



Photo courtesy of the Amelia Earhart Playhouse

Judges see spots at One-Act Play Festival

Mike Riepl, Kim Carr and Glenn Hill appear in a scene from the play, "The Spotted Man," at the Installation Management Command-Europe's One-Act Play Festival in Kaiserslautern. The Wiesbaden Amelia Earhart Playhouse production won five awards at the competition. See page 15 for details and more information about upcoming happenings.

Behavioral health update

Campaign focuses on Soldier healing, resiliency

By Steve Davis
Europe Regional Medical
Command Public Affairs
Office

The Europe Regional Medical Command has initiated a long-term behavioral health campaign focused on healing and recovery from behavioral health wounds.

The ERMIC program implements the Army Medical Command's Comprehensive Behavioral Health System of Care to strengthen support services that sustain physical and emotional well-being of Soldiers and families throughout deployment and redeployment cycles.

"The Comprehensive Behavioral Health System of Care standardizes behavioral health policies and procedures Army-wide to optimize Soldier care during all phases of the deployment cycle," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Humphries, director of ERMIC Soldier and Family Support Services.

She said the type and quality of behavioral health care a Soldier may get at Fort Bragg and in Europe will be the same. The program synchronizes routine behavioral health screenings with a unit's operational tempo.

The Army recognizes that some Soldiers are experiencing repetitive deployments into combat

and high-stress environments and has developed these standards to maximize resources and effective treatment outcomes, Humphries said.

Dr. Maria Crane, a behavioral health specialist and director of the ERMIC Traumatic Brain Injury program, said the Comprehensive Behavioral Health System of Care is a multi-disciplinary, cross-organizational approach that emphasizes identifying, preventing, treating and tracking behavioral health issues affecting Soldiers.

"In Europe, we are engaged with U.S. Army Europe, IMCOM-Europe and the Public Health Command Region Europe to integrate all available assets to prevent and mitigate long-term behavioral health problems."

The "assets" include behavioral health and social services, Chaplain Corps programs, tele-behavioral health consultation and treatment interviews, Respect-MIL and unit behavioral health liaison teams, among others.

Crane said tele-behavioral health programs enable providers to treat Soldiers across combat theaters or close to home.

"Using tele-behavioral health will increase access

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Youths to go trick-or-treating Oct. 30

Youngsters will be on the lookout for the great pumpkin in the Baumholder and Wiesbaden military communities Oct. 30 during traditional trick-or-treat hours.

Baumholder:

Trick or treat hours are 5-8 p.m. Oct. 30 in all Baumholder housing areas; a trunk-or-treat event will be held for those who live off-post at the same time in the Rheinlander Community Club parking lot.

Other Baumholder Halloween events:

A Haunted House Bash will be held at the

Rheinlander Community Club from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 30. The event is child friendly. An all-you-can-eat buffet will be offered from 6-8 p.m., and the bar will serve drink specials. Call mil 485-7244 for details.

A Monster Mash Relay will be held Oct. 30 starting from the Hall of Champions. Join in the 400-meter costumed relay run at 9 a.m. for youths ages 12 and under or join the four-kilometer costume relay run (four-person teams) for ages 13 and up. Register in advance at the Mountaineer Fitness Center through Oct. 29. Call mil

485-7176.

Strikers invites bowlers for a howling night of fun Oct. 30 (see page 7 for more information).

Wiesbaden:

Trick-or-treat hours are 5-7 p.m. in all Wiesbaden housing areas.

Other Wiesbaden Halloween events:

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts a Haunted House Oct. 28-29 from 6-9 p.m. and Oct. 30 from 5-9 p.m.

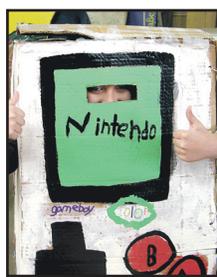


Photo by Jameelah Arcila

at the Community Activity Center on Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Call mil 337-5750.

A BOSS

Halloween bash costume party will be held at the Community Activity Center Oct. 29 from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.

A Night Before Halloween Monster Mash Bash will be held at the Cappuccino Casino at the Hainerberg Shopping Center Oct. 30 from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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Baumholder celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with dance, speaker and more. See page 6.



Pumpkin power

Families get a jump on Halloween. See page 16 and 17 for two pumpkin stories.



Tips from the pros

UFC fighters share techniques. See page 19.



Schoolbits

Fall basket raffle, chili cook-off

Aukamm Elementary School Parent Teacher Association holds a fall basket raffle and chili cook-off Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. in the school's multipurpose room. Besides raffling off more than 10 baskets with themes ranging from Death by Chocolate to Movie Night, there will be a chili cook-off with the winner receiving dinner for two at a local restaurant. A hot dog dinner will be available for those who don't want chili. Email Kellie Smith at smithkfs@earthlink.net for details and to enter the cook-off.

Parent teacher conferences

Baumholder Middle High School holds parent teacher conferences Nov. 15-16 (no school for middle school students Nov. 15, no school for students Nov. 16). Wetzel and Smith Elementary Schools hold parent teacher conferences Nov. 15 (no school for students).

Wiesbaden College Night Nov. 3

Wiesbaden High School invites all prospective college students including Soldiers and family members to a College Fair Nov. 3 from 5:30-8 p.m. featuring career speakers and workshops on scholarships, financial aid, writing college essays, portfolio building and more. More than 42 schools will be represented and information will be available from at least 50 additional schools. Call civ (0611) 4080-351.

Big Bucks bingo, yard sale

Wiesbaden High School's Big Bucks for College program holds crystal bingo Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Hainerberg Elementary School multipurpose room. Big Bucks also hosts an indoor yard sale Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Army Community Service cafeteria. Cost is \$10 a table. Sign up by sending an email to tstouter61@hotmail.com. Polish pottery bingo will be held Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Hainerberg Elementary School multipurpose room

UMUC Europe fall registration

The University of Maryland University College Europe is introducing a new seven-week format for onsite courses for fall 2010 session two. The shorter session includes extended registration through Nov. 1, the start date for most onsite classes. Registration for Europe online courses is through Nov. 7, with classes starting Nov. 8. UMUC offers two field study courses — Renaissance Art in Florence (in Italy Jan. 8-15) and Van Gogh: Life and Work (Jan. 8-15 in the Netherlands). Registration deadline for both courses is Dec. 19. Students are encouraged to take a free online seminar, UMUC 411, to get an introduction to UMUC classes. Those who complete the course will have their \$30 application fee waived. Visit www.ed.umuc.edu or the Education Center for more information.

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma offers graduate degrees programs in human and international relations. An employee assistance class will be held in Wiesbaden Nov. 2-7. Stop by the Education Center on Wiesbaden Army Airfield (Building 1023E) or call civ (0611) 705-5937 for details.

Tricare issues addressed

The commander of the Europe Regional Medical Command has posted a letter on the ERMC website about a Tricare backlog of referral authorization requests for host nation medical care.

Printed information is also available at each Army health clinic.

In her Sept. 29 letter to beneficiaries, Brig. Gen. Nadja West said ERMC is "keenly aware" of administrative problems with the new Tricare Overseas contract that took effect Sept. 1 and is working diligently with the Tricare Management Activity to resolve them as soon as possible.

She asks beneficiaries for their patience as contract transition issues are resolved.

For an explanation of the referral authorization backlog

situation and how TMA is addressing it, visit the Tricare Overseas website at www.tricare.mil/overseas.

TOP Prime enrollees are advised to contact the Tricare Eurasia-Africa call center if they experience problems getting emergency care, an authorization for care or an appointment for care with a host nation provider.

The Tricare Eurasia-Africa Call Center provides 24-hour toll-free support for beneficiaries when they need urgent or emergency care or request medical assistance. Beneficiaries may call these phone numbers:

☎ Belgium (toll-free) 0800-8-0806, (non-toll-free) +44-20-8762-8133;

☎ Germany (toll-free) 0800-1818 505, (non-toll-free)

+44-20-8762-8133;

☎ Italy (toll-free) 800-785 795, (non-toll-free) +44-20-8762-8133.

Those who contact the call center are advised to use the toll-free number from the country in which they are located. A toll-free telephone listing for each country is located on the TOP contractor website at www.tricare-overseas.com/ContactUs/ContactEUR.html.

Beneficiaries who have difficulty reaching the call center should contact their local military treatment facility's Tricare Service Center. Contact information is posted on the ERMC home page and on individual clinic pages.

Updates about the referral authorization situation will be posted on ERMC website and on the Tricare Overseas website.

Does everything happen for a reason?

Commentary by Chrystal Smith

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Public Affairs Office

"Everything happens for a reason."

It's such a profound statement made by many, but is our incessant use becoming a bit trite and misused to excuse our own shortcomings?

This vein of thought was triggered recently when I overheard the expression uttered in a nearby conversation. While I usually nod in agreement, this occasion invoked a response that could be viewed a tad cynical.

First, it must be explained that I believe in a divine being who causes things to work out for my good because I love him and serve him in my daily

life. He may cause my car to delay starting five minutes in order to preserve me from the harm of being involved with an accident that happened within that window of time. He might cause me to choose a different path of travel only to direct me to someone who may need my assistance along the way. He might cause my debit card that is attached to a sufficient fiscal resource to be declined at checkout because the particular vendor has been ripping people off for a long time or saving me from a bad case of food poisoning.

And while things are often being worked out to keep me from danger and moral decay, there's that other teaching that reminds me that I will reap the

things I sow.

Take for instance, if the "accurate" low oil indicator comes on in my car and I ignore it, eventually the engine is going to lock up. If I stop coming to work because I hate my job, I will not get paid and the after-effects of indebtedness or poverty may result. Or if I consistently treat the wait staff at the local restaurant horribly and make unreasonable demands each visit, then I will most likely get the service I truly deserve.

I think things do indeed happen for a reason, but a certain degree of introspection should be employed when things happen in our lives. Once we eliminate self as a causal factor, then perhaps we can truly marvel at the occurrence of miracles.

Letter to the editor: Reader in Australia says thanks for a 'wonderful article'

In the *Herald Union* (dated Sept. 16, 2010) you presented a wonderful article in regards to the passing of our daughter,

Rachel Berger (nee Green). As Rachel's parents, we are extremely proud of her achievements in her involvement with

the various agencies surrounding the military plus other external groups.

