Card at jeffrey.p.card.civ@mail.mil or 0951-300-7777.

Red Cross Website

The www.redcross.org site is experiencing technical issues with class participants signing up for classes online.

B I N G O

BAMBERG SPOUSES AND CIVILIANS' CLUB

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Dec. 7
Card Sales 6 p.m.
Bingo 6:30 p.m.
at the
Warner Conference Center

Wear a Santa Hat to receive a free card!
For more information email bseclstyp@gmail.com

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 to 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 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 Dec. 7 and 21, and Jan. 4 and 18 at the Army Community Service building. Please call and RSVP no later than the day before each scheduled orientation. For additional information, visit the American Red Cross office, Building 7029, or call 0951-300-1760.

CPR, AED and First Aid Certification

Come and learn how to give CPR, first aid and use an automated external defibrillator with the American Red Cross Dec. 14 and Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service building. The cost of the CPR and First Aid Certification is \$55. You can log onto www.redcross.org to register. Once on the ARC site, go to "take a class" and enter your APO zip code to find the course, register and pay online. You can also register in person at the ARC office. For more information, stop by the American Red Cross, Bldg. 7029, or call 0951-300-1760.

Closures and Changes

Vehicle Registration Office Closure

The Vehicle Registration Office will close at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 14. For more information, call 0951-300-7580.

Health Clinic Closure

The Bamberg Health Clinic will close at noon Dec. 14 for organizational activities.

Post Shuttle Cancellation

The post shuttle will not run Dec. 24 to 26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 1.

Closure

BASOPS Maintenance Division Privately Owned Vehicle Inspection Station (POV) and Customer Service Team (CST) in building 7102 at Warner Barracks Bamberg will be closed Dec. 21, starting at noon, for the annual Christmas party.

Car Care Center Hour Changes

Beginning Jan. 2, the Car Care Center will have new hours of operation. It will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and closed on Sundays.

Youth and Teens

Kids-On-Site Child Care

The child care at the gym, Kids-On-Site, is available Monday from 8:30 to 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.

USAG Bamberg
Community Activity Center

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 14th. Trip is open to all adults, 18 years of age and up.

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

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 to 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 at 0160-1585894.

Sports, Health and Fitness

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 and target major muscle groups. This class is free to all ID cardholders 18 and older. The class is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-8890 or email tonya.l.williams.naf@mail.mil.

Fitness Classes

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

USAG Bamberg
Community Activity Center

Monthly Taco Tuesday

\$6.00

at CAC

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

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

Contact the Community Activity Center at
Tel. 0951 300 8837

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS

Schweinfurt Community Announcements

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Picture Perfect Contest

Pumpkin pie, apple cider, caramel corn, Christmas cookies -- What is your holiday specialty? Share your favorite holiday recipe by entering it into the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Picture Perfect Contest. Submissions will be accepted now through Dec. 19 by email at usarmy.schweinfurt.imcom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil. Contest details are available at www.schweinfurt.army.mil/directorates/fmwr/PicturePerfect.htm.

Saturday Postal Service Hours

Both Conn and Ledward consolidated mail rooms will be open for window service Saturdays through Dec. 22. You can pick up your packages between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Ledward Post Office will also be open Saturdays during the same hours. For important holiday mailing timelines, visit www.schweinfurt.army.mil/directorates/dhr/postal.htm.

