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Students cook up culinary club connection

By Serena Polm, Madeline Hohn, and Lisa Stevens,
Schweinfurt High School

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – Students looking to participate in after-school activities have a variety of clubs or sports that are open for them to choose from, whether it is cheerleading or the homework club.

The Schweinfurt High School Culinary Club, consisting mostly of students of the Culinary Arts class taught by Hana McWilliams, can often be the reason behind the enticing aromas that can be smelled by students and staff all around the school.

“Culinary Club allows students who are in the Culinary Arts class to participate in enrichment activities and for those students who are unable to take the class to explore their interests after hours,” said McWilliams.

As a part of the club, students who are in the Culinary Arts class are training daily to compete in the All-Europe Culinary Faire, which takes place in Baumholder, Germany, in mid-February. During the competition, teams from various schools compete for medals in multiple categories including quiz bowl, cake decorating and napkin folding.

While these skills are tested on an individual level, the students have the chance to come together as a team and produce a



Margaret Gotheridge / USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

Culinary Club member Serena Polm sells snacks during the nutrition break to students, teachers and staff members as a healthy alternative to vending machine food. The club teaches students not only culinary techniques, but also how to participate as a member of a team.

menu to be presented to a panel of judges.

Tyquell Kennedy, a member of the 2012 Culinary Club gold medal winning team

said, “When the culinary club interacts with the community, they give the Schweinfurt (CULINARY, on [Page 2](#))

WTB-E cadre wish to expand Operation Warfighter

By Stephen Baack,
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ANSBACH, Germany – When 1st Lt. Jessie Addison was first assigned to C Company, Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe, it was because she had trouble with an injury. It was enough trouble to change her career, to get a permanent profile from the Army, to undergo surgery and to reassign to the WTB during her ongoing treatment.

Although she still deals with her injury daily, something else now gives a different kind of trouble: understating just how much and how positively Operation Warfighter has changed her life since her injury.

“I can’t imagine my life without it,” Addison said. “It has totally changed my outlook. I have something to give back to

again and it feels awesome.”

Operation Warfighter is designed for wounded, ill and injured service members and helps place them in internships with federal employers, according to the Department of Defense. It is set up to help build skills that are both transferable to the civilian world and beneficial to the military by providing Soldiers new skills, experience and training if they should return to duty. Additionally, it is meant to give employers a better idea of the skills and talents of Soldiers. The program was started in 2006 and has since expanded from the National Capitol Region to a number of other military installations.

After months of positive feedback from WTB Soldiers, (WTB-E, on [Page 7](#))



Heidi Sanders / USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Dirk Hennigan, of the 16th Special Troops Battalion, shares Martin Luther King Jr.’s message of loving yourself and loving your neighbor during a Martin Luther King Jr. observance Jan. 17 at the Bamberg movie theater. For more on this story, see [Page 2](#).

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community a chance to experience things that are new to them.”

As well as participating in competitions, the students sell nutritious snacks and hot beverages during the school’s ten minute passing period. For a couple of dollars students and teachers can buy, for example, a homemade Cuban sandwich, a fruit of their choice or homemade cheese crackers. During

the winter season drinks, such as hot cocoa and apple cider, are available in the front lobby.

From catering to Soldiers at garrison heritage observances to being invited to observe the International Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany, the students of the SHS Culinary Club are constantly working towards building a name for themselves.

“It’s important to remember that one of the

main points in this club is to enjoy ourselves,” said Lisa Stevens, a member of the 2013 SHS Culinary Club team. “While we’re learning important skills that will stick with us for the rest of our lives, we’re having fun and making the club a hobby and not a chore.”

[Editor’s note: *Seren Polm is a sophomore, Madeline Hohn is a sophomore and Lisa Stevens is a senior at Schweinfurt High School.*]

Observance reminds community of Martin Luther King Jr.’s message

By Heidi Sanders,

USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – Members of the U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg community and students from Bamberg Middle High School remembered the life and legacy of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 17 at the post movie theater.

During the observance, Master Sgt. Matthew Waldron, USAG Bamberg’s Equal Opportunity adviser, said it is important to remember the message King preached and lived throughout his life.

“Dr. King’s life’s work has a measurable impact on the lives of all of us,” Waldron said. “This year’s theme – as every year – is ‘Celebrate, Remember, Act – a day on, not a day off.’”

Waldron said King’s life was an example of selfless service.

“Many of you exemplify those principles and serve our community,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Dirk Hennigan, of the 16th Special Troops Battalion, was the event’s guest speaker.

“Dr. King had a dream we would all live in peace and harmony,” Hennigan said. “It is up to all of us to strive daily to be better than we were the day before.”

Hennigan told the audience that in order to live out King’s dream they must love themselves, know their talents and love their neighbor.

“Whatever it is you’ve been called to do, do it the best you can,” he said. “All I am trying to get you to think about is it is OK to



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Members of the Greater Nation Christian Fellowship Church Choir perform gospel songs during a Martin Luther King Jr. observance on Jan. 17 in Bamberg.

be yourself. It is OK to love yourself.”

Students from the Middle High School participated in the event. The 15th Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp Color Guard presented the colors and the Bamberg Middle High School Band played the national anthem and “Precious Lord Take My Hand.”

Waldron said “Precious Lord Take My Hand” was a significant song in King’s life, and one he requested be played at an event he was to participate in on the day he was shot

and killed.

The Greater Nation Christian Fellowship Church Choir performed two gospel songs, “You are Good,” and “Yes.”

Two students from the JROTC shared quotes from King and Malcolm X. Each student took turns reciting the men’s quotes, presenting a debate on various topics, including freedom and violence.

The event wrapped up with a multimedia presentation on King’s life.



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Army freezes hiring, cuts base ops, reduces training

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WASHINGTON – In advance of possible extreme budget cuts that could arrive in March, Army leadership has called for an immediate hiring freeze and spelled out other pre-emptive measures meant to help the service prepare for a fiscal cliff.

In a memo dated Jan. 16, Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno laid out 15 “near-term” actions to help the Army “reduce our expenditure rate and mitigate budget execution risks in order to avoid even more serious future fiscal shortfalls.”

“We expect commanders and supervisors at all levels to implement both the guidance contained in this memorandum and the detailed instructions to follow,” wrote McHugh and Odierno. “The fiscal situation and outlook are serious.”

What happens now

First among those actions is an immediate freeze on civilian hiring, though Army leaders have left commanders with some latitude in the policy for “humanitarian and mission-critical purposes.” Also among employment-related measures spelled out in the memo is a termination of temporary employees when “consistent with mission requirements.”

The memo also directs installation commanders to reduce base operations support for fiscal year 2013, which runs from Oct. 1, 2012 to Sept. 31, 2013, to levels that are about 70 percent of fiscal year 2012. Commanders have been asked to reduce support to community and



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recreational activities and to also reduce utilities consumption “to the maximum extent possible.”

Non-mission-essential training activities are also up for reduction. In particular, training not related to maintaining “readiness for Operation Enduring Freedom, the Korean forward-deployed units, Homeland Defense and the Division Ready Brigade.” Also targeted is conference attendance and professional training that is not mission essential.

The secretary and the chief have also directed installation commanders to cease facility sustainment activity that is not “directly connected to matters of life, health or safety,” and to stop

restoration and modernization projects.

Army senior leadership has also spelled out changes for Army acquisition, logistics and technology. All production contracts and research, development, testing and evaluation contracts that exceed \$500 million must be reviewed by the under secretary of defense for acquisition, logistics and technology.

The assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology must also assess the impacts of “budgetary uncertainty” on science and technology accounts.

The secretary and chief of staff

state civilian furloughs could be a “last resort” possibility in fiscal year 2013. “Therefore, no action should be taken with regard to furloughs without the express approval of the secretary of the Army.”

Any measures taken as a result of the Jan. 16 memo must be reversible, the document states.

“At this point, the steps should focus on actions that are reversible if the budgetary situation improves and should minimize harm to readiness,” McHugh and Odierno write.

The memo also notes that “funding related to wartime operations and Wounded Warrior programs” will not be affected.