Josie and Denis Green

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News flash

Memorial service for high school librarian

A memorial service will be held Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel for longtime Wiesbaden High School librarian Debbie Stafford who died Sept. 25 after a long battle with cancer. A reception will follow the service at the Wiesbaden High School Media Center. People wishing to remember Stafford with a financial gift are invited to contribute to the Deborah Jean Stafford Scholarship Fund for students of Wiesbaden High School in care of Riske, Salisbury and Kelly, P.C., 1720 Carey Ave., Suite 500, Cheyenne, WY 82001 or by sending an email to Chris.Criley@eu.dodea.edu. All faculty, students and friends are invited to join in a "Steps for Stafford" walk at the high school track at lunchtime Oct. 29.

Set clocks back

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Oct. 30.



TKS online bill payments

Customers can now make online bill payments, check for open bills and download monthly statements from TKS through the new myTKS web portal. The online customer center is available to TKS subscribers free of charge by registering for a free account at the TKS website — www.tksable.com. (TKS Marketing)

Still time to give to CFC-Overseas

Give to the charity of your choice during this year's Combined Federal Campaign. This year's CFC, part of the largest workplace giving campaign in the world, runs through Dec. 3 in the European Region. Contact your unit/agency coordinator or the Wiesbaden community area project officer at mil 337-6465, civ (0611) 705-6465 to help "make a world of difference."

AWAG offers training, support

Community members invited to conferences in November

By Karl Weisel
U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden
Public Affairs Office

If you haven't registered for the upcoming AWAG area conferences yet, time is quickly running out.

Baumholder volunteers are invited to join fellow community members throughout the area for the Rheinland Pfalz AWAG Conference Nov. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eifel Club on Spangdahlem Air Force Base. Wiesbaden community members are invited to join the Hessen Area AWAG Conference Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Activity Center on Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

With a host of skill-building sessions, giveaways, exhibits, guest speakers and an opportunity to network with fellow volunteers from throughout the area, participants are bound to find a range of takeaway materials, according to AWAG organizers.

"The fall conference is open to all community members,"

Behavioral health

Continued from page 1 to care and reduce wait times," she said.

Crane said an integrated and synchronized continuum of care and "compassionate leadership" will ensure that Soldiers receive front-line prevention and intervention services to reduce, identify, treat and heal their physical and "unseen" wounds, as required by law.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act requires mental health assessments for service members deployed in connection with a contingency operation.

Because most behavioral health problems do not become apparent until about three months after deployment, Crane said Soldiers will be routinely screened at least five times during the deployment and



Photo by Karl Weisel

AWAG representatives Alicia Acevedo (from right), Alyce Newton and Shannon Cadalora talk to community members about AWAG during a community event.

said Alyce Newton, Hessen Area representative. "The event supports our community volunteers by enriching their skills and enhancing their experiences living and volunteering in Germany."

"With AWAG's mission being to train, strengthen and connect," Newton said, the conference benefits all volunteers who take part. "We really want to encourage people to participate in AWAG, learn, have fun and connect with other community members."

The Installation Management Command-Europe-approved private organization celebrates its 55th year of

service in Europe in 2011. During that time, the members of AWAG, formerly known as the American Women's Activities Germany, have always strived to serve as a motivator and facilitator for volunteers and volunteer organizations in the European Command.

Among the many mini sessions to be featured at this year's Hessen Area Conference are seminars on the Erbenheim archeological digs, wine tasting, financial planning, domestic violence, Zumba, camping in Europe and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"People can pick and choose whatever sessions they would

like to attend. They'll also have an opportunity to mingle and look at exhibits," said Newton, adding that keynote speaker Christi Ham, AWAG honorary adviser, will talk about life as a military spouse.

Besides various small keepsake giveaways available during the Wiesbaden sessions, participants will have the chance to win door prizes ranging from a mountain bike to oriental carpets, a champagne rack to various trips including a Rhein Aflame boat cruise and a look at Christmas in the Netherlands.

Cost for either the Rheinland Pfalz or Hessen conference is \$25 which includes lunch.

To register, those interested can visit the AWAG home page at www.awagonline.org, click on "AWAG Area Pages" and then either "Hessen" or "Rheinland Pfalz" and the "Register Here" link.

Free child care vouchers for Family Readiness Group members will be provided for those attending the Hessen Area Conference once they register for the conference and then reserve with local Child Development Services.

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City opens U.S. Veterans Center

From the blotter

Compiled by the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Directorate of Emergency Services

Sept. 25

Baumholder: A Department of Defense employee is being charged with a traffic accident after striking another vehicle.

Sept. 26

Baumholder: A Soldier is being charged with owning an unregistered vehicle.

Sept. 27

Baumholder: A noncommissioned officer is being charged with owning an unregistered vehicle.

Wiesbaden: A Soldier is being charged with owning an unregistered vehicle.

Sept. 28

Wiesbaden: An NCO is being charged with assault after being involved in an altercation with a family member that turned physical.

Sept. 29

Wiesbaden: An NCO is being charged with fleeing the scene after striking a guardrail owned by the host nation.

Sept. 30

Baumholder: A Soldier is being charged with a traffic accident after striking another vehicle.

Oct. 1

Baumholder: A Soldier is being charged with being drunk on duty after failing a command-directed intoxilyzer test.

Wiesbaden: A family member is being charged with tax evasion after her spouse moved back to the United States and she remained, thus, no longer entitling her to logistical support.

Oct. 2

Baumholder: A Soldier is being charged with drunk and disorderly conduct after yelling profanity and not paying attention to the Military Police.

Wiesbaden: Four family members are being charged with conspiracy to use illegal drugs after MPs and German Police conducted a search in downtown Wiesbaden.

Hanau launches first-of-its-kind meeting place on former U.S. installation

Story and photos by Karl Weisel
U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Public Affairs Office

From its name, Club 905, one might assume this is a swinging hot spot where people meet for a good time. And although that is partially true — this club welcomes a distinctly more mature clientele — U.S. veterans, retirees, spouses and widows — who meet once a week for conversation, refreshments and to share information.

Club 905, the first American Veterans Center of its kind to open in Germany in a former U.S. military community, welcomed German and American guests Oct. 21. Located on the former Francois Kaserne in the Lamboy section of Hanau, the club is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“I welcome you to the first veterans center in all of Europe,” said Joyce Schloesser, the force behind the establishment of the club and a Wiesbaden community volunteer who helps veterans and spouses make the monthly trip by bus from Hanau to Wiesbaden for shopping, health care and other needs.

“The idea began about two years ago as the Army closed (the military communities) in Hanau and Büdingen,” she said, explaining that she was supported by city officials to find a place where individuals who remained in the area could come to socialize and share military information.

Schloesser described how her husband, Dr. Robert Schloesser, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden’s director of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, served as a young lieutenant in Hanau in the early 1960s and returned in following years to serve in a civilian capacity.

“Americans who were assigned to the Büdingen and Hanau areas all have great memories. ... We will never forget Hanau and Büdingen and the other areas where we served,” she said, thanking German citizens for the hospitality they extended over the decades.

Hanau Lord Mayor Claus



Dr. Robert Schloesser (from left), Hanau Lord Mayor Claus Kaminsky and Joyce Schloesser celebrate the opening of the American Veterans Center Oct. 21. Photo below: Veterans and guests enjoy conversation and refreshments at the new center.

Kaminsky, Büdingen Mayor Erich Spamer and past Hanau Lord Mayor Margret Härtel were on hand to help welcome veterans to the center.

“I’m glad to stand here today at the first and only U.S. Veterans Center in all of Europe,” said Kaminsky, praising Schloesser for her dedicated efforts to bring the project to fruition. The mayor explained that while the city contributed to the project, a large part of the successful endeavor was thanks to Thomas and Herbert Müller of the Terramag GmbH — a Hanau company that provided space for the center in the building which once served as a temporary home for Lithuanian refugees after WWII. “They performed an invaluable favor for the veterans.”

“The Americans did a lot for our city,” said Kaminsky, pointing out how in the years immediately following World War II, the U.S. military helped reconstruct Hanau and brought peace. “They came in 1945 as liberators and left as friends.”

Kaminsky also said that, unlike in the former East Germany side of the country where the Soviet military left buildings that were in much worse shape, the U.S. military turned over property that was very valuable for future uses.

Spamer, who bid farewell to Soldiers and families in Büdingen as they left in 2007, said, “The people of Büdingen have not forgotten about you and you



have not forgotten your German friends. ... Just as you are welcome in this veterans center in Hanau, you are always welcome in the city of Büdingen.”

Stephen Waller, an employee with Central Texas College who retired from the U.S. military in 1984 and still lives in Hanau, said the new center was “excellent.”

“This is significant,” added Robert Pierce, Wiesbaden’s Retiree Council president.

“Today is a wonderful day for me to see all these retirees, widows and friends come together,” said Albert Vargas, a retired veteran of 3rd Squadron, 12th Cavalry, in Büdingen.

“This is very needed in my opinion,” Vargas added, saying that the center offers a place where people can share ideas, maintain contact and help each other. “It’s a place where you can come back together again, stay in touch and, for people who are having difficulties of one kind or another, to help one another. It’s a tremendous asset to all of the people who can benefit from this. ... I will be dropping by frequently.”

While Club 905 is only planned as a temporary center, Hanau’s mayor said that a more permanent home is in the works. “In the coming year we hope to have a permanent location in the former Hutier Kaserne.”

The Hanau American Veterans Center is located at Ulanenplatz 2 on Lamboy Strasse — across the street from the former Hutier Kaserne and just down the street from the former U.S. Army Garrison Hessen Headquarters on Yorkhof Kaserne. For more information contact Joyce Schloesser at Schloesser-bob@t-online.de or call civ (06128) 489 202.

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Earn cash for your innovative ideas

By Sgt. Joel Salgado
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U.S. Army Europe Soldiers and civilian employees can be awarded up to \$25,000 by submitting their ideas to improve the Army through the Army Suggestion Program.

Soldiers, U.S. federal employees and local national civilian employees who are paid from appropriated funds are eligible to take part in the program, said Joseph (J.D.) Jerdee, the Level 2 ASP actions coordinator for Installation Management Command-Europe.

"The Army Suggestion Program is a program that encourages Soldiers, civilians and any concerned individual to submit ideas that will result in increased efficiencies and reduced costs," Jerdee said.

Although the Army established the program in 1943, this could be a good time to take advantage of the program because of the current emphasis on cost savings within the Department of Defense and the Army. For example, DoD finished accepting suggestions Sept. 24 from across the services — nearly 15,000 of them — that are eligible for cash awards

under its INVEST cost-savings initiative.

According to the ASP website, all suggestions submitted through the program must benefit the Army or other U.S. government activities by identifying a problem and recommending a solution for it.

"Suggestions follow a review and approval process based on the level of the suggestion. In other words, if the suggestion is specific to the installation, it can be reviewed and approved or disapproved at that level," said Jerdee. "Ideas that require higher-level review for approval are forwarded through the system to the appropriate level."