AFAP Issues and Volunteers Needed

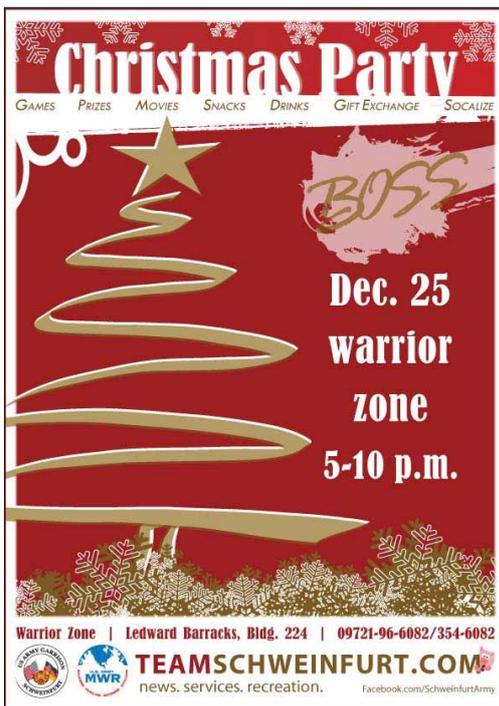
Schweinfurt, we are listening. Do you have an issue, idea or concern that you would like Army leadership to address? Now's your chance. Speak up, speak out and make change by submitting your issues for the 2013 AFAP conference, scheduled for Dec. 11 to 13. For more information, visit www.schweinfurt.army.mil/directorates/acs/afap.htm.

Couples/Deployed Spouses Retreat

The USAG Schweinfurt Couples and Deployed Spouses Retreat is scheduled for Dec. 7 to Dec. 9 in Nuremberg. This retreat is for all married couples and deployed spouses. The event is available to all units in the Schweinfurt community. Priority goes to 12th Chemical Company, clinics, military police units, and Staff Judge Advocate. To register for this event, come to the Religious Support Office at Ledward Chapel.

Winter Wrap-up 2012-2013

This winter find something fantastic for all ages and interests – everything from classes, Alpine retreats, ceremonies, events, trips, camps and so much more. A detailed description of each activity can be found below in



Christmas Party
GAMES PRIZES MOVIES SNACKS DRINKS GIFT EXCHANGE SOCIALIZE

BOSS

Dec. 25
warrior zone
5-10 p.m.

Warrior Zone | Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 224 | 09721-96-6082/354-6082

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addition to a printable version for all of your must-attend Winter Events. Visit www.schweinfurt.army.mil/infovault/winterwrapup.htm to learn more. Click on each event listed for full information. No information available yet? Check back as the event nears since the event listings are constantly updated.

Seeking Volunteer Drivers/Phone Operators

Volunteer drivers and phone operators are needed to staff a program aimed at slashing the number of DUIs in Schweinfurt by providing a vehicle pick-up service to those Soldiers consuming alcohol on weekend nights. To get involved, call 0173-794-2998 or 0160-987-98955, or visit the Schweinfurt AADD Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SchweinfurtAADD.

Seeking Cake Decorators

The Schweinfurt High School Culinary Club seeks volunteers experienced in cake decorating. Please contact Culinary Club sponsor Hana McWilliams at 09721-96-6812 or Hana.McWilliams@eu.dodea.edu.

Wood n' Frame Shop Closure

The Wood N' Frame Shop is closed through Dec. 18. Projects that were submitted before the closure can be picked up at the Craft Studio at Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 204. For more information, please call 09721-96-6903.

BOSS Christmas Party

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a Christmas party from 5 to 10 p.m. Dec. 25 at the Warrior Zone. This is a free event for all single Soldiers 18 and older. Enjoy games, snacks, movies and a white elephant gift exchange. Food and drink will be available for purchase. For more information, call the Warrior Zone at 09721-96-6082 or talk to your unit BOSS rep.

Nürnberg Christkindlesmarkt

Travel with Army Community Service on Dec. 10 to the Nürnberg Christkindlesmarkt by train. The cost is 20 Euros to ride the train and an 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, call 09721-96-6933.

Photo Scavenger Hunt: Basic Challenge

The Ledward Library will be having an ongoing photo scavenger hunt, which began Oct. 1. How well do you know your military community in U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt? Check out 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 correct answers wins a prize.

Recycling Education Class

A recycling education course, for trash disposal offenders and anyone who wants to learn about recycling, is offered twice a month Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Family members 9 and older are encouraged to attend with a parent. Bring a friend if he or she lives in military housing or military-leased housing. Class space is limited, so call 09721-96-6955 to sign up. Classes will be cancelled if no one signs up by 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday before class.

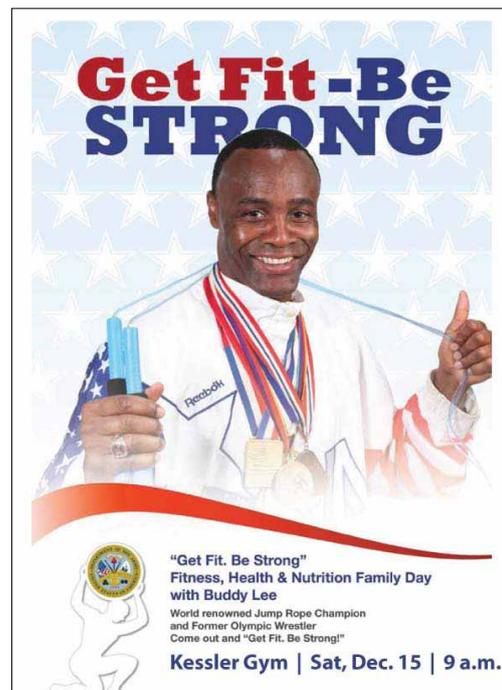
Closures and Changes

Schweinfurt EEO Services Limited

Schweinfurt community members requiring assistance from the Equal Employment Opportunity office must now contact the Ansbach EEO office at 0981-183-7733/7937. The best way to know how the installation closure will impact you is to stay informed. Go to www.teamschweinfurt.com and click on "Transition 2014."

Youth and Teens

Give Me 20



Get Fit - Be STRONG

"Get Fit. Be Strong"
Fitness, Health & Nutrition Family Day
with Buddy Lee
World renowned Jump Rope Champion
and Former Olympic Wrestler
Come out and "Get Fit. Be Strong!"

Kessler Gym | Sat, Dec. 15 | 9 a.m.

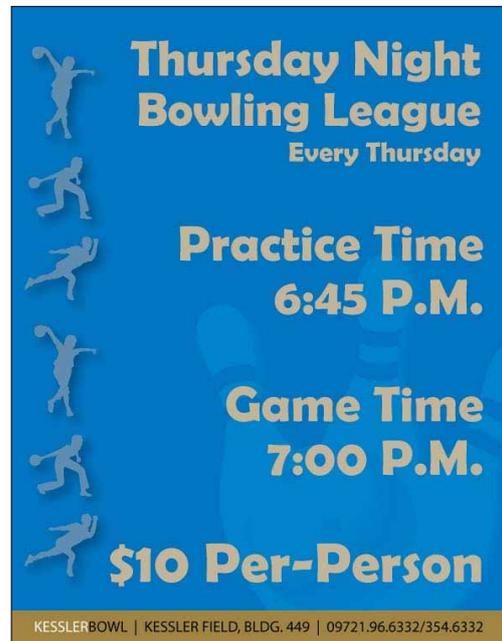
Looking to get fit? The Youth Center is offering a free fitness program every Wednesday and Thursday at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for youth ages 13 through 18. Program facilitators will show youths how to safely work out and stay fit. Dedicated participants will see positive results. Workouts will include sports, spinning, weightlifting and more. Participants must be registered with CYSS and have a permission slip on file. To learn more or to register, contact the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

Smart Girls

Young ladies, the 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 to 14 and 15 to 18. Smart Girls meets 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



Thursday Night Bowling League
Every Thursday

Practice Time
6:45 P.M.

Game Time
7:00 P.M.

\$10 Per-Person

KESSLER BOWL | KESSLER FIELD, BLDG. 449 | 09721.96.6332/354.6332

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

SCHWEINFURT SERVICE SATURDAY
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EVENT
come out and help out!

THE SATURDAY FOLLOWING EACH CLEAN SWEEP WEEK
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

MEET IN FRONT OF THE COMMISSARY

VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES WELCOME!

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 news, services, recreation. Facebook.com/SchweinfurtArmy

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.

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 and School Services, you will become a certified coach in the National Alliance for Youth Sports. This is a great way to volunteer in the community and earn extra income by officiating. For more information, call CYSS at 09721-96-6822 or email Derek.r.walker.naf@mail.mil.

Family Child Care Providers Needed

Help the community and start a new career as 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 for free. 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 more 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 getting a strike on the frame 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 to 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, call Army Community Service 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 Service 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.

Picture Perfect You click. We pick.

Theme: Tastes of the Season

What are you cooking up this holiday season? Share your favorite holiday recipe with the community while competing for cool prizes!

Enter a recipe for your favorite holiday dish or beverage. Email your recipe along with a picture of the completed dish or drink to usarmy.schweinfurt@army.mil. incom-europe.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

All qualifying entries will be posted in an album on the Schweinfurt Army Garrison Facebook page. Log on to TeamSchweinfurt.com for details and rules.

Submit Photo/Recipe Mon, Nov. 19 - Wed, Dec. 19
 Winner Announced! Fri, Dec. 21

Win Cool Prizes!

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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 your skills by joining us on a field trip downtown. For more information, call the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

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 youths 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

Marcus

Jenny

Mom

Grandpa

Deployed U.S. Troops

Don't forget the most important present on your list.

Give blood.

Schweinfurt Community Blood Drive
 Finney Fitness Center, Conn Barracks
 Tuesday, 11 Dec 2012
 1000 - 1700 hours

ASBP
 Armed Services Blood Program

Open Mic Night

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

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Dec. 9 - THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN PT. 2 (PG-13) 3 p.m.

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Dec. 6 - THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R) 7 p.m.
Dec. 7 - SKYFALL (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 8 - SKYFALL (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 9 - ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 3 p.m.
SKYFALL (PG-13) 6 p.m.
Dec. 13 - THE POSSESSION (PG-13) 7 p.m.

BAMBERG THEATER • 0951-297-3934

Dec. 6 - THE POSSESSION (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 7 - RED DAWN (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 8 - THE RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 3 p.m.
LIFE OF PI (PG) 7 p.m.
Dec. 9 - LIFE OF PI (PG) 3 p.m.
THE RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 7 p.m.
Dec. 10 - RED DAWN (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 13 - PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) 7 p.m.

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Dec. 6 - SPARKLE (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 7 - THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN PT. 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 8 - PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) 4 p.m.
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN PT. 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 9 - PREMIUM RUSH (PG-13) 4 p.m.
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN PT. 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 12 - THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN PT. 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Dec. 13 - THE POSSESSION (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Tips

Water-saving Tips

Planning a good meal? Think and start the day before. Defrost food in the refrigerator overnight for water efficiency and food safety, and don't use running water to thaw.

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or, better yet, use a cup.

Energy-saving Tips

Let the sun in! The sun's energy can have a noticeable effect on the temperature in your home, especially through windows facing south and west. Keep window shades and drapes open during winter months to let in the sun's radiant heat.

Fridge and freezer: Defrost a manual-defrost unit regularly. Frost makes your unit work harder and wastes energy. Because it is cold and frosty outside, now is a good time to store the frozen things on your balcony while defrosting.

Recycling Tips

For making Christmas ornaments: Re-use paper that already has a little bit of print on it. There will be enough blank space for your arts and crafts.

Recycle your old cellphones: Bring them to the Recycling Center or special collection points.

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

Dec. 8 Strasbourg, France Christmas Market \$45
One of the oldest and largest Christmas markets in France, set in front of the Strasbourg Cathedral and its famous astronomical clock. Departs Storck at 11 a.m. and Katterbach at noon; returns at approximately 11 p.m. Cost for transportation only is \$45 for adults, \$35 for children and \$109 for family.

Dec. 22 One-Day Ski/Snowboard Garmisch \$45
You can reach some spectacular destination by joining us on a variety of one day ski/snowboard trips. For a new challenge ask about Alpine ski touring possibilities. Ski/Snowboard lessons available upon advanced request, by certified PSIA and AASI instructors. The trip location is subject to change depending on the snow and slope conditions. Cost is \$45 for transportation only and \$59 with ski/snowboard equipment and transportation. Departs Storck at 4:15 a.m. and Katterbach at 5 a.m. Returns at 10 p.m.

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

BAMBERG

Dec. 8 Regensburg X-mas Market \$35
Smell the roasted almonds, purchase a nutcracker and enjoy the holiday spirit with a trip to the Regensburg Christmas Market. The enchanting town provides the perfect backdrop for this hidden gem. Trip includes transportation, which departs chapel parking lot at 10 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m.

Dec. 15-16 Stubai Ski & Snowboard \$129
As one of the snowiest ski resorts in Austria, Stubai is ideal for snowboarders and skiers. Grab your gear and hit the slopes or rent some from ODR for \$20 before you go. Trip includes transportation and one-night lodging at double occupancy with breakfast. Price does not include lift pass. Trip departs ODR at 2 a.m. Dec. 15 and returns Dec. 16 at 11 p.m.

Jan. 5 Learn to Snowboard \$80
Always wanted to try snowboarding? Here's your chance. Spend a day on a local slope Ochsenkopf, in the Fichtelgebirge, with Outdoor Recreation's own instructor. Includes transportation, lift pass, rental and approximately 2.5 hours of lessons. Departs from Outdoor Recreation at 9 a.m. and returns at about 5 p.m.

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

SCHWEINFURT

Saturdays Night Skiing \$35
Depending on the snow conditions, Outdoor Recreation goes night skiing every Saturday from 4 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$35 and includes transportation and ski or snowboard equipment or \$20 if you bring your own equipment. Lift tickets (which cost approximately 13.50 Euro) are not included. To sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

Dec. 8-9 Snowboard Trip to Garmisch, Germany \$159
Two days of skiing on the Zugspitze glacier, the Garmisch Classic and one overnight stay with breakfast in a beautiful hotel in the town of Garmisch are available for \$159, which also includes transportation and ski or Snowboard equipment. Lift ticket (approximately 70 Euro) are not included. Transportation leaves from the Outdoor Recreation Center at 4 a.m. Dec. 8 and returns at 11 p.m. Dec. 9. To sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

Jan. 18-21 Ski & Snowboard Trip to Flachau, Austria \$349
Three days of skiing and snowboarding in Flachau, Austria, and 350 kilometers of well groomed, easy-to-difficult runs are available for \$349. The cost also includes transportation, three overnight stays with breakfast and dinner, ski and snowboard rentals and snowboard lessons on the first day. Lift tickets (approximately 129 Euro for three days) are not included. Transportation leaves from the Outdoor Recreation Center at 11 a.m. Jan. 18 and returns at 11 p.m. Jan. 21. To sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

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

Was ist los in Franken?

Ansbacher Weihnachtsmarkt

The Ansbach Christmas will be open until Dec. 23 with wooden booths and a large assortment of Christmas items and decorations, as well as culinary specialties from the region. Opening hours are Mon-Thur 11 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Sun noon – 8:30 p.m. For more info check www.weihnachtsmarkt-ansbach.de

Bamberg Christmas Market

The Christmas market in Bamberg is open until Dec. 23; daily opening hours are Mon – Sat 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. For more details go to www.weihnachtsmarkt-bamberg.de or www.bamberg.info

Medieval Market in Fürth

Fürth is hosting a medieval market in conjunction with its regular Christmas market until Dec. 23; it is open daily from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. For program details go to www.mittelaltermarkt-fuerth.de

Christkindlesmarkt

The Nürnberger Christkindlesmarkt will be open until Christmas Eve in the heart of Nürnberg's Old Town. More than 180 market stands – all decorated for Christmas with fresh greens and lights – invite you to enjoy traditional Christmas ornaments of all shapes and sizes, the local gold-foil angel called "Rauschgoldengel," "Zwetschgenmännle" made of prunes, toys and games and delicious holiday treats to eat and drink. Experience this one-of-a-kind atmosphere on Mondays – Thursdays 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Sundays 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. For details visit the English language website <http://www.christkindlesmarkt.de/en>

Lantern Parade in Nürnberg

A unique event during advent time is the lantern parade in Nürnberg on Dec. 13; hundreds of Nürnberg children gather at the Kaiserstrasse at 5:45 p.m. for the parade that will take them past the Christkindlesmarkt towards the castle.

Erlangen on Ice

The city of Erlangen is offering a free ice skating rink downtown at Marktplatz between Paulbrunnen and Palais Stutterheim in conjunction with the traditional Christmas market; skating is available daily 1 – 9 p.m.; skates can be rented for 2.50 Euros on site. Special opening hours for the holidays will be available on a short notice at www.erlangen-marketing.de

Nativity Scenes in Handwerkerhof

The Handwerkerhof in Nürnberg (Königstor, across from main train station) is featuring an exhibition of nativity scenes until Dec. 29; the admission is free. For more information also go to <http://www.handwerkerhof.de/en/home>

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. Conductor and musical director is Grammy-award-winner Gregory M. Kelly, who worked with gospel stars like Hezekiah Walker, James Cleveland, Diana Ross or Stevie Wonder. The choirs program will include classic, traditional songs as well as Christmas songs, but also modern arrangements of "Bridge Over Troubled Water", "Imagine" or "Oh happy Day", "Amen" and "Kumbai ya my lord". Tickets for Bamberg are available now at BVD, Lange Strasse 22, phone 0951-980-8220, online at www.sw-concerts.de or at the door. Doors are open at 7 p.m. The concert starts at 8 p.m.

Hobby crafter's market in Haßfurt

The hobby crafter's market in Haßfurt (Marktplatz) is featuring about 30 non-professional crafters selling their products on Dec. 8 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; St. Nikolaus will make a stop at about 5:30 with little gifts to the children.

Christmas at the museum

The Freilandmuseum Bad Windsheim (Eisweiherweg 1) will put you in the mood for the season on Dec. 9 (noon – 4 p.m.) with music and singing, a trombone concert, food and drink and Christmas decorations everywhere. For more information go to www.freilandmuseum.de

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.).

Heaven 17 in Aschaffenburg

Heaven 17, a British 'New Wave' band is stopping on their "The Luxury Gap" Tour 2012 in Aschaffenburg (Colos-Saal, Rossmarkt 19) on Dec. 10.

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

Christmas Town at the Old West Ranch in Windelsbach

'Christmas Town,' a unique Christmas market, opens its doors at the Old West Ranch in Windelsbach (Am Waldschwimmbad 2) on Dec. 15 & 16; Saturday evening expect 'Country Christmas' with Daniel T Coates, starting at 8:30 p.m. For contact info go to www.old-west-ranch.de

Arts & Crafts Market in Bamberg

The St. Josefsheim in Bamberg (Jakobsplatz 15) is hosting a Christmas Arts & Crafts Market on Dec. 15 & 16; visitors will about 40 crafters with their original products, which include wood and ceramic objects, etchings, musical instruments, unique snowmen or olive wood carvings from Bethlehem. The market is open on Saturday 1:30 – 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information also go to www.creativforum-bamberg.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.

Blues Gang in Schweinfurt

The Blues Gang will perform in Schweinfurt at the Kulturwerkstatt Disharmonie (Gutermannpromenade 7) on Dec. 22 at 8 p.m.

Swinging Xmas 2012 - Würzburg

Swinging Xmas brings you "Rudolph the Red nosed Reindeer," "White Christmas" or "Jingle Bells" at the Bockshorn Theater Würzburg (Veitshöchheimer Str. 5) on Dec. 22, starting at 20:15 p.m. Admission tickets for 20 Euros can be purchased from the theater at 0931 – 4 60 60 66 or the Falkenhaus am Markt, 0931 – 372398; for more details go to www.swingingxmas.de

Christmas Friends – "Winter Wonderland" in Schweinfurt

The Christmas Friends are hosting a "Winter Wonderland" in Schweinfurt at the Kulturwerkstatt Disharmonie (Gutermannpromenade 7) on Dec. 23 at 4 p.m.

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