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Visit wellness fair in Schweinfurt

Schweinfurt's ice stadium, fun palace and leisure land complex hosts a leisure and wellness fair May 24-25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Special shows and activities are planned the throughout both days. For more information, call (0831) 5758171.

Join special forces

The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment, Delta, (Airborne), needs new members. Briefings and physical fitness tests will be held in the 98th ASG June 16-25. In Katterbach attend the briefing June 16 at 10 a.m., for more information, call 467-2506. In Bamberg, the briefing is June 17 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 469-8750. In Schweinfurt, attend the briefing June 23 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 353-8303. In Kitzingen, attend the briefing June 23 at 2 p.m. For more information, call 355-8840. In Wuerzburg, attend the briefing June 24 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. For more information, call 350-6183.

Voice concerns with inspectors

The 98th ASG Office of the Inspector General will have community assistance visits, or CAVs, throughout the 98th ASG. In the 235th BSB the CAV will be in building 5817 on Katterbach Kaserne May 28 noon-4 p.m. In the 417th BSB, the CAV is set to meet at the Giebelstadt Army Airfield chapel June 4 from noon to 4 p.m. On Leighton Barracks, the CAV meets in building 13 June 11 noon-4 p.m. For more information, call 351-1420.

Get smart

Free state-of-the-art computer-based training is available to the Army's workforce. All active duty soldiers, members of the National Guard or Reserve, as well as all Department of the Army civilian employees can access over 1,500 information technology, business skills and interpersonal skills courses from any location, around the clock. To use Smart Force, you must have an Army Knowledge Online account. Follow the links to Smart Force from www.us.army.mil and take advantage of free education.

Libraries on web

The Army Library provides the Army community access to a selected group of web resources via the Digital Army Library Service. For more information, visit www.libraries.army.mil.

Attend meetings with FRGs

Spouses of deployed soldiers are encouraged to attend family readiness groups meetings. This applies to spouses who work for the United States government in appropriated and nonappropriated fund positions. As per USAREUR regulation 608-2, supervisors will grant an excused absence to these employees when possible and the employee will not be charged leave nor lose pay and the meeting site will be the employee's place of duty. For more information, go to www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/home.htm.

Take free seminar

Service Credit Union, or SCU, offers free online seminars to its members. The next online seminar called "Buying and Borrowing – Information You Need To Know Before Your Next Real Estate Purchase" is set for June 18. To find out more about SCU's free seminars or to sign up, go to www.servicecu.org or visit your local SCU branch office.

Security registration slated in the 98th ASG

98th ASG Provost Marshal News Release

Access control to military installations has been changing in USAREUR in the face of increasing force protection measures.

The 98th ASG has seen fielding of the Installation Access Control System, or IACS, since March.

"The IACS is a security measure that controls the access to our installations. It uses risk-based analysis to grant this access," said SFC Danny Pitts, 98th ASG military police physical security supervisor.

"Sept. 11, 2001, brought about many changes in everyone's life, and increased security is one of them," Pitts said.

Pitts offers more information and ideas to assist with IACS registration.

- It is not a requirement for the sponsor to be present for registration.

- Children do not have to be removed from school to be registered in IACS. Most IACS offices are open until 5 p.m. They will also facilitate registration throughout the summer.

- Personnel that have a family member identification, or ID, card but not a Social Security Number – normally local nationals, or LNs, should not attempt to register in IACS until further notice.

- All ID card holders must be present for registration. The applicant's photo and fingerprints must be taken.

- All children that have an ID card need to be registered into IACS. Examples of these children are those of dual military parents or single parents.

'Sept. 11, 2001, brought about many changes in everyone's life, and increased security is one of them.'

– SFC Danny Pitts

- It is a good idea to have a copy of orders, which authorizes the sponsor and family members to be in Europe. This may assist in determining eligibility for entry into the system.

- If the date eligible for return from overseas is prior to Oct. 1, then registration into IACS is not required.

- Teslin ID cards will allow registration in IACS. There is no requirement to get a new ID Card. Note: Teslin ID cards are the current ID cards issued to family members and civilians with logistical support; the cards are tan in color. The blue colored cards are issued to retired personnel. Cards are computer-printed and have two bar codes located on the rear. The photo is black and white.

- Department of Defense, or DoD, ID card holders will not be issued an installation pass.

- Personnel that already possess the Common Access Card, or CAC, a new generation of ID card, need to verify that the bar code on the back of the ID card is not scratched or

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Sgt. Michelle Gonzales

Salute the colors

Nat Gonzales, son of Sgt. Michelle Gonzales, a member of the 67th Combat Support Hospital motor pool, at the hospital's Reintegration Day ceremonies April 24. The event welcomed home returning members of the 67th Combat Support Hospital from several deployments and recognized the efforts of U.S. Army Reservists who filled in at the U.S. Army Hospital, Wuerzburg.

New German noise laws much stricter

by Olivia Feher
CRUSADER

The new rules covering noise, whether from garden machines, car radios, trash trucks or parties, have become stricter.

These rules have also been accepted by USAREUR because they became German law last September.

On German federal holidays and Sundays no work outside can be done if it involves machine noise of any kind. This includes lawn mowing, the use of electric saws, electric hedge cutting machines, and includes loud music.

On regular work days, quiet hours remain the same from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., but this can change to even stricter control depending on the locality.

What can you do when your neighbor doesn't conform to the rules? According to German noise protection agencies, "Those who ignore the rules, should first be made aware that they exist. Many hobby workers and gardeners don't know about the new noise protection laws and what they're doing is forbidden," said Ulrich Robertz, from the German Rent Agency in Berlin.

He added that information and explanations are necessary, and he believes that a discussion between neighbors is more helpful than immediately informing the police.

The same rules on noise apply to military installations and housing areas.

"We currently have a problem in housing areas with loud music. It's forbidden to operate a radio, tape or cassette player in a public or military place. This also applies to any form of transportation that produces excessive noise," said MSgt. Dale Cowan, 98th ASG provost marshal office.

Know tips before leaving

Customs News Release

People moving to the United States this summer should start preparing now, customs officials advise. Find new homes for the things that are banned from import and apply now for import permits on restricted items since the process can take months.

"Prohibited items include plants, flammable substances, poisons, obscene publications, destructive devices, explosives, and meat and meat products such as sausage, paté and salami," said Michael Burkert, U.S. European Command, customs program manager.

"Shipping firearms? Ensure you have proof that you owned them in the States or an import permit," Burkert added.

He also explained that other important points to remember are that owners of vehicles not made to U.S. standards have to ship them through commercial importers registered with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency.

However, vehicles over 25 years old are exempt from that rule. Mopeds and motorcycles must also meet U.S. safety and pollution standards and be free of dirt. Wine collections can be shipped separately with some advance coordination with your transportation office and state alcohol control board. Endangered species items such as ivory and some furs may only be shipped if you can prove you owned them previously in the USA. Caviar may only be shipped if you can prove it was exported legally from the country of origin. Prescription drugs and tobacco products are not allowed in your household goods but may be carried onto the plane when you fly home. Your state attorney general must approve all imports of gambling devices that must also be registered with the Justice Department in Washington. Need more details? Get many informative pamphlets from a military customs office or check out the military customs Web site at www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/customs.htm.

Community focus

Age for women having their first child

In 2000, the average American woman was 25 years old when she had her first child. Thirty years ago, the average was 21 years old.



Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention By: Olivia Janosch

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Now is the time to enjoy the weather, but remember force protection

Those of us stationed in Bavaria have opportunities to experience Germany and Europe that few of our fellow Americans will ever get, especially during the spring and summer months.

You can be almost anywhere in Europe in less than 12 hours by car, bus, train or plane. From Piccadilly Circus in London to the canals and windmills of Holland, to the sights of Paris, to the beaches of France or Spain, or to the tranquility of the Alps, they are all readily accessible.

If you don't want to travel so far, look in your own backyard.

Take a day or two, or a long weekend, and visit some of the many attractions that we have right here in Franconia. Like the Playmobil Fun Park near Nuernberg, the Franconian Beer Museum in Bamberg, the old town with its many shops and restaurants in Kitzingen, or the Residenz and Marienberg Fortress in Wuerzburg.

If you're not interested in visiting historical or cultural sights, try volksmarching or stop by one of the wine fests in the outlying villages and towns.

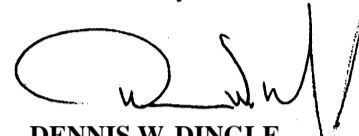
Take the opportunity to make friends with our German neighbors. Seek them out, you'll find them to be gracious hosts.

But, be smart about the way you go about your business. Use the following tips to more safely and securely enjoy the season's festivities.

- Report suspicious activities.
- Blend in if at all possible.
- Don't stand out as an American.
- Don't show large rolls of money or credit cards in public.
- Safeguard your identification and valuables.
- Be alert for pickpockets in crowds.
- Don't go into areas locals avoid.


Enjoy your stay in Europe. Take advantage of the unique historical and cultural opportunities, but always remain vigilant. Remember, force protection is everyone's business.

Team of Teams!



DENNIS W. DINGLE
Colonel, Air Defense Artillery
98th Area Support Group Commander

— Thumbs up — Thumbs down —

 Thumbs up to **Sharon Yelder** from the Bamberg Equal Employment Opportunity Office and all of her helpers behind the scenes that made the Asian Pacific Heritage luncheon at the Warner Club on May 1 an event to remember. It was Sharon who brought actor George Takei, Star Trek's Mr. Sulu, in as the guest of honor speaker. She couldn't have picked a better one. Many people behind the scenes set up the tables, made up decorations, cooked delicious food, and did all those other unseen things that made the event run smoothly. Others participated in the event singing and dancing and showing beautiful costumes. I would like to thank all of those people involved for a truly memorable event.

Irene Maschke, Bamberg

Thumbs up to the **kind person** who returned my military identification card right away to the military police after I lost it.


Barb Hannum, Wuerzburg

Thumbs up to the **Bamberg community** and everyone who helped make the Company C, 82nd Engineer Battalion, egg games a success April 19. Our thanks go to the **postal service, Burger King, Popeye's, the community activities center, Andre Yarbrough, Connie Faulkner, Sgt. James Cutts, Sgt. Harold Hensel, Army and Air Force Exchange Service-Europe** and everyone else that came out to support, lend a helping hand, and donate goods, services or time. A very special thanks to the **Rhein Valley Legion Chapter Harley Davidson Club** for making a special appearance. They are always active and supportive in our community and for our children. The kids loved them and had the best time.

Lisa Moore, Bamberg

Thumbs up to **Jackie** at the Bamberg Commissary deli. Thank you for doing something and not even knowing the person who asked for "the bread."

Heather Harrison, Bamberg

 Thumbs down to the **person** who stole my debit/credit card in Illesheim April 9. It was criminal for you to take it out of the ATM machine and then use it to make purchases instead of turning it in to the bank or military police. Since the first purchase you made went through, of course, you then bought more items. I have copies of the receipts you signed, I have filed a police report, and the clerk at the store has a description of you. Not only am I saddened that someone would be so dishonest, I am also extremely unhappy that AAFES failed to properly identify you and compare signatures. They let you slip by twice. I hope this prompts stricter identification policies at the stores and leads to your capture.

Stephanie West, Illesheim

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"Thumbs up — Thumbs down" is about people who do a good job. It's also about people who need to be more considerate of others. This column is not about institutions, units, agencies or situations that could be subject to legal action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Submissions must be brief and include the writer's name and telephone number, and must include the first and last name of the person identified. The identity of the submitter will be published along with the comments.

Send comments to Thumbs up-Thumbs down: CRUSADER; 98th ASG PAO; Unit 26622; APO AE 09244-6622. Or bring them to room 216, building 208, Faulenberg Kaserne, Wuerzburg. Phone-in submissions will not be accepted.

Looking for a church? Look inside yourself first

Commentary

by **Chaplain (Maj.) Don Blickhan**
417th BSB Deputy Chaplain

I have observed a number of people over the years shopping for a church. Perhaps they did not yet belong to any congregation and wanted to begin attending services.

There were others, who, for some reason or another, were dissatisfied with their current church and wanted to find another. Perhaps they came to disagree with some church doctrine, did not like the minister, the music or some aspect of the church's program.

I was recently approached by a lady who wanted to join a new denomination because she liked the worship services, which she found more entertaining than those in the church she had attended all of her life. She wanted my advice. When I gave that advice, however, she was not at all happy with me.

What I told her was that my experience as a clergyman of some 27 years had taught me you get out of church membership in proportion to what you put in. Indeed, you will never truly "belong" to any church, no matter how long you have been on the rolls, unless you get involved in some manner.

All too often today people approach church membership with a "commercial" attitude. They ask, "What can I get out of this church?" "What do they offer?" "How comfortable is the church building?" "Is the pastor a nice guy?"

While it is not wrong to ask these questions, we would be wise to keep mind that church membership is not only about taking, but also about giving. Indeed, it is precisely through giving we come into a true experience of church life.

Churches are not so much found as they are made.

The fundamental religious relationship in the Judeo-Christian tradition is the "covenant." A "covenant" is a solemn agreement, a mutual exchange between people.

Marriage, for example, is a covenant. In marriage, a man gives himself to his wife, and she gives herself to him. They no longer "own" themselves, for they have given themselves away.

We look to the covenants of the Old Testament, in which God declared, "I will be your God, and you will be my people."

It was God's intent that church membership be a covenant relationship.

Christians are bound through baptism to the body of Christ, and the body of Christ is bound to them. Jews are bound to God through the Old Testament covenant with Moses.

This covenant relationship is as deep as the bonds of blood and family life.

People who take a commercial rather than conventional approach toward church membership will seldom experience the spiritual depths of their faith.

Street talk: What does the word courage mean to you?

Photos by CRUSADER staff



Rabia Nombamba, 235th BSB Public Affairs Specialist, Barton Barracks, Ansbach

"I think the true definition of courage is someone who fights for what they believe in, even if it's not the most popular thing at the time."



Latrice Dixon, Bamberg High School senior, 279th BSB Warner Barracks, Bamberg

"To me the word courage means not being afraid to take a chance."



Sgt. Christi Wilson, Company B, 299th Forward Support Battalion, Conn Barracks, Schweinfurt

"Courage is being able to do the right thing. It is being able to look out for your fellow soldier and stand up for what you believe in. You have to find courage for yourself. I think I have natural courage."



PFC James Maltby, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Giebelstadt Army Airfield

"It means doing the job, even if it means you will get hurt."



Michelle Berkowitz, 235th BSB S3 Administrative Assistant, Barton Barracks, Ansbach

"Courage to me is the ability to follow through with your personal convictions and not always choosing the easy way out."



Sgt. Brian Guillory, 1st Infantry Division Band, 279th BSB Warner Barracks, Bamberg

"Courage means attempting to do something that may be frightening or makes you feel uneasy but you have the guts to see it through."



Sgt. Jose Palomino, Company A, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, Ledward Barracks, Schweinfurt

"Courage is to do more than what's expected of you. You can't see courage. It can't be measured. But you can sense it in a moment if you're lucky enough to be a witness to it."



PFC Joseph Patton, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Giebelstadt Army Airfield

"It means to face the situation without a second thought."

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DISCOM recognizes volunteers

by Olivia Feher
CRUSADER

At a special luncheon at the End Zone on Larson Barracks, Kitzingen, May 5, Col. Mark Bellini, 1st Infantry Division Support Commander officially recognized 61 volunteers from DISCOM units. "Volunteers are vital for our many service programs, and these programs support soldiers and their families," Bellini said. "The range of their volunteer work includes many areas such as supporting the American Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scouts, youth services, Army Community Service, and some of our MWR programs. They also work in the schools, chapels, and in family support groups," he added. "Without the help of these volunteers, many of these programs would not exist". Volunteers being recognized on this day were singled out as exceptional by their respective units for the outstanding contributions to our Army family. "Volunteers provide a wide variety of functions, including clerical, counseling, leadership,

fund-raising and family support work. Their contributions are even more critical when soldiers are deployed from our units. The programs and services these volunteers dedicate their time to also enhance the feeling of cohesiveness," Bellini said.

"I thought this was a great way to show soldiers and civilians how much they are really appreciated in the community. I was surprised that I was nominated to receive an award, and feel very privileged and honored to be in the company of such great volunteers," said SFC Mark Coombs DISCOM personnel sergeant.

"This is the type of event that makes volunteers want to go out into their communities and work even harder. I've been stationed in Germany for over four years, volunteering in various communities for all sorts of events. This is first time I've been officially recognized for my volunteer service and that is what made this occasion so special for me," Coombs said.



Volunteers pass through the buffet line.



Families enjoy a special luncheon for volunteers at the End Zone on Larson Barracks.

Photos by Don Klinger



Brig. Gen. Stephen Mundt speaks to DISCOM volunteers at their special luncheon.



Don Klinger

Thanking the U.S. Army

Tschiad Abdal, his wife Hasal Abas and their three children, Nihat, Hirsch and Helat, present flowers to Lt. Col. Russ Hall, 417th BSB commander. Abdal, a native of Northern Iraq, is one of the few Kurds who live in Wuerzburg. He came to Leighton Barracks to thank the United States for freeing his country from Saddam Hussein's regime. They hope to go back to Iraq to see their families once things are more stable.

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worn in any manner. If so, a new CAC must be issued to facilitate registration into IACS.

- DoD ID card holders do not require an application memorandum.
- The retired DoD ID card can be used for registration into IACS.
- If you receive a new ID card after registration into IACS, you must be re-entered into IACS. This is due to the bar code changing.
- Personnel with two or more statuses should register with the status that grants most access, i.e., LN employee that is also a family member should register as family member. Another example is a person who is both a DoD civilian and Armed Forces retiree. He or she should register with the retiree ID card.

- If you have questions, contact your local IACS office for more information.

Each base support battalion determines IACS registration schedules. For more information about registration, call your local personnel services battalion.

In the 235th BSB

On Barton Barracks, registration is in building 5257 through July 25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 468-7891 or (0981) 183891 for more information. On Storck Barracks, register in building 6518, also through July 25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For

more information, call 467-4581 or (09841) 83581.

In the 279th BSB

Register at the temporary registration station, building 7107, room 103, on Warner Barracks through Aug. 3, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call 469-7758 or (0951) 3007758. The IACS office is in building 7108, room 212. For more information, call 469-7918 or (0951) 3007918.