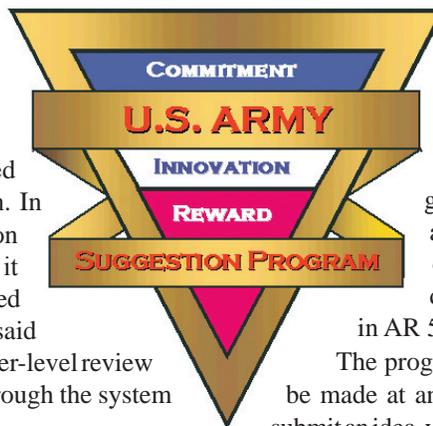
If a suggestion is approved and implemented by the Army, an assessment is made to determine how much the initiative saves the Army. Depending on the amount saved, "suggesters" can earn up to \$25,000 for their ideas. Individuals who are not eligible for

cash awards may still be able to make suggestions and could receive a plaque or certificate for their ideas. Army Regulation 5-17 (The Army Ideas for Excellence

Program) outlines how that process works, who is eligible for cash awards for approved suggestions and how cash awards are determined. According to that regulation, the money is paid after final approval is granted, and comes from the appropriated funds of the individual's unit or organization. More information about determining cash awards can be found

in AR 5-17, Table 5-1.

The program is ongoing, and suggestions can be made at any time. For more information or to submit an idea, visit the ASP website at <http://asp.hqda.pentagon.mil/public> (available to Army Knowledge Online registered users only). Suggesters unable to access AKO can submit a DA Form 1045 (Army Ideas for Excellence Program Proposal) to their installation ASP coordinator.



Legal aid available when facing medical, physical evaluation boards

By R. Charles Collica II
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Service members new to the Medical Evaluation Board and Physical Evaluation Board process are most often confused and weighed down with questions concerning their legal rights.

MEB Outreach Counsel and Soldiers Counsel are licensed attorneys available to provide information, advice and representation to Soldiers throughout the MEB-PEB process.

The MEB Outreach Counsel is available to assist each individual Soldier from the moment he or she is referred into the MEB process.

At the beginning, general advice and assistance are provided in developing a strategy to reach the Soldier's desired outcome.

As the Soldier progresses through the system, the MEB Outreach Counsel can provide more specific advice and representation. The Soldiers

Counsel is available to represent the Soldier once the case progresses from the MEB to the PEB stage.

The MEB Outreach Counsel who serves all Soldiers in U.S. Army Europe is located in the Wiesbaden Legal Center. Soldiers Counsel offices are located at Landstuhl and Vilseck.

If you reside in USAREUR and are undergoing an MEB-PEB, legal teams are available at the following locations:

Heidelberg: mil 371-2091, civ (06221) 17-2091

Wiesbaden: mil 337-4738, civ (0611) 705-4738

Landstuhl: mil 590-8907, civ (06371) 86-8286

Vilseck: mil 476-3358, civ (09662) 83-3358

Don't try to navigate this complex process on your own. Don't hesitate, take advantage of the free legal advice and representation available to you now. Your rights and benefits may be adversely affected if you don't.

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Help save Army dollars by doing your part to recycle refuse. Join the Separate Or Recycle Trash effort by properly sorting all recyclables. Also turn off lights and other appliances when not in use.

Hispanic heritage observed with flair

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder Public Affairs Office

The Baumholder Hispanic Heritage Month observance was peppered with Merengue and Salsa dancing, tasty Hispanic entrees from the Mexican Cantina restaurant and a down-to-earth discussion by Richard Jimenez, Baumholder Middle High School assistant principal, about growing up Hispanic.

Rather than address the many accomplishments of well known Hispanic Americans, Jimenez chose to talk about his family. He talked about how his parents met, the challenges they faced because although both were Hispanic, their roots were imbedded in different cultures.

He talked about his father serving in the Merchant Marines during World War II, pointing out that the Merchant Marines was the only quasi military organization that was fully integrated at that time. He also talked about his mother deciding to better herself by attending college, something unthought of for a Hispanic woman during that time.

Jimenez received his bachelor of arts degree in music with an Asian studies minor from Skidmore College. After serving in the U.S. Army as a language specialist, Jimenez completed his masters of education in Educational Instructional Technology and Psychology from the University of Oklahoma in Norman in 1996.

He also completed his certification in Educational Administration, Curriculum and Supervision in 1998. Jimenez has served in education for 20 years. He has been committed to ensuring his students are supported in their physical, emotional, social and academic growth.

"Ethnic observances are always great opportunities for the community to come together and recognize the achievements and contributions of different cultures and groups. With the Army being such a diverse organization, it is important for us to take time and honor the different backgrounds that we are surrounded by every day," said Sgt. 1st Class William Mace, Equal Opportunity manager and event coordinator.

The dance group "Los Latinos Sabroso," consisting of Jose de la Cruz, Bryan Benido Anota and Pina Nequirito, drew cheers from the guests as they performed several Hispanic dances like the Bachata and Merengue from the Dominican Republic, and the Salsa from Cuba and Puerto Rico.

After the dancing and presentation by Jimenez, the guests were invited to enjoy a Mexican buffet donated by the Mexican Cantina restaurant in Einsiedlerhof.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Richard Jimenez, Baumholder Middle High School assistant principal, talks about growing up Hispanic.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Guests gather at the buffet line for a sampling of Hispanic cuisine.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Two members of the dance group "Los Latinos Sabroso" entertain the audience.

Don't let weather catch you off guard

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder
Public Affairs Office

Despite the many advisories, briefings and the gradually cooling temperatures, the first white flakes and icy roads catch many who are not used to inclement weather by surprise.

When inclement weather hits a community, the road conditions and any delays or cancellations in work, schools or other community services, as determined by the local commander, are promptly reported to AFN radio.

At about 6 a.m. the AFN affiliate in Kaiserslautern begins airing inclement weather conditions and other pertinent information.

When inclement weather is expected, AFN radio will also issue advisories so that people may plan accordingly and take the necessary precautions.

Like clockwork, once the first snowflakes hit the ground Baumholder residents reach for their phones and inundate the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder's Emergency Operations Center and Military Police with an avalanche of questions such as "Are the schools closed?" "Is the post closed?" "What facilities



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Snow blankets the front of the Rheinlander Community Club during the last snow season.,

ties are closed, and which are open?" "Is it safe to drive to the PX or commissary?"

Community residents are asked not to call the MPs as the influx of calls will tie up the phone lines and prevent their timely response to a possible emergency.

Confusion breaks out annually when residents try to interpret the definition of the color-coded road conditions that are reported by AFN and to whom they apply.

During adverse weather conditions people often mistakenly believe a road condition advisory such as "Amber" or "Red" applies to all motorists.

This is not the case. Here are a few facts that may help.

The most common weather-related report heard over AFN radio and television and other alert channels pertains to road conditions. A road condition report applies only to military vehicles and restricts operators to various degrees of travel. It does not apply to civilian vehicles. Motorists traveling to work in their own cars should use road condition announcements to help them take appropriate safety measures when traveling to and from work.

Another announcement often heard during adverse weather is a delay in reporting

to work. If, for example, AFN reports that all Baumholder personnel are authorized a two-hour delay in reporting to work, this means that motorists have two additional hours to report to work. It doesn't mean roll over and go back to sleep.

The intent of a delay is to allow people who don't live close to their work a reasonable amount of time to report to work in a safe manner. Those who live on post or do not commute are expected to report to work on time.

The third and most extreme action a commander may take is to close an installation as a result of dangerous weather conditions. This means that all

facilities are closed, including schools, commissaries, exchanges and shoppettes. It does not mean everyone has a day off to go shopping or run errands. Another aspect of closures and delays is the accountability for missed work hours. Military members do not need to record this downtime. However, if a military member was on leave during a closure, that day will be counted as leave.

Civilian employees are placed on administrative leave during a post closure. Those on leave during a closure will remain on leave, just as military members. This applies to American and local national civilian employees.

Weather, road conditions information

Local sources

Duty hours mil 485-1530, civ (06783) 6-1530
After duty hours mil 485-6150, civ (06783) 6-6150

Baumholder Information Channel

Look for information on the crawler

Road conditions on Baumholder website

www.baumholder.army.mil

AFN Radio

Smith Barracks and Wetzel Housing, 106.1 FM
Kaiserslautern area, 100.2 FM
AFN simulcast during extreme weather, 1107 AM

FMWR roundup

Fall bazaar

Get the best Europe has to offer just before the holiday rush at the Hall of Champions during the annual fall bazaar. Shopping hours are Oct. 29 and 30, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call mil 485-6115 or civ (06783) 6-6115 or visit www.baumholder.army.mil. The bazaar is open to all ID cardholders.

Monster Mash relay

Come out Oct. 30 and participate in the Monster Mash relay runs starting at 10 a.m.

at the Hall of Champions and ending at Minick Field. Select from the 400-meter costumed relay run at 9 a.m. for youths 12 and under, or join the four-kilometer costume relay run (four-person teams) for ages 13 and up. Preregistration is required at the Mountaineer Fitness Center anytime through Oct. 29. For more information call the Baumholder Sports Office at mil 485-7176.

Haunted house bash

Come to the Rheinlander Community Club Oct. 30 from 6-10 p.m. to check out the free haunted house located in the basement. This event is put on by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Entertainment Division and is child friendly. The Rheinlander's Siggi Zimmer will have her signature, all-you-can-eat

buffet available for \$8 from 6-8 p.m. and the Rheinlander bar will be open serving drink specials. For more information call mil 485-7244.

Fright night bowling

Join Strikers for a howling night of fun Oct. 30. Striker's is offering a haunting Eight-Pin, No-Tap Tournament starting at 6 p.m. If that is not your thing, join them for a night of open bowling. Strikers will offer children candy if they would like to trick or treat during authorized times. Join in on the costume contest at 9 p.m. Those in costume will receive \$1 off for each game of bowling. Visit or call Strikers to find out more at (06783)-6-6569 or mil 485-6569.

Race day ready clinic

A race day ready clinic

geared for those preparing to run any 5K, such as the upcoming Baumholder Turkey Trot, will be held Nov. 16 and 18 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Learn running preparation, techniques and skills to help you reach your best, injury-free performance on race day. Sign up at the Sports Office or contact Dawn Crilly at mil 485-6671, dawn.crilly@eur.army.mil.

Get buffed not stuffed

The "Buff Not Stuffed" Thanksgiving Weight Maintenance Program runs Nov. 8-26.