Soldier, actor Durning to be interred at Arlington

WASHINGTON – Triple Purple Heart holder, Silver Star recipient and award-winning character actor Charles Durning, who died at 89 on Christmas eve of natural causes, will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., Feb. 21.

Born in Highland Falls, N.Y., adjacent to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where his mother was a laundress for ...

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Wounded warrior meets comrades after months

SEATTLE – On June 12, while conducting a dismounted patrol in Maiwand, Afghanistan, an improvised explosive device detonated near the men of 1st Platoon, Company B, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. Following the explosion, Spc. Chris Anderson’s life would forever be changed.

He lost his left leg ... To read more on this story, [click here](#).



Faces of Schweinfurt: Capt. Sarah Smith, USAG Schweinfurt provost marshal

By Margaret Gotheridge,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – Just as the community here ushers in the new year, it also welcomes its newest top cop.

Capt. Sarah Smith assumed the role of USAG Schweinfurt's provost marshal Jan. 4 when she took the reins from the former provost marshal, Capt. Liz Mooney.

Smith arrived in Schweinfurt in December of 2011. After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy in 2009 she attended the Basic Officer Leader Course and then the U.S. Army Military Police School.

Smith completed her schooling and arrived at her first duty station, Mannheim, in January of 2010. The following year Smith then changed to a position in Heidelberg where she stayed until coming to Schweinfurt.

Moving around has not been out of the ordinary for Smith, who was raised in a military family.

"My dad graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, class of 1975. The longest time we spent anywhere was four years in Michigan," said Smith. "So, I was born in the Fort Leavenworth area in Kansas, but I call Michigan home. That is where I went to high school and where my parents and grandparents are from."

Not only is Smith a Soldier, but she is also a military spouse. Smith married her husband, Capt. Benjamin M. Smith with the 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, in June 2011 at a small ceremony held at their home in Germany.

I was able to sit down with Smith to get to know her and how she is adjusting to her new position as the provost marshal. Here's what she had to say.

How is being the provost marshal different than your previous desk job?

Right now I am actually dual-hatted. I am the provost marshal and the director of Emergency Services. As the provost marshal my duties and responsibilities are mostly law enforcement related. The 630th Military Police Company provides Soldiers that work the road, but I am responsible for them while they are on the road as well as the desk sergeants and the investigators. I kind of manage all of them making sure everything runs smoothly ensuring that we all live in a safe community. As the DES the scope expands a little bit, in that I am in charge of all the emergency services. This includes the fire department as well as law enforcement. You also have the physical security incorporates POND guards and then vehicle registration also kind of falls under there too.



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Capt. Sarah Smith serves as a judge Jan. 17 at the Schweinfurt Middle and Elementary School spelling bee. The new USAG Schweinfurt provost marshal talked about herself and her new role.

How do you handle the stress of your job?

I am usually able to relax when I get home. I try and spend time at the gym. I try to go after work as well as working out in the morning to de-stress.

What is your biggest hope?

Personally and professionally I hope to learn as much as I can from this job, this opportunity.

What is your biggest fear about your job?

Probably a worst case scenario. I don't know who said it, you have probably heard it, that sometimes an inaction or no action can cause the problem. So that is kind of my fear that something goes down and I for whatever reason freak out and I either make a bad call or no call and then somebody's health or safety is affected by that.

How do you handle those "middle-of-the-night" emergency phone calls?

If it is a middle-of-the-night phone call I pick-up the phone and whatever pen and paper is nearby. Then write down the who, what, when, where and then look for the time of the incident. Based on that information tell myself 'okay now I need to call this person and let this person know.' Then I just keep tied in to what is going on, whether it's EMS (emergency medical services) and knowing if EMS has showed up or have they taken the injured to the hospital. I kind of go through a process of did this happen, then has this happened and going down the list.

Who do you think you is your biggest critic?

Probably me, or at least I am the most vocal critic of myself.

Have you ever had any doubts about this not being the right career path?

That is a hard question to answer. My take on it is that everybody has their doubts, everybody has the good people you work with. Here in Schweinfurt there are a lot of great people especially at the garrison and so that has been a good bonus for me. Any job you go into there are going to be one or two people that kind of rub you the wrong way and that might make you start to question your career path. I look back on it and if I hadn't made the decision to be an MP then I wouldn't be where I am, I wouldn't be married to whom I am married to nor would I be in Schweinfurt at this time. To me, the fact that I am where I am is reason enough to have made those decisions.

What top three favorite moments have you experienced?

In no particular order, the first would be from my first year in Germany, 2010. I went home and it was the last time that my whole family spent Christmas together. It's definitely kind of a favorite. Ben (husband), as well as my brother-in-law, met each other and it was just a good family time. The second would be the barbecue here when we kind of did our own wedding ceremony. It was really just the two of us exchanging our vows, what we had written. So kind of that whole day was just a special memory. That day in June was our own special day. If I had to pick a favorite memory from the military it would be from September when we went to Poland. It is not my favorite because it was fun, but it was the whole experience of getting away, getting to see the other side of law enforcement and having that time with the with the platoon was a rewarding experience. I was a platoon leader at that time.

USAG Ansbach celebrates life, legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

By Bryan Gatchell,

USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany – Soldiers filled the ballroom of the Von Steuben Community Center at Bismarck Kaserne Jan. 17 to celebrate the life of American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. preceding the national holiday Jan. 21.

“A diverse community enriches us all, and we are a very diverse community,” said Mitchell Jones, acting deputy garrison commander of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach. “The observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day provides us with an opportunity to recognize and celebrate that fact. We must live up to that tradition – and we are – and ensure that we not only provide equal access to community members but that we encourage a climate that is open and accepting of differences. The Franconia Military Community must abide and live by this.”

The celebration involved a slideshow of poems and drawings by students of Ansbach and Rainbow elementary schools, a ceremonial cake-cutting, refreshments and a keynote speech.

Dr. Janet Lenard, the keynote speaker and the Army Substance Abuse Clinical Quality Program manager for Installation Management Command Europe’s headquarters, has been an employee of the Department of Defense for more than 36 years. Her career has taken her all over the world as an expert on substance abuse issues and the public laws that deal with them. She also involves herself in the community, being a former member of the Child Advocacy Board in her native Augusta, Ga., and Safe Homes, a shelter for abused women, as well as a volunteer at the New Savannah Road Social Services.

As the cornerstone to her speech, Lenard cited the titular theme of the celebration: “Remember, celebrate, act: A



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From left, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Clowser, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade command sergeant major; Mitchell Jones, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach acting deputy commander; Janet Lenard, keynote speaker; and Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford C. Cain, USAG Ansbach CSM, cut a cake at Franconia Military Community Martin Luther King Jr. celebration Jan. 17 at the Von Steuben Community Center.

day on and not a day off.”

“This theme epitomizes the fabric of the late Martin Luther King Jr.’s life, what he was about and what he represented as a great civil rights leader and humanitarian of our time,” said Lenard.

As part of the remembrance portion of the theme, Lenard recalled King’s leadership roles in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and his leadership of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. His founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference would provide continual leadership to the burgeoning civil rights movement of the 1950s and ’60s. She also touched upon King’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

“He was a unique leader who believed ultimately in non-violence and equality, not for one race of people, but for all people he believed that, regardless of the color of a person’s skin,” said Lenard. “His work as a civil rights leader touched the lives of many people, not only in the United States but other nations experiencing oppression and apartheid.”

Lenard also recalled her own troubling experience as a child in the South with Jim Crow laws, a set of laws that segregated public facilities

based on race, which the Montgomery Bus Boycott had helped make unconstitutional.

“I could remember as a child a very terrifying experience of drinking water,” said Lenard. “My mother, nearly being petrified, [pulled] me back because folks were saying ‘she can’t drink from that fountain.’ Today as I look back at what that experience was for me as a kid of maybe about 8 or 9 at the time and to know that racism was very alive and well and reflect today that, yes, I can go where I’d like to, I can drink from any fountain, [and] you can sit here and represent one armed forces, I know we have come a very long way.”

Lenard wove the theme of celebration closely to the theme of remembrance.

