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New Ansbach Commissary to open Feb. 5



Miguel Garcia / DeCA Europe

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By Leslie A. Brown,
DeCA Europe Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany – Making good on a promise to deliver a 21st century commissary benefit to its customers, the Defense Commissary Agency will open its newest full-service grocery store at Urlas Feb. 5.

The community is invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which begins at

9:45 a.m., just inside the main entrance. After the short ceremony, shoppers can tour or begin shopping in the new \$21.5 million modern facility when the store officially opens at about 10 a.m.

“This community has patiently waited for us to open this store, and the wait is almost over,” said David Mitzner, Ansbach Commissary store director. “All of us at the

commissary are excited to open the doors and provide the most environmentally friendly commissary in DeCA.”

Solar-power generation, LED lighting, Energy Star-rated equipment, non-ozone-depleting refrigerants, and skylights with daylight-harvesting light controls are just a few of the new store’s energy-saving features.

“The new store has 22,000 square feet of sales floor space, whereas the current store has less than 14,000,” said Miguel Garcia, DeCA’s Europe Area chief engineer. “This store is approximately 63 percent larger than the one it’s replacing on Katterbach Kaserne, and it has something inside for every authorized commissary shopper to enjoy.”

The current commissary was originally constructed in 1937 as an airplane hangar. In 1975, the structure was refurbished and opened as a commissary.

“In the design phase, we considered the unique requirements of all of our overseas customers, to include their diverse tastes, likes and needs,” said Cheryl Conner, DeCA’s Europe Area director. “Our customers needed a larger, more modern facility, and this store will deliver that to them. It will make every shopping trip a pleasurable experience.”

The bigger commissary, with six in- (COMMISSARY, on [Page 3](#))

Tax centers to open at garrisons throughout Franconia Military Community

By Heidi Sanders,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – Now that 2013 is well under way, it is time to think about the approaching tax-filing deadline.

Soldiers, family members, Department of the Army civilians and retirees can use tax preparation services offered by garrisons in the Franconia Military Community.

“If you are entitled to legal assistance, you are entitled to tax assistance services,” said Capt. Matt Wyatt, chief of client services for the Bamberg Legal Assistance Office.

The Bamberg Tax Center, located on the fourth floor of Bldg. 7000, will open Feb. 1 and will be open Monday through

Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last appointment at 3 p.m. It will also be open Saturdays during February by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling 0951-300-8261/8262.

“We want to make sure we are available to Soldiers and family members not just during the workday,” Wyatt said.

The Katterbach Tax Center will have its grand opening at 2 p.m. Feb. 4. It is located in the Katterbach ACS building on the third floor next to Legal Assistance.

Beginning Feb. 5, both the Illesheim and Katterbach tax centers will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4

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Margaret Gotheridge / USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

From left, sixth-grader Donaval Avila, seventh-grader Elizabeth “Libby” Keubbing and third-grader Daniel Zamora battle it out in the annual Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School spelling bee Jan. 17. Elizabeth won the spelling bee, Donaval took second and Daniel third. For more on this story, see [Page 6](#).

'Mask maker, mask maker, make me a mask': Bamberg's mask-making workshop

By Heidi Sanders,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – Participants in a mask-making workshop at U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg learned not only about the process used to make Hollywood-caliber special effects but also the time and patience needed.

About a dozen participants spent Saturday learning about professional mask making from Isabelle Neu, who has been doing special effects and mask making for 13 years and runs a business out of Freiburg, Germany. Those in attendance also had the opportunity to begin the process of creating their own mask.

The workshop was free to community members thanks to a grant from the Bamberg Spouses and Civilians' Club. Participants were only required to cover the costs of the materials.

Neu walked participants through the process of making a latex mask, from sculpting a clay model of the mask, to creating a plaster mold and pouring the latex mask in the mold.

Since it takes time for the plaster to cure, participants were only able to sculpt the clay model and create the plaster mold during the workshop. They were taught how to pour the latex mask so they can complete that step on their own.

Neu said she was impressed with the participants' creations during the workshop.

"From what I can see, fantastic things are coming out," Neu said.

Arma Palmer, a Soldier from the 541st Sapper Company, decided to check out the mask-making workshop after his wife told him about it.

"I enjoy this kind of stuff that I can do something creative," Palmer said. "It helps you kind of disappear. You can almost go on autopilot."

Palmer said he had never done mask making before but had been interested in it and had done some research on the topic.

Palmer said he didn't really have an idea of what to create, so he allowed his mask to just take a life of its own.

"I just started throwing clay on it and looked at the shapes the clay started to make and it just kind of took form," he said.

Fritz Desroches, an experienced airbrush artist, decided to take part in the mask making to try a new medium of art.

"I've always wanted to do sculpture," he said.

Desroches, the family readiness support assistant for the 16th Special Troops Battalion, said mask making was more challenging than he expected.

"It is not easy stuff," he said. "You are working with three dimensions."

Desroches said he hopes to be able to continue to pursue his interest in sculpting and mask making when he moves to the states in a couple of weeks.



Heidi Sanders / USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

Isabelle Neu demonstrates a mask making technique to Arma Palmer during Saturday's mask making workshop.

Theresa Engel said she found out about the workshop from her mother, Anna, who works in the USAG Bamberg customs office.

"She thought it might be my thing and she was right," Engel said.

Engel, a mother of two, said this was her first experience in mask making.

"I've worked with clay in school a while back, but I've never done anything like this," she said.

Engel said she is interested in the behind-the-scenes of Hollywood movies, and the mask-making workshop gave her insight in the process.

"I know why they take a whole day on something like that [making a mask]," she said.

Engel said she hopes to continue mask making.

"I would even consider this as a job option," she said.

Engel's mother, Anna, said

she enjoyed the mask-making workshop even though her original idea for a mask didn't pan out.

She said she started making a cat, but that was too complicated, so she turned it into a pig.

"Maybe I'll use it for Fasching," Anna Engel said.

Jack Austin, USAG Bamberg's entertainment director, said he hopes people will continue to use the skills they learned at Saturday's workshop.

"Some of the simpler projects are things people can see themselves doing," Austin said.

Austin, who participated in the workshop himself, said he would like to incorporate some of the techniques and projects into the Stable Theater. He also said he may have similar workshops in the future.

"If we have the population to support it, I would love to do something," he said.



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Owners bringing pets into Germany will pay new fee starting Feb. 1

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs
 HEIDELBERG, Germany – Members of the U.S. forces community who bring their pets along when they arrive in Germany for assignment will be charged a fee by German authorities beginning Feb. 1.