Don't let your fitness become a casualty of the holiday season. Participants will have access to special classes, including family fitness classes. Learn simple ways to cut calories out of favorite holiday recipes, and

learn secrets to compensating for holiday splurges. Participants will also be eligible to win personal training sessions. Sign up at the Sports Office or contact Dawn Crilly at mil 485-6671, dawn.crilly@eur.army.mil.

Turkey Trot fun run

A Turkey Trot five-kilometer fun run is scheduled for Nov. 24 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Hall of Champions. Categories include male and female and youth. There will also be a unit spirit award. Register at the Mountaineer Fitness Center Nov. 9-23. Race day onsite registration is 7:15-8:45 a.m. Awards will be presented for first, second and third-place finishers. Registration is free. Call the Hall of Champions Sports Office at mil 485-6671 for more information.

Joe Satellite

Post preps for Super Six

Baumholder is gearing up to host the 2010 Super Six High School Football Championships Nov. 6.

The six participating schools will not be known until Oct. 31 when the finals have concluded.

“There are three football divisions this year in DoDEA-Europe, so the football tournament will be Super VI, meaning two teams in each division will play for bragging rights,” said David Schwab, Baumholder American High School athletic director.

The event begins at noon and runs until approximately 6 p.m. or until the last game is complete. The U.S. Army Garrison traditionally hosts this Department of Defense Dependent Schools event in partnership with Baumholder American High School. Visitors

from throughout the European Command will descend on Baumholder’s Minick Field for an afternoon of hard-hitting high school football.

“DoDEA-Europe likes to have the tournament in Baumholder because we are in the center

Baumholder garrison is supporting this DoDDS event once again. We’re looking forward to another successful tournament as we have in the last eight years or so,” said Schwab.

“DoDEA football players in Spain, Italy, the UK, the Benelux and Germany all know where Baumholder is because of this tournament played in our own Minick Field,” said Schwab.

“We’re thrilled that the Baumholder garrison is supporting this DoDDS event once again. We’re looking forward to another successful tournament as we have in the last eight years or so,” said Schwab.

Two family readiness groups and three school organizations will be providing food and refreshments throughout the tournament.

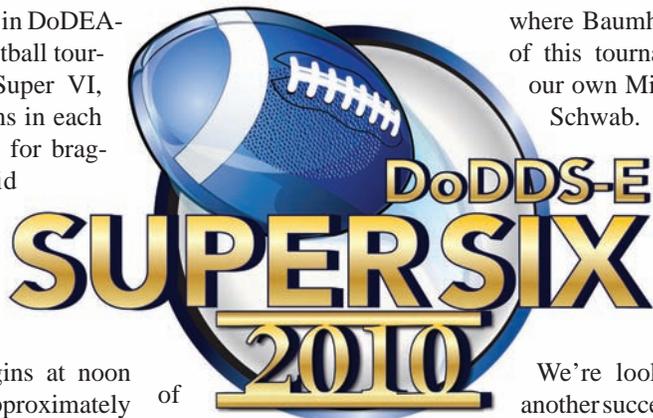


Photo by Ignacio "Igg" Rubalcava

A Mustangs player breaks through the line during the 2009 Super Six Championship.

Rock solid



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Edwards

Warrior continues to serve

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Edwards, assigned to the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, was one of two guest speakers at Baumholder's National Disability Employment Awareness Month observance Oct. 18 at the Rheinlander Community Club.

Edwards was hit by an IED three years ago. He received severe burns over 80 percent of his body and survived.

He is the only Soldier in the U.S. Army to have survived such a severe injury. Edwards could have been medically retired from the Army but he elected to continue to serve.

Combined Federal Campaign under way

The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas is well into its fourth week and people still have plenty of time to make a contribution.

This year's CFC-Overseas runs through Dec. 3.

"The CFC-O at Baumholder is going well," said Capt. Kevin Lucciola, Baumholder CFC officer. "In our first two weeks we raised over \$6,500. At the Breast Cancer Awareness run we raised another \$1,000 for various cancer organizations.

The community goal is \$150,000, so we really need the community to continue to support their favorite charities and spread the word to others to 'Make a World of Difference,'" said Lucciola.

"Every member of Baumholder is given the opportunity to participate in the 2010 CFC-O," stated Lucciola. "If you have never participated in the campaign, please join us. If you have given in the past, I thank you for your support and invite you to participate again this year."

During the campaign season, uniformed and civilian personnel can contribute to help people in need in military communities, across the nation and around the world. The campaign is managed by Global Impact.

Runners raise awareness

Baumholder's Breast Cancer Awareness Run Oct. 16 saw more than 100 runners, walkers and strollers turn out to help raise funds and awareness. The run was rolled up together with the Combined Federal Campaign, raising \$ 1,000 that will be earmarked for breast cancer awareness as part of Baumholder's contribution to the CFC.

"The event was an enormous success, providing information on preventive measures to be taken and support groups that assist during the recovery time and continued education for a survivor of breast cancer," said David W. Jefferson, sports, fitness and aquatics director.

The winners in each category are:

Children's one kilometer

- 1st Ian Whittaker
- 2nd Alyssa Gordon

Men 13-17 years

- 1st Cameron Koch

Women 13-17 years

- 1st Katie Koch
- 2nd Alyssia Garrison

Men 18-27 years

- 1st Sean Tadley
- 2nd Felix Calderon
- 3rd Eugene Rodriquez

Women 18-27 years

- 1st Rud Gretchen
- 2nd Melanie Padilla
- 3rd Christina Terehoff

Men 28-37 years

- 1st David Meyers
- 2nd Vincent Sandoval

Women 28-37 years

- 1st Katie Reine
- 2nd Michelle Landron
- 3rd Karisa Jackson

Men 38-plus years

- 1st Richard Schwenk
- 2nd Matthew Harrison
- 3rd David Gibson

Women 38-plus years

- 1st Sara Harrison

Strollers

- 1st Susan & Bryan Shadley

- 2nd Elizabeth Stoffel

- 3rd Trisha Redfox

Walkers

- 1st Leann Sandoval

- 2nd Alicia Gussenhoven

- 3rd Kristy Spirey

Fastest Man

- Sean Tadley, 18:47

Fastest Woman,

- Katie Reiney, 22.50

Fastest youth

- Cameron Koch, 24:59



Photo by Master Sgt. Dwight Ingram

Showing their support for Breast Cancer Awareness, the 92nd Military Police Company stationed a pink Humvee in front of the Hall of Champions during the run.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dwight Ingram

Runners dash from the starting gate during this year's Breast Cancer Awareness Run in Baumholder Oct. 16.

Advanti Ad

Friendship stands the test of times

By **Kristopher Joseph**
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Public Affairs Office

Multiple versions of classic American muscle stood before the steps of the Wiesbaden Rathaus (City Hall) for all to see. Germans and Americans alike stopped, stared and realized that something was “in the air” Oct. 9.

The occasion was German-American Day, which explained why ‘57 Chevys, along with other historic Fords and Chryslers, were on display in the Hessen capital. German citizens were also greeted by various German-American club members and organizations that set up displays and took part in the outdoor portion of the day’s events.

While the outside of the Rathaus honored the earthly contributions and friendship of the two kindred cultures, the inside honored one man, who for the majority of his life, has been “out of this world.”

Before 200 guests that included various state and city officials and the Frankfurt consulate general, German Air Force Brigadier General and German Astronaut Thomas Reiter was presented the Lucius D. Clay Medal by the president of the Federation of German-American Clubs Gary Bautell, who is also affectionately known as the “Voice of AFN Europe.”

Clay was a four-star general and military governor of the U.S. Occupation Zone in Germany after World War II and is known as the “Father of the Berlin Airlift.” The medal was created in his name to honor those who have made significant contributions to not only German-American relations but also to international camaraderie and goodwill.

Before receiving the medal, Brig. Gen. Reiter was lauded for his many accomplishments in this arena which include leading an international crew to the Mir Space Station for a record-breaking 179-day mission where they performed some 40 European scientific experiments. For his career, Reiter has also been at the forefront of German-American space research and exploration.

U.S. Army representatives played key supporting roles in the event as well. U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden provided a color guard, the U.S. Army Europe

Brass Quintet performed for the guests, and the USAG Wiesbaden Senior Mission Commander and 5th Signal Commander Brig. Gen. Jeffrey G. Smith, Jr. gave a speech that reminded the audience of German-American history.

“Since the first German families arrived in America in 1683, the impact of German culture shaping the American way of life is remarkable. For more than 300 years, America has been strengthened, built and re-energized by the wonderful German people. That is reflected here in Wiesbaden as we continue to learn from each other and continue to strengthen our amazing friendship.”

When Reiter accepted his medal his words were short, but the impact was significant, he said. “You know, life up there [in space] is not a walk in the park. But the most important thing I learned is that most boundaries in the world are in our minds,” Reiter said.



Photo by Kristopher Joseph

German visitors pose next to a vintage American car on display outside of the Wiesbaden Rathaus to celebrate German-American Day Oct. 9. On Oct. 6, 1683, the first German immigrants arrived in America; the date proclaimed by former U.S. President Ronald Reagan as the official German-American Day.

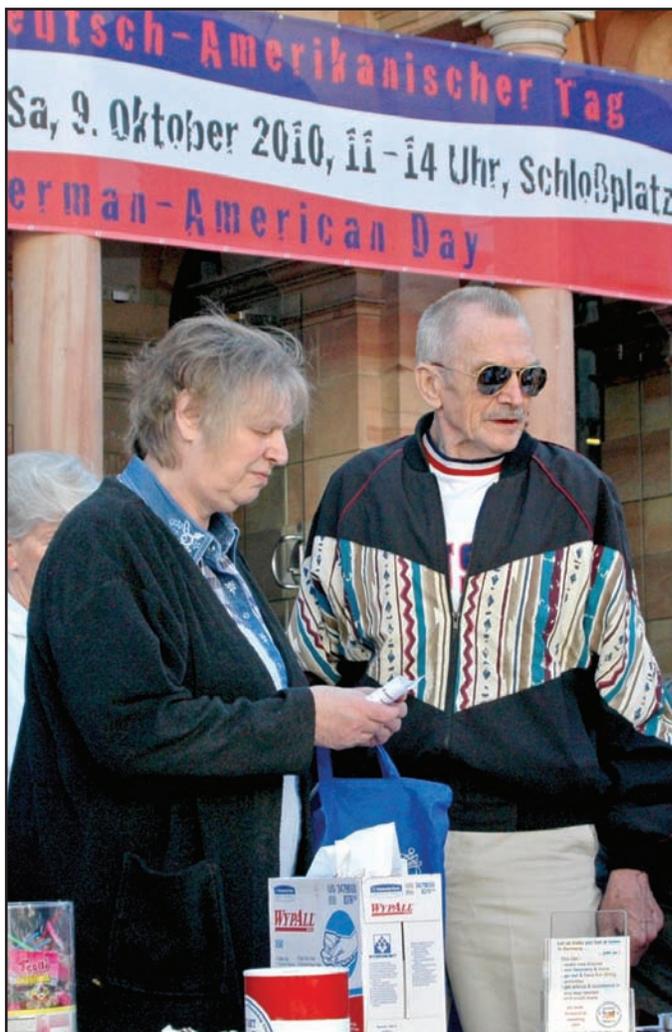


Photo by Anemone Rueger

Visitors examine the offerings at the Outreach Wiesbaden Kontakt Club information table during the German-American Day event. The Federation of German-American Clubs hosted the event with the city of Wiesbaden.



Photo by Kristopher Joseph

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey G. Smith Jr. (right), 5th Signal commander, shares a few words with German astronaut Thomas Reiter, who was presented the Lucius D. Clay Medal for his contributions to international and German-American relations during a ceremony hosted by the Federation of German-American Clubs at the Wiesbaden Rathaus. Photo right: Mercedes Wilde, famous child of the Berlin Airlift, autographs a copy of “Mercedes and the Candy Bomber,” a book depicting her experiences of the time.



Photo by Anemone Rueger

Program brings mothers together to share ideas

Story and photos by
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Public Affairs Office

Mothers and preschoolers enjoyed companionship, snacks and a host of activities during the first Wiesbaden Mothers Of Preschoolers get-together at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel Oct. 13.

The group, which welcomes all mothers with children through age 5 to bimonthly meetings the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m., features guest speakers, arts and crafts, fellowship, children's programs and a shared meal.

"MOPS is open to everyone regardless of faith," said Paige West, MOPS coordinator, explaining that similar programs have been offered in other communities around the world for several years.

"Because we're overseas there are no dues," she said, adding that the program is an outreach of the Protestant



Photo left: Mothers Of Preschoolers members talk about the benefits of the program during the program's launch Oct. 13. Photo above: Youngsters enjoy playtime while mothers share the MOPS get-together.

Women of the Chapel.

"Our intent is to encourage and equip mothers of young children to become better leaders." West said that while stateside mothers may have role models nearby such as their own mothers and grandmothers, most of those serving in the military environment lack those immediate mentors. That's where MOPS comes in, she said.

"As a mobile society we're always moving," West said

describing how the program can help provide encouragement and support. "I think it's critical for young mothers."

While a member of the Wiesbaden Military Family Life Consultants helped kick off the first session of MOPS with an explanation of how she and her counterparts can assist military families, upcoming speakers may include anyone from the Educational Developmental Intervention Service to the Parent-to-Parent program,

West said. Arts and crafts, literacy and anything else mothers might be interested in are all potential topics, she added.

As several women helped launch the initial get-together of MOPS, they talked about other communities where MOPS helped them raise their preschool children, the value of having the program in the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden and subjects such as "discussing the greatest things about being a

mom and the greatest fears of being a mom."

"There's no limit to how many people can participate," said West. "The more the merrier."

With the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel scheduled to receive a facelift in the future, MOPS may be relocating, she added. For more information about MOPS and to find out where upcoming sessions will be held, send an email to WiesbadenMOPS@gmail.com.

Wiesbaden medical company gets new name, mission

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Fincham
30th Medical Command
Public Affairs Office

Community members gathered to witness and celebrate the re-designation of a nearly 70-year-old medical company at Wiesbaden Army Airfield Oct. 15.

The 557th Medical Company converted from a ground ambulance company to become the 557th Area Support Medical Company during the transformation ceremony.

"An energy and excitement surrounds

this company that is truly remarkable," said Capt. Adam Davies, commander. "The order calls this event a reorganization. It has also been called a transformation, a conversion and a re-designation. Whatever we call it, one thing that is certain is that this event signals a significant change."

The change brings more than just a new guidon and title to the organization. The new mission adds new equipment, personnel and capabilities to the 557th. Field surgeons, physician assistants, behavioral health professionals, nurses,

doctors and medical logistics specialists are being added to the unit's formation along with the ability to execute dental, laboratory and radiology operations.

The ASMC can now provide Level I and Level II medical support, and can hold and sustain up to 40 patients for up to 72 hours before evacuating them or returning a Soldier to duty.

"From a medical capability standpoint, the change this company is going through is drastic," said Davies. "Outfitted with the latest medical tools that Army medicine has to offer, this lean medical package will be poised to meet any number of medical contingencies across the full spectrum of military operations."

The new personnel and equipment bring not only new capabilities, but

also their own unique challenges as the unit transforms, according to 1st Sgt. Eric Smeed, 557th Medical Company first sergeant.

"Integration of all these low density medical (military occupational specialties) such as X-ray, lab, dental and how they interact with each other is a new challenge. But we will be able to bring all the care that any troop medical clinic can bear, including trauma support, and that critical lifesaving capability far forward, on the edge of battle," said Smeed.

Davies said he looks forward to establishing the 557th as the "best and most powerful area support medical company" in the world.

"Our vision is to be (US Army Europe's) premier deployable medical team, while fostering a climate of absolute pride and professionalism in all we do. Over the coming months we will do everything we can to set the conditions for this company's future success, remembering that our efforts during this important time of transformation will establish a legacy from which future successes may be obtained," said Davies.



Leaders salute after uncasing the 557th Area Support Medical Company colors. Photo right: Radiology specialists Spc. Jong Lee and Sgt. Tommy Thompson demonstrate equipment.



Chatterbox Cafe offers youths new hangout

By Jameelah Arcila
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Convenient location in Hainerberg Housing

The Chatterbox Cafe celebrated its grand opening Oct. 19 giving middle and high school students a new option for their afternoons.

The project was spearheaded by Wiesbaden Chapel Youth Director Dan Haas. The dream became a reality when an ideal space on Hainerberg opened up for use—the two-story cottage, formerly the thrift shop, is now a very hip cafe.

Community members and parents were invited to attend the opening, and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars took the opportunity to present a check donation in support of the new initiative.

Volunteer managers Kelly Smith and Elizabeth Ellenbecker handle the day-to-day activities of the cafe.

“This is a community-based effort with amazing contributions from individual volunteers and groups,” Haas said.

Hours are currently Tuesdays 2:30-4 p.m. for middle school students and Fridays 6-8 p.m. for high school students.

Haas and his team said they look forward to hosting student art shows, open mic sessions and live music.

Wiesbaden Middle School eighth-grader Sophia Almen-dras said she liked the lighting and added, “I’ll definitely be back.”



Photos by Jameelah Arcila

Wiesbaden’s new Chatterbox Cafe features a live music corner inviting youths in for future student art shows and open mic nights. Photo right: Volunteer manager Kelly Smith serves drinks during the grand opening.

Help needy youths through ACS’s Angel Tree Program

By Jameelah Arcila
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Public Affairs Office*

Wiesbaden Army Community Service offers a great opportunity for giving directly to needy children during the holidays.

The Angel Tree program targets single parent homes and large families, those experiencing financial difficulties and families with a deployed parent.

Last year the program reached 254 children. Taking into account new arrivals and many ongoing deployments, this year’s goal is to provide gifts for 300 children, while reducing holiday stress for their families, program officials said.

Participation as a recipient or volunteer is simple and anonymous.

Community members should submit the names of children through their chain of command or directorate by Oct. 28. Late submissions will be taken until Dec. 3.

Starting Nov. 19 community members will find Angel Trees in the Mainz-Kastel Power Zone, Wiesbaden Army Airfield Dining Facility, Mainz-Kastel Toyland, ACS and in the Post Exchange lobby. Simply take a tag from the tree, purchase a gift or gifts based on the tag’s information and return the unwrapped gift, tag attached, to drop boxes located next to the trees by Dec. 16. Unwrapped gifts may also be dropped off at ACS in Hainerberg Housing.

Price and quantity of gifts are at the discretion of the volunteer.

Direct monetary contributions to the program will also be accepted until Dec. 22.

The gifts will be ready for pickup by Soldiers or family members Dec. 20-24.

Leary Henry, the program’s organizer at ACS, said he was moved by the impact on families in past years and is looking forward to another successful season with great community participation.



Lucia’s Gift Shop

Focus Group members sought

People interested in the subject of dogs in the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden community are invited to join fellow community members at

a Dog Focus Group. It will be held Nov. 1 from 2-4 p.m. at the Army Community Service conference room (Building 7790 in Hainerberg

Housing). To get involved in the Community FIRST process call mil 337-5507 or civ (0611) 706-5507.

Teaching Iraqi troops to teach their own

Story and photo by Cpl. Daniel Eddy
196th MPAD, 1st Armored Division, U.S. Division-Center

A group of Iraqi Army Soldiers conducted a simulated raid Oct. 13, after a three-week course taught by Soldiers from Company D, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Armored Division, United States Division – Center, at Joint Security Station Deason, Iraq.

During the course the Iraqis learned proper evidence handling and gathering, evidence documentation and handling a detainee, according to the Geneva Conventions.

With Operation New Dawn in full motion, the successful training at JSS Deason is another example of Iraqis taking control and becoming more equipped to train their own.

“We had a lieutenant and noncommissioned officers from the commandos go through training on individual tasks, squad phase, and platoon phase,” said Capt. Kevin Murnyack, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 7th IR commander.

Murnyack said he knew the Iraqi commandos’ tactics were effective, but he wanted to see their ability to plan, execute and conduct a solid after action review. Afterward, he had full confidence in the commandos’ ability to train fellow Iraqi Soldiers.

One of the classes the Iraqis were taught, and will



Staff Sgt. Jerry Asrat instructs Iraqi Army Soldiers Oct. 12 at Joint Security Station Deason, Iraq, on the proper way to provide security while handling a detainee according to the Geneva Conventions.

teach in the future, is a crime scene investigation class on the proper ways to handle, bag and document evidence. The instructors find these classes to be advantageous to both Iraqis and Americans.

“I think it’s great,” said Sgt. Jason Hutchinson, a gunner and a CSI instructor with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 7th IR. “We are

working ourselves out of a job. The more we do now, the less we have to do later, so I am all about getting

these guys trained.”

Hutchinson said the Iraqis’ improvement is not always obvious. Instead, he looks at the details to see their progress. One sign of improvement is that the Iraqis have started using rubber gloves, whereas before, the practice was much more foreign to them. Wearing the rubber gloves helps prevent the contamination of evidence and likely results in more convictions.

Ensuring the Iraqis are confident with the lessons taught is vital, because in the future, Iraqis will take the lead in criminal investigations.

Murnyack said the goal over the next iterations of class will be to phase in the Iraqi trainees as instructors while phasing out the American Soldiers.

New areas of emphasis are on the Geneva Conventions and the proper handling of a detainee.

“You can see from the IA Soldiers how they were interested,” said Staff Sgt. Jerry Asrat, an instructor and platoon sergeant with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 7th IR. “It is totally new from their day-to-day life. They are aware of some of the detainee treatment procedures, but they are not fully experienced about the whole international detainee law.”

The three-week course is just one piece in orchestrating a firm partnership with Iraq.

“I think our partnership is stronger than ever,” Murnyack said. “I think part of that is because the Iraqis like to be in the lead. It is their country, and they take a lot of responsibility and a lot of pride in the security here.”



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Community notes ... Community notes

Veterans Day event

The Wiesbaden Army Airfield exit gate will be closed from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 10 during the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden's Veterans Day Observance. The ceremony will be held at Veterans Park, across from the Military Police Station, at 11 a.m.

Auto skills for teens

The Auto Skills Center and Child, Youth and School Services' EDGE program offer auto skills for teens classes Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22. The Auto Skills Center is located in Building 4010 at the Mainz-Kastel Storage Station. Call mil 335-5169 or civ (0611) 408-0169 for details.

Playhouse wins one-act play awards

Wiesbaden's Amelia Earhart Playhouse was recognized with five awards at the 2010 Installation Management Command-Europe One-Act Play Festival in Kaiserslautern. Winners from Wiesbaden included actors Mike Riepl, Kim Carr and Glenn Hill; stage manager Tracy Sherman and the makeup team of Anne Garmon, Sanja Parkos



Mike Riepl and Kim Carr appear in the Amelia Earhart's "The Spotted Man."

and Vivla Ray Hill. Wiesbaden's entry was the play, "The Spotted Man."

Spanish Red Cross lifesaving classes

Learn how to perform lifesaving skills in a Red Cross Spanish-language lifesaving course Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Heidelberg. Call civ (06221) 57-1760 or email Red-CrossHeidelberg@eur.army.mil for details.

Saturday vet clinics

The Wiesbaden Veterinary Clinic will have Saturday clinics Nov. 6 and 20 from 8 a.m. to noon by appointment only. Call mil 337-6283 or civ (0611) 705-6283 to make an appointment.

AWAG Conference slated for Nov. 9

The Hessen Area Fall Conference of AWAG will be held Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Activity Center. All community ID cardholders are invited to participate. The keynote speaker will be Christi Ham, AWAG honorary adviser. Cost is \$25. Child care will be provided for Family Readiness Group members who pre-register. Register at www.awagonline.org or send an email to Hessen@awagonline.org.



Photo by Chrystal Smith

Hainerberg bank branch celebrates reopening

The Hainerberg Community Bank Branch celebrated its reopening Oct. 21 after undergoing renovations that lasted more than four months. The redecorated location now features a host station in the lobby area that will be attended by a bank associate designated to offer quick and coordinated service to customers as they enter the facility; a self-service web bank terminal; and a media wall complete with a seating area, large screen television and reading materials such as money matters books. The location is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kudos to JungJäger

Congratulations to those who passed their 2010 fall hunting exams: Dr. (Capt.) Josh Hall, retired Lt. Col. Mark Vehr, Michelle Carvan, Lt. Col. Tony Tidwell, Staff Sgt. Jason Kingsley, Staff Sgt. Kelley Wright and Spc. Kevin Kinsey.

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Pumpkin Patch Festival

1st Armored Division families enjoy day of traditional fun

By Master Sgt. Eric Pilgrim and Jameelah Arcila
U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden
Public Affairs Office

Families from the 1st Armored Division celebrated Halloween early with a visit to Paul's Bauernhof Oct. 16.

The event, organized by 1st AD's Rear Detachment for the third straight year, drew more than 200 Soldiers and family members to the farm near Wallau.

Between bobbing for apples and the cakewalk, there were many opportunities for fun, including hayrides, a witch's sweep and a costume competition. Seasonal food and hot apple cider were favorites.

"It's the last big fun thing we do before the Soldiers get home," said Elena Schachter, 1st AD's family readiness support assistant.

This year's event was extra special, as it is the last time 1st AD will collaborate with Paul's Bauernhof before the division moves to Fort Bliss, Texas, next summer.

In addition to celebrating with Reiner Paul, owner of the farm and long time friend to the American com-

munity in Wiesbaden, members of the 1st AD invited families connected to the Hessen State Command Family Support Center-Wiesbaden, one of 31 centers like it in the country supporting German military families. This collaboration was orchestrated by Lt. Col. Conrad Wisner, rear detachment commander, and German Sgt. Maj. Uwe Krollman.

"We wanted to further close cooperation between our family support center and theirs, and build on that relationship," said Krollman.

If the smiles on the faces of the attendees were any indication, the cooperation was a huge success.

Capt. Rich Montiel, one of the organizers of the event, said he was very excited about this year's turnout. "It's all about the spouses and getting everyone together."

The steady flow of German and American families into the barn was a good sign that 1st AD families were also really excited for the chance to get together.

Amy Jochims summed it up as she put the final touches on a pumpkin she was carving. "I am having fun, that's why we're here."



Briana Melton, age 5, chooses a cupcake after winning the cakewalk at the Pumpkin Patch Festival at Paul's Bauernhof Oct. 16. The event was organized by 1st AD's Rear Detachment.



Visitors and judges admire giant pumpkins at the Ludwigsburg Pumpkin Exhibition.

All things pumpkin: Ludwigsburg exhibition offers culinary delights, colorful creations and more

Story and photos by
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Pumpkin soup, pumpkin sparkling wine, pumpkin strudel, pumpkin pasta — these are just a few of the taste treats in store for visitors to the Ludwigsburg Pumpkin Exhibition.

Held on the grounds of the baroque Ludwigsburg Palace, the annual celebration of all things pumpkin features a pumpkin regatta, largest pumpkin competition and a huge display of various artworks created using the orange, gourd-like squash. With this year's theme being "Leuchtendes Kürbismeer," most of the exhibits concern some aspect of the sea — from a giant whale to a pumpkiny mermaid, a long-limbed octopus to an entire school of fish made out of various shades of pumpkin.

Organizers boast that more than 500,000 pumpkins and some 450 varieties are on display throughout the park. Stands offer jars of pumpkin chutney, pumpkin cookbooks and a wide assortment of other items.

Situated about 12 kilometers north of Stuttgart, visitors can either park in the town of Ludwigsburg or take the S-bahn from the Stuttgart main train station to reach the



Visitors enjoy a wide range of foods made with pumpkins — from pumpkin soup to pumpkin sparkling wine — as a giant seahorse made out of the gourd-like squash overlooks the setting.

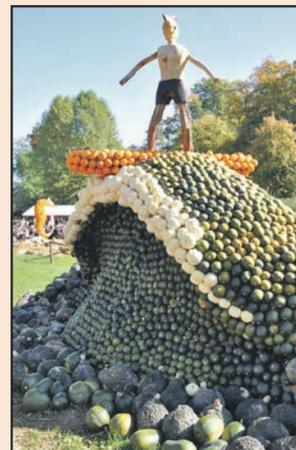
exhibition.

Young and old alike will enjoy a visit with something for every taste. While mom and dad sample the various culinary offerings made from pumpkins, younger family members can explore the fairy-tale land on the ample grounds of the palace. At one exhibit, a small castle with a high tower, youngsters are invited to call "Rapunzel, Rapunzel — let down your hair" before a giant length of braid is lowered from the top of

the tower.

A small boat ride takes visitors through fairy-tale land as well.

Not only is the exhibition worth a trip to the city which was established by Duke Eberhard of Württemberg in 1709 to accompany the hunting lodge he ordered built five years earlier, but one will also appreciate having the chance to marvel at one of Germany's largest baroque palaces. Flower gardens, a reflecting pool, baroque and rococo structures and



A pumpkin surfer rides a giant wave at the exhibition on the Ludwigsburg Palace grounds.

many meters of walking paths make for a relaxing afternoon in a most picturesque setting.

During the pumpkin exhibition, which runs through Nov. 7, an international weaving exhibition is also in progress on the palace grounds, so visitors get two for the price of one.

Admission is €7.50 for adults, €3.60 for children and a family ticket is available for €20.

For more information on Ludwigsburg visit www.ludwigsburg.de.



Photo by Jameelah Arcila



Amy Jochims finishes up her creation titled "Messed-up Bat." Photo left: Enjoying a wagon ride. Photo right: Bobbing for apples during the fest.



Photos (3) by Master Sgt. Eric Pilgrim

Advice from a Super Bowl champ

Derrick Mayes offers tips for pursuing college scholarships

By Chrystal Smith
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A Super Bowl champion made a special visit to let local parents and student athletes in on several tips to boost collegiate marketability.

Derrick Mayes, former Green Bay Packer and Notre Dame all-time leading receiver, visited Wiesbaden Fitness Center Oct. 6. The National Collegiate Scholarship Association representative advised athletes and parents about ways to increase chances of getting recruited by prime universities and landing high-value scholarships.

"Each and every one of you has an opportunity," said Mayes, pointing out that scholarship opportunities are not limited to Division I universities, and recommended that students identify schools of interest immediately and start reaching out. "You've got to start yesterday."

Because the process of recruiting and scouting has evolved considerably since 1992 when Mayes graduated, he recommended parents and students take advantage of the technological resources available.

"They're working smarter, so I encourage you to do the same," said Mayes, explaining that coaches and scouts are employing streamlined systems to cover

more areas, see more faces and use fiscal reserves more strategically.

The retired NFL player informed those in attendance that recruiting of some now starts around the seventh grade. College coaches use verified information to vet prospects, he said, and initial evaluations by coaches are done via video. Less than 1 percent of graduating athletes get full scholarships to Division I schools and of the 1,700 U.S. colleges and universities that sponsor collegiate athletics with the means to offer financial packages, 80 percent are other than DI, he said.

"Jerome Williams is my hero because he was a man with a plan," said Mayes who shared a testament of one childhood friend's determination and success in securing a scholarship to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to major in engineering, also emphasizing that the burden of duty rests with the student athlete. "The responsibility is yours ... no one can want it more than you. Seize the future and empower yourself."

Because many present had lost time because of the myths associated with the recruiting process, the former wide receiver simplified the process by offering five things one should do to boost exposure:

✍ Athletes need to get their skill level evaluated and come up with a realistic

game plan;

✍ Get plugged into the NCSA Athletic Recruiting Network at www.NCSASPORTS.org to create a profile and post an academic-athletic resume online;

✍ Create a highlight and skills video of athletic ability;

✍ Identify 50 to 100 schools that offer the academic field and sports program of interest;

✍ Get the plan right through perseverance, hard work and collaboration from parents, guidance counselors and inside recruiting experts. "It's not a four-year decision, it's a 40-year decision, and you've got to get it right," said Mayes who added that this comment is weighed heavily in his decision to play for Lou Holtz when he was the head coach at Notre Dame.

The guidance was timely to answer such questions posed by parents.

"I can help him get good grades, but how do I market him," said Col. Matthew Mattner whose son is a sophomore at Wiesbaden High. "I had no thought about a highlight video. Now we know what to do; hopefully we can start it right away."

And while Mattner is a diehard Packers fan, he was more impressed at Mayes' emphasis on education.

"For somebody who's been there, it's good to see ... it's all about the academics," said Mattner

Parents and students can also call 866-579-6272 in the United States to gain immediate access to the network.



Photo by Chrystal Smith
Derrick Mayes



DoDDS Golf Championships

Holly Salvo, Wiesbaden junior, follows through on a drive from the tee box at Hole 11 at the Rheinblick Golf Course Oct. 15 during the final round of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Golf Championships. Salvo, 2009 defending champion, finished second overall and was honored for the longest drive of the tournament among the girls. This year's tournament hosted 45 golfers. Photo right: Baumholder's Kevin Coffell takes a second strike at his ball where it lies in the fairway of Hole 18 during the final round of the championships.

Photos by Chrystal Smith



Things to do

Creative writing class

Wiesbaden Arts and Crafts on Wiesbaden Army Airfield holds a creative writing class Nov. 6 to Dec. 4. Call the center at civ (0611) 705-5449 for more information.

Outdoor Recreation trips

Baumholder Outdoor Recreation holds a Veterans Day ski trip to Kaprun, Austria, Nov. 4-8; a one-day trip to Paris Nov. 13; a visit to Cologne and the Chocolate Museum Nov. 20; a Thanksgiving ski trip to Kaprun Nov. 24-28; a trip to the Rothenburg Christmas Market Nov. 27 and a historical train ride and medieval Christmas Market visit Nov. 28. Call civ (06783) 6-7182. Wiesbaden Outdoor Recreation offers a ski trip to Kaprun Nov. 5-7 and a Thanksgiving skip trip to Zermatt, Switzerland, Nov. 24-28. Call mil civ (0611) 705-5760.

Mainz concerts

Catch Joe Jackson with Graham Maby and Dave Houghton Nov. 2 at the Phönix Halle. Mainz' Frankfurter Hof features Colosseum Nov. 3, Richard Marx Nov. 15, Anne Clark Nov. 17 and the Mark Gillespie Band and Ezio Nov. 18. Visit www.frankfurterhof-mainz.de for details.

Christmas Bazaar

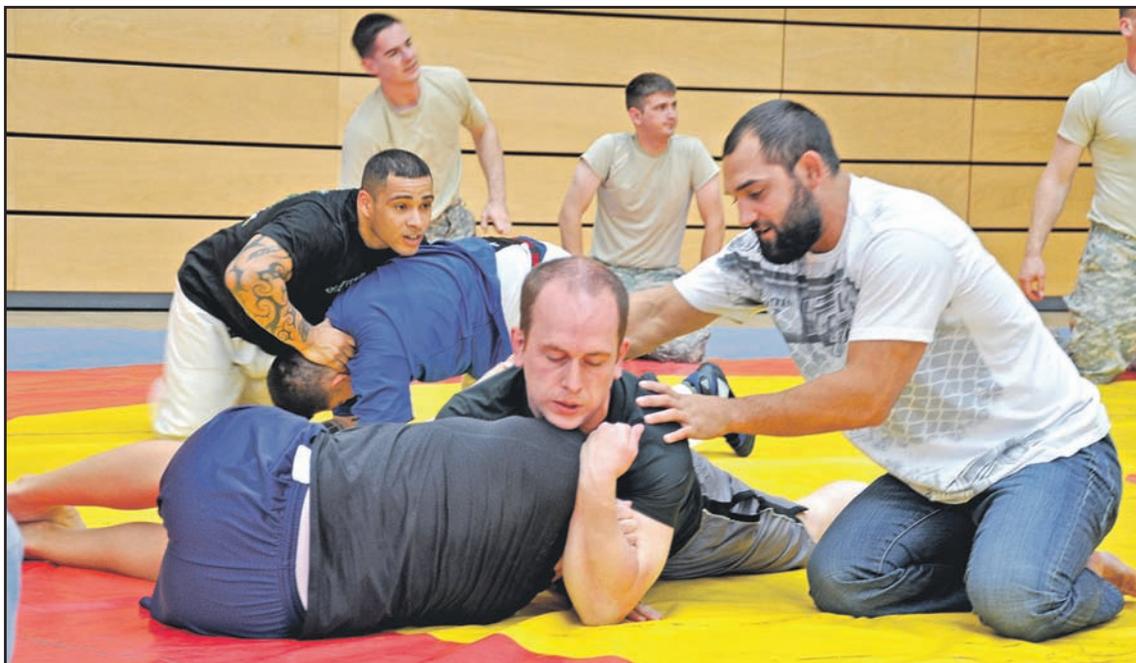
The Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury holds a traditional Christmas Bazaar Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring handmade items, jewelry, British specialties, candles and more. The church is located at Frankfurter Str. 3 in Wiesbaden.

Lego exhibition

Wiesbaden's Marktkeller features a giant exhibition of Lego constructions at its Design in Stein event Nov. 1 to Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. The exhibition features a three-meter-high Saturn V rocket, the Parthenon built out of 125,000 Lego pieces, the Chrysler Building and lots more. Admission is €8 for adults, €6 for children up to age 14 and €20 for a family ticket (two adults and two children). Visit www.steine-wiesbaden.de for more information.

Author to speak

Lev Raphael, author of the book "My Germany: A Jewish Writer Returns to the World His Parents Escaped," will speak at the Museum Judengasse in Frankfurt (Kurt-Schumacher-Str. 10, 60311 Frankfurt) Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the American Consulate and Jewish Museum in Frankfurt.



The UFC's Johny Hendricks demonstrates fighting techniques to Wiesbaden community members during a clinic in the Wiesbaden Fitness Center.

UFC visit to Wiesbaden

Local fighters get tips from the pros

Story and photos by Karl Weisel
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Ultimate Fighting Championship fans were treated to a clinic, autographs and a chance to meet some of the stars of the UFC scene during a visit by fighters and one of the Octagon girls Oct. 18.

The UFC's Johny Hendricks, Ross Pearson, Gray "The Bully" Maynard and Octagon girl Chandella Powell spent time with service and family members during visits to the Wiesbaden Fitness Center and Entertainment Center.

"The UFC organization asked if I would like to do it and I said, sure, anything for the troops," said Hendricks. "I'm very grateful and thankful for everything they do. Without the military our lives would be very different. I'm honored to be here."

Hendricks, who said he was missing his daughter's first birthday to spend time with service members in Europe, added, "That's how important it is to us — we get to ease their minds for five or 10 minutes." Hendricks also said he was inspired by the fact that his uncle and brother have served in Iraq.

The four-time all-American college wrestler, World Extreme Cagefighter and undefeated UFC fighter, explained that they had a chance to catch fights at an expo in London before heading to Germany to spend time with service members in Wiesbaden, Ramstein and Spangdahlem. "Another good thing about coming over here is seeing how jetlag affects us."

"I love UFC," said Spc. James McChord, 184th Military Police Platoon. McChord and several other Soldiers stopped by the fitness center to meet the

UFC fighters and get tips to help them improve their Army combatives skills. "It's awesome — I'm anxious to watch them during the clinic."

After an autograph session and T-shirt giveaway, the UFC fighters headed into the gym to work out with community members on the mats. Maynard, Hendricks and Pearson demonstrated holds and techniques as service members put them quickly into practice on one another.

"I like everything about it," said Eric Gerencser, another UFC fan who traveled from Heidelberg for the opportunity to spend time with the UFC representatives. "I'm glad they're doing this stuff. ... My dad got me into the sport."

"My brother is in the Army and my sister is in the Air Force," said Octagon girl Powell, who said she always wanted to visit a military base and was excited about being able to do so in Germany. "I'm very grateful and thankful. ... I thank the troops for all they've done."



UFC fighter Gray Maynard signs an autograph for Spc. James McChord, 184th Military Police Platoon, during a visit to the Wiesbaden military community Oct. 18.

Sports shorts

Boot Camp

The Wiesbaden Fitness Center features a Back-to-Basic Boot Camp Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. Nov. 2-30. Cost is \$60. Push yourself to new fitness heights. Call civ (0611) 705-5541 for details.

Turkey Trot runs

The Wiesbaden Fitness Center hosts a 10-kilometer Turkey Trot run Nov. 27 starting at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$20. Call mil (0611) 705-5943 for more information. Baumholder's Hall of Champions hosts a five-kilometer Turkey Trot starting at 9 a.m. Nov. 24. The event is free. Register at the Mountaineer Fitness Center. Call mil 485-6671 for more information.

Water aerobics

Baumholder's Aquatics Facility (Building 8897) offers water aerobics Thursdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Classes are open to adults and youths age 13 and older accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$4 per class or \$30 for 10 classes. Buy cards at the Arts and Crafts Center (Building 8895).

Basketball Classic

The Wiesbaden Fitness Center holds a Thanksgiving Basketball Classic Nov. 26-28. Cost is \$250 per team with free T-shirts going to the first 20 teams to register. Call mil civ (0611) 705-5943.

Golf tournaments

Baumholder's Rolling Hills Golf Course holds a Martingans (goose) open tourney Nov. 7 at 9 a.m. and a Turkey shoot Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. Call mil 485-7299 for details.

Turkey Bowl

Baumholder's Strikers Bowling Center holds a Turkey Bowl open to all ages Nov. 20. Competition for ages 12 and under starts at 1 p.m., ages 13-17 at 3 p.m. and ages 18 and older at 5 p.m. Cost is \$12. Call mil 485-6569 or civ (06783) 6-6569.

Basketball registration

Baumholder Youth Sports holds registration for its Start Smart basketball program for 3-4-year-olds Nov. 1 to Dec. 3. The program will run from Jan. 5 to Feb. 9 on Wednesdays. Register at Parent Central Services or call civ (06783) 6-7003.

Prep sports

Baumholder hosts the Super Six football showdown Nov. 6. Heidelberg hosts the European Cross Country Championships Oct. 30. Wiesbaden hosts the European Tennis Championships Oct. 28-30. Ramstein and Baumholder head to Wiesbaden Oct. 30 for volleyball action. The European Volleyball Championships are slated to be held in Kaiserslautern Nov. 4-6.

Adult ballet, Zumba

Adult ballet classes are featured at Baumholder's SKIES Unlimited Monday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$85 a month. People can register at the Mountaineer Fitness Center. Zumba toning classes are held on Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. at Baumholder's Hall of Champions. The classes are free.

By Donald Seltzer
Volksmarch Editor

Take a hike: A guide to volksmarching in the Baumholder/Wiesbaden area

Volksmarching notes

Something a little different is being offered at Rheinland-Pfalz and Saarland events. Collect 10 event stamps at specific walks through August 2011 and get a free six-pack of Karlsberg alcohol-free beer. Participating events are indicated by the **Beer!** notation. The stamp booklet is available from the DVV awards officer or host club.

Look for additional event choices in the online version at www.wiesbaden.army.mil/hunion/Takeahike.htm.

Weekend of Oct. 30-31

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday.

Bretzenheim/Nahe (55559) — This event is just up the road from Bad Kreuznach in the direction of Bingen. From Bad Kreuznach take B-48 north to Bretzenheim. From points east take Autobahn 60 toward Bingen, continuing at its end on a two-lane road to Gensingen. Follow IVV directional signs to Langenlonsheim and Bretzenheim; however, signs were scarce for previous events.

Start: Sportplatz Schlossgarten **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, neighborhoods and vineyards **Award:** From previous events. **Beer!**

Winningen an der Mosel (56333) — This event is listed for its challenges in the Koblenz area along the picturesque Mosel river. Participants will find, in addition to the standard distances, trails of 42, 50 and 65 kilometers, plus a 25-km cycling route. Use Autobahn 61 north toward Koblenz and exit at Koblenz-Metternich. Follow directional signs on secondary roads to the start in Winningen.

Start: August-Horch-Halle on Marktstrasse **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km, plus cy-



cling), 6-9 a.m. (42 km), 6-8 a.m. (50 km) and 6-6:30 a.m. (65 km) **Trail:** Very hilly, woods **Award:** Table candle (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (marathon trails).

Weekend of Nov. 6-7

Mandel (55595) — Here's an event midway between Idar-Oberstein and Wiesbaden. From points east, use the autobahns and B-41 toward Bad Kreuznach. Continue on B-41 to Weinsheim to pick up a secondary road to

Mandel. From western communities, use B-41 toward Bad Kreuznach, then turn onto a secondary road at Weinsheim for the final few kilometers to Mandel.

Start: Schlossberghalle at Sponheimerstraße 1 **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, fields and woods **Award:** Decorative lapel pins. **Beer!**

Eschenburg-Eibelshausen (35713) — This one-day event is located northwest of Giessen. From Giessen use Autobahn 45 northwest to Dillenburg, then connect with B-253 and a secondary road to the start at Eibelshausen.

Start: Bürgerhaus Eibelshausen at Jahnstrasse 3 **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 5 km) **Trail:** Expected to be hilly, woods **Award:** From previous events.

Weekend of Nov. 13-14

Ehringshausen (35630) — This scenic event may be found midway between Wetzlar and Herbhorn. Next year, this walk moves to May's warmer weather. From Giessen use Autobahn 45 toward Herbhorn and exit at Ehringshausen. Follow IVV signs a short distance to the start.

Start: Volkshalle at Marktstrasse 5a **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 11 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (16 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6, 11 and 16 km) **Trail:** Mostly hilly, fields and woods **Award:** None.

Neunkirchen/Furpach (66539) — This Saarland event is just south-

east of Neunkirchen. From Kaiserslautern, Ramstein and Landstuhl, use Autobahn 6 toward Saarbrücken. Connect

with Autobahn 8 toward Neunkirchen and take the first exit at Kohlhof. Use a minor road to Furpach and the start. From the Baumholder, Neubrücke and Idar-Oberstein areas, use Autobahns 62 and 1 south toward Saarbrücken, then Autobahn 8 past Neunkirchen to exit at Oberstadt. Connect with a secondary road leading to Furpach.

Start: Hirschberghalle at Seebachstrasse 41 **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 11 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6 and 11 km) **Trails:** Unknown **Award:** None. **Beer!**

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Rennerod (56477) — Despite the considerable drive, wanderers who can enjoy this midweek German holiday walk will find this event in the Hoher Westerwald region of central Germany to be rather pretty. From the Giessen area use Autobahn 45 toward Herbhorn and Siegen and exit at Herbhorn-West. Follow B-255 to the start at Rennerod.

Start: Westerwaldhalle on Westerwald Strasse **Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5, 10 and 15 km) **Trail:** Hilly, wooded areas **Award:** Glass vase and candle. **Beer!**

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25

Ramstein-Miesenbach (66877) — The Ramstein Roadrunners club plays host to this annual Thanksgiving Day event. Wanderers will find the event to be a friendly and relaxing family activity. Consider making reservations to enjoy the Thanksgiving buffet at the Officers' Club on Ramstein Air Base. Spend a night or two in guest lodging — contact Central Reservations at civ (06371) 454 920. Use Autobahns 5 and 6 and the Landstuhl/Air Base exit to follow IVV directional signs to reach the town of Ramstein.

Start: Mehrzweckhalle Miesenbach at Am Kiefernkopf 20 **Thursday:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5 and 10 km) **Trail:** Slightly hilly, fields and forests **Award:** From previous events. **Beer!**



Army inline hockey team wins division title

By Ken Robinson
Special to the Herald Union

Members of the Baden Bruins Army inline hockey team are the new 2010 Division I DPL champions. In just their second season as an inline team, the Bruins were able to capture, not only the championship title, but complete the full sweep by finishing first in the regular season, as well as capturing the coveted DPL Pokal title.

It was a great event for the fans at the newly renovated Friedrichspark stadium in Mannheim. Friedrichspark stadium was built in 1939 and has been the home to the six-time German ice hockey champions, the Mannheim Adler. Players such as Paul Messier (brother of Mark Messier), Jochen Hecht



Photo courtesy of Ken Robinson

The Baden Bruins Takahiro Kakumaru controls the puck during inline hockey play action.

(Buffalo Sabres), and Cristobal Mannheim fans. Now the stadium is home to both the DPL and HCL inline leagues.

The Bruins are no strang-

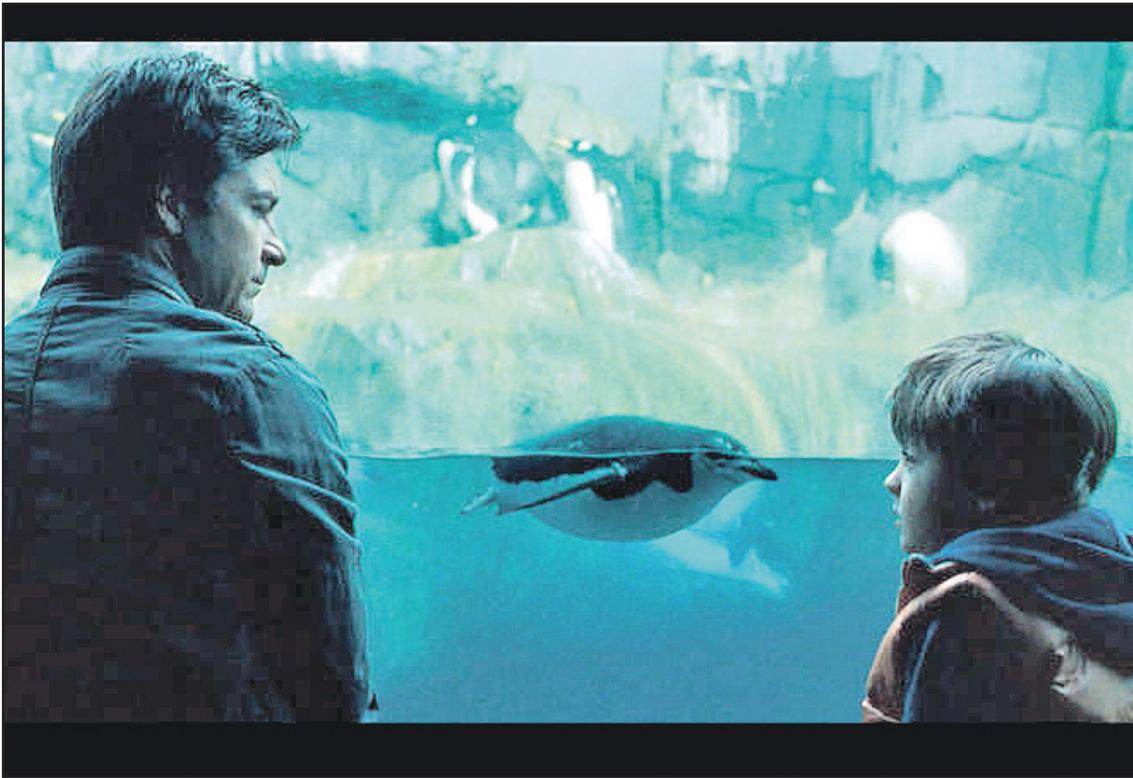
ers to winning hockey titles at Friedrichspark. In both 2001 and 2002 the Bruins captured gold in the local German ice hockey league while playing in Friedrichspark. Now, the Bruins have returned to Friedrichspark, but with wheels on their skates playing on a special inline sport court.

This year's final was no walk in the park. Full of confidence coming off the Pokal victory a week earlier, the Bruins found themselves trailing for most of the game. It was not until the third period that the team came into true form to sink four straight. According to assistant captain Tom Connell (a contractor with 5th Signal), "It was looking pretty bad for us as we were down by two goals going

into the third period. I knew we had the skill to win the game. I was just worried if the luck, however, was on their side." The Bruins would go ahead and win the game 7 to 5.

"Placing the Bruins name on both the DPL championship trophy and Pokal trophy was sweet vindication for us," said Connell. "After all, we have made it to the Division I Ice Hockey finals for the past two seasons, but fell short both times. Now everything is OK."

The Bruins are currently preparing for another chance to put their name on the cup, but this time, on steel blades instead of rollers. More information about the Bruins and their upcoming schedule found on the team's website at www.badenbruins.com.



Wally (Jason Bateman, left) and Sebastian (Thomas Robinson) share a day at the zoo in "The Switch." Little does Sebastian know that Wally is actually his father.

At the movies Oct. 28 to Nov. 11

Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

- Oct. 29 — Red (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 30 — Legend Of The Guardians: The Owls Of Ga-Hoole (PG) 4 p.m. the Switch (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 31 — Vampires Suