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New Ansbach Commissary opens: Features include more space, 'green' tech, expanded selection

By Stephen Baack,
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ANSBACH, Germany – In what's been called the latest addition in strengthening the quality of life for Soldiers, Families and civilians of the Franconia Military Community, the new Ansbach Commissary opened Feb. 5 at Urlas.

Lt. Col. Michael Runey, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt, spoke on behalf of Col. Kelly Lawler, U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach commander. Before his remarks about the new commissary, Runey had a daunting job: to give thanks to those who made the building of the Army's newest Commissary a reality.

Runey thanked Soldiers, Families and civilians of the Franconia Military Community, including a list of leaders who were instrumental in the construction of the facility, including Lawler. Runey also gave recognition to "our German friends – our allies, our compatriots that make living in Franconia, in the heart of Germany, such a wonderful experience."

Although the Army pulled Lawler away for another commitment during the last phase of the commissary's construction and its



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Minutes after the Ansbach Commissary's official opening Feb. 5, patrons shop at the brand-new store that features expanded bakery, deli and produce sections, wider aisles and a larger shopping area.

opening, Runey emphasized Lawler's desire to be present for the opening by passing along a message that included, among other wishes, that those participating in the opening have fun. Indeed, Runey affirmed that "fun and

excitement are in the air."

On behalf of the Franconia Military Community, Runey next gave special thanks to the Defense Commissary Agency and the (COMMISSARY, on [Page 3](#))

USAG Schweinfurt ban on late-night alcohol sales effective Feb. 18

By Nathan Van Schaik,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – Army and AAFES leaders agreed to limit the sale of alcohol from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 18 here at the shoppettes as part of a larger safety campaign.

The combined decision prohibiting the sale of beer, wine and liquor past 10 p.m. at the shoppettes on Conn and Ledward Barracks was the result of a study of how best to address high-risk behavior among Schweinfurt Soldiers and Families.

"With insight from our senior Army leadership, our provost marshal and our drug and alcohol counselor, together we decided to take action on a problem that threatens the safety

of our Soldiers, the safety of the military community and the safety of all of Schweinfurt," said Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Michael Runey. "Creating a safe environment is our focus."

The study's findings point to alcohol as a catalyst to high-risk behavior such as drunken driving, sexual assault, domestic abuse or thoughts of suicide. The USAG Schweinfurt shoppettes have served as a "re-load" point for those high-risk community members at times when command and community help is least available. Focusing sales during normal operating hours is a realist approach to a dangerous situation – one the German community also uses, Runey said.

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File Photo

Dancers perform during the U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Black History Month celebration in 2012. This year the garrison will celebrate Black History Month with a luncheon Feb. 21. Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, commander of Headquarters Allied Force Command, will be the guest speaker. To read more on this story, see [Page 2](#).

USAREUR commander addresses community

By Lt. Gen. Don Campbell,
U.S. Army Europe Commander

Hello U.S. Army Europe,

It is wonderful to be back in Europe! Ann and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to once again join the tremendous team here at U.S. Army Europe. I'm honored to be afforded the opportunity to serve you – the Soldiers, Civilians, Families and host nation supporters that shape this dedicated community – and I feel it necessary to thank you all for what you have done and continue to do every day.

USAREUR is in a time of transition. Our headquarters has a new home in Wiesbaden, we are in the process of deactivating two long-storied brigades, and we are reducing our garrison footprint across Europe. This transition makes us leaner, better organized, and more agile. In the end we will be better



**Lt. Gen.
Don Campbell**

prepared to face the challenges of the future.

I'm here at an interesting time, as one of those challenges is at our doorstep today. As you all know, our nation as a whole is currently facing fiscal uncertainty and our Army is not immune to that. With this difficult time come tough decisions about how to navigate the road ahead and balance fiscal responsibility with the readiness of our force and the well-being of our families. I am committed to ensuring that our workforce stays informed and understands the measures taken and the reasons for them. As always, I encourage all of you to rely on your chain of command and command information channels for timely and accurate information as we navigate these uncertain times.

One thing is clear: Regardless of resources or troop levels, no less will be asked of us. We have made impressive gains with our allies and partners over the last decade, but our challenge will be to maintain and build upon these gains in a postwar era of competing resources.

This means that as an organization we will need to focus on fundamentals and on

imperatives like, discipline, comprehensive fitness, leader development and teamwork. I expect leaders and Soldiers alike to follow these command imperatives that I have come to trust as a sound formula for developing units into a team of teams that is ready to accomplish any mission. You will soon be seeing AFN spots and other means of communication that reinforce these imperatives.

We must continue to remain focused on accomplishing all missions while always ensuring the resiliency of our families. I expect all leaders to assist me in promoting a positive command climate; instilling trust up and down the chain of command that reinforces and exemplifies our Army Values and the Warrior Ethos of our combat proven force. Together we will continue to make our overseas home and the USAREUR team better every day.

I consider it an honor and privilege to lead this historic team and look forward to seeing you all in your formations and communities around Europe.

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!

– LTG Don Campbell

Allied Force Commander to speak at Black History Celebration

By Heidi Sanders,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg will celebrate Black History Month with a luncheon on Feb. 21 at the Warner Conference Center.

The event is open to the community. The luncheon will start at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the Cool Beans Café in the Community Activity Center, Building 7047.

Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, commander of Headquarters Allied Force Command, will be

the guest speaker.

"He was very gracious and committed to coming down here to be our guest speaker," said Master Sgt. Matthew Waldron, USAG Bamberg's Equal Opportunity adviser.

Morgan was previously stationed in Bamberg as the Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) for the 1st Infantry Division.

"He is also going to tour his old stomping grounds and see Bamberg for the last time before it closes," Waldron said.

Waldron said the menu for the

luncheon will be soul food.

"We will have the typical common dishes served in African American families throughout history," he said.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 0951-300-8624.

Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, commander of Headquarters Allied Force Command, will speak at U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's Black History Month celebration Feb. 21 at Warner Conference Center.



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A group that includes members of the Franconia Military Community cut the ribbon Feb. 5, officially opening the new Ansbach Commissary for business. Minutes later, a flood of shoppers filled the aisles.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for building what he called an “amazing facility” and “an engineer’s dream,” as it has a bundle of environmental technologies that have earned it the title of “greenest” commissary to date.

Although Runey said he was impressed with the technologies that include water-efficient landscaping, daylight-harvesting and LED lighting, high-efficiency heating and air conditioning, and a photovoltaic power generation system, he said the community is excited for that and more.

“I can certainly tell you that, for the community members, we really are excited just to be here,” Runey said. He added that DeCA invested heavily, both monetarily and in design, but said what’s more important is that they have “empowered and enabled a thriving military community.”

“Ansbach will continue to grow and thrive as it accomplishes the missions that are provided to the tactical units here, and we thank you for your investment in us,” he said.

Cheryl Conner, DeCA Europe area director, also spoke during the event. She thanked those instrumental to the

commissary’s construction, but focused most of her comments on the people she considers most important to the operation – the patrons.

“I got a good look at the store yesterday and this morning, and I know you will not be disappointed,” she said. “Whether you’re single, married with a family, a retiree or a DoD civilian serving here, you will find this a truly exciting store.”

Conner said the facility was built with patrons’ surcharge dollars.

“That 5 percent that’s added to your commissary receipts – your money built this great facility, and it is your commissary,” she said.

Col. D. Peter Helmlinger, district commander, Europe District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, also spoke, thanking three behind-the-scenes organizations: USACE, the Bauamt (German construction agency) and the construction contractor, for the two years of work that have led to the opening of a facility that is designed to improve the shopping experience and quality of life of its patrons.

“It takes a team to deliver a project of this magnitude,” he said. “We’re all proud



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Cheryl Conner, DeCA Europe area director, speaks during the Feb. 5 opening ceremony for the new Ansbach Commissary at Urlas. She thanked the patrons and those instrumental to the commissary’s construction.

members of a larger team, and that team is helping to modernize the community.”

The 46,000-square-foot Ansbach commissary is nestled beside the Ansbach Exchange with an indoor thoroughfare and shared parking. Runey said the pairing is important.

“These are, really, community places,” Runey said. “Just coming in this morning and listening to one of the family members – that she’s really excited about what this means to her and her family – it’s a community place. It puts them in touch with what they know and the standards that they hope they have. It’s just amazing.”

Mary Lawler, wife of the USAG Ansbach commander, said the commissary “is going to be a great addition to our community,” especially for the Soldiers coming back from the deployment who will have that much more to be excited about.

Runey also talked about the Soldiers and the commissary’s importance to them. He said half the Soldiers assigned to Europe have never been in the Army before, and nine out of 10 have never been to Europe previously.

“This is a key part of helping them get off the ground here in Europe, feel like they have a place that’s familiar, and they understand it,” he said. “As they branch out and expand into the German community – which they will soon – this is also that taste of home that they’re familiar with.”

Army must complete analysis before opening jobs to women

WASHINGTON – Last month, the Secretary of Defense announced an end to the Direct Ground Combat Exclusion Rule for female Soldiers. But the Army wants commanders in the field to know that it will be some time before they’ll be able to make any changes in their units.

“There will be no immediate changes,” said Col. Linda Sheimo, chief of the Command Programs and Policy Division at the Human Resources Policy Directorate. ...

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Jill Biden visits U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – Jill Biden, Ph.D., wife of Vice President Joe Biden, spent a day visiting military families, teachers, students and Soldiers, Feb. 2, in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

While at U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr, Biden read to children at the USO, spoke with teachers at the Grafenwoehr Elementary School, visited with military families and lunched with Soldiers at the dining facility. ...

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A total of 74 drunken driving cases were reported in 2012 within the USAG Schweinfurt operational area, a 22 percent increase from the year prior, according to numbers released by the provost marshal's office.

The large majority of drunken driving cases are occurring on weekend evenings between midnight and 8 a.m. while most alcohol-related assaults are between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., according to Alan Hoffman, the Army Substance Abuse Program manager who has been tracking military police blotter reports since July of 2012.

But DUIs, according to Runey, are only part of the story.

"Sexual assault, domestic abuse, suicide and related events also have a strong tie to abuse of alcohol. And we know the practice of 'impulse' purchases of additional alcohol has contributed to many bad situations," Runey said.

"Binge drinking is associated with a huge number of bad outcomes on our garrison and across the Army," Hoffman said. "We noticed when tracking blotters that 65 percent of assaults on our garrison involved blood alcohol levels well past the point of intoxication. I hope these changes will slow down those last two to four drinks past midnight that are getting people hurt."

There are two shoppettes located at USAG Schweinfurt: one at Ledward Barracks and another at Conn Barracks, which is currently the only 24-hour shoppette.

The shoppette on Conn Barracks will close late nights, according to AAFES management. The Conn shoppette, beginning Feb. 18, will operate Monday through Friday from 5 a.m.–midnight, Saturday from 8 a.m.–midnight, and Sunday from 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

The Ledward shoppette's hours remain unaffected.

The late-night non-sale of alcohol at the



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A new limit on alcohol sales at the Conn and Ledward shoppettes is set to go into effect Feb. 18. The Conn shoppette will close late nights, but nearby Esso stations remain open 24 hours.

shoppette reflects the hours that convenience stores in Germany stop selling alcohol as required by law. The goal is to prevent impulse buys, Runey said.

Runey worked with unit commanders and AAFES regional headquarters to modify the access times to alcohol on-post. The Air Force passed a similar measure last year in the Kaiserslautern Military Community. The ban there affected the sale of all beer, wine and liquor at 24-hour on-base shoppettes, including the one on Pulaski Barracks run by the Army.

Two Esso fuel stations within a one-mile radius of USAG Schweinfurt remain open 24 hours for those requiring fuel.

The Esso station located on Landwehr Strasse 37 is on the B 286 between St. Josef Hospital and the Schweinfurt main

train station. The Esso station at Am Oberen Marienbach 14 is located east on Niederwerrner Strasse across from Panorama Hotel and near a bowling alley. Both stations offer both regular and diesel fuel.

"Social and responsible drinking is our goal not only in Schweinfurt but across the Army," Runey said. "We want people to enjoy their off-duty time. We also are responsible as commanders and community members to enable our Soldiers, civilians and family members to create a positive, healthy environment. This focusing of alcohol sales with our AAFES partnership is only one of the many steps leaders across Schweinfurt are taking. Safety is paramount, and we are committed to the strength and resilience of our community."

Commentary:

Marriage about spiritual growth rather than self-fulfillment

By Chaplain (Maj.) Doug Downs,
USAG Ansbach Family Life

One of the joys that we chaplains have is providing training opportunities for Soldiers and spouses that will equip them with tools to enhance their marriage. The targeted result is healthier, more resilient Soldiers and Families. We are not alone providing these resources, but we as Christian chaplains do have a perspective that is unique and is the source that enables us to offer guidance, hope and power that can indeed strengthen

our marriages and will result in resilient Soldiers and Families.

Knowing how marriage is elevated in God's sight gives us a powerful perspective. The Apostle Paul writing to the Ephesian church (Eph 5:25-28) said that marriage is an earthly picture that is modeled after Christ's relationship with the Church. The love, sacrifice and dedication that Jesus demonstrated, dying on the cross for a world that rejected him, is also to be demonstrated in our marriages.

One of the programs that I use

to facilitate Strong Bonds couples training is called Marriage LINKS which stands for Lasting Intimacy through Knowledge and Skills. It explores five areas or bonds that must continually be re-balanced in order to build and maintain a close intimate bond that will weather the natural ups and downs, difficulties and challenges we all face in our marriages. The five sessions explore relentlessly pursuing intimacy, respectfully cultivating trust, reciprocally meeting needs, resiliently charting your course,

and romantically renewing your union. These bonding dynamics take on a fuller meaning when we realize that marriage is not about self-fulfillment but rather spiritual growth.

Our marriage relationships are esteemed in the same manner as Christ's relationship to the Church. Because of this awesome truth, we can find the courage and strength to forgive, serve and give of ourselves to each other as an expression of our thankfulness and worship of God.

USAG Ansbach dental clinics bring smiles to children off post

By Bryan Gatchell,

USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

ANSBACH, Germany – The spirit of giving is not limited to late December. Members of the Katterbach and Illesheim dental clinics visited the Kinder-Jugend-Familienhilfe Ansbach Kastanienhof, a home for children of troubled families, Jan. 31 to donate toys collected during the holiday season.

The Kastanienhof provides a stay-in residence for children 12 to 18 years old and a daycare for younger children with the goal of providing a stable, nurturing environment for children from difficult home lives.

“The state pays for staying here, for eating here, and for people caring, but for everything else, we really depend on donations,” said Sabine Baumgarten, the master of social management of Kastanienhof, “so we are really happy we have here all this wonderful stuff. We have a lot of room to use it.”

“It’s always good to [support] the community you live in,” said Lt. Col. Alex Eke, the commander of Katterbach Dental Clinic. “We also want to bring to the forefront the needs of this particular disadvantaged youth home. It’s in our collective interest to help as well as be helped. That is why we do it.”

“They are very happy we are doing something for them,” said Marianne Teubner, Eke’s office assistant. “A lot of places would rather take money, but they are saying they have a lot of needy people and children that they are happy to distribute these presents that we have collected to.”

The staff of the two dental clinics perform other voluntary work, including tutoring at the garrison schools and coaching extracurricular sports.

“I am very grateful to the men and women of Katterbach Dental Clinic Command,” said Eke, “for their efforts in this respect and other volunteer work they do – tutoring in the Elementary School and volunteering for community service whenever we can. And this is part of it.”

“We really appreciate it,” said Baumgarten. “Our kids love



Bryan Gatchell / USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Alex Eke, commander of the Katterbach Dental Clinic, and Marianne Teubner, Eke's office assistant, pack boxes full of toys to be delivered to Kinder-Jugend-Familienhilfe Ansbach Kastanienhof, a home for children of troubled families, Jan. 31.

to run around to play, and play together football and soccer and everything else. We really thank everyone who participated in this donation.”

According to Eke, mobilizing his staff into spirit of giving was without difficulty.

“The effort was really effortless,” said Eke. “It was from the goodness of the men and women of Katterbach Dental Clinic Command that we decided to do something.”

The 35 individuals that comprise Katterbach and Illesheim dental clinics were able to provide several boxes of toys, games and sports equipment, which were expressly first-hand, to the Kastanienhof

“Everybody was really willing to participate and to buy gifts,” said Teubner. “We said

we didn’t want anything old or used or anything you could not use. We wanted something nice. And people did go out of their ways, and they went to other communities if they couldn’t find anything here locally to go shopping.”

Sgt. Daniel Medrano, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge, was pleased with the level of participation the effort received from lower enlisted Soldiers.

“It’s great to see them be able to participate in a program like this,” said Medrano. “For them to be able to take time and think about others, especially with such low-ranking Soldiers – they don’t get paid as much – they still take the time and effort and still spend the money to help donate and purchase gifts for these kids.

I think it’s a great idea, and it’s a good example for them, so when they’re future leaders, they can also instill these good qualities in their Soldiers.”

The response from the Soldiers and staff of the clinics pleased Teubner.

“They did it without having to remind them or anything,” she said. “I was surprised how many gifts piled up here.”

Several of the enlisted Soldiers who participated in the toy collection were also able to visit the home Jan. 31.

“They have pretty good facilities and you can tell [the children] are pretty well taken care of,” said Spc. Nick Williams.

“I came from a place like this, so it was pretty nice to come back and see the kids and see how they are living,” said Pfc. Dominique Owens.

Eke believes that there is plenty that USAG Ansbach groups can do for the Stadt Ansbach community including continuing to help the Kastanienhof.

“We are still accepting donations,” said Eke. “I would like to have it bigger this year.

“This is a very small token on our end,” he continued. “We want to attract a greater visibility, not just for this disadvantaged children’s home, but to all the charitable events that are happening in the Ansbach community.”

For some of the Soldiers, it was more about the individual act than anything larger.

“It was around Christmas time, and we had our hearts [set] on giving,” said Owens.

“You just take a chance to do something good and don’t worry about the credit for it,” said Williams. “We would have been fine dropping them off and leaving as long as some kids got to play with some toys they didn’t have before.”

“We’re all dental, so we help people all the time, everyday,” said Pfc. Zac Cornish. “We weren’t looking for anything in return, just the smiles on their faces was enough and letting them know that we’re here [and] we care.”

AAFES barber costs adjusted through Schweinfurt survey

By Margaret Gotheridge,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – Frustration with rising barber costs at community forums here recently prompted a cadre of Soldiers and civilians to field an assessment whose findings will be used to adjust the barber prices at AAFES barber shops, including those at Ledward and Conn Barracks.

For the past two years the cost of haircuts at the two AAFES barbershops on Conn and Ledward Barracks has been a point of contention at the USAG Schweinfurt Army Family Action Plan Conference – the annual grassroots conference aimed at identifying and pairing solutions to quality of life issues.

Schweinfurt community members who participated in the AFAP Conference last year priced haircuts on U.S. military installations in Europe at \$12, and that the price has increased annually since 2008, costing the

Soldiers \$24 to \$48 per month.

So each year the AAFES service department surveys local barber shop costs to determine the cost of a military haircut at AAFES barbershops. Here in Schweinfurt, two Soldiers, a civilian employee and two individuals who work for the AAFES hit the streets Jan. 22 to survey prices from four barber shops in the Schweinfurt area.

“The survey is about the barber prices. It is a mandatory annual thing we – everybody in AAFES – has to do,” said Petra Prell, an AAFES service technician and organizer of the Schweinfurt survey.

Prell and her team of surveyors identified four barbershops off-post within proximity that provide comparable services. Schweinfurt’s surveyors visited Max and Moritz, Friseur Gessener and Friseursalon Ebner and House of Hair.

House of Hair – located on Hainlein Strasse in Niederwerrn

– was the only barber to offer cheaper prices than what’s offered on-post.

Based on the findings, the average price for a military haircut off-post amounted to €10.50, which comes out to about \$14. The average price for a styled haircut was €15.50, or about \$21.

The price information gained from the survey is sent to the AAFES European regional headquarters where it will be tallied and averaged among other AAFES surveys conducted throughout Germany, Prell said.

AAFES establishes their barbershop price by taking 30 percent off the determined average price of military haircuts and 20 percent off for styled haircuts. If the calculated price is more than the already executed price for a haircut, the cost of a haircut will increase, said Prell.

“New prices, if there are changes to be implemented, will take into effect during March or



Margaret Gotheridge / USAG Schweinfurt PA

The cost of military-style haircuts on-post has been a hot topic here for years. So a cadre of Soldiers and civilians hit the streets Jan. 22 to tally local barbershop prices that will be used to determine future AAFES barbershop costs.

April,” said Prell.

Does AAFES try to offer Soldiers the cheapest military haircut option?

“We don’t try, we have to be,” Prell said.

Bamberg chapel offers classes to help refine parenting skills

By Heidi Sanders,
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany – Raising a child can be challenging, especially with the numerous deployments and moves that accompany life in the military.

The Bamberg Family Life Center is offering classes to help parents sharpen their skills.

“Kids don’t come with an instruction manual,” Chaplain (Maj.) Christopher Floro said. “I think what it (the class) helps to do is layout a set of tools for parents.”

The classes are currently facilitated by Joanne Coddington, an Army spouse and volunteer intern at the chapel’s Family Life Center who is pursuing a master’s degree in professional counseling through Liberty University.

The classes are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Family Life Center. The class runs for four weeks and new sessions begin the first Tuesday of each month. Free child care is provided during the classes.

The class uses the “Becoming a Love and Logic Parent” workbook, and parents who successfully complete the course receive a copy of the book “Parenting with Love and Logic.”

Floro said he started using the love and

logic curriculum while stationed at Fort Bragg and brought it with him to Bamberg.

“It’s not overtly Christian,” he said. “It has a Christian foundation to it.”

He said the course focuses on using empathy and consequences while building a healthy relationship with children.

“The best way to love them is to allow them to experience the consequences for things,” Floro said. “You do discipline, but in a loving way.”

Coddington, the mother of 8-year-old twins, said facilitating the courses has opened her eyes to some of her own parenting decisions. She said for example, she has learned not to do things for her children just because the way they are doing it is different than how she would do it or they are not doing it as quickly as she would like.

“We are sending a lot of negative messages to our kids (by doing things for them),” she said.

She said letting children make mistakes and learn from them is an important part of growing up.

“We let our kids fail at the small things now, so when they are older they won’t fail at the big things,” she said.

Coddington has led the parenting class four times previously, with three to four

participants in each session. She has also facilitated one-day classes for individuals.

She said the course has been well received by community members who have taken part in it.

Coddington said the course can be beneficial to any parent.

“No matter how good of a parent you are, there’s always room for improvement,” she said.

Floro said the course is designed for parents of children of all ages, although starting when children are young is preferred.

“The earlier we do it, the less negative stuff that will be there later,” he said.

Coddington said the course can be tailored to parents of children of any age.

“Some segments are geared toward parents with older children, but I tell the parents of younger children to store this away for the future,” she said.

Floro said there are plans to offer the class at least through the end of the school year.

“We know there is a huge need in the community,” he said.

To sign up for the parenting skills classes, call the chapel at 0951-300-1570 or 0951-300-9026, or send an email to christopher.d.floro.mil@mail.mil.

New housing guide designed with command support in mind

By Stephen Baack,
USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

Editor's note: This is the second part in a two-part series on the new housing guide issued in November from the Housing Office. Last week's article focused on what the housing guide was meant to do, whom it was meant to serve and how it should best be read. This week's article focuses on leadership support and rewarding those who do the right thing.

Without the support of leaders of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade and other Ansbach-area units, the USAG Ansbach Family Housing Handbook and Resident's Guide would be informative but ineffective as a means of enforcing standards for residents in Army housing.

Sgt. Maj. Paul G. Hutchings, who serves as the USAG Ansbach Directorate of Public Works sergeant major, said leaders have given "awesome support." Although Hutchings has drawn some of what is in the USAG Ansbach housing guide from nearby garrisons, the support of the final product from Col. Kelly Lawler, USAG Ansbach commander, is such that Lawler has sent the 60-plus-page document to other military communities as an example of what is working.

Hutchings said it's possible other military communities will come back with positive or negative feedback about the USAG Ansbach housing guide, but any feedback is good for improving it.

"We have a very close-knit relationship with the garrison command," said Master Sgt. Arthur Schreiner, the housing noncommissioned officer-in-charge, who added that he regularly communicates with the 12th CAB chain of command.

Schreiner said USAG Ansbach manages housing areas, but nearly all of the Soldiers are assigned to units other than garrison. This is why it's important for the Housing Office to have a close relationship to the units to correct problems as they arise



Courtesy Photo

in the housing areas. Building coordinators – those residents charged with ensuring residents are being good members of their housing communities – cannot correct every problem.

"It's very, very critical that leadership is involved in this," said Schreiner.

Schreiner used the example of Bleidorn Housing, which houses junior-enlisted Soldiers and their families. He said he's observed that, generally throughout the Army, leaders have not engaged their Soldiers and families at home as much as they used to. Schreiner said this has taken its toll noticeably on Bleidorn; however, he said this is changing as he continues communicating with company-level leaders about deficiencies.

"Without leadership involvement, I am ineffective," Schreiner said. "I can blow my whistle all day long, but if a first sergeant pulls you into the office because you can't clean up after yourself or you're doing the wrong things, you're probably going to get the message clearly. It's not from me. I have tools, but it's the first sergeant who's going to put the screws to you."

Schreiner said the biggest issues in the housing areas are motorcycle storage and parking, and storage of grills. The housing guide has given building coordinators ammunition with the ticketing process, he said, and now he is slowly starting to see the positive effects.

Through this process, Schreiner worked with Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford C. Cain, USAG Ansbach command sergeant major, to resolve a problem with an occupant's barking dogs.

"Over and over again, the Soldier received a warning letter; he received ticketing," Schreiner said. "I compiled all of that, sent it up to Sergeant Major Cain, and the occupant had to get rid of the dogs. So, cause and effect. As a [former] building coordinator, I endured the wonderful 'pleasure' of no ticketing. There was no policy to support me as a building coordinator. The ticketing process is the ultimate ammunition, with the warning letters, and then the forward effect from that.

"This," Schreiner said, tapping on the housing guide, "this was the basis of it. Now, we're building a program that is ultimately going to probably be the model housing program. That's what we're aiming for, for everyone to look at USAG Ansbach and say, 'Wow. They really got it. They get it.'"

Since Soldiers and family members come from different walks of life, for this program to work Schreiner said "there has to be a common meeting point. We have to all compromise at some point, but the bottom line is if we make those compromises, it's going to be great."

Schreiner and Hutchings are careful to point out there are also plenty of positive tools they have in the toolbox.

Hutchings said they are considering setting up a "Building of the Quarter" competition and rewarding winners with things like free movies and free games of bowling through the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation – in addition to a sign in front of the winner's quarters.

Hutchings and Schreiner also want to create incentives for building coordinators.

"No matter how you put it, being a building coordinator is an additional duty," Hutchings said. "He's not going to get promoted no matter how well he performs in his building coordinator duties. He's going to get promoted by how well he fixes helicopters, by how well he gets supplies and that sort of thing."

Hutchings said, however, that Lawler has proposed – if the circumstances are right – awarding a building coordinator with an Army Achievement Medal or even an Army Commendation Medal.

Whether it's the carrot or the stick, Hutchings said ultimately he wants "people doing the right thing simply because they want to do the right thing. It benefits them."

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

The USAG Ansbach Housing Office has revamped their housing guide. The office completed the Family Housing Handbook and Resident's Guide in November and is now in the process of printing and distributing it.

Be Romantic: Things to do in Schweinfurt for Valentine's Day

By Margaret Gotheridge,
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

SCHWEINFURT, Germany – Planning an event or buying a gift at the very last possible minute is probably not the best way to express your affection for someone. If you want to use Valentine's Day as a platform, now is the time to start planning. It's not too late. Here are a few helpful ideas.

Hungry for passion

Whether you are away from your spouse this holiday or want to plan a romantic evening for your spouse or family, here are some helpful tips that can assist you in making a memorable event.

- Valentine's Day hasn't always been celebrated in Germany. But ever since American Soldiers first brought the custom here after World War II, the holiday has been gaining some traction here. With that being said, and if you plan on eating out, make a reservation at whichever restaurant you choose. Some restaurants may already be booked. And don't forget: ask them if they're having any Valentine's Day specials. Some restaurants offer a romantic meal with a fixed menu.

- To find a local restaurant that satisfies your Epicurean delights, check out Buzz off base and Qype – both websites that provide crowd-sourced information regarding local eating establishments in the Schweinfurt area.

- Nothing impresses your sweetheart more than the seductive qualities of the spoken German language (Ich liebe Dich just rolls off the tongue). Keep a few German phrases in your back pocket. The Schweinfurt Army Community Service's "Helpful Tips and Translations" provides restaurant information and commonly used wording for a night out. Making a reservation at your restaurant of choice is as easy as filling in the blanks and using the phrase below:

"I would like to make a reservation for ___ people on fourteen February at ___ (time)."

„Ich möchte einen Tisch für ___ Personen am reservieren, am vierzehn Februar, ___ Uhr.“

- Bring the passion home with a romantic dinner. The Ledward Library has dozens of cook books, several of which offer instructions on how to make your own fondue or chocolate covered fruit. Your loved one will surely be impressed by your talents.

- If circumstance prevents you from being with the one you love on Valentine's Day, don't sit at home. Get together with other spouses in your situation. You and a couple of your closest friends can go out for a dinner on the town. Organize a pot luck dinner so everyone can stay in for the evening.

- Single Soldiers can unlock a new friendship or perhaps a new relationship at Schweinfurt BOSS's Find Your Lock Valentine's Day event. The males will be given a lock and the females will be given a key. The idea is to get to know new people by trying to find the right match. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the Warrior Zone on Ledward Barracks.

Actively giving love

If you are looking for gift ideas or want to know what activities are available for a special evening, here are a few ideas that will make your Valentine's Day a special one.

- Do you want to be the center of your own Valentine's Day celebration? Start by treating your mind, body and soul at the thermal bath at KissSalis. Just a half-hour north of Schweinfurt, in Bad Kissingen, the KissSalis spa offers several hot and cold thermal bath pools and a collection of saunas.

- Enjoy ice skating in the afternoon or evening with a loved one, a spouse or the entire family at the IceDome — the big blue building across from Yorktown Village. Adults can strap on a pair of skates for €3, or \$4.50, children €2, or \$3 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tues-Sun, and from 8-9:45 p.m. Mon, Tues, Wed, and Sun. If you don't have your own skates don't worry, the IceDome allows



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Valentine's Day is right around the corner. The garrison here has trips, events, a movie theater and a flower shop. Off post there are restaurants, thermal baths and more. Check out what else you can do in Schweinfurt to express your affection for someone.

you to rent them for €3. The rink is located on Willi Kaidel Str. 3.

- Kate's Flowers shop located on Ledward Barracks in front of the Main Exchange is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Order flowers today for pick-up or delivery on Feb. 14. Kate asks that if you order for Valentine's Day, do so before Feb. 8. You can even order via Skype at "Kates-flowers." For more, and to view some of Kate's flower arrangements, find "Katrin Köcher Kates Flowers" on Facebook .

- Going to the movies is a little more traditional. Check out what movies are at the Ledward Theater or which original version movies are at local the German movie theaters. If you are more interested in staying in and curling up on your couch to watch a good movie, can choose from more than 9,000 DVDs at the Ledward Library where you are bound to find one to your liking.

- Schweinfurt is located in the heart of the Franconian Wine Region and offers wine lovers an extraordinary opportunity for delectable wine excursions. This means there are several opportunities for you and your friends to get together for a wine tasting event by contacting one of these establishments or checking with Schweinfurt's Outdoor Recreation Center to see if they have any recommendations about places they often take community members on wine tours. There

are also several options for those willing to travel a little ways to Würzburg, including the Würzburg Residence wine cellar tour.

- What could be more romantic than giving your loved one the world? Well sort of. Plan a trip. If you and your loved one want to get away for the weekend, check for deals to nearby locations at Sato Vacations or travel with ODR. Single Soldiers can also check with their BOSS representative for any upcoming adventures. There is also a wealth of travel information located on the Bavarian News page that can help you plan your next trip.

- Individuals looking for shorter excursions won't have to look too far. Treat your spouse or family members like royalty and make plans to drive down the Castle Road. Explore beautiful castles and meander about in the shadows of castle ruins. Schweinfurt is also located near the Romantische Strasse or the Romantic Road, where you can grab your honey bunny and cruise down this beautiful stretch of landscape. Pack a picnic and eat your lunch next to some of the most remarkable views.

- Showing that you care about someone can be as easy as making them a macaroni necklace or a handmade Valentine's Day card. For a handcrafted gift you can find supplies at the Craft Studio or you can ask the helpful individuals there for ideas on how to make the most creative gift.



Spc. Latoya Dallas / USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

D.A.R.E. graduation: With the use of water bottles and pencils, fifth grade classmates from the Schweinfurt Elementary Middle School demonstrate how to 'say no' to the peer pressures of alcohol and cigarettes through an original skit during an event supported by the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program Jan. 31.

3-58 Aviation Operations Battalion wins Air Traffic Control Unit of the Year

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

ANSBACH, Germany – The Army Aviation Association of America awarded the Air Traffic Control unit of the year award Jan. 29 to 3rd Airfield Operations Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, for their outstanding performance in 2012.

The award recognizes 3-58th AOB as the best of all U.S. Army Air Traffic Control units at providing air traffic services, airfield operations and management, and overall support to aviation customers from all services and nationalities.

“These Soldiers and their Families deserve this distinguished honor, and Sgt. Maj. Terri Clavon and I could not be more proud of what they have accomplished and what they stand for. They truly are the best of the best,” said Lt. Col. Harold H. Whiffen, 3-58th AOB, commander.

The battalion is presently deployed to Tarin Kowt, in the southern region of Afghanistan, where, since June, it is responsible for airfield operations on a multinational forces base there.

The Army Aviation Association of America, or Quad-A, is the professional society for Army Aviators and their supporters. It is comprised of more than 20,000 members world-wide. Its mission is to create a forum for the Army Aviation community and to represent their interests to the Army and to Congress.

“The Army Aviation Association of America provides stiff competition for each of its unit and individual awards. For Soldiers

to receive this recognition is very special; it distinguishes them as the best of the US Army’s 31 air traffic control units. It signifies public recognition that these Soldiers are the best air traffic controllers, the best airfield managers, and members of the best support staff that the Army has to offer. Most importantly, it says that they, as a team, are truly exceptional at what they do,” said Whiffen.

Quad-A recognized 3-58th Airfield Operations Battalion as the premier AOB in the Army for 2012 because of significant impacts in the safety and efficiency of air operations 3-58th made in Afghanistan’s Regional Commands South and West during this deployment. From locations at Tarin Kowt and Farah, 3-58th AOB safely executed more than 30,000 movements of multinational manned and unmanned fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

The unit’s cooperative relationships in a joint and multinational environment ultimately aided in the development of commercial civil aviation operations at both Tarin Kowt and Farah. These efforts provided for safe and efficient aviation operations, but the unit’s most critical impact was the infrastructure and procedural development necessary to prepare the Coalition for the impending transition of these facilities to Afghanistan’s control.

Beyond the battlefield, the battalion’s philosophy of being “a family and a team” extends to the people in Germany and around the world who mean the most to the Soldiers. Whether the family and friends are sending care packages or excelling in the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade’s Combat Spouses Day, they

embody the spirit of these forward deployed Soldiers in word and deed, and they deserve much of the credit for the unit’s success.

The 3-58th AOB is stationed in Illesheim, Germany and has been a part of the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade since June 1992. The 3-58th has deployed as a whole or in part to several contingencies since then. Starting with Operation Restore Hope in Somalia in December 1992, the battalion has been deployed almost constantly in one form or another for the past 20 years. It has provided air traffic services during Operation Provide Comfort in Turkey and Northern Iraq from 1992 to 1996, Operation Joint Endeavor, Joint Guardian, and other missions in the Balkans from 1996 to 2001, as well as supporting the Global War on Terror, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2002 to 2013.

“For every Soldier, there’s a significant group of people that makes everything possible. Moms, dads, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, sisters, and brothers - each of these family members are true patriots. Their sacrifice is greater than the Soldier’s. They make our lives easier while we are gone, and they are the reason for our excitement upon return. They are a special reason for this award, and I truly believe it would not have been possible for our team to win without their support,” Said Whiffen.

The 3-58 has been deployed to Afghanistan since May 2012 and is expected to return next month.



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USAG Ansbach Tax Center opens

Above: Capt. Danielle Naser, officer in charge of the USAG Ansbach Tax Center, and Maj. Hobe Scholz, officer in charge of USAG Ansbach Legal Center, cut the cake at the USAG Ansbach Tax Center grand opening Feb. 4 at Katterbach Kaserne. According to Naser, the centers at Katterbach and Illesheim earned Soldiers \$35,000 in refunds and saved \$3,000 in preparation fees the first three days of its soft open. To learn more, call 09802-832324.

Left: Col. Jay Voorhees, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade commander, talks to the staff of the newly opened USAG Ansbach Tax Center at Katterbach Kaserne Feb. 4. The tax center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays with appointments at 3 p.m.

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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

Stomp and flatten empty aluminum cans. Doing so can save space in the metal recycle receptacle and reduce the number of trips to community recycling locations.

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>.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 pops up, select "What you should know."

Tax Centers

Katterbach Tax Center, located on the third floor in ACS building, is open now. The Tax Center at Storck is open now with regular hours from 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 receive \$1.50 games, free shoe rental, a free T-shirt and a few bowling towels. To learn more, call Katterbach Bowling Center at 09802-83-2638 or Storck Bowling Center at 09841-83-4530.

Movie Night

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

Stress and Anger Management

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

Health Clinic Improvements

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

Brown Bag Lunch

Bring a lunch and explore a new town with Army Community Service. The meeting place is ACS on the first Wednesday of every month at Katterbach and the fourth Wednesday of every month at Storck Barracks. Meet at 10:30 a.m. Cost is 10 to 15 Euros. To learn more, call 09841-83-4555.

Closures and Changes

Resurfacing of B-14

Resurfacing is ongoing for state road B-14 along Urlas

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

Sports, Health and Fitness

Basketball

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

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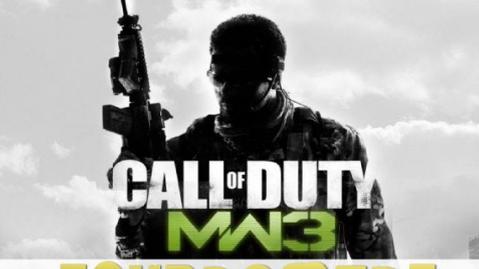
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Register at Storck or Katterbach Fitness Centers
Sign up for the shuttle from Katterbach Fitness Center

WIN A CAR AND A WEEKEND AT EDELWEISS!
*Winner has use of a BMW Fri-Mon. and enjoys 2 overnights at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch. Must be 18 years and older, US ID Cardholder and must be present to win.

Storck Fitness Center
CIV 09841.83.4582
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Aerobic Fitness Classes:

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

Valentine's Day 5K Walk-Run Event:

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

Personal Training

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

Youth and Teens

FRG Child Care Night

BOSS & Community
Valentine's Day
Masquerade Ball

14 Feb @ Storck CAC 7-11 p.m.
\$25 Singles + \$35 Couples
Price includes Dinner & Dancing
Tickets at Von Steuben & Storck CAC
DSN: 467.2930 CIV: 09802.83.2930

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 asccgermany@googlemail.com.

Taxi Service

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

Ansbach Veterinary Clinic

The Veterinary Clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. The

OUTDOOR RECREATION SKI/SNOWBOARD 2013

ONE DAY: \$45 W/EQUIPMENT	OVERNIGHT:
12 JAN: STEINPLATTE	18-21 JAN: ISCHGL, AUSTRIA
2 FEB: EHRWALD	15-18 FEB: SKI AMADE, AUSTRIA
9 FEB: BIBERWIER	15-18 MAR: HELI SKI/SNOWBOARD
2 MAR: LERMOOS	5-7 APR: AUSTRIAN GLACIERS
9 MAR: ZUGSPITZE	

DETAILS

- Ski/Snowboard lessons by certified PSIA and AASI instructors available upon advanced request.
- Departure Points: Storck Barracks/Katterbach OOR
- 18 passes and included.

OUTDOOR RECREATION
Ansbach Area, Box 9807
Tel: 09802.83.2929 • 09841.83.2925
Mon-Fri: 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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clinic is closed on federal and training holidays. For more information, call 09802-83-3179.

Deployment Specials

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



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Bamberg Community Announcements

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 Services

The Bamberg Community Chapel will have a Protestant Ash Wednesday Service from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 13. The community is invited to attend. There will be a Catholic Mass at 5 p.m. in the chapel.

Single Soldier Supper

There will be a Single Soldier Supper at 5:30 p.m. at the Bamberg Community Chapel on Feb. 25, March 25, April 22, May 20 and June 24. Single Soldiers are invited to enjoy a free, home-cooked meal. For more information or to help with the supper, call Matt and Tina Huisjen at 09502-8037.

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.

Enrichment Social Series: Utilizing Public Transit

The American Red Cross will host an Enrichment Social Series lecture from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Yellow Ribbon Room. The topic will be utilizing public transit. Kimberly Millner from Army Community Service will provide information about using the bus and train to travel around Germany and Europe. The lecture is free and lunch will be provided. Call 0951-300-1760 to RSVP.

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.

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 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

Coaches Needed

Coaches are still needed for all youth sports. You don't have to be a parent to volunteer. If you know a single Soldier that would be interested in volunteering, have them stop by the Youth Sports office in building 7669 or call 0951-300-7523.

Baseball, Softball and T-ball Registration

Registration is now open for Child, Youth and School Services baseball, softball and T-ball. These sports are open to children ages 3 to 15. The cost for baseball and softball are \$45 and the cost for T-ball (ages 3 to 5) is \$20. Visit Parent Central Services in Bldg. 7340 or visit Webtrac to sign up.

Submit your photos by
Feb. 13 to win a \$100,
\$50 or \$25 AAFES
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Email your photo along with a brief description highlighting the location to
usarmy.bamberg.usareur.mbx.pao@mail.mil.
For more information and a complete list of the contest rules visit
www.bamberg.army.mil/news/photocontest/photo.asp.




Babysitting Course

Child, Youth and School Services will offer a babysitting course from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at Parent Central Services, Building 7340. The course is open to youth ages 12 to 18. For more information or to register, call 0951-300-8660.

Children's Story Time

Join American Red Cross volunteer Stephanie Crain for a Children's Story Time at 4 p.m. Feb. 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 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



CYSS Babysitting Course

Course offered for ages 12 & up
When: 23 February 2013
Time: 0900-1800
Where: Parent Central Bldg 7340

Any questions Call Parent Central Services 469-8660, 0915-300-8660










GOLF SEASON 2013

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Club Sales
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Golf Lessons
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- 13 April Youth Tournament
- 20 April Course Clean-Up and Tournament
- 25 April Thursday Night Scramble begins
- 1 May German Season Opener
- 4 May American Season Opener Tournament
- 9 May Tournament of Scraps
- 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 Championship
- 14 & 15 September American Club Championship
- 9 October End of Season Tournament
- 24 October Last Day of Thursday Night Scramble
- 26 November Turkey Shoot Tournament begins
- 8 December Nikolaus Tournament
- 21 December Last Turkey Shoot Tournament

Contact Whispering Pines Golf Course and Pro Shop at
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The Pro Shop is open Mon-Sun 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 8049/8882

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New Year's Resolution

GET THE BODY YOU WANT and TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE

PERSONAL TRAINING

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

FITNESS NUTRITION

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

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

WHERE: Freedom Fitness Center

COST: Initial Assessment \$35
Personal Training \$45/hour
Fitness Nutrition \$50/meal plan
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Tiffany Murray, ISSA Certified

Personal Trainer
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is installed by the president of the United States. Visit 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

Hourly care services at the Bamberg Child Development Center are temporarily reduced to 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There also is currently reduced space at the School Age Center.

Vehicle Registration Office Closure

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

Commissary Closure

The Bamberg Commissary will be closed on Feb. 18 and 19 in observance of President's Day.

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.

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 Bldg. 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 ages 6 to 9 with parents, gymnastics for various age groups, kickboxing for those ages 5 to 18 and piano for those ages 6 to 18. For more information, call 0951-300-7452.

Kinder Program

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

Document Disposal

Burning documents in a burn barrel is not allowed on post. All paper that needs to be disposed of must be shredded

Monthly **Taco Tuesday!**
\$6.00 at CAC
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Enjoy our Taco Buffet Bar for \$6.00 per person. Choose between 2 hard or soft tacos, or nacho chips with your choice of toppings.
Sept. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, Feb. 19
Contact the Community Activity Center at Tel. 0951 300 8837

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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\$5 per class
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WARNING: Bring a towel & bottle of water - you WILL sweat!
For more information, contact the Freedom Fitness Facility @ DSN 469-8890 or email Jennifer.ellis.corton@gmail.com.

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Schweinfurt Community Announcements

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

Tax center

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.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, health care systems, positive mentors, respecting yourself,

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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 program is taught by our own education tech who was born and raised in Schweinfurt. This class can help your German grade go from a C to an A+ and it may even help you make friends in the German community. Test your skills by joining us on a field trip downtown. For more information, call the Youth Center at 09721-96-6732.

SKIESUnlimited

SKIES offers different classes every month for youths 18 and younger. The program is designed to complement, expand and support the academic, life skills and athletic

MILITARY AMERICA SCHEDULE OF Saves Events
START SMALL. THINK BIG.

Military Saves is a national campaign designed to persuade, motivate and encourage military families to save money every month. Schweinfurt ACS is providing a week of classes to help Soldiers and their families learn the necessary tools needed to reach their financial goals!

MONDAY, 25 FEBRUARY		
1000-1100	Financial Planning for Separation from the Army	Ledward Theater
1100-1330	Take the Pledge: Information Table	PX Lobby
1400-1500	Saving and Investing	Ledward Theater
TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY		
1000-1130	Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)	Ledward Theater
1100-1330	Take the Pledge: Information Table	PX Lobby
1530-1630	Smart Money Tips for Teens	Teen Center
WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY		
1000-1100	Using Credit Wisely	Ledward Theater
1100-1330	Take the Pledge: Information Table	PX Lobby
1400-1500	Buying a House	Ledward Theater
THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY		
1000-1100	Retirement Planning	Ledward Theater
1100-1330	Take the Pledge: Information Table	PX Lobby
1400-1500	Saving for College	Ledward Theater
FRIDAY, 1 MARCH		
1000-1100	Estate Planning	Yellow Ribbon RM
1100-1330	Take the Pledge: Information Table	PX Lobby
1300-1400	Budgeting and Money Management	Ledward Theater
1400-1530	Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)	Ledward Theater

Contact ACS | Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 242 | 354-6933, DSN 09721-96-6933, CIV

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VALENTINE'S DAY Warrior Zone | 7 p.m.

Find Your Lock

Mix & Mingle
Cocktails
Music
Dance
Food

You will be given a key upon arrival. Mix and mingle to find the lock that fits your key. Your never know. This could be your chance to find your perfect match! Open to single Soldiers and their guests.

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

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 Com 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	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 8 p.m.
Feb. 5-21	Unit Level 8-Ball Champs Finney Gym 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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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](#).

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
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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

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.

Children's Story Time

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



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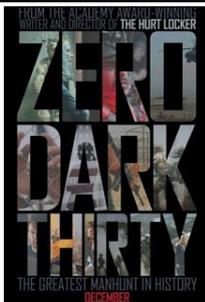
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Zero Dark Thirty
Feb. 10 - Hotel Transylvania (PG) 3 p.m.;
Zero Dark Thirty (R) 6 p.m.

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Broken City (R) 7 p.m.
Feb. 13 - The Last Stand (R) 7 p.m.

Eco-Friendly Tips

Water-saving Tips

What about the water leftover in your dryer's water tank - use this distilled water for steam ironing.

If possible water your household plants with rainwater or water leftovers, e.g. from the electric kettle.

Energy-saving Tips

Keeping your heating on constantly on a low heat could potentially save you more money than switching it on and off for big blasts of heat.

Let the dishwasher do the dirty work. Avoid pre-rinsing the dishes in hot water. Save water and energy by just scraping the dishes before they go in.

Recycling

Every can counts! Recycle aluminum-based things - aluminum (used to make our coke cans) can be recycled over and over again.

Fertilize plants with crushed eggs shells or coffee grounds.

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 sloop 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. 9 Biberwier 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. 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.

Feb. 9-10 Lermoos Ski/Snowboard \$75

Looking for a quick getaway? Can't find time on the training holidays to go skiing? Relax, and let ODR take care of the driving on this one-day trip to the world famous Lermoos and the Zugspitze Arena ski-areas. Space is limited. Please sign up in advance. Departs from ODR at 2 a.m. & returns at approx. 11 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. 17 and 23.

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. Karneval is especially popular in the Rhine region; cities like Cologne, Mainz or Düsseldorf more or less shut down to party during the high season. The date of the long Fasching weekend varies depending on the church calendar, but the official start of the season is always on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11.11 a.m. In the time between New Year's and the high Fasching season many towns and villages host balls, parties and parades. Partygoers typically dress up as a character, similar to Halloween. German police are cruising the streets more frequently at night to catch those who drink and drive.

The high season starts with Altweiberfasnacht, the crazy Thursday Feb. 7, when traditionally the women take over the city's courthouse and cut off the tie of any man who dares to wear one. After attending parties all weekend long, people flock to the large cities like Cologne or Mainz to watch the Rosenmontag ("Rose Monday") parades Feb. 11. Faschingsdienstag Feb. 12 – shrove Tuesday - offers one last chance to party hard and then "bury" the carnival at midnight until following year. Aschermittwoch (Ash Wednesday) marks the beginning of Fastenzeit ("fasting time" – lent); the seven weeks before Easter are often used as a time for reflection and renunciation of certain personal vices (like smoking, alcohol or candy).

Street Carnival in Bayreuth

The annual Straßenfasching in Bayreuth lasts six crazy days from Feb. 7 to 12 downtown with rides and entertainment.

Carnival parade in Nürnberg

The Nürnberger Fastnachtzug, the annual parade is considered the oldest of its kind world wide; this year 49 trailers and more than 3000 participants march through the city Feb. 10; the parade starts at 1 p.m. at Am Stadtpark, winding its way through Pirckheimerstraße, Bayreuther Straße, Rathenauplatz, Laufer Tor, Innere Laufer Gasse, Theresienstraße, Obstmarkt, Museumsbrücke, Königstraße, Kaiserstraße, ending in Vordere Ledergasse in the pedestrian zone in Nürnberg. More information is available at www.fastnachtzug.de.

Fasching Parade in Iphofen

The Iphofen carnival parade takes place Feb. 10, starting at 1:33 p.m. at the bus parking lot Einersheimer Tor, making its way through Iphofen old town towards the Marktplatz. For more details, visit www.iphofen.de.

Fasching Parade in Sand am Main

The carnival parade of Sand am Main takes place Feb. 10, starting at 2 p.m.

Fastnacht Market Ansbach

Ansbach is hosting a carnival market with vendors downtown Feb. 11 to 14;

opening hours are daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fasching Party at Playmobil Fun Park in Zirndorf

The fun park in Zirndorf (Brandstätterstraße 2-10) hosts a Kinder Fasching party Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; visitors can expect fun games, dancing and glitter tattoos in addition to Fasching fun. A day ticket is 2.50 Euros. To learn more, visit www.playmobil-funpark.de.

Kinder Fasching Parade in Nürnberg

Monday, Feb. 11 is the traditional day for the Kinder parade downtown Nürnberg; the event starts at the Lorenzkirche at 1 p.m. To learn more, visit www.meine-veranstaltungen.net.

Fasching Parade in Schweinfurt

Schweinfurt's Fasching parade starts at 1 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Spitalseeplatz, moving on to Roßbrunnstraße, An den Schanzen, Neutorstraße, Am Zeughaus, Kornmarkt, Obere Straße, Zehntstraße, Roßmarkt, Albrecht-Dürer-Platz, Spitalstraße and ends up on Marktplatz. To learn more, visit www.eskage.org.

Fasching Parade in Herrieden

The parade in Herrieden is scheduled for Feb. 12 at 1:33, starting at Großenrieder Straße and moving through town; parties will happen afterwards.

Fasching Parade in Markttheidenfeld

Markttheidenfeld's parade starts at the TÜV in Elterstraße, moving on to Karbacher Straße, Ringstraße, Kreuzbergstraße, Frankenstraße, Würzburger Straße and ends in Mitteltorstraße Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. An „Apres parade party“ will take place in the Alte TV-Turnhalle afterwards.

Fasching Parade in Schwabach

The Schwabach parade is scheduled for Feb. 12, starting at 2 p.m. To learn more, visit www.schwabanesen.de.

Fasching Parade in Bamberg

Bamberg's parade Feb. 12 celebrates a medieval theme this year of "Knights, Dragons and Maidens." The parade starts at 2:30 p.m. at the Markusplatz, moving on to Kapuzinerstr., Am Kranen, Lange Str., Schönleinsplatz, Luitpoldbrücke, Obere Königstr., Kettenbrücke, Hauptwachstraße, Maxplatz and back towards Kapuzinerstr./Markusplatz. To learn more, mybamberg.de.

Salsa Night in Bamberg

The Salsa party in the Haas-Säle (Obere Sandstraße 7) on March 2 starts at 8 p.m. and is a must for all "salsaholics." The party starts with a beginner's course and continues with a Salsa workshop (9:15 p.m.). DJ's Alvaro & Alex will present the current Salsa tracks from Puerto Rico, Columbia and many other places; also offered will be Bachata from the Dominican Republic and Merengue and Kizomba. For more information call 0176- 9631-8440 or check <http://salsaservice.de>.

Bike & Fun in Fürth

The regional motor bike fair Bike and Fun 2013 is scheduled for March 9 and 10 at the Stadthalle Fürth (Rosenstraße 50). The fair offers almost anything a biker's heart could desire – the latest models and accessories and even a used bike bazaar. The fair is open Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; general admission fee is 5 Euros per person. For more details check online at www.baf-fuerth.de.

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