“He [King] would want us to observe and commemorate the wonderful things that have happened in our lifetime,” said Lenard. “While on one hand we are to observe and celebrate all the wonderful accomplishments of this great nation, it doesn’t mean it doesn’t come without a price tag, and that price tag has been very humongous when we talk about the lives.”

Lenard encouraged Soldiers to go to the library and volunteer as tutors in literacy, computer literacy and arithmetic.

“When was the last time you volunteered?” asked Lenard.

“That’s a strange question to ask an audience of active-duty Soldiers, as many of you volunteered to come into the military. But if you think about volunteer work going into Army Community Service, how many of you have taken the time to communicate in the community to see what the needs are: Feeding the homeless, feeding the helpless, helping out at the chapel with different activities?”

“I challenge you on Monday to set aside some time to do something different,” continued Lenard. “Go out and make a difference. Promote peace. Promote prosperity. Volunteer in your school system or other civic organization. ... Make a commitment to start at home.”

“We’ve gone a long way since the time when I joined the military,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Clowser, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade command sergeant major. “Now we’re going further by seeing each other as not a color but as a uniform. When you look at each other, your goal needs to be ‘I look at green. We’re all green.’”

Clowser reinforced Lenard’s themes of community involvement as part of the celebration of King’s life and continuation of his legacy.

“As we celebrate his life, my hope is that we all choose a life of community service and commit ourselves to the idea of a strong community and strong families,” said Clowser. “Dr. King himself said ‘Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’” We gather together to celebrate his life today. Very similar activities are going on throughout the country in civilian and military communities like this one. This day I’d like to challenge each and every one of you to start the year off right by making a difference – an impact – in the Ansbach community. Volunteering is a great way to make the impact.”

Tax center opens Feb. 6, shuttle support provided

By Margaret Gotheridge,

USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – The tax center here opens its doors to DOD ID cardholders Feb. 6 and the installation shuttle is adjusting its route to bring community members there

As a testament to last year's accomplishment Schweinfurt's tax center generated almost \$4 million in refunds for 2,082 tax returns filed, and saved a total of almost \$268,000 in filing fees, according to a report by the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command.

To ensure that the tax center is as successful as last year the staff has endured the same required preparations needed to assist tax filers.

"Soldiers and civilians working in the tax center have gone through stringent requirements," said Capt. Geoffrey Pariza, the officer in charge of the tax center. "The staff was trained on the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) software and received the required certifications to assist community members."

Schweinfurt's tax center will have their grand opening at 9 a.m. on Wed, Feb. 6. The tax center is able to assist community members until June 15, the filing deadline for overseas taxpayers.

"Individuals looking for help preparing their tax returns, filing previous year returns or who need to make amendments to a previous year's return can do so at the tax center," said Pariza.

Another service the tax center provides is notary assistance. The center's services are available to all qualified Soldiers, civilian employees, retirees and family members.

"The staff is well versed in military and civilian tax preparation," said Ivon Valentine, a civilian tax center employee, who has 14 years of tax preparation experience and was also a volunteer at the tax center last year.

Individuals filing their taxes can shorten their tax center visit by having the following information.

1. Identification Card
2. All income reporting information, including all W-2 and 1099 forms
3. Social security cards for each family member
4. Spouses of deployed Soldiers who are filing a joint tax return will need to have a special power of attorney signed by the deployed Soldier. For individuals who are deployed or who are unavailable and would like to have their spouse file a return in their name may also fill out IRS Form 2848.

5. To have a tax return filed electronically individuals need to bring their bank account information including account and routing numbers

The garrison shuttle buses have added an additional stop at the Conn Annex on their route to accommodate community members who need to visit the tax center.

For more information please contact the Schweinfurt tax center, located at the Conn Annex in Bldg. 7, Rooms 102 and 103. The tax center hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all appointments and to drop off your tax information. Walk-in hours are all day only on Monday and Wednesday and until noon on Friday. To schedule an appointment, call DSN 353-8286, CIV 09721-96-8286.



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The Schweinfurt tax center is located at the Conn Annex in Bldg. 7 and will open Feb. 6.

Bamberg to offer make-up, mask-making workshop Jan. 26

By Heidi Sanders,

USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – Ever wonder how masks and other special effects for the movies are made?

The Stable Theater and U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Arts and Crafts are offering the opportunity to learn how professional masks are made, and participants will have the chance to create their own masterpiece.

"The whole world of plastics, casting, molding, mask making and special effects is really expanding rapidly," said Jack Austin, USAG Bamberg's entertainment director. "People are learning the techniques."

The mask making workshop will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Community Activity Center Arts and Crafts.

The cost of the course is covered by an 800 euro grant from the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians Club. Participants will still be responsible to cover the cost of materials, which Austin says he expects to be

approximately \$25 a person. He said participants can pay for the materials the day of the workshop.

The course will be taught by Isabelle Neu, who creates masks and special effects for the German film industry, Austin said.

"This is somebody who has done pretty remarkable effects for movies," he said.

Neu will teach the basics of mask making, and then participants will have a chance to sculpt a face out of clay, cast the sculpted face in plaster and then create a latex mask using the plaster mold.

Austin said because of the drying times for the various steps, the project may need to be finished at home.

"More than likely for the latex portion, people will have to take home and do it themselves," Austin said. "She [Neu] will demonstrate how to do it."

Austin said the class is geared toward adults, but children who have the ability to do more complex crafts can participate if



Isabelle Neu created this turtle man mask using silicone. Neu will be teaching a mask-making workshop at Bamberg Arts and Crafts on Jan. 26.

Courtesy Photo

supervised by an adult.

Austin said the timing of the workshop is perfect to create a one-of-a-kind mask for Fasching, the German equivalent of Mardi Gras. He said he may offer another workshop closer to

Halloween to allow participants to create special effects for their costumes.

For more information or to sign up, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647 or Arts and Crafts at 0951-300-8659.

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cadre members want to expand the program here and raise awareness to Soldiers USAG Ansbach organizations alike.

While the C Co. has networked with organizations for existing and potential internship opportunities that include the Installation Property Book Office, Army Community Service, local high school Junior ROTC, Transportation Motor Pool, Auto Craft Shop and even graphic artists, WTB cadre member Staff Sgt. Michael Czarnecki said he wants to expand Soldiers' options. Czarnecki said the more organizations know about the program, the more options Soldiers will have – and the more options Soldiers have, the more they will want to become a part of it.

Most Soldiers of C Co., WTB-E, fall under the Integrated Disability Evaluation System, or IDES. When the Army gives a Soldier a permanent profile – specifically a P3 profile – the Soldier is entered in IDES. This process usually means the Soldier is then assigned to a warrior transition unit either here or in the U.S. The Soldiers who get assigned to a Germany-based warrior transition unit are only assigned in Germany for a specific reason, Czarnecki said, such as if they are dual military or have other extenuating circumstances.

“The bulk of the P3 profiles are coming here to begin their IDES process if they're in Germany, and then getting orders and going to the states' WTUs,” Czarnecki said. “That's how most of the Soldiers first get here, is from profiles, physical profiles that are limiting where they have to go to a medical board.”

Such circumstances have led to Addison's assignment at the WTB. At first, she served as the temporary executive officer. When that position was filled, she found herself in need of something meaningful to fill her time between medical obligations and small tasks around the unit.

“Before Operation Warfighter came around, the work was menial – working at the gym, folding towels – something that you really couldn't use,” said Czarnecki. “Now ... that Soldiers are allowed to get out and get real work and find real skills, that's really where the bonus is for Operation Warfighter. They're going to have to do something, but now they can either go to school – if that's what they want to do – or they can find some real skills and find tangible results from letters of recommendation to setting up networks to find jobs once they get out. That's the real benefit.”

With the departure from her normal duties as a transportation officer and with her husband deployed, Addison found herself in a situation she wanted to change. In September, that's exactly what she did when she found a position with Army Community Service at Katterbach.



Stephen Baack / USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

First Lt. Jessie Addison starts her day at Army Community Service at Katterbach Kaserne. Assigned to C Company, Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe, she has been working at ACS since September as part of Operation Warfighter, through which she landed her internship.

“It's awesome,” she said. “I've pretty much developed a family within ACS. If I'm having a bad day, they know it. They can read me. They're very flexible with, if something comes up with the WTU that's last-minute, they say, ‘Call us, let us know, no problem.’”

In fact, Addison chooses to go to work even during training holidays when she'd otherwise be using a four-day weekend.

“I'd rather be there and help them than sit at home and do nothing,” she said. “My husband's deployed right now, so I would rather give my time to them and be gainfully employed. That's how much I love my job.”

Brent Foltz has his own positive things to say about his experiences while working at the Installation Property Book Office during his time assigned to the WTB. He chooses to take full advantage of his four-day weekends like most Soldiers, but he said the program has given him a better outlook.

Foltz said working at the IPBO is significantly different than his former job as a weapons specialist, but that he welcomes the change.

“You get experience in a different job field that you may enter once you're out,” Foltz said. “Even if you don't, you can use that as a letter of recommendation for a new skill set for another job you might apply for once you're out and transitioned. There's not really any negative impact of using the program. It's a great program to let people learn new skill sets or sharpen ones they already have.”

It's also a significant change from Addison's previous job as a transportation officer in charge of a fuel and water platoon in an aviation unit.

“I'm not doing anything that I was doing in the military, but I went back to what I went

to school for. I was a communications major with [public relations],” she said. “Everything I do dealing with people is right up my alley.”

Before Soldiers start work, they must complete a packet, filled out by both the Soldier and the employer. The packet outlines specifics such as the number of hours the Soldier expects to be able to work, availability times and an understanding for the supervisor about the importance and priority of medical appointments. It sets guidelines for what the Soldier can and cannot do and what is expected of both parties. That packet is then reviewed by a physical therapist, an occupational therapist and the command to ensure the Soldier isn't violating profiles or creating legal or medical issues. Once the packet is reviewed and approved, a Soldier can start the internship.

If it sounds like a lengthy and complicated process, Addison reminds those interested that it only took a week for her paperwork to go through.

Foltz said he'd recommend the program to fellow Soldiers and advises them to pick something to look for a job that may be useful down the road – or simply pick a job that offers a new set of skills altogether. Addison stresses, in addition to Foltz's advice, for Soldiers to look for something they are confident they would like to do.

“If you're not going to be behind it mentally, you could actually damage yourself by going into a job and making a bad impression on the people you're trying to make a good impression on,” Czarnecki said.

In addition to Addison's and Foltz's jobs, other positions that Czarnecki said are possibilities include working at the Transportation Motor Pool, another position at ACS and possibly even work in a graphic arts shop, as well as at the auto crafts shop and JROTC.

Czarneck said the problem he has to solve is getting more organizations on board. He said it can be difficult to find a good fit for junior-enlisted Soldiers, for example, but that he could find more positions if more organizations knew about the program and found places for them.

“If we had more options, I think the program would even take off more. One thing restricting those options, Czarnecki said, is that many organizations simply aren't familiar with the program.

Czarnecki said the program has “worked out tremendously for everybody” and he has seen unit morale rise since the program has started here.

“I'm just so thankful for this,” said Addison. “I don't know what I would be doing if I wasn't doing this.”

Organizations or Soldiers interested in participating in Operation Warfighter can call 354-6174 or 467-3628.

US Postal Service announces new prices and services for 2013

By Lionel Rivera,

United States Air Forces in Europe-Air
Forces Africa Postal Services Branch

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Effective Jan. 27, the price for first-class mail single-piece letters will increase by a penny. A 46-cent first-class forever stamp will allow customers to mail letters to any location in the United States.

The first forever stamp went on sale in April 2007 and featured an image of the Liberty Bell. In 2011, all first-class one ounce stamps became forever stamps with the exception of stamp coils. Forever stamps are sold at the first-class mail stamp postage rate at the time they are purchased. The advantages of a forever stamp to the consumer include the ability to stock up on first-class postage at the current rate and use the stamps until the supply is exhausted. As postage rates change, it is no longer necessary to buy one or two-cent stamps to add to the old postage stamp, said Lionel Rivera, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa postal branch public affairs officer. For example, forever stamps purchased prior to Jan. 27, 2013, are valid for the full 46 cent first-class postage rate, despite having been purchased for 45 cents.

Highlights of the new single-piece first-class mail pricing include:

- Letters (1 ounce) – 1-cent increase to 46 cents
- Letters greater than ounce – Remains at 20 cents
- Postcards – 1 cent increase to 33 cents
- Letters to all international destinations (1 ounce) – \$1.10.



Master Sgt. Russell Martin / U.S. Air Force photo

The cost for several postal services will increase Jan. 27.

New domestic retail pricing for priority mail flat rate products are:

- Small box – \$5.80
- Medium box – \$12.35
- Large box – \$16.85
- Large army post office/fleet post office box – \$14.85
- Regular envelope – \$5.60
- Legal envelope – \$5.75
- Padded envelope – \$5.95.

New domestic retail pricing for express mail flat rate (where available) products include:

- Envelope (Including legal and padded envelopes) – \$19.95
- Box – \$39.95

Global forever stamp

The Postal Service is scheduled to introduce the first global forever stamp when prices change Jan. 27. The new stamp will allow customers to mail letters anywhere in the world for only \$1.10.

About the US Postal Service

A self-supporting government enterprise, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, more than 150 million residences, businesses and post office boxes. The postal service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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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 U.S. due to influenza infections. Annual flu vaccinations are the most effective method for preventing influenza virus infections and its complications. For more information, visit <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.

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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. To learn more, speak with a free trial defense attorney.

Teen Stress

The National Military Family Association has 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, 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. To learn more, 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-9/11 GI Bill

Take advantage of your military benefits. Earn a degree or skill with your Post-9/11 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. 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. To learn more, 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 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=s7VeUiyTMa4.

Ansbach Choppers

The Ansbach Choppers Ice Hockey team is looking for players for the 21st annual U.S. Air Force in Europe (USAFE) Ice Tournament Feb. 13 to 17. The Choppers represent the Franconian Military Community and the tournament features teams from the U.S. Army and Air Force, Canadian Forces and British Forces. The Choppers are open to all military and civilian DoD ID card holders 18 and older and must be out of high school. Military players can ask for permissive TDY from their commands, but will have to pay for transportation, lodging, and food. Contact Ted Tomczyk at ted.tomczyk.civ@mail.mil or 0170-608-9239 or Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle Hernandez at kyle.p.hernandez.mil@mail.mil.

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Incident Weather Info

For up-to-date information on weather conditions, visit our new "What You Should Know when Incident Weather Comes to USAG Ansbach" at www.ansbach.army.mil/web%20pages/IncidentWeather.asp. You can find the link to the website under the Weather Information menu item on the left side of the homepage and, when the popup menu shows, select "What you should know."

Tax Center

The grand opening of the Katterbach Tax Center will be Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. It is located in the Katterbach ACS building on the third floor next to the Legal Assistance Office. You can begin calling Feb. 4 at 09802-83-3847 to make appointments. The first week is set up to handle walk-in single Soldiers and families with the easy returns (only W-2s).

Praxis test

The next test date for the Praxis series of tests, which measure teacher candidates' knowledge and skills for licensing and certification processes, for the Education Center on Katterbach Kaserne will be April 12. The deadline to request an exam is Feb. 26. To learn more, call DSN 467-2730 or 09802-93-2730.

Volunteers needed at Arts & Crafts

Seeking volunteer and contract teachers one to two times per month for sewing, cake decoration, 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.

Research Assistant Opportunity

An energetic, dynamic and knowledgeable person is required to fill the new health promotion research assistant position to be assigned to assist the Health Promotion Operations 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 program on the local

installations. The HPRA supports HPO by developing strategies and protocols and managing, coordinating and producing research to support and invigorate 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.

Eagle's Nest Recreation Hall

The Barton Barracks Eagle's Nest Recreation Hall, next to the Duggan Gym, offers a kitchen with an area to seat more than 30 people. The Eagle's Nest is open to all community members. To learn more, call 09811-837848 or email usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.mbx.ioc@mail.mil.

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 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 illesheim.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 shoe rental, a free T-shirt and a few bowling towels. To learn more, 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. To learn more, 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 up by calling the ACS Family Advocacy Program at 09802-83-2516.