The fee will be charged during arrivals at Ramstein Air Base and Frankfurt International Airport.

At Ramstein an examination fee of €55 per pet owner will be charged for all pets imported into Germany from outside the European Union. Kaiserslautern County officials said the fee is being levied in accordance with European Union regulations designed to prevent the introduction and dissemination of rabies.

Upon arrival at Ramstein, pets will be examined by veterinary officials near the passenger terminal's baggage claim area. Owners may pay the fee by credit card only.

Owners arriving with their pets at Frankfurt International Airport will also pay a fee. That fee is €35 per accompanied pet or €55 for an unaccompanied pet,

and increases by 50 percent for pets that arrive on a weekend or holiday.

Payment of the fee is the responsibility of the pet owner, and cannot be claimed for reimbursement on an official travel voucher, according to officials with the U.S. Army Europe Office of the Judge Advocate. However, while OJA experts said the fee is prohibited from reimbursement under the provisions of the DoD Joint Travel Regulations, pet owners may be able to claim the fee as a deductible moving expense on their federal income tax returns.

While Ramstein and Frankfurt are the only locations currently slated to begin imposing the fee Feb. 1, because it is based on EU regulation, other European Union ports of entry could enact similar fees in the future.

Anticipating an upcoming permanent change of station, Lia Kirch and son Konner bring their dog Snyder and cat Nattie to the Vilseck Veterinary Treatment Facility for shots. Community members moving to Germany may now be required to pay a fee for bringing their pets into the country.



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Miguel Garcia / DeCA Europe

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lane checkout registers, including the new customer service kiosk, and four self-checkout registers, has all of the latest features included in a new DeCA facility. These will help better serve the approximately 10,000 authorized shoppers who live within the Ansbach Commissary community.

“Every department is larger,” Mitzner said. “With wider aisles and modern conveniences, the new store will help us provide the high-quality service our customers deserve and have earned.”

Many industry-sponsored events are planned to provide opportunities for customers to win prizes and save money. There will also

be special grand opening promotional prices to help customers save even more money. Commissary vendors will be on hand with product samples and specials as well as some prizes.

The old Ansbach Commissary will close Feb. 2 at 6 p.m., and no commissary services will be available Feb. 3 and 4 as the commissary staff prepares the new store for the grand opening.



SecDef rescinds ‘Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule’

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey signed a memo this afternoon, paving the way for more women to serve in direct combat roles and in more military occupational specialties that are now open only to males. The memo rescinds the 1994 DOD “Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule,” which states ...

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U.S. Army Europe commander visits ‘Sky Soldiers’ in Italy

VICENZA, Italy – U.S. Army Europe commander Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr. recently visited with Soldiers of USAREUR’s 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team at Caserma Ederle here, thanking them for their contributions to USAREUR’s partnerships with Italy and Europe and applauding the brigade’s successful completion of its most recent combat tour.

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



Newly revamped housing guide designed to be clearer, more effective

By Stephen Baack

USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Editor's note: This is the first part in a two-part series on the new housing guide issued in November from the Housing Office.

It is common advice in the Army: Even if you're not in love with a new duty station or assignment, making the best of the situation is the best course of action. This advice is not only meant for Soldiers on duty, but for them and their families at home.

The U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Housing Office has overhauled a tool to make that possible for those in Army housing. The office completed the Family Housing Handbook and Resident's Guide in November and is now in the process of printing and distributing it.

Although upon seeing an Army document of more than 60 pages, a new resident might hesitate in cracking it open, most of the guide does not read like a set of Army regulations – nor is it meant to. The guide includes policies, procedures, tips, contact information, frequently asked questions and an appendix of memos and forms, and targets both future and current residents – and their families – who plan to or are now living in Army housing.

Sgt. Maj. Paul G. Hutchings, who serves as the USAG Ansbach Directorate of Public Works sergeant major, led the document's restructuring and said one of the main goals for the redesign was to give residents clear instructions on their responsibilities while living in Army housing, specific ramifications if they fail to follow instructions, and how residents can be good neighbors.

Hutchings said although the previous edition had good aspects, it was too vague and did not provide enough backup to the building coordinators – those residents charged with ensuring residents were being good members of their housing communities.

"There was a bunch of issues here," Hutchings said. "One, there's no clear guidance for a resident. Two, there was no cause and effect or carrot and stick – as it were – for a building coordinator to enforce these rules that really weren't around."

With some help from guides found at Bamberg and Baumholder, and from fellow leaders, Hutchings revamped the guide, giving building coordinators more authority and providing residents clearer consequences.

"The policies and procedures section of the manual was something I dreamed up – the ticketing program – so it goes in ascending levels of severity, from just a simple ticket for an offender, all the way up to a possible early return of dependents," said Hutchings.

The system of enforcing the policies and procedures is not meant to be a harsh set of rules designed to catch residents violating regulations; it is instead meant to make good



Stephen Baack / USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

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on the responsibility of the Housing Office and fellow community members to be upfront and clear as to what a resident is doing wrong and how they can all be good neighbors, Hutchings said.

Moreover, Hutchings said, it's not necessarily a tool for the command to help the residents develop a sense of community; it's meant as a tool for the residents to develop that sense of community for each other. After all, he said, residents are only hurting other residents when they don't pick up after themselves, for example.

Both Hutchings and Master Sgt. Arthur Schreiner, the housing noncommissioned officer-in-charge, said it's important to keep in mind the guide is not perfect or final.

"People will come in and say, 'Well, the housing guide says this,' as if that's the word according to Gospel," Schreiner said. "Well, it's not. It is a guide, and everything is directed off of Army regulations. People need to understand this guide, if it's not clear enough, then people need to resource the actual regulation or call us for clarity. This is very broad. It would be so thick if we went into intricate detail, covering every aspect of regulation as per housing guidance."

"This is not written in pen; it's written in pencil," Hutchings said. "It's meant to be a living document. If sometimes something doesn't make sense in it, then we can change it – and I really hope there's a lot. Now, just like any good plan when you're in the military, a plan: you know what that is? Just something to deviate from when the bullets start flying."

In fact, the housing guide has already been challenged. Residents have complained about people smoking on their balconies; however,

Hutchings said the regulation is "really clear that you can smoke in your house and on the balcony." Furthermore, Army doctrine says leaders can add to but not take away from the regulations.