In the 280th BSB

Registration in the 280th BSB is in the temporary registration station in building 203 on Ledward Barracks through Aug. 15, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 354-6379 or (09721) 966379. The IACS office is in building 295 and can be reached at 354-6379 or (09721) 966379.

In the 417th BSB

Registration in the 417th BSB is for DoD ID card holders only. Register at Harvey Barracks, Kitzingen, in building 138 June 16-21 and Aug. 11-22.

Registration on Larson Barracks is in building 26, rooms 21 and 22 June 23-July 2.

On Leighton Barracks, register in building 34 in the 69th Signal Battalion break room through June 12 and then again July 7-17.

In Giebelstadt, register in building 609, rooms 3 and 4, July 21-Aug. 8.

For more information, call 355-7364/7372 or (09321) 3057364/7372.

Study recommends civilian advisory board

by Joe Burlas
Army News Service

Creating a Civilian Advisory Board to be an advocate for today's more than 270,000 Army civilian workers will help level the training and leader development playing field with the uniformed component of the Army, according to one finding of a recent study.

The Army Training and Leader Development Panel, or ATLDP, civilian study, released March 13, mirrored earlier panels that examined the Army culture, and training and leader development views of the officer, warrant officer and noncommissioned officer corps during the past two years.

The studies were conducted as part of Army transformation in order to shape the Army's workforce for future requirements,

officials said. The civilian study was the last planned ATLDP, yet work continues to resolve issues identified from all the studies.

"We knew going in what most of the issues were concerning civilian training and leader development - the study just confirmed them and provided us with the necessary data to validate the need for change," said Maureen Viall, civilian ATLDP study director.

Through the use of written and online surveys, focus groups, and one-on-one interviews with Army civilians, garrison commanders, general officers and senior executive service members, the panel got feedback from over 40,000 respondents.

Viall said the study confirmed that Army civilians were aware that the Army is undergoing profound change as it transforms into the future Objective Force and that they didn't want to be

left behind.

The study confirmed there are no sequential civilian leader development plans like soldiers have. In fact, only 45 of 444 employees in study focus groups could name a specific leader development course offered to civilians - 223 of the group were unaware of any core leader development courses. However, 80 percent of the respondents who had attended a leader development course indicated such courses were beneficial.

"It's a case of the haves versus the have nots," Viall said. "There are generally more training opportunities in better funded MACOMS than in the poorer ones."

A summary of the panel's findings is posted on the Army Homepage at <http://www.army.mil/features/ATLDP/PCIV/default.htm>.

Good grades for school

Congratulations to the Katterbach School Age Services, or SAS, program for passing their accreditation. Teresa Freeman, LoLisa Jackson, Latisha McGee, Christy Morrissey, Selina Montalvo, and Felicia Murchison worked long hours and were instrumental in preparing the center for the validation visit. They trained and worked many hours to make sure that the center surpassed the set standards. The time and effort that was put forth by the staff to meet the high quality standards was instrumental in achieving accreditation. For more information on introducing your child to the SAS program, call 467-2632 or (09802) 832632.

Help teach

The Katterbach Chapel hosts vacation Bible school for children June 16-20, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to attend. Volunteers are also needed. For more information, call Gracie Gulker at (09875) 9712456 or Cindy Obrion at (09875) 978556.

Join ACS sponsorship training

The Army Community Service, or ACS, Relocation Readiness Program has sponsorship training at the Katterbach ACS in classroom 2 July 25, 9-10 a.m. Training will cover the basic policies, responsibilities, functions and tasks governing the Total Army Sponsorship Program and help ensure assigned sponsors receive the necessary training and current information on helping soldiers and families successfully relocate into and out of their commands. For more information, call ACS at 467-2883 or (09802) 832883.

Avoid traffic delays

The Deutschland tour bicycle race will come through Ansbach June 5. Many of the main streets and highways will be blocked from 8 a.m. throughout the day. Residents can expect traffic delays. Anyone having business in Ansbach is asked to plan ahead. For more information on the affected roads, call the 235th BSB Public Affairs Office at 468-1600 or (0981) 1831600.

Tee off at Lichtenau

The 235th BSB Public Affairs Office, or PAO, is once again collecting names for those interested in playing at the Lichtenau Golf Course. Golf times are Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and weekends on a space available basis only. The cost is €30 for green fees weekdays and €45 on weekends. For more information, call 468-1600 or (0981) 1831600.

Know your new home

Join the People Encouraging People, or PEP, program who takes you on a tour of the Ansbach Krankenhaus, or hospital, a German swimming, recreation area, and more. For more information, call (09802) 832883.

235th BSB

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Career day helps students decide

What does the future hold for Ansbach kids?

by Joe McFadden
CRUSADER

Interested in being a musician? Want to know more about being a doctor? Ever thought about being a professional soldier?

All of these questions, and more, were asked of Ansbach American Middle/High School students during this year's Career Day. From the speaker's own knowledge of the subject to the students' observations and participation, everyone said that it was a great day.

Yet, any great day has to go through planning and scheduling. Community work exchange instructor Marcus George has been coordinating the events for Career Day since February.

"The biggest concern was handling logistics, and getting the students on schedule. It's difficult to find people who could meet the needs of what 324 students asked for. As I did this, I hoped this would open up the students' eyes to all the possibilities of the careers they would like to do. They have the experience to see what a particular career entails, and have a chance to see if it's for them. I believe this was a great opportunity for students to get an idea of what a particular career has to offer," George said.

During the day, professionals from air-traffic control to cosmetology shared their experiences with students in a classroom atmosphere. The



Lisa Eichhorn

Megan McFadden, right talks with an Army recruiter during Career Day at her school.

speakers provided information and enabled students to learn more about a career.

The highlight, according to 1st Lt. Debbie Dean, a physician's assistant at the Katterbach Health Clinic, was answering the student's questions.

"Students really opened up to you. They were interested in what we had to say. I loved to be able to share what I do. There was a lot of good input from the older students who are closer to

getting the real jobs. My main message to them is to go to college," she said."

Capt. Jennifer Filiatreau, an optometrist for the U.S. Army Hospital, Wuerzburg, believed the wide variety of careers made the day a positive learning experience.

"I was amazed by the selection of people from different occupations. It's a good idea to extend this experience to the kids who really want to learn the job," she said.

Ansbach students 'adopt' soldiers



Lisa Eichhorn

Nina Smith packs boxes for deployed single soldiers.

by Lisa Eichhorn
CRUSADER

Even though the 24-hour-a-day coverage of the war in Iraq has ended and most of the country is returning to a sense of normalcy, military families know that there are still a lot of soldiers deployed, and they have not been forgotten.

This is especially true for the single soldiers of Battery E, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery, Ansbach, currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Children at Ansbach American Rainbow Elementary School have begun an adopt-a-soldier program to make sure soldiers know they are still thought about and appreciated by their local community.

Sixth-grader Nina Smith, and Jess Lofgren's resource class head this project.

"We started this project after we talked with the battery family readiness group who told us there were 60 single soldiers who could really use a moral boost. So the kids in

my classes came up with the ideas and together the whole school is making it happen," Lofgren said.

So far the kids have written letters, poems, and sent out some care packages with basic sundry items and snacks. In fact, one of the things the kids made up for each adopted soldier was a top ten list of why they are so great.

"Most lists consisted of reasons associated with their service to their country, but one top reason was because the soldiers are cute. They hope these packages and notes will give them a little taste of home and hope it makes them feel a little more appreciated," Lofgren added.

"I'm really excited about this project because I think it's important for all soldiers to know how thankful we are for what they are doing," Smith said.

Upon the unit's return, the family support group plans a barbecue for the single soldiers and their adopted friends at the school. This will be the first time they will meet.

Happy to be back

Left to right, Maj Steve Wilson, CWO 5 Warren Alyworth and CWO 3 Terry Polwort salute during the playing of the National Anthem during their homecoming ceremony for the 11th Aviation Regiment, May 2. These soldiers are part of the first nine to return to Illesheim after performing combat duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Many of the soldiers have been deployed more than six months and were the first to be deployed from V Corps. Soldiers from the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, have returned to prepare for their transition to the AH-64D Longbow helicopters. The rest of the regiment remains deployed in Iraq.



Lisa Eichhorn

Reserve chaplains arrive in Illesheim for duty

by Lisa Eichhorn
CRUSADER

With many units deployed, some key positions in the community went along with them. Some of those were the unit chaplains. With a need by both the active duty and their families, a team of reserve chaplains have arrived in Illesheim to help.

Lt. Col. Val Suiter from Elk Grove, Calif., and Lt. Col. Tony Cleaver from Ding Dong, Texas, both served as active duty chaplains prior to their reserve status.

In coming to Illesheim they both agree it was exactly what they wanted when they received the call from the Army asking

them to come back to active duty. From the day of the first call to their report date in Illesheim, only a month passed.

"This is quite a sacrifice for myself and my congregation, but one I was quite willing to make if I was really needed. Even though I am a reservist, I called my command on Sept. 12, 2001 and told them I was willing to go anywhere I was needed in support of the military. I had hoped that wherever I was sent I would be useful. We already feel so appreciated and there was a great need. So, I couldn't be more pleased with being stationed here," Suiter said.

"I was stationed at a small Army base in Germany similar to this one during the first gulf war and the needs of families are

comparable. I'm just glad I was able to come and help out in such a great community," he said.

Cleaver left a classroom of college students to take on this new assignment, but having also been stationed in Germany, was happy to return.

"The only thing that seems to have changed since I left in 1992 is that everyone seems so much younger, and the force protection, boy, that has really advanced," Cleaver added. "The ministering part is really the same. We have been welcomed so warmly and we hope that our presence here will give the community comfort," he said.

Student named scholar

More than 130 students were selected as presidential scholars nationwide for 2003. Bamberg American High School senior Amelia Lohrenz was selected as an outstanding scholar for her achievements in academics and the arts. Lohrenz will attend a recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C., June 21-26. As part of the scholar program, Lohrenz can ask a teacher who has inspired her to excel to accompany her to Washington. Next year, Lohrenz plans to attend Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and major in fine arts.



Lohrenz

Caring families needed

Army Community Service Emergency Placement Care Program needs responsible and caring families to be certified as emergency placement homes. To volunteer, call 469-7777 or (0951) 3007777.

Go touring

Get on the community activity center touring bus and head out this summer. Visit Warner Brothers' Amusement Park May 31, see Trier, Germany's oldest city June 7, go factory outlet shopping in Vincenza June 14, buy pottery in Poland June 21 and enjoy the great outdoors on a white-water rafting and camping trip June 28. For more information, call 469-8837 or (0951) 3008837.

Student wins scholarship



Biggins

Bamberg American High School senior Kristina Biggins has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the Defense Commissary Agency in Bamberg for writing an essay on her community involvement. Biggins, who has resided in the 279th BSB for four years, plans to study at Black Hills State University, South Dakota, and will pursue a four-year degree in graphic design.

Show creativity

Show your creativity, earn extra credit, and win fabulous prizes by entering this month's Asian American Pacific Islander art contest. The theme is "What American Pacific Islander art work looks like to me" Art work must be labeled with name, grade, phone number, and turned into the your school's main office by May 30, 3 p.m.

279th BSB

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G-A traditions blend cultures

Special friendship week celebrates 49th birthday

by Cheryl Boujnida
CRUSADER

There are many traditions upheld in Bamberg, but German-American Friendship Week brings out the best of both cultures.

For 49 years, Germans and Americans have met to celebrate joint values at various events in Bamberg. This year, friendship week took place May 5-9.

A gala reception, hosted by Bamberg's Lord Mayor Herbert Lauer in the Emperor's Hall at the New Residence, was one of the highlights attended by more than 250 Germans and Americans. Members of the 1st Infantry Division Band performed lively tunes for attendees.

At the reception, Lauer stressed the importance of continuing stable and close German-American relations.

"During difficult times, with differences of opinion, it is important to understand each other's viewpoint and not allow the warm ties of

friendship to cool down or even to allow a permanent breach between our two countries. It is only sensible to foster and maintain German-American friendship," Lauer said

Col. Albert Johnson, 1st Infantry Division Artillery commander noted Bamberg citizens' openness is admirable.

"We are able to enjoy friendship and continue to work towards a relationship of mutual understanding, cooperation and respect," Johnson said.

Lauer extended his hospitality to 50 single soldiers by inviting them on a complimentary walking tour of the city and dinner at Altenburg castle May 8.

"I understand it's not easy for soldiers to serve far away from home, family and friends but I hope you will take part in everyday life here," Lauer said.

Pvt. 2 Frank Ramsey, originally from North Carolina and relocated to Bamberg 5 months ago, was pleased to participate in German-American festivities.

"It's great to feel so welcome - I feel more connected to Bamberg already," Ramsey said.



Renate Bohlen

Bamberg soldiers stroll through a wooded area near the Dom while touring the inner city.



Connie Faulkner

Lots of kisses for daddy

SFC Thomas Biggerstaff gets a welcome home hug and kiss from his wife, Manuela, daughter and son at a ceremony May 11. More than 100 soldiers with 793rd Military Police Battalion, 82nd Engineer Battalion, and 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery, returned to Bamberg from Kosovo. Soldiers with 82nd Engineer Battalion, and 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery, who deployed in November 2002, performed security operations at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 793rd Military Police Battalion soldiers deployed in October 2002 to support the 212th Military Police Company in Kitzingen.

Scouting opportunities breed fun

by Connie Faulkner
CRUSADER

Citizenship, values, goals and leadership are words often associated with scouting, but the key to scouting in Bamberg is having fun.

Scouts in the 279th BSB proactively support annual community events such as Red Ribbon week, American Red Cross activities and force protection exercises.

"The most important thing about scouting is to have fun. Children learn values and goals that most parents would want to instill in their children through a program which is interactive and enjoyable," said Craig Sweet, Boy Scout senior district executive for the Edelweiss District, which includes German regions and all of Italy.

"Being in Cub Scouts allows me to fish, camp and meet other German scouts," said Richard Macy, 10.

When Cub scouts cross over to Boy Scouts they enter a program that fosters leadership skills and they receive mentorship from adults. The highest award attainable in the Boy Scouts

is the Eagle Scout award.

"On a resume, a potential employer realizes this person has goal setting abilities, leadership skills, as well as a character that shows extremely high standards. For those who enter the military, once they graduate from boot camp an eagle scout automatically receives the rank of private first class," Sweet said.

Girl Scouts have equivalent awards and training also. "Scouting gives girls something positive and builds strong character. It's also an opportunity to experience diversity," said Kymberly Biggins, cadet leader.

Family members can benefit from scouting activities.

"Scouting can bring stability to the lives of military children. They can transfer their data everywhere they go so there is no loss of their hard work," Sweet said.

For more information on scouting, call (0951) 2974467 for Cub Scouts for children age five to 10, or (0951) 3008424 for Boy Scouts, and (0163) 6485441 for Girl Scouts.



Connie Faulkner

Girl scouts Amanda Biggins and Alisha Ewing unload books and magazines for donation to the American Red Cross.

Field artillery soldiers make deployments happen

1st Lt. Dmitry White
1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery

Soldiers dispersing throughout the world to places like Afghanistan, Kosovo and most recently, Kuwait and Iraq, need to get from Europe to their destination somehow. Moving a unit from a home station to a deployment destination isn't as easy as it seems.

Getting an Army unit, soldiers and vehicles onto an Air Force plane smoothly is the job of the Maj. Gen. James M. Wright Deployment Processing Center in Ramstein. The center could not accomplish its mission without the 'pusher unit' that is manned in brief stints by various units throughout the theater. Those units do paper pushing, lifting, and fixing re-

quired to put fellow soldiers on an outbound plane in an efficient manner.

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery, served as the pusher unit from Feb. 3 through April 3.

"The soldiers did a top-notch job. We had this task handed to us with no warning, and we made it happen," said 2nd Lt. Paul Martin, firing platoon leader for Battery B.

Soldiers split their workload into continuous 12-hour shifts, and were at times, working day and night.

"By doing our jobs right, we enhanced the morale of the deploying soldiers," said Sgt. Jeffrey Jackson, pusher unit NCOIC. Jackson and his team verified that each deploying unit had an assigned flight, ensured that there were enough cots and

basic amenities to house all soldiers, and oversaw activities such as ping-pong, board games, and billiards.

"The best thing was taking care of soldiers' needs before they went on to do the real mission," he said.

Jackson moved over two thousand soldiers in and out of the 700 odd cots in a 24-hour period.

Battery B soldiers are able to be flexible, and are prepared for anything to happen.

"One day we're getting ready to go to the field in a month, the next day we're working at the deployment processing center and learning things about the Army that we never thought we'd have to think about. Now we know we played a big role in sending soldiers to complete their missions," Martin said.

Family center opens

The new Family Life Center invites the Schweinfurt community to its grand opening June 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. According to Chaplain (Maj.) David Mikkelson, the 280th BSB family life chaplain, the mission of the center is to provide marriage and family counseling as well as offer training to unit chaplains. The center offers a high level of confidentiality, and counseling is offered from a spiritual perspective. For more information, call 354 6135 or (09721) 966135.



Mikkelson

Visit castles

Join the United Service Organization on a trip to Neuschwanstein Castle June 7. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children, and there is a limit of 14 people allowed on the bus. For more information, call 354 6711 or (09721) 966711.

Support for parents

The New Parent Education and Support program offered by the Army Community Service, is a further step to assist parents with child care using a fun and practical approach. For more information, call 354 6751/6486 or (09721) 966751/6486.

Army turns 228

The Schweinfurt community is invited to attend this year's Army Birthday ceremony at Andrus Garden, Ledward Barracks June 13 at 4 p.m. All members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Manage finances

Learn how to be wise with your finances and attend the next Army Community Service class on principles of personal finance May 27, 5-7 p.m. The class also helps with planning and budgeting, and teaches principles of saving and investing. For more information, call 354 6751/6486 or (09721) 966751/6486.

Increase knowledge

Join the Army Family Team Building, or AFRB, level I, at the AFTB classroom in the education center May 31, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This class empowers family members to understand the Army. All family members, family readiness groups and active duty servicemembers are invited to attend. For details, call 354-6870/7078 or (09721) 966870/7078.

Enjoy environment

All community youth are invited to join the School Age Services, or SAS, and celebrate World Environment day June 5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Youth will be working on a service project called "Little Bug Pick Up." For more information, call 354 6974 or (09721) 82181.

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Kinderfest not just for kids

by Mark Heeter
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Some people painted faces while others painted animal cookies.

The annual Schweinfurt Kinderfest, sponsored by the 280th BSB Child and Youth Services, or CYS, as the highlight of the month of the military child, drew nearly 500 people to the school age services building.

"This is here to get the community involved in the children's activities," said Antoinette Walker, the kinderfest coordinator.

"We have all these community organizations, including the community health nurse, Club Beyond, the library and the provost marshal that participated," Walker said.

The list of agencies that offered volunteers for this year's event also included the Girl Scouts, Army Community Service, youth services, and the Masons and Eastern Stars groups, among others.

"Everyone whom we invited responded positively, and everyone in the community was very involved," Walker said.

The kinderfest also gave children and their parents a chance to come out and familiarize themselves with some of the programs the 280th BSB has to offer.

"We make sure the youth in the community have fun. It's fantastic to see the impression on their faces," said David Coldwell, acting CYS director.



Mark Heeter

Melissa Perdue offers children a chance to win a raffle prize during the kinderfest.

Coldwell was extremely pleased with the turnout for the kinderfest and was especially grateful to all who contributed to the event.

"If it weren't for all the volunteers and the staff, all of this wouldn't be possible," he said.

In addition to the face and cookie painting, two huge inflatable play areas filled the gymnasium, disc jockeys spun the entertainment, and volunteers raffled off 70 door prizes.

"The kids really enjoy it. That's the best part," said Melissa Perdue, who helped with the raffle prize giveaways.

"This actually gets the parents to participate with their kids," said Weston Tyroid, who also helped with the crowd of children who hoped to walk away with a door prize.

"A lot of parents don't have a chance to come out and do these kinds of things with their kids," Tyroid said.

Scouts strut their stuff in local derby

by Mark Heeter
CRUSADER

No one wanted to go up against the brick, even though the Scooby Doo and tank models looked mighty tough.

Competing against each other at Schweinfurt American Elementary School April 26, the cars in this year's Cub Scout Pack 630 Pinewood Derby came in all shapes and sizes.

"As you can tell, they all have different ways of designing their cars," said Doug Thompson, one of the volunteers manning the pit stop, the repair station for the cars that ran into trouble on the track.

The event is designed to teach boys many lessons, some more easily identifiable than others.

"They learn about sportsmanship and to be creative," Thompson said, admiring many of the unique model designs in the derby.

On race day, the cars are allowed to weigh five ounces. The boys begin with a simple and

plain piece of wood and then let their imaginations do the rest, said Mark Mastrian, parent volunteer with Pack 630.

Mastrian cited the benefits of participation in the pinewood derby and scouting in general.

"The Cub Scouts is a great way to develop your son into a confident and creative young man," he said.

"We want to teach them discipline and sportsmanship - we emphasize sportsmanship," Mastrian said.

Parent involvement is critical to successful scouting programs, he said.

"We couldn't do this without the volunteers," he added, in a room full of volunteers, from the pit stoppers to the judges at the finish line to the refreshment salespeople.

Thompson agreed.

"We need to get more people involved. The more people that are involved, the better it gets," he said.



Doug Thompson works on a car in the pit stop.



Photos by Mark Heeter

Scouts, judges and spectators wait anxiously for a pair of competing cars to hit the finish line.



Nicholas Mastrian, left, and Miguel Cohen set up at the starting line.

Counselor keeps soldiers with 'Army of One'

by Mark Heeter
CRUSADER

When Schweinfurt soldiers are about to leave active duty, their clearing process takes them through the office of Walter Epps, reserve career component counselor.

"They're leaving in one sense, but they're not leaving us altogether," Epps said.

He truly believes in the "Army of One" concept that blends soldiers on active duty with those in the reserves and National Guard.

Those whose career as a full-time soldier is about to end can visit Epps to see if options are available to allow them to

continue their service.

"We determine their exact eligibility and what they might qualify for. This lets the soldiers maintain their military affiliation," Epps said.

"It's a challenging job, I must say," he added. Still, Epps has proven himself to be up to the challenge, having been named the top reserve component career counselor in USAREUR for the last fiscal year.

"He's a top performer and a hard-charger," said Ken Rouse, trainer for the European in-service transfer program, which is responsible for counselors like Epps throughout Europe.

"He cares about the well-being of the soldiers, and that comes

across when he deals with them," Rouse said.

The best part of the job as a counselor is the contact and interaction with the soldiers, Epps said. He wants to help them use the skills they have acquired in the military when they return to civilian life.

"The bottom line is, if they're going to leave active duty, to take what they have done back to Hometown, U.S.A.," he said.

Epps was also thankful for all the support from people with whom he works throughout the community, including the soldiers, other retention counselors and his fellow employees at the career transition center.

"It's a big team effort. I couldn't do it myself," he said.



Lisa Eichhorn

Running for home

These children from the 235th BSB battle it out for the base run during a youth baseball game on Storck Barracks, Illesheim, May 10. The game was full of hard hits and even a few home runs. The baseball season is in full swing with the kids and parents enjoying some great play.

Schweinfurt tops Stuttgart in community soccer play

by Mark Heeter
CRUSADER

The Schweinfurt Magicians men's community soccer team used everything they had – including their opponents – to defeat the Stuttgart Stallions, 2-1, in Schweinfurt May 3.

When their goalkeeper came out into the box to make a save, the Stallions scored a goal against themselves in the 74th minute to break a 1-1 tie, giving the home team its winning margin.

“As for the players, these guys are good. This is a good bunch of players,” said Stuttgart coach George Hagos after the game.

“We’ve got a full team, and we’re doing well,” Hagos said.

For most of the first half, the Stallions kept the ball on their end of the field and kept the Schweinfurt goaltender on his toes.

“In the first half, they weren’t too settled down,” said Schweinfurt coach Steve Grandison of his team.

“The Magicians settled into their rhythm in the second half,” Grandison said. Stuttgart had first contact to the goal, though, when Kenny Lewis opened the scoring for the visitors in the 43rd minute.

Although the Magicians tried to bring the ball to their end throughout the first half, they

‘In the first half, they weren’t too settled down.’

– Steve Grandison

were hampered by several consecutive off-sides calls.

In fact, the game was nearly 30 minutes underway before Schweinfurt took a corner kick that was the first shot on goal.

“Recovery after letting the ball go,” was one thing that Grandison said his team could have done better.

The Schweinfurt team that came out after the intermission was more aggressive and was able to challenge the Stuttgart team more, taking more shots at the goal and keeping the opponents off balance on its way to two goals.

Nelson Cruz put Schweinfurt on the scoreboard with a goal in the 70th minute. Four minutes later, and with Schweinfurt momentum working against them, the Stallions scored against their own goalkeeper.

“Some of our tactics are going to change. We need to change a few things,” Hagos said.

Chiemsee resort hosts last summer celebration

by Corey Henderson
AFRC Marketing

The Armed Forces Recreation Center at Chiemsee set in the beautiful Bavarian Alps on the shores of Lake Chiemsee, brings one last summer of rich culture, exciting recreation and peaceful tranquility before closing down for the last time Sept. 2.

AFRC Resorts in Europe will host “Chiemsee’s Sunset Summer,” a summer long celebration of special events, recreation and tours, all leading to the last day of operations Sept. 2. The summer will salute the Chiemsee Resort and its 58 years serving our nation’s Armed Forces as an AFRC Resort.

“Whether you consider Chiemsee an “old friend” or you are simply looking for an excuse to experience its magic for the first time, from now until Sept. 2, I urge everyone to take the opportunity to participate in Chiemsee’s Last Summer,” said Richard LeBrun, AFRC Resorts in Europe general manager.

“With so many recreation options, there is something for everyone to do at the Chiemsee resort. It would be a shame to miss out.”

The Chiemsee recreation department can you suit you up for a multitude of water sports for the whole family. Try the famous sailing week for only \$179, which takes you out on the lake for five days where you’ll learn to skipper your own boat. The course includes five days of instruction, log book, and a certificate of completion.

“A sail week at Chiemsee this summer is a must for anyone wanting to learn the sport,” said Al Warren, AFRC Chiemsee recreation director.

“There is no where else in the world that will

give you this amount of instruction for the price,” Warren said.

Guests can also participate in windsurfing lessons, white water rafting on the nearby Inn River in Austria, and a scuba diving course to receive the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, or PADI, certification. The certificate allows a diver to go out on their own, or enter more advanced classes in the future.

Chiemsee is also a perfect place for the family to hangout at the sun-drenched beach. From there you can jump in for a swim or rent sea kayaks or paddleboats for a fun day on the water.

Not all Chiemsee recreation takes place on the lake. The beautiful alpine region makes a perfect backdrop for hiking, biking and rollerblading with equipment from the fully stocked rental department. Taking a loop on the lakeside trail gives a beautiful perspective to the lake and the surrounding Bavarian resorts.

In addition to the ongoing summer recreation programs, Chiemsee will host a full program of special events through out the summer to commemorate “Chiemsee’s Sunset Summer”. Guests will not want to miss the summer Concert on the Lake series in July, Chiemsee Summer Sea Fest on Aug. 16, or the Sailing Regatta on Aug. 23.

“A visit to Chiemsee gives our guests a recognition of the tremendous history and charm enveloped in the resort,” LeBrun said. “This last summer at Chiemsee will be a very special time to make memories.”

The history surrounding Chiemsee gives another intriguing reason to visit the resort. Adolf Hitler commissioned the building of the Chiemsee Hotel in 1937. The hotel was created



Brad Hays

AFRC hosts one more exciting summer on the lake before the resort closes Sept. 2.

to give a favorable impression of Germany for important dignitaries traveling from Hitler’s Eagles Nest in Berchtesgaden, to the Munich airport. The Park Hotel was added in 1938.

In 1945, the Armed Forces Recreation Centers took over the resort to provide well-de-

served rest and relaxation to the thousands of servicemembers in Europe after the war.

To make reservations, or find out more information about AFRC programs, visit the AFRC website at www.afrcurope.com or call (08821) 72981 or 440-2575.

Roundup

Kickboxing offered

Kickboxing classes are now offered at the Barton Barracks Gym Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Katterbach Fitness Center at 467-2771 or (09802) 832771.

Cycle to keep fit

The Katterbach Fitness Center offers indoor cycling classes. The classes take place each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. Class size is limited so get there early to reserve a spot. For more information, call the Katterbach Fitness Center at 462-2771 or (098902) 832771.

Bowl, eat with FRGs in Katterbach

The Katterbach Bowling Center staff wants family readiness groups to know the are appreciated. You can now eat lunch and bowl each Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and includes a grilled cheese basket meal and three games of bowling with shoe rental. For more information, call 467-2638 or (09802) 832638.

Play survival games

Bamberg’s Child and Youth Services Outer Limits staff hosts a wilderness survival scavenger hunt at the local training area on Warner Barracks June 7, 2-10 p.m. Children in grades sixth through 12 may participate. Cost per student is \$5. To sign up, call 469-8557 or (0951) 3008557.

Cheer players on

Take yourself out to Bamberg’s baseball and t-ball games every Saturday at the Oasis. Games take place at 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. Enjoy a hotdog and beverage, sponsored by Bamberg’s scouting organizations, while cheering young players on. Due to the holiday weekend, games will not take place May 24.

Extreme bowling offered

The 280th BSB Child and Youth Services and the Kessler Bowling Center in Schweinfurt are teaming up to offer Teen Extreme Bowling May 23 at 6:45 p.m. Two slices of pizza and two games of bowling cost \$5 during the event.

Run scheduled

The Schweinfurt D-Day memorial 10-kilometer run begins at

Kessler Fitness Center in Schweinfurt June 7 at 9 a.m. The race is open to all military ID card holders, and T-shirts are available to the first 50 registrants. For more information, call 354-6735 or (09721) 966735.

Golf with commanders

Join the Kitzingen Golf Club for the 417th BSB Commander’s Cup golf tournament June 7. Registration begins May 24. For more information, call (09321) 4956.

Get outside

Your local outdoor recreation office also offers activities and outings that the entire family can enjoy ranging from skiing to swimming, and city tours to medieval games. Outdoor recreation can help you enjoy your tour in Germany.

Attend summer camp

Join a Cub Scout summer day camp at Giebelstadt Army Airfield June 25-28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Learn about water science, endangered species, first aid, go swimming, and enjoy many more activities. For more information, call michelle Baker at (09383) 909014 or send an e-mail to mish.baker@us.army.mil.