Health Clinic Improvements

The Katterbach Health Clinic has a new front entrance just in time for the 2013 flu vaccine campaign. Stop by the Katterbach Health Clinic for your flu shot and experience the renovations, which are designed to improve the patient experience.

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. To learn more, call 09841-83-4555.

Closures and Changes

Resurfacing of B-14

Resurfacing is ongoing for state road B-14 along Urlas

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and Shipton Kaserne. The speed limit is reduced to 50 kilometers per hour. Access and exit to and from Obereichenbach will remain the same. During phase one, two lanes going toward Katterbach will be resurfaced. Entering from Katterbach and exiting toward Ansbach will remain possible. There will be a detour exiting toward Katterbach and entering from Ansbach, offering two possibilities to turn around: One at Hotel Windmühle and one at Obereichenbach. During phase two, two lanes going toward Ansbach will be resurfaced. The current access near the traffic light will be blocked and drivers coming from Katterbach toward Ansbach will be detoured by Soldiers Lake. The detour for exiting toward Katterbach and entering from Ansbach will remain in place.

Sports, Health and Fitness

Basketball

The USAG Ansbach intramural basketball games take place at Katterbach Physical Fitness Center from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Games are played Thursdays. The final game will be played on Feb. 28 at Katterbach PFC. On this night,

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Aerobic Fitness Classes:

The Katterbach Physical Fitness Center has added evening classes for after-work customers, including Power Yoga, beginning February every Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m., circuit training, beginning February every Thursday from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., Indoor Cycling/Spin classes Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Fridays at 6 p.m.

Valentine's Day 5K Walk-Run Event:

USAG Ansbach Sports and Fitness will conduct a 5-kilometer Walk-Run Feb. 9 event to celebrate Valentine's Day. This will take place at Storck Bunch Fitness Center. The event starts at 11 a.m. with registration taking place until one hour before the commencement of the event. There will be various prizes given away. In addition, plans have been made to arrange transportation for folks from Katterbach Physical Fitness Center.

Live Broadcasting Opportunity:

The AFN Radio Broadcasting crew will visit the Katterbach Physical Fitness Center Jan. 28 from 2 to 6 p.m. for a live telecast to promote our sports and fitness programs. Several

programs have been lined up for the 4-hour live telecast including a showcase of aerobic fitness programs by various trainers; giveaways like massage coupons, aerobic punch cards and personal training packages; and Warrior Transition Unit showcase of wheelchair basketball. The Ansbach Community is encouraged to tune in to listen to the live telecast or visit the Katterbach PFC (Bldg. 5805) and be part of the participants in the various min-events.

Personal Training

There will be another personal Trainer at Storck Physical Fitness starting from February.

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. To learn more, call Parent Central Services at 09841-83-4880 or 09802-83-2533.

Ansbach Girl Scouts

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

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 go up the hill. Do not pass.

Pet Reminder

Remember that all pets at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach installations need to be on leashes when outside. Also, 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 09802-83-2930, or stop by the 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

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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.

Ansbach Veterinary Clinic

The Veterinary Clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. The clinic is closed on federal and training holidays. For more information, call 09802-83-3179.

Deployment Specials

Ansbach Arts and Crafts team has you covered. Place orders now and save and avoid rush fees. Located at Barton Barracks and open Monday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 0981-1837627.

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Bamberg Community Announcements

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Estate Claims

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Kevin E. Lipari of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, should contact the summary court officer, 2nd Lt. Allison P. Erickson, at 0951-300-9158.

CYSS Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Child, Youth and School Services will host a Parent Advisory Council Meeting at noon Jan. 31 at Parent Central Services. Learn the latest news in CYSS. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Lunch will be provided.

Claim Lost or Stolen Property

If you have lost or stolen items that have been missing for the last 6 months, visit the Military Police Station to see if your items are there. All property in the lost/found safe will be destroyed by the end of January. Please specify when you lost your item.

Mask Making Workshop

The Stable Theater and Bamberg Arts and Crafts will have a mask-making workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Community Activity Center. Professional mask maker Isabelle Neu will demonstrate how to create a latex mask, and participants will be able to make their own mask. There is no cost for the workshop but participants will be required to cover the cost of materials (approximately \$25). For more information or to sign up, call the Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647 or Arts and Crafts at 0951-300-8659.

Triad Health Fair

The Bamberg Health Clinic will have a Triad Health Fair Jan. 26. The event is open to Soldiers, civilians, contractors, retirees and family members ages 16 to 65. The Health Fair will allow beneficiaries to enroll in the six-week TRIAD program that will help individuals improve their sleep, nutrition and activity habits. Sessions begin at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 2 p.m.

CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor Course

The Bamberg American Red Cross will offer a CPR/AED/

First Aid instructor course from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 26 to 27 at Army Community Service, Bldg. 7029. The cost of this course is \$250. Successful completion of this course leads to certification as a CPR/AED/First Aid instructor, which means you will be able to teach and certify students in accordance with the American Red Cross regulations and policies. The certification received is valid indefinitely as long as you remain in good standing and continue to teach classes. Great for a resume or a future in health care. To register, call the Bamberg American Red Cross 0951-300-1760.

Red Cross Volunteer Orientation

Learn how you can become a volunteer with the American Red Cross Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Army Community Services building. Call and RSVP no later than the day before each scheduled orientation. For additional information or questions, visit the American Red Cross office, Bldg. 7029 or call 0951-300-1760.

Army Family Action Plan symposium

There will be an Army Family Action Plan symposium place Feb. 7 to 8 from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day at the Warner Conference Center. AFAP issues can be submitted until Jan. 25, either by dropping them in boxes at various locations around post or by sending an email to kimberly.a.millner.civ@mail.mil. Volunteers are also needed to help with the symposium. Positions available include delegates, facilitators, issue support and recorders/transcribers. For more information or to volunteer, call Kimberly Millner at 0951-300-7777.

Children's Valentine's Day Craft

There will be a free children's craft at 4 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Community Activity Center. Participants will create Valentine's Day cards for friends and family. For more information, call 0951-300-8837 or send an email to megan.l.martin.naf@mail.mil.

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 Feb. 9 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, visit the American Red Cross, Bldg. 7029, or call 0951-300-1760.

Chili Cook-Off

The Community Activity Center will host its fifth annual Chili Cook-Off at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 28. Prizes will be awarded to best all-around chili as judged by the Bamberg community. Sign up at CAC front counter by Feb. 22. There is no cost to participate. To learn more, call 0951-300-8837 or send an email to megan.l.martin.naf@mail.mil.

Taco Tuesday Buffet Bar

Come enjoy the Taco Tuesday Buffet Bar at the Community Activity Center 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.

Super Bowl Party and Texas Hold-Em

The Birchview Lanes Bowling Center will host a Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament beginning at 5 p.m. Feb. 3. There is a \$25 entry fee for the poker tournament with rebuys the first two hours. The poker tournament will go into the Super Bowl with a \$10 cover charge. With entry to the poker tournament persons will receive free

GERMAN-AMERICAN GOLF SEASON 2013

13 April Youth Tournament
20 April Course Clean-Up and Tournament
25 April Thursday Night Scramble begins
1 May German Season Opener
4 May American Season Opener Tournament
9 May Tournament of Scents
25 May Memorial Day Tournament
30 May President's Prize
8 June Ball and Chain Tournament (Husband & Wife)
16 June Otto's Golf-Cup
22 June Top 40 Home Game I
28 June Feierabend Tournament
4 July Two-Person-Scramble
13 July German-American Ryder Cup
19 July In Husband's Shoes for a Day Tournament (Ladies)
21 July Weyermann Cup
27 July Top 40 Home Game II
10 August Family Day Tournament
24 August Handicap Tournament (11-12, 13-22 & 23-36)
31 August & 1 September German Club Championship
14 & 15 September American Club Championship
3 October End of Season Tournament
24 October Last Day of Thursday Night Scramble
23 November Turkey Shoot Tournaments begin
8 December Nikolaus Tournament
21 December Last Turkey Shoot Tournament

Contact Whispering Pines Golf Course and Pro Shop at
Tel. (0951) 300 8953
The Pro Shop is open Mon-Sun 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 0951-7652

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cover charge to the Super Bowl event. Super Bowl will be played on giant blow-up projector screen. Cover charge will provide a buffet and great door prizes. For more information, call 0951-300-7722.

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

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, Bldg. 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. 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.

Parenting Skill Builder Classes

Bamberg Family Life Center New Parenting Skills Classes

USAG Bamberg Stable Theater / Arts & Crafts www.bamberg.army.mil/mwr

Mask Making

Work Shop
Jan. 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Learn prosthetic effects like the pros at the Community Activity Center, Arts and Crafts.

Watch professional film-industry mask-maker Isabelle Neu demonstrate techniques for sculpting a mold, casting it for the mask, and forming a latex mask, then try it yourself! Requires working with clay, plaster and liquid latex, so dress to get messy. Limited space, sign up at the CAC Craft Shop or the Stable Theater. Open to adults and kids able to do fine crafts if accompanied by an adult. Materials fee of approximately \$25, but cost of workshop is FREE. Supported by the Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians Club. Due to drying times, participants' own latex masks must be completed on another day. Call for more information

Contact & Sign Up:
Stable Theater or Arts & Crafts
Tel. (0951) 300 8647 /-8659

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New Year's Resolution

GET THE BODY YOU WANT and TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE

PERSONAL TRAINING
Hour-long sessions incorporate resistance training, cardio, plyometrics, and/or flexibility

FITNESS NUTRITION
Intake, calorie, and macronutrient analysis as well as meal planning

WHEN: Mon/Wed 1000-1400
Tue/Thu 0800-1300

WHERE: Freedom Fitness Center

COST: Initial Assessment \$35
Personal Training \$45/hour
Fitness Nutrition \$50/meal plan

*discounts for packages available

Tiffany Murray, ISSA Certified
Personal Trainer
CALL 0151-5169-1035

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

TRIAD HEALTH FAIR

LIVE BETTER LONGER OR NOT. YOUR CHOICE.

SATURDAY JANUARY 26, 2013

FOR: Soldiers, Civilians, Contractors, Retirees & Family Members ages 16-64.
EVENT START TIMES: 0900, 1000, 1100, 1300, 1400
LOCATION: B7334, Health Clinic, Warner Barracks

Your Bamberg Health Clinic wants to do everything we can to help you live a healthier and happier life. This Health Fair affords beneficiaries the opportunity to enroll in our six week TRIAD program that empowers individuals to adopt better sleep, nutrition and activity habits. The goal is to improve four key indicators of overall health: Body Mass Index (BMI), Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Blood Cholesterol.

YOUR BODY, YOUR CHOICE.

start the first Tuesday of every month and meet from 9 to 11 a.m. for four sessions. 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, to register or to sign up for child care, call 0951-300-1570/8141 or send an email to christopher.d.floro.mil@mail.mil.

Closures and Changes

Changes for Bamberg CDC

Through the end of January, hourly care services at the Bamberg Child Development Center will be temporarily reduced to 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Youth and Teens

Applications sought for the Military Youth of the Year
 The Military Youth of the Year is a Boys and Girls Club of America recognition program that partners with the Military Child and Youth Services. Local clubs recognize members ages 14 to 18 as Youth of the Month winners and select a Youth of the Year, who then participates in state competitions. State winners each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and participate in regional competitions. Five regional winners each receive a \$10,000 scholarship and compete on the national level. The National Youth of the Year receives up to an additional \$50,000 scholarship

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and is installed by the president of the United States. Stop by the JFK Youth Center, Bldg. 7663, to pick up an application or call 0951-300-8871 and ask for Destiny Cilumba for more details.

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

Golf Club Sale

The Whispering Pines Golf Course will have a golf club sale beginning at 9 a.m. Feb. 8. This is your chance to buy cheap golf clubs from your local golf store, which is ideal for beginners, teenagers or for those individuals who are looking for an extra set. You can purchase a full set of clubs (driver, 3W, 5W, 4-PW and Putter with bag) for \$40. For more information, call 0951-300-8953.

Circuit PT

Looking for an alternative to the old-school push-ups, sit-ups and run? Revamp your fitness routine with Circuit PT. This lunchtime workout will get your heart pumping 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, visit www.bamberg.army.mil/directorates/dfmwr/docs/fff/FFF-FitnessSchedule.htm.

Weekly Reminders

By Soldiers - For Soldiers

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for Warner Barracks are Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Community Activity Center, Room 409. These meetings are open to anyone. Duty uniform allowed. For more information, call Kyle at 0151-1775-3880, Brian at 0172-271-3626 or Justin at 0151-4642-3940.

Military Council of Catholic Women

The Military Council of Catholic Women meet Thursdays at the chapel. Mass begins at noon, followed by fellowship, lunch and study group from 12:30 to 2 p.m. For more information, email andrea.lands@gmail.com.

Woodworkers Roundtable

Take part in the woodworkers roundtable every Wednesday at the Arts and Crafts woodshop on the second floor of Building 7047. Get tips, tricks and new ideas. The event is free. For more information, call 0951-300-8659 or email thomas.stenson@us.army.mil.

Arts and Crafts

Take part in the crafter's club at noon every Tuesday at the Arts and Crafts classroom on the first floor of Building 7047. Join the fun. Local crafters get together to share ideas, tips and tricks on a variety of crafts. Learn something new or share your knowledge. The event is free. For more information, call 0951-300-8659 or email thomas.stenson@us.army.mil.

Service Office

The U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Retirement Services Officer/Casualty Manager is located in Bldg. 7290, Room 208, next to Burger King. For more information, call 0951-300-7514.

Ray's Diner Hours

Every weekday, Ray's Diner serves breakfast from 7 to 9

USAG Bamberg Arts And Crafts Bldg. 7047, 2nd Floor

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Woodshop Safety

Safety Classes are held every first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. and the following Thursday, 6 p.m. The class is a pre-requisite to use the equipment of the shop.

Contact Arts and Crafts at Tel. (0951) 300 8659

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a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. During the weekends and four-day weekends, breakfast is served at 8 to 9 a.m., lunch at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and dinner at 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Youth Lessons

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

Kinder Program

Enroll now for Bamberg's School Age Center Kinder Program before and after school care. The program is from Monday to Friday from 5:45 to 8 a.m. and 2:45 to 5:45 p.m. On school-out days the program is from 5:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. SAC offers four free hours of care per month. For more information, call Parent Central Services at 0951-300-8698.

Document Disposal

Burning documents in a burn barrel is not allowed on post. All paper that needs to be disposed of must be shredded at the Recycling Center. They accept paper each Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. The garrison receives a credit for each kilogram of paper turned in through the recycling program. For more information, call the environmental office at 0951-300-8426.

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WARNING: Bring a towel & bottle of water - you WILL sweat!

For more information, contact the Freedom Fitness Facility @ DSN 469-8890 or email Jennifer.ellis.corton@gmail.com.

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Feb 03 2013

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THE PARTY KICKS OFF AT 2000 AT THE WARRIOR ZONE

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

Schweinfurt Community Announcements

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

Tax center

Opening Feb 6, the Schweinfurt tax center is located at the Conn Annex in Bldg. 7. The garrison shuttle buses have added an additional stop there to accommodate community members needing to visit the tax center. For more information, visit www.schweinfurt.army.mil/support/legal/tax.htm.

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. Visit www.schweinfurt.army.mil/infovault/winterwrapup.

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INVITATIONAL RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

ATTENTION ALL WALL BANGERS!

Sat. Jan. 26

Finney Fitness Center
Free to participate
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

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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 pickup 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.

Photo Scavenger Hunt: Basic Challenge

The Ledward Library has an ongoing photo scavenger hunt. 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

Closure 2014

Stay up to date with the latest information regarding the Schweinfurt's closure in 2014. Visit the Closure 2014 page for reliable, honest information on the most recent service modifications and reductions, closure news, Soldier, Family and employee resources and frequently asked questions. Visit www.schweinfurt.army.mil/closure2014 to stay informed on how closure may impact you.

Closure blog

The Closure Blog addresses real answers and issues asked by community members regarding how closure will affect them. Topics such as PCSing tips, how services will be modified, and employment resources are discussed. Have a concern about closure? Then submit a question and get real answers. Don't fall victim to the rumor mill; be informed and prepared by visiting www.schweinfurt.army.mil/closure2014/closure_blog.htm.

Youth and Teens

Give Me 20

Looking to get fit? The Youth Center is offering a free fitness program every Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for youths 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, call 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,

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Your Passport to Success!

411 ON THE 911 Your introduction to staying safe and healthy in Schweinfurt.	USAG SCHWEINFURT UP CLOSE A walking tour and orientation of our four installations.
WHERE & HOW WE LIVE What you need to know about housing and living on the economy in Germany.	JOBS...WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW Where and how to look for a job in Schweinfurt.
KIDS & US Schools, service and fun provided on base for families with children.	SCHWEINFURT BY BUS An orientation to the German bus system and walking tour of downtown Schweinfurt.
GERMANY BY RAIL - & DAY TRIP An orientation to the German train system and day trip.	BIBO UNDERSTOOD Banking, money and consumer differences and need to know information.
MY ARMY FAMILY An orientation to life in the Military.	AUSFAHRT IS NOT A TOWN Understanding driving in Germany: cars, gas stations, getting a drivers license and much more.

Classes Offered Monthly

ACS | Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 242 | 09721-96-6933/354-6933

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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 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 18 and younger. The program is designed to complement, expand and support the academic, life skills and athletic

BOSS

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

SAT. FEB. 2 | 3 P.M.
WARRIOR ZONE

PRE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 1ST - WARRIOR ZONE

COMPETE FOR GRAND PRIZES!
(1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE PRIZES)

\$30 REGISTRATION FEE

OPEN TO ALL ADULT (18+) I.D. CARDHOLDERS

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Thursday Night Fun League

Jan 17 - May 16

- Every Thursday, 7 - 10 p.m.
- Open to ID cardholders AGE 18+, 4 person teams
- \$10 per week
- Cash prizes for top bowlers & teams

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 KESSLER FIELD, BLDG. 449
 09721-966332/DSN 354-6332
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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 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

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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

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, call Outdoor Recreation at 09721-96-8080.

Thursday Night Bowling Fun League

Enjoy a weekly dose of bowling and fun every Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m! Meet new people and learn a new sport, open to all ID holders ages 18 and older. Practice round starts at 6:45 p.m. with games beginning promptly at 7 p.m. \$10 per game to participate. For more information or to register, contact the Kessler Bowling Center on Kessler Field, Bldg. 449, by calling 09721-96-6332 or DSN 354-6332.

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 Bradley Inn kitchen. 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 condition. To learn more, click [here](#).

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.

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.

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.



Winter EVENT WRAP-UP

CEREMONIES * TRAININGS
 SPECIAL EVENTS * CLASSES
 CONTESTS * SPORTING EVENTS

DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
Dec. 3 - 7	Community Clean Sweep Housing Areas Daily	Jan. 6	BOSS Spades Tournament Finney Rec Center 4 p.m.	Feb. 1	Parent Conferences Elementary/Middle School TBA
Dec. 5	Story Time with Santa Ledward Library 4-5 p.m.	Jan. 7-11	Community Clean Sweep Housing Areas Daily	Feb. 3	Super Bowl Party Warrior Zone 8 p.m.
Dec. 8	Service Saturday Meet at Commissary 9-11 a.m.	Jan. 17	Thursday Bowling League - Ends May 16- Bowling Center 7-10 p.m.	Feb. 5 - 21	Unit Level B-Ball Champs Finney Gym 6-9:30 p.m.
Dec. 8 - 9	ODR Ski Trip to Garmisch Meet at ODR All Day	Jan. 18-21	ODR Ski Trip to Austria Meet at ODR All Day	Feb. 9	Service Saturday Meet at Commissary 9-11 a.m.
Dec. 11-13	AFAP Conference Conn Club 8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Jan. 18	Community Winterfest Finney Gym 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Feb. 14	ACS Lunch Bunch Meet at ACS 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dec. 14	Children's Christmas Play Ledward Chapel 6 p.m.	Jan. 21	Smooth Move Class ACS 10-11 a.m.	Feb. 15-18	ODR Ski Trip to Italy Meet at ODR All Day
Dec. 23	Boss Christmas Dinner Warrior Zone 6 p.m.	Jan. 8 - 28	Destination Schweinfurt Date and location varies by class	Feb. 19	BOSS Dinner on the Town Meet at Warrior Zone 6:30 p.m.

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Children's Story Time

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



2013 Spring Youth Sports Registration

Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 at Parent Central Services

Participants in each sport must be registered with CYSS and have a current sports physical

BASEBALL
 \$20 AGES 3-5 | \$45 AGES 6-15

SOFTBALL
 \$45 AGES 10-15

TRACK & FIELD
 \$40 AGES 6 - 15

Parent Central Services Youth Sports & Fitness Program
 Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 224 | 09721-96-6414 (CIV)/354-6414 (DSN)

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BAMBERG THEATER • 0951-297-3934

- Jan. 24 - End of Watch (R) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25 - Zero Dark Thirty (R) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 26 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 3 p.m.;
Gangster Squad (R) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 27 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 3 p.m.;
Zero Dark Thirty (R) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 28 - Ganster Squad (R) 7 p.m.

ILLESHEIM THEATER • 09841-83-4546

- Jan. 26 - Cloud Atlas (R) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 20 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 3 p.m.

KATTERBACH THEATER • 09802-83-1790

- Jan. 24 - Jack Reacher (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 26 - Parental Guidance (PG) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 27 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 3 p.m.;
Parental Guidance (PG) 6 p.m.

SCHWEINFURT THEATER • 09721-96-1790

- Jan. 24 - The Man with the Iron Fists (R) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 26 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 4 p.m.;
The Campaign (R) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 27 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 4 p.m.;
The Campaign (R) 7 p.m.
- Jan. 30 - The Expendables 2 (R) 7 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Tips

Water-saving Tips

Use the half flush option when possible on dual flush toilets.

Drop your tissue in the trash instead of flushing it - the toilet is not a garbage bin. Cellulose (tissues, napkins) can be disposed of in the Bio-trash.

Water in gutters and mud puddles might indicate irrigation leaks.

Energy-saving Tips

Wash laundry in cold water and use the "Eco" or the short program whenever it is possible. Use hot water only when major cleaning is needed.

Don't dry clothes excessively. This uses more energy than is needed, and is hard on fabrics. It's better to use a clothesline and to let the air dry your clothes.

Recycling

Cleaning the kitchen? Use cotton cloths - not disposable paper towels.

Why not try eco-friendly sanitary and washing products? They are made of renewable resources and they decompose easier.

If you have a wood-burning fireplace, save your ashes in a tin instead of throwing them away. Cold wood ashes can be mixed in your compost heap to create a valuable soil amendment that provides nutrients to your garden.

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

Wednesdays Afternoon Ski/Snowboard \$29
Join the Outdoor Recreation team of professional ski and snowboard instructors and learn to safely slide down the slopes, ride the lifts and enjoy the world's fastest growing winter activities. Depending on the season's snowfall and slope conditions, instruction will be conducted locally at Burgbernheim, between Ansbach and Illesheim. All sessions will depart from Katterbach at 1 p.m., weather permitting. Dates are Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; and March 6, 13, 20, 27.

Jan. 26 Trier/Luxembourg sightseeing \$99
Visit Germany's oldest town of Trier and Luxembourg City in one day. Trier is nestled in the Mosel River valley and is home of the Porta Nigra, the old Roman city gate and the city cathedral partially built by Emperor Constantine. After lunch, cross the border and visit the capitol city of Luxembourg. Departs Storck at 4 a.m. and Katterbach at 5 a.m. and returns approximately at 10 p.m. The trip costs \$99 for adults, \$59 for children, or \$215 for families for transportation.

Feb. 15-18 Ski Amade, Austria \$349
This large system of ski resorts is conveniently interconnected with numerous ski lifts and public transportation options. With a single ski pass you can explore several ski areas in the beautiful Salzburgerland. Includes three overnights in an Austrian guesthouse with breakfast and dinner. Departs Storck at 8 a.m. and Katterbach at 9 a.m. and returns approximately 6 p.m. Monday. Tickets are \$349 for adults and \$179 for children.

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

BAMBERG

Jan. 26 Snowshoe Hike \$35
Discover a new way to traverse the winter plains by joining ODR on a snowshoe hike through the Fichtelgebirge winter wonderland. Trip includes snowshoes and transportation. Snowshoers should pack snacks and refreshments. Trip departs ODR at 10 a.m. and returns at approximately 5 p.m.

Feb. 2 Learn to ski/snowboard \$80
Always wanted to try skiing or snowboarding? Here's your chance. Spend a day on a local slope, Ochsenkopf in the Fichtelgebirge, with ODR's own instructors. The price includes transportation, lift pass, rental and approximately 2.5 hours of lessons. The trip departs from ODR at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 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.

Feb. 15-18 Ski & Snowboard Trip to Dolomites, Italy \$349
Visit two ski resorts and experience three days of spectacular skiing or snowboarding in the Dolomites, Italy. Includes transportation, three overnights with breakfast and dinner, free ski or snowboard rental and a free three-hour entrance to the pool across the hotel. Lift ticket, which costs approximately 135 Euros for three days, is not included. Departs Outdoor Recreation at 9 a.m. Feb. 15.

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

Was ist los in Franken?

By Bianca Sowders,
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Magic Flute Musical in Nürnberg

The Magic Flute Musical, a fun musical adaption of Mozart's famous opera, is performed at the "musicalbuehne" (Aberichstraße 9) in Nürnberg Jan. 27 as well as Feb. 2, 17 and 23.

Kneipenjagd in Rothenburg ob der Tauber

The traditional Kneipenjagd (pub crawl) in Rothenburg involves 15 pubs and live bands Jan. 26; starting at 8 p.m. the on-time purchase of a ticket for 12 Euros will give you access to all participating locations: Landwehr Bräu am Turm, Zum Pulverer, Guckloch 38, Altes Guckloch, Pa Ba La Pub, Rock Café, Kellermeister, Butz, Wuwi, Zaliclo, Dideldum, Zur Linde, Rappenschmiede, Molkerei and Ballhaus Forum Rothenburg. For more information, visit www.kammerevents.de.

Talking Strings in Nürnberg

The Talking Strings, who play classic and contemporary folk music, will perform at the Tassilo Theater (Sielstraße 5) in Nürnberg on Jan. 26 at 8 p.m.

Lichtmess in Bavaria

Lichtmess Feb. 2, in English known as Candlemas or "Presentation of Jesus at the Temple," used to mark the end of Christmas time in Germany. It also marked the start of the new farming year, farmers started working the fields and tried to judge the weather for the season by applying traditional "Bauernregeln" ('farmers' rules'); the farm helpers were paid their annual wages and either renewed their contract or looked for new employment. The American tradition of Groundhog Day has its roots in this European tradition.

Many communities still host a so-called Lichtmessmarkt, a market offering mostly household goods and clothing:

- Windsbach: Lichtmessmarkt, Jan. 27, and Open Shop Sunday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Neustadt a.d. Aisch: Lichtmessmarkt, Feb. 3 – Bahnhofstrasse
- Gunzenhausen: Lichtmessmarkt and Open Shop Sunday, Feb. 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.gunzenhausen.info.
- Colmburg: Lichtmessmarkt, Feb. 3, Marktplatz, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Schwabach: Lichtmessmarkt, Feb. 4 to 6, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Heilsbronn: Lichtmessmarkt, Feb. 6

Symphonic Carnival in Bamberg

Enjoy classic music at the "Symphonischer Karneval" at the Konzerthalle Bamberg (Mußstr. 1) Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. with music by Johann Strauß Sr., Johann Strauß Jr., Carl-Michael Ziehrer, Richard Heuberger, Luigi Arditi, Carl-Maria von Weber, Anton Dvorák and Emil Waldteufel. Tickets can be ordered at 09552-297. For more information, visit www.ebracher-musiksommer.de.

Bee Gees Musical in Nürnberg

The Bee Gees Tribute Sensation are performing "Massachusetts," the Bee Gees musical in memoriam of Robin and Maurice Gibb, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Meistersingerhalle (Münchener Straße 21) in Nürnberg.

Night of Musicals in Gunzenhausen

The Night of Musicals at the Gunzenhausen Stadthalle (Isle-Platz 1) Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. and Bamberger Konzert- und Kongresshalle (Mußstraße 1) Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. features highlights of many popular musicals, like *Sister Act*, *Tarzan*, *Dirty Dancing*, *Lion King*, *Mamma Mia*, *Rocky Horror Show*, *Cats* and more.

Scotland Festival in Fürth

The annual Scotland Festival takes place on Feb. 2, starting at 4 p.m., at the Fürth

Grüne Halle (Krautheimer Straße 11) in Fürth. Watch Highland dancing, listen to a bag pipe band, taste some whisky or check out the kilt fashion show after enjoying some lamb shoulder, haggis and fish and chips. Admission fee is 6 euros. Children younger than 12 enter free. For more information, visit www.gruenehalle.de.

Jazz Band Ball in Erlangen

The 41st Jazz Band Ball at the Heinrich-Lades-Halle (Rathausplatz) Feb. 2 at 7 p.m., features nine live bands on three stages, including Butch Miles Quintet, Bill Ramsey, Conexión, Swamp, Jens Wimmers Boogie Trio, Laurel & Hardy's Marching Band, Franconian Jazzband, Uni Big Band Erlangen, Rickbop & The Hurricanes and The Magictones. Tickets are 27 euros. For more information, visit www.jazzbandball.de.

Chris Barber & The Big Chris Barber Band in Nürnberg

Chris Barber & The Big Chris Barber Band are coming to Nürnberg with "Best Of Jazz And Blues" Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Maritim Hotel Nürnberg (Frauentorgraben 11).

Magic of the Dance in Nürnberg

The dancers of the Irish step dance show "Magic of the Dance" jump over tables and chairs like whirlwinds and combine music with a pyrotechnical show. Check out their performance at the Meistersingerhalle Nürnberg (Münchener Straße 21) Feb. 2 at 8 p.m.

Fiesta Latina in Nürnberg

The Villa Leon, a culture center in Schlachthofstr. / Philipp-Koerber-Weg 1 in Nürnberg is hosting a Fiesta Latina Carnival Feb. 3, starting at 2:30 p.m. for the whole family; entertainment includes performances, face painting, piñatas and more. Admission is free. Participants are encouraged to come in costume. Contact information: Bürgerzentrum Villa Leon, 0911-231 7400, www.kuf-kultur.de/einrichtungen/villa-leon/aktuelles.html.

International Military Music Parade in Würzburg

The annual International Military Music Parade in Würzburg Feb. 3 at 2:30 p.m. takes place at the s.Oliver Arena (Stettiner Straße 1).

Horse Market in Creglingen

The town of Creglingen hosts a traditional horse market, the Creglinger Pferdemarkt, Feb. 6. The horse show in the Kieselallee starts at 8 a.m. with the award ceremony at 9 a.m. About 150 horses take part in a parade through the town at 1 p.m. A market, music and dancing as well as a 'small animal exhibition' are scheduled throughout the day. For more details, visit www.creglingen.de.

Snow Man festival in Bischofsgrün

Bischofsgrün celebrates the Schneemannfest Feb. 11; there will be music and entertainment for kids from 3 to 5 p.m.; a festive parade starts at 7 p.m., followed by salutes fired by the shooting club.

Honey Market in Bamberg

The annual Honigmarkt on Maxplatz in Bamberg takes place Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Fasching, Fastnacht and Karneval

The Fasching season, also known as the "fifth season," is a time when Germans loosen up a little, dress up in funny costumes and party. In the time between New Year's and the high Fasching season, many towns and villages host balls, parties and parades. Partygoers often dress up similar to Halloween. Police cruise the streets more frequently at night to catch those who drink and drive. Look for more information such as dates, times and places in an upcoming "Was ist los in Franken?"

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