"Somebody called me when I first got here and said, 'Hey, my neighbor's smoking and it's bugging me.' The first thing I say was, 'It's a government building. They can't smoke in there. Tell them to get out of their house and 50 feet away from it.' And then I started digging and found out the truth: I'm wrong. ... A good resource I put in there is a reference page. So, look, don't believe what the guide says. Look at what the manual has to say. It's a guide to point people in the right direction to basically do the right thing, be a good neighbor and foster a mindset that this is our community."

The idea is to have an annually updated guide in every set of quarters and have sponsors giving them to newcomers. The goal is to help improve the community, but it's a slow change that Hutchings compares to steering an aircraft carrier.

"The helmsman puts the turn in. It doesn't turn like a speedboat. It goes slowly," Hutchings said. "So, we're slowly turning it in the way we need to go. It's going to take time to change that mindset, to turn that aircraft carrier – because, overall, this is about making it a better community for us."

To learn more about the guide, call DSN 467-2943 or 09802-83-2943 or become a fan of "Ansbach Housing" on Facebook. The guide is available online at www.ansbach.army.mil/FlipBook/HousingGuideAnsbach/HousingGuideAnsbach.html.

Looking for your best Hidden Gems of Europe picture

By Jessica Lipari,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – During your stay in Europe have you ventured off the beaten path to a location that you captured in a photo and want to share with the U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg community?

Well, now is your chance as the USAG Bamberg Public Affairs Office is having a Hidden Gems of Europe Photo Contest.

We are looking for photos of your travels around Europe complete with a brief description highlighting the location. The information will be shared on the USAG Bamberg Facebook page and garrison website,

allowing fellow community members an opportunity to visit your hidden gem.

Soldiers, family members and Department of Defense employees are asked to submit their photos and brief description from Feb. 1 until Feb. 13 to usarmy.bamberg.usareur.mbx.pao@mail.mil. Photos received after Feb. 13 will not be part of the contest.

The Public Affairs Office will then determine the top 10 submissions and post them in an album on the USAG Bamberg Facebook page by the morning of Feb. 15.

From Feb. 15 to 27, community members will be asked to help determine the top three photos. Winners will be selected based on the number of votes or “likes” the individual

photo receives from other USAG Bamberg Facebook followers.

The Bamberg Spouses and Civilians’ Club has donated prizes for the top three winners of the contest. First place will receive a \$100 Army & Air Force Exchange Service gift card, second place will receive a \$50 AAFES gift card and third place will receive a \$25 AAFES gift card.

For a list of the contest rules, visit <https://www.facebook.com/#!/usagbamberg> or visit the USAG Bamberg website at www.bamberg.army.mil.

The following picture and description has been provided as an example.



Jessica Lipari / USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

The remains of the open-air theater that dates back to the 1700s is one of the attractions visitors will see when they visit Sanspareil Rock Garden in Wonnees, Germany. The rock garden provides various paths for visitors to walk along and discover unique rock formations in a natural wooded area. Sanspareil is open all year and there is no admission to walk around the garden, providing a great place for couples or families to visit to get out and spend some time walking around nature. From March until November, the Schlosscafe is open daily, excluding Mondays, where after a stroll through the rock garden, visitors can stop and have a beverage and snack or a light meal. Also, across the way visitors will find the Zwernitz Castle, which they can visit. This hidden gem is located between Bamberg and Bayreuth and the address for your GPS is Sanspareil 34, 96197 Wonnees.

The champion who almost wasn't

Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School student heads to European Spelling Bee

By Frank J. Hanchak,

Special to The Franconian News

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – Seventh grade student Elizabeth “Libby” Keubbing woke up and went to school Jan. 17, just like every other day. Due to a misunderstanding, she did not show up for the spelling bee that was to begin at 8 a.m. Instead, she went to her classes as usual. When her name was called to go to the spelling bee, she reluctantly went to the gym.

It's good that she went, because she is now going to represent Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School at the European Spelling Bee to be held at Ramstein Elementary School March 16.

She could hardly believe it when she spelled “explanation” correctly. She then had to spell “satisfactory” for the championship round. The audience smiled when she jumped up and down and almost laughed out loud as she spelled the word.

“It was easy because I knew the word,” Libby said.

Elizabeth “Libby” Keubbing likes to play video games, and one of her favorites is Mario.

“I recognized some of the words from the game. I am not good at some of the levels that I recognized the words from. That's how I knew them,” she said. “I feel good and it's nice to represent the school in Ramstein.”

She added that she had the “best chocolate in the universe” the last time she was in Ramstein.

“Libby is a consummate reader. Students who read a lot are naturally better spellers,” said Libby's advisory teacher, Stephan Lemming. “I knew she would do well in this competition.”

Third-grade student Daniel Zamora spelled “garment” but missed “cultivation.”

“Daniel's performance inspired his classmates to set a goal, take a chance and

work hard to succeed,” said Daniel's teacher, Anne Guest. “When Daniel entered the classroom after the competition, his classmates applauded his effort and his bravery. Daniel is a winner for having the courage to participate. He represented the third grade well.”

In second place, sixth-grade student Donaval Avila correctly spelled “incredible,” and then was stumped on “covetous.”

For those students who didn't win this year, there is always next year.

The three winners proved that it doesn't take experience to win; it takes the will to participate when others tell you you can't do something. If you don't believe it, just ask Daniel, Donaval or Libby.

Editor's note: This story is a special contribution by Frank J. Hanchak, who serves as a teacher's aide at Schweinfurt Elementary/Middle School and was the 2013 SEMS spelling bee coordinator and lead organizer.

Bamberg bowling center to host poker tournament, Super Bowl party

By Heidi Sanders,

USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – Looking for a place to watch the San Francisco 49ers and the Baltimore Ravens face off in the Super Bowl on Sunday? U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Birchview Lanes Bowling Center will be hosting a Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament and a Super Bowl party.

The sign-ups for the poker tournament will begin at 5 p.m. and the tournament starts at 6 p.m. There is a \$25 entry fee for the tournament with rebuys

during the first two hours. Phil Brown, bowling center supervisor, said the tournament features some great prizes, including an iPad 4, poker bracelets, poker chips, sweaters and T-shirts. Brown said the last-place finisher also will get a prize, a poker book, to help them improve their poker skills.

“The first person that gets eliminated out of the tournament will get the book,” Brown said.

The entry fee to the poker tournament includes free entry to the Super Bowl party. The cost to attend only the Super Bowl party

is \$10.

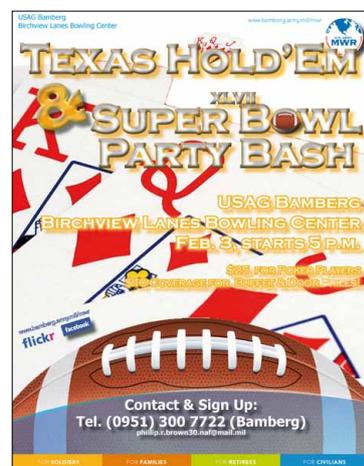
The Super Bowl, which will start around 12:30 a.m. Feb. 4, will be played on a giant inflatable projector screen. The cover charge includes a buffet and door prizes.

“We will have Super Bowl food – wings, little smokies, pigs in a blanket, chips, nachos,” Brown said. “We will have Super Bowl trivia and NFL trivia. There will be lots of prizes.”

The bar will be open during the event.

For more information, call 0951-300-7722 or send an email

to phillip.r.brown30.naf@mail.mil.



AADD: A phone number that can save lives, careers

By Spc. Adrian Sherrod,

USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – So, it's late. It's the weekend. You've been elected point man. You're the designated driver tonight.

You've seen all the “Don't Drink and Drive” commercials, sat in on plenty of safety briefings and heard the “always have a plan” speech. You got it.

So, you plan. You step up. You shelve your desire to drink for the greater good.

But you slip. You have a drink, then another, another, then a shot. You're failing as a battle buddy. Now, you're just a drinking buddy.

If you drive, you risk lives. You might as

well flush your career down the toilet. Take a taxi and your car gets towed.

Irresponsible? Yes. But you still have a safe and smart option. You need a Plan B. What do you do?

Then ... You remember!

This card you have in your wallet. These AADD people will come get you and your car. Problem solved.

AADD stands for Armed Forces Against Drunk Driving. The AADD program is in place exactly for situations like this. You give them a call between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, tell them what you're wearing, give the driver your keys and they take you home.

The program offers free transportation for those individuals who have driven their own vehicles but are too intoxicated to drive home.

No names exchanged, no specifics recorded, no worries about being judged.

So, plan. Then, make a backup plan. AADD is here for you.

If things go wrong, give them a call at 0174-804-3898 or at 0174-810-7577. You'll be glad you did.

Editor's note: Spc. Adrian Sherrod is a USAG Schweinfurt Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers representative and contributing writer for USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs.

Army Medicine fields secure messaging service to patients

By Kirk Frady,
MEDCOM Public Affairs

Beneficiaries of Army Medicine are now able to communicate online with their primary care provider through secure messaging.

The U.S. Army Medical Command is implementing the use of Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service, or AMSMS, by offering it to 100 percent of beneficiaries who receive care in the "direct care" system by the end of 2014. Secure messaging is a commercial, Web-based, secure messaging platform that provides a robust set of services designed to allow patients and their health care team to communicate securely at times and locations that are

convenient. This secure platform works very much like an online secure banking website. According to Dr. Terry Newton M.D., information technology clinical capability manager, "Army Medicine issued nearly 2,000 AMSMS licenses to health care providers at 48 military treatment facilities during Phase 1 in 2012.

"Over the next 24 to 36 months, we will complete deployment of over 5,000 additional licenses to primary and specialty care clinics," he added. "Similarly, the other branches of military service are also executing the same secure messaging capability across their treatment facility network." This secure messaging capability will, for the first time, provide patients the ability to communicate directly with their provider and care teams and allow care teams a two-way flow of communication with individual patients or groups of patients. If patients want to know whether or not their primary care provider is currently using the secure messaging system they should check with their assigned military treatment facility to find out. Army Medicine's goal is to provide the secure messaging service to all beneficiaries who receive care in the direct care system by the end of 2014. In 2013, AMSMS will enter Phase 2 of this project. Delivery will be focused on any primary care facility

that did not receive AMSMS in 2012. During Phase 2, secure messaging service delivery will also be expanded to specialty care such as orthopedics and OB/GYN. "AMSMS is an easy-to-use secure communication tool that has the potential to significantly impact care to beneficiaries by engaging them in convenient ways and times to build relationships, improve access to information and reduce the need for so many visits to their primary care clinic," Newton said.

"Secure messaging is a critical tool in helping Army Medicine achieve the Quadruple AIM of improving the patient's experience, improving population health and readiness while reducing per capita costs," he added. With online services from Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service, patients will be able to book appointments, request and review lab/test results, request medication refills, request a referral, email their physician a question and schedule Web visits with their provider. Additionally patients will have access to a fully integrated electronic personal health record and a robust set of multi-media educational content through the AMSMS. To register for online services, beneficiaries should visit with their health care team administrator or call their primary care clinic for more details.



Margaret Gotheridge / USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

The USAG Schweinfurt Health Clinic now boasts a commercial, Web-based, secure messaging platform designed to allow patients and their health care team to communicate securely at times and locations that are convenient.

Springing to the top: Schweinfurt cheer team preps for European tournament

By Elisabeth Roth, Zackery DeHart, Alyssa Garrido,
Special to The Franconian News

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – Many consider being a cheerleader is easy, but is it really that easy for the Schweinfurt High School cheer team as they approach the European Cheer Championship?

The Department of Defense Education Activity will hold the

European Cheer Championships Feb. 23 in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Several cheerleaders and their coach, Ashley Treharne, were asked how they are preparing for the difficulties and the challenges of the competition.

Has the team been faced with many challenges this season? How did you try overcoming the difficult situations?

Treharne: "There have been many challenges to build a strong team and to keep our spirits up. We also try to get closer as a team and work with what we have rather than cry about what we don't."

How are you preparing for Europeans?

Morgan Gilberti, one of the captains of the cheerleading squad: "We've come a long way and are working hard on our routines very hard every day, and we continue to improve."

Does performing at school events hinder your preparations for the European competition?

Gilberti: "Although it may take away time to practice for Europeans, school events help us come up with more creative ideas

for the competition, as well as helping us get used to performing in front of large audiences."

Do you feel that the squad has a strong bond?

Sunhea Song, a newcomer to the squad: "The team has a strong bond that makes it easy to get along with everyone."

How does the closeness help in performances?

Cheer team member Vivian Johnson: "The bond helps them out because they trust each other and know that they all are confident in what they are supposed to do."

Do you think the team will perform well at Europeans?

Ashley Dowdy, another team captain: "With all the hard work that was put into the practice, the performance at Europeans will yield good results."

Editor's note: Elisabeth Roth is a senior, Zackery DeHart is a senior and Alyssa Garrido is a junior at Schweinfurt High School.



Alyssa Garrido / Special to The Franconian News

Cheerleaders Anthony Richards, Tyquell Kennedy and Eric Corona throw Sunhea Song toward the rafters as they practice for the Department of Defense Education Activity's European Cheer Championships. The competition will be held in Wiesbaden, Germany, Feb. 23.

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p.m., with the last appointment at 3 p.m. The first week is set up to handle walk-in single Soldiers and families with the easy returns (only W-2s).

For appointments, call the Katterbach Tax Center at 09802-83-2324 or the Illesheim Tax Center at 09802-83-4511.

The Schweinfurt Tax Center, located at the Conn Annex in Bldg. 7, rooms 102 and 103, will open Feb. 6. 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 Monday and Wednesday and until noon Friday. To schedule an appointment, call 09721-96-8286.

Wyatt said although walk-ins are welcome at the Bamberg Tax Center, he recommends making an appointment.

“We encourage appointments,” he said. “We see walk-ins but people with appointments have priority.”

Wyatt said people with more complex tax returns should make an appointment to ensure they are given ample time to have their taxes prepared.

“If you do have a difficult tax return – including rental properties, substantial investments – do make an appointment,” he said.

People with complex cases are also encouraged to drop off their documents before their appointment.

“If you drop off your documents our preparers can make all copies and get everything ready and when you come the preparer can sit with you and identify any issues they have come across and file your taxes,” Wyatt said.

The needed documents are situation specific, but generally include:

- ID card
- If married and filing jointly, the spouse must be present or have a notarized power of attorney
- Social Security cards for all dependents and know the birth-dates for both spouses and children
- W2 Form
- 1099-INT Form or 1099-DIV Form if you had interest or dividend income
- 1099-B Form if you sold stocks, bonds or real estate and you need to know the date of purchase and the purchase cost
- 1099-R Form if you received any money from pensions, annuities and/or IRA Distributions
- 1099-G Form if you received unemployment income



Air Force graphic

- 1099-S Form if you received Social Security
- 1098 Form if you own a home to show mortgage interest and real estate taxes
- 1098-E Form for student loan interest paid
- Bank routing and account numbers if you want to receive your refund by direct deposit

Wyatt said he also suggests bringing a copy of last year's taxes.

“It helps our filers and our customers and clients as well,” he said. “It is just going to help us get you the biggest refund possible.”

The deadline to file taxes is April 15, but military members may qualify for an extension.

Wyatt said service members deployed to a combat zone on the tax filing deadline receive an automatic extension of 180 days from the time they redeploy.

“The IRS has a database of all service members deployed in a combat zone,” Wyatt said. “There is no need to apply for it [the extension]. It doesn't matter whether you will owe or will get a refund.”

Service members stationed overseas have until June 15 to file their taxes, but penalties and interest will be assessed from April 15 on any money that is owed, Wyatt said.

Self-employed community members should be aware that the tax center will not be preparing taxes for them. Exceptions to this policy are for Family Child Care providers, people who work at the chapel, or referees on post.

Community members can find out when they will get their refund by visiting www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96596,00.html?portlet=7. The taxpayer will need to enter their name, Social Security number, filing status and estimated amount of refund.

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Welcome back: More 12th CAB Soldiers return

Photos by Bryan Gatchell, USAG Ansbach Public Affairs



Pfc. Ryan Swift holds daughter Hanna Swift at a coming home ceremony for Soldiers of 12th Combat Aviation Brigade Jan. 25 at Katterbach Kaserne.



(Above) Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Houston talks to his baby Joshua during a coming home ceremony Jan. 25 at Katterbach Kaserne. (Right) Sgt. Kimberly Amadi hugs her daughter Allison during a coming home ceremony Jan. 25 at Katterbach Kaserne.



Soldiers of 3rd Assault Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade; 5th General Support Bn., 158th AR, 12th CAB; and 2nd Attack Bn., 159th AR, 12th CAB, march into Hangar 2 at Katterbach Kaserne Jan. 25 during their coming home ceremony.

Commentary:

Civilian fitness, wellness program to serve up lifestyle changes, time off for exercise

By Bryan Gatchell,

USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Editor's note: This is the first part in a four-part series on the Civilian Fitness and Wellness Program from the perspective of one of its participants.

Physical training is an enormous part of the Soldier's life. During their careers they must push up countless times, run seemingly endless miles, and heft back- and shoulder-straining loads, all to prepare physically for the rigors of possible duty downrange.

Civilians like me that work for the Army, on the other hand, have no such prerogative. Some have demanding occupations, but usually there is nothing extraordinarily physical about the work we do that would recommend an exercise regimen. For civilians who wish to incorporate programmatic physical exercise and learn to live healthier, however, there is the Civilian Fitness and Wellness Program.

I have only recently come into the habit of regular exercise. In middle school, if given the choice of playing either kickball or basketball, I would sit in the corner of our grim, carpeted gymnasium and remove the antennae and legs of the cricket population. In high school I was in the marching band. In college I took bowling. Consistently I chose the path of least physical resistance.

Outside of weekend hiking or biking excursions, I finally started exercising for exercise's sake when I became a Department of the Army civilian at Fort Polk, La. There I ran the path around the usually sweltering golf course. This afternoon pastime was a distraction from the relative lack of wholesome nightlife activities in the surrounding area.

The exercise habit broke when I moved to El Paso, Texas, to work at Fort Bliss. After more than a year there, I noticed that, according to the body-mass index, I had drifted into the overweight category, lightly moored to the normal category. I

began counting my caloric input and performed regular exercise by jogging around the city park across the street from me in sweltering – but dry – weather. Eventually I ran roughly 10 kilometers a day and was fitter than I had ever been before.

Again, when I moved to Ansbach, Germany, in October, I broke the habit. With the complications of moving, I had forestalled my routine. When the Civilian Fitness and Wellness Program opened up on post, I saw in it an opportunity to not only take three hours of administrative leave from work to exercise, but to acquaint myself with some of the healthy activities available in the Ansbach area so I might rebuild a routine and get back to healthy living.

The stated goals of the program, according to U.S. Army Public Health Command's website, are to encourage civilians employed by the Army "to engage in a regular program of exercise and other health habits." As part of this, commanders and supervisors may allow three one-hour exercise sessions each week during normal work hours during a six-month period.

Heading up the program is Elizabeth Schuster-Shoaf, the public health nurse for Katterbach Health Clinic. My notion of the program was that of getting to jog outside and spin at the gym during work hours. The program, according to Schuster-Shoaf, was more than that.

"Fitness and wellness go hand in hand," said Schuster-Shoaf. "Why is it that people work out? Most people say because they want to look great, but honestly to me it's 'I want to feel great.' The wellness piece is that if you are working your body really hard, are you doing the other things to repair your body? ... Are you loading up on electrolytes before you work out and post-workout are you getting a good protein source? You have to feed your body after that work. But are you feeding it properly?"

The program makes sense for the Army, in that a healthy



Bryan Gatchell / USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jesus Rocha performs hanging leg lifts at Katterbach Physical Fitness Center Jan. 30. Physical fitness centers at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, USAG Bamberg and USAG Schweinfurt are available for civilian use.

workforce is a happy, useful workforce.

"The concept is awesome: wanting to get people healthy," said Schuster-Shoaf. "The reality is if we feel better, we're more productive people. We're going to be better at work, we'll have less call-offs, so from a business standpoint, it makes so much sense to me."

Part of the program includes educating participants in simple nutrition. Schuster-Shoaf gave an example:

"A lot of people think [sports drinks are] a great source of potassium," she said. "One banana has only [120 Calories], and you need to drink two gallons of [sports drink] to equal the potassium of a banana."

I recalled that after the better part of an hour on an elliptical trainer that I didn't have an exceptional yen for a tall, cold banana, but instead had a sports drink. Schuster-Shoaf assured me that exercise would probably counterbalance the excessive sugar of the sports drink.

The main question of the program was not whether I met superficial goals, but after it was over, had I dedicated myself to healthier living.

"Most people want to lose X amount of pounds by this, and that's all that they look at, which is a start," said Schuster-Shoaf. "That is the fitness part. You have to exercise and do certain things

to lose weight, but honestly I'm hoping that people look at overall wellness and that's where I want to follow up.

"It's a lifestyle change, it really is," she continued. "A lot of people get into these fitness and wellness programs with a quick fix in mind, and it's not. ... It's a commitment to a lifestyle change. But the benefits are wonderful and they will keep giving, and these are things we can share with our family and our children. Like the flu it can be very contagious, but in a good way."

To someone accustomed to the path of least resistance, the idea of changing my lifestyle did not sound promising. Nevertheless, I have entered my thirties and I remembered the adage "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." No longer could I class regular medical checkups in the same distant future category as hovercars, so I decided to keep with the program, no matter how good it was for me.

Army civilians still have the opportunity to join up with the program. To learn more about the Army Civilian Fitness and Wellness Program, or if you have other health-related questions, call Liz Schuster-Shoaf at DSN 467-3400 or 09802-83-3400 or email Elizabeth.a.schustershoaf@us.army.mil. Her office is located in Room 230 on the second floor of Bldg. 5814 at Katterbach Kaserne.

Franconia Military Community Announcements

Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccines are now available at your local health clinic. An annual average of 36,000 deaths and 226,000 hospitalizations occur each year in the 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>.

DLA Disposition Services Sites Closure

DLA Disposition Services Sites in Schweinfurt and Grafenwoehr will be closed Feb. 18 through 22 to train site staff on a new enterprise-wide operating system. Sites will re-open Feb. 25 for property turn-in. Reutilization, Transfer, Donation and Hazardous Waste Disposal services will resume March 4. For any urgent matters during the closure period, the site team can be contacted at 09721-96-8277 in Schweinfurt or 09641-83-6384 in Grafenwoehr.

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

Recycling Idea

Repurpose kitchen appliances by turning an old coffeemaker into a new fishbowl. Just be sure to keep it unplugged and far away from the real thing to prevent early a.m. mix-ups.

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.

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.

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Ansbach Community Announcements

Send all announcements to Ansbach Public Affairs at usarmy.ansbach.imcom-europe.list.webmaster@mail.mil.

Commissary Grand Opening

The new Commissary at Urlas will be officially opened Feb. 5 at 9:45 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The community is invited to come and see the new facility and enjoy special activities by vendors all day long. Please be aware that for moving purposes the old Commissary building at Katterbach will be closed after Feb. 2; there will be no shopping possible Feb. 3 and 4.

Inclement Weather Info

For up-to-date information on weather conditions, visit our new "What You Should Know when Inclement Weather Comes to USAG Ansbach" at www.ansbach.army.mil/web%20pages/InclementWeather.asp. You can find the link to the 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 Centers

Don't forget, your tax centers will open next week: Katterbach Tax Center (third floor in ACS building) opens Feb. 4 at 2 p.m.; the Tax Center at Storck opens Feb. 5 (regular opening hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Walk-in customers will be accepted; however, it is recommended to make an appointment to avoid unnecessary waiting time. Call Katterbach Tax Center at 467-2324 (09802-83-2324) and Storck Tax Center at 467-4511 (09841-83-4511).

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 HPRAs are 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 HPRAs support 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



The Wait is Almost Over

Commissary Grand Opening

February 5

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY
BEGINS 9:45 A.M.

Spectacular savings, food sampling, drawings for prizes and more!

Your old commissary will close forever at 6 p.m. Feb. 2

No commissary services available Feb. 3-4 in Ansbach

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.

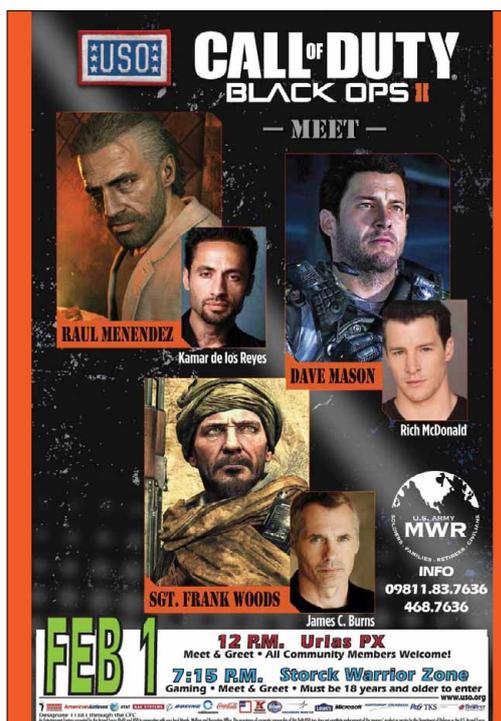
Closures and Changes

Commissary Closure

The Ansbach Commissary will be closed Feb. 3 and 4. The new commissary will open Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. in the new facility at Urlas.

Resurfacing of B-14

Resurfacing is ongoing for state road B-14 along Urlas 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



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FOR THE NEW KATTERBACH FITNESS CENTER

**1 P.M.
20 FEB 2013
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BETWEEN BOWLING AND RECYCLING CENTERS**

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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

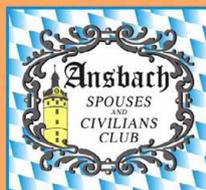
The USAG Ansbach intramural basketball games take place at Katterbach Physical Fitness Center from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Games are played Thursdays. The final game will be played on Feb. 28 at Katterbach PFC. On this night, the 2012 Eagle Cup will also be given out to the winning Unit.

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



2013 ASCC Scholarship Applications are now available for:

- Graduating high school seniors
- ASCC members attending college
- Children of ASCC members attending college

Email asscscholarships@gmail.com or see your school counselor for more information.

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.

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 gsansbach@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

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

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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.



Community Dress Swap

Hosted by: LOG ANSC

Dress Collection: Feb. 27, 9 - 11 a.m.
@ Longbow Lounge, Storck Barracks

Dress "Shopping": Feb. 27, 12 - 2 p.m. 5 6 - 8 p.m.
@ Longbow Lounge, Storck Barracks

Need a dress for the Monte Carlo Night, Gunstinger ball or Prom?

Bring your dress, shoes and accessories to the DRESS SWAP to lend, sell or give away.

Guidelines:

- Ensure your items are clearly marked: "for sale" (w/ price), "borrow" or "give away."
- Payment must be made during the event.
- Ladies borrowing or selling items must have the contract form filled out. (Extra contracts will be available at event.)
- Borrowed dresses must be dry-cleaned at drop off and return.



Questions? Contact
illesheim3159@hotmail.com

All participants will be required to sign a contract agreeing not to hold any FRG, PFC, or the 12th CA, or its staff, members responsible for any damage. All sales are final. All dresses loaned will be required to be dry-cleaned by the person loaning it before returning it.

Bamberg Community Announcements

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

Estate Claims

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. Enrique Mondragon of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Special Troops Battalion, should contact the summary court officer, 1st Lt. Stuart Erkes, at 0951-300-7996.

Ash Wednesday Service

The Bamberg Community Chapel will have an Ash Wednesday Service from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 13. The community is invited to attend.

Black History Month Celebration

U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg will have a Black History Month Celebration from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Warner Conference Center. The cost is \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the Cool Beans Cafe in the Community Activity Center, Bldg. 7047. Come enjoy some cool jazz, soul food and inspirational words from guest speaker, Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, commander of Headquarters Allied Force Command Heidelberg. For more information, call 0951-300-8624.

Claim Lost or Stolen Property

If you have lost or stolen items that have been missing for the last six 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.

Red Cross Volunteer Orientation

Come and learn how you can become a volunteer with the American Red Cross Feb. 1 and 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Army Community Service building. Please call and RSVP no later than the day before each scheduled orientation. For additional information or questions, stop by 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 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 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 start the first Tuesday of every month and meet from 9

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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@mail.mil.

Youth and Teens

Children's Story Time

Join American Red Cross volunteer Stephanie Crain for a Children's Story Time at 4 p.m. Feb. 6 and 20 at the library. The stories are appropriate for those ages 3 to 6.

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

USAG Bamberg Presents
2013 Black History Month Celebration

Date: 21 February 2013
Time: 1130-1300 Hours
Location: Warner Conference Center
Ticket Price: \$10.00
Ticket Availability: Tickets may be purchased at the "Cool Beans Café", in the CAC, BLDG. # 7047.

Guest Speaker
LTJG John W. Morgan III

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Please join us as we pause to celebrate the contributions, culture and legacy of African-Americans. We are privileged to have as our Special Guest Speaker, LTJG John W. Morgan III, Commander, Headquarters, Allied Force Command Heidelberg. Come enjoy some cool jazz, soul food and inspirational words! Hope to see you there!
For additional information call: DSN 469-8624

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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 Games 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 (1-12, 13-22 & 23-30)
31 August & 1 September German Club Championships
14 & 15 September American Club Championship
3 October End of Season Tournament
24 October Last Day of Thursday Night Scramble
22 November Turkey Shoot Tournaments begin
8 December Nikolaus Tournament
21 December Last Turkey Shoot Tournament

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The ProShop is open Mon-Sun 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (0951) 300 8953

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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 Bldg. 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 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

New Year's Resolution

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Personal Trainer
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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 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.

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.

Vehicle Registration Office Closure

The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed Feb. 18. For more information, call 0951-300-7580.

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Arts And Crafts

Matting & Framing

Basic Matting and Framing Classes are held every third Saturday, 10 a.m. and the following Thursday, 6 p.m. - \$15 per person

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

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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.

Library Events

There is a Gamers' Challenge that meets every Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 0951-300-1740.



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Schweinfurt Community Announcements

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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.

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

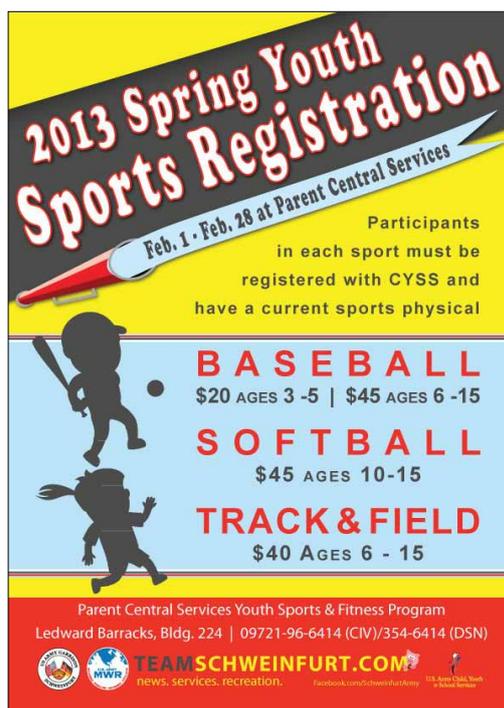
BASEBALL
\$20 AGES 3 - 5 | \$45 AGES 6 - 15

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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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

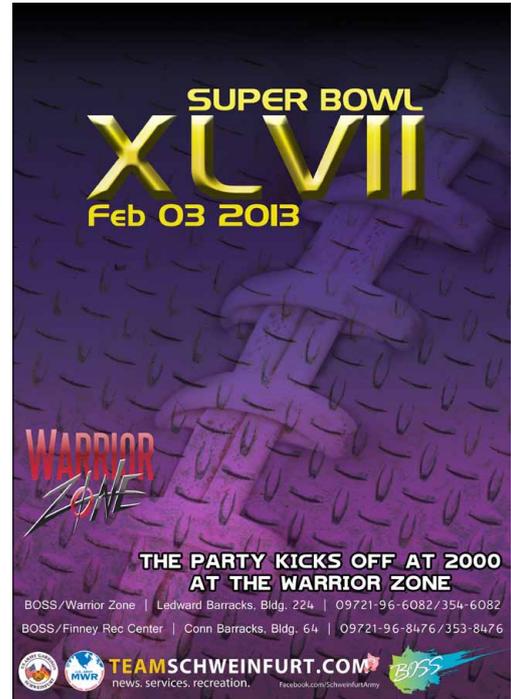
Young ladies, the Smart Girls program is up and running again. Topics include life skills, healthy eating, fitness,

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

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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.

SKIES unlimited

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

Winter EVENT WRAP-UP

CEREMONIES * TRAININGS
SPECIAL EVENTS * CLASSES
CONTESTS * SPORTING EVENTS

DECEMBER	
Dec. 3 - 7	Community Clean Sweep Housing Areas Daily
Dec. 5	Story Time with Santa Ledward Library 4-5 p.m.
Dec. 8	Service Saturday Meet at Commissary 9-11 a.m.
Dec. 8-9	ODR Ski Trip to Garmisch Meet at ODR All Day
Dec. 11-13	AFAP Conference Conn Club 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dec. 14	Children's Christmas Play Ledward Chapel 6 p.m.
Dec. 23	Boss Christmas Dinner Warrior Zone 6 p.m.

JANUARY	
Jan. 6	BOSS Spades Tournament Finney Rec Center 4 p.m.
Jan. 7-11	Community Clean Sweep Housing Areas Daily
Jan. 17 - Feb. May 16-	Thursday Bowling League Bowling Center 7-10 p.m.
Jan. 18-21	ODR Ski Trip to Austria Meet at ODR All Day
Jan. 18	Community Winterfest Finney Gym 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Jan. 21	Smooth Move Class ACS 10-11 a.m.
Jan. 8 - 28	Destination Schweinfurt Date and location varies by class

FEBRUARY	
Feb. 1	Parent Conferences Elementary/Middle School TBA
Feb. 3	Super Bowl Party Warrior Zone 5 p.m.
Feb. 5-21	Unit Level B-Ball Champs -Tue, Wed, Thu- 6-9:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Service Saturday Meet at Commissary 9-11 a.m.
Feb. 14	ACS Lunch Bunch Meet at ACS 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Feb. 15-18	ODR Ski Trip to Italy Meet at ODR All Day
Feb. 19	BOSS Dinner on the Town Meet at Warrior Zone 6:30 p.m.

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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 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](#).

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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.

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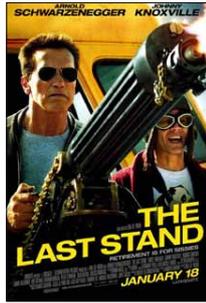
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- Feb. 1 - Broken City (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 2 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 3 p.m.;
The Last Stand (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 3 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 3 p.m.;
The Last Stand (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 4 - Broken City (R) 7 p.m.

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- Feb. 1 - Cloud Atlas (R) 7 p.m.
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- Jan. 31 - Argo (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 1 - The Man with the Iron Fists (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 2 - Cloud Atlas (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 3 - Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 3 p.m.

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- Jan. 31 - Paranormal Activity 4 (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 1 - Gangster Squad (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 2 - House at the End of the Street (PG-13) 4 p.m.;
Gangster Squad (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 3 - House at the End of the Street (PG-13) 4 p.m.;
Gangster Squad (R) 7 p.m.
- Feb. 6 - Zero Dark Thirty (R) 7 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Tips

Water-saving Tips

If you eat meat, add one meatless meal a week into your diet. Meat costs a lot and it's even more expensive when you consider the related environmental and health costs. Nitrates and used antibiotics are polluting our groundwater.

Consider the use of clear vinegar and lemon juice for cleaning your home. It's cheap and clean and does not pollute the groundwater. The use of vinegar instead of fabric softener will keep the colors and will soften your laundry as well.

Energy-saving Tips

Compared to what is coming out of the tap, bottled water is a bad investment. It is expensive and takes a lot of fossil fuel for production, packaging and transportation. In Germany, the drinking water from the tap is better controlled than any bottled mineral water. If necessary, filter the water before use.

If you will ever have your own house, a caravan, household appliances or even a new watch, consider the use of sunlight. Utilize solar power and save resources!

Recycling

You bought some nice, new things? Consider recycling the packaging. A lot of plastics have to be separated from paper, cardboard and metal.

Do you have a lot of trash after lunch every working or school day? Why not use refillable Tupperware and bottles!

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.

Feb. 2 Ehrwald Ski/Snowboard \$45
Join Outdoor Recreation on a trip to the Central Eastern Alps for a day of skiing in Ehrwald, Austria. Certified instructors are available upon advance request. The cost is \$45 or \$59 with equipment rental. Price does not include lift tickets.

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 09802-833225.

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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.

Feb. 7 Tour Under Bamberg \$25
This unique trip through tunnels under Bamberg gives tourists a view of the city that shouldn't be missed. The tunnels are generally cool and damp. Wear appropriate clothing and bring a flashlight. The trip departs ODR at 5 p.m. and returns at approximately 8 p.m.

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

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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.

March 16-17 Garmisch Weekend Ski Trip \$159
Two days of skiing and snowboarding in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. The trip departs March 16 and returns March 17 at approximately 11 p.m. The trip costs \$159, which includes transportation, one overnight stay with breakfast and half price on ski and snowboard rentals. Lift ticket is not included.

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

Was ist los in Franken?

By Bianca Sowders,
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Magic Flute Musical in Nürnberg

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

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: Open Shop Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Neustadt a.d. Aisch: Lichtmessmarkt, Feb. 3 – Bahnhofstrasse
- Gunzenhausen: Lichtmessmarkt and Open Shop 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

Night of Musicals in Gunzenhausen

The Night of Musicals at the Bamberger Konzert- und Kongresshalle (Mufstraße 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 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.gruenhalle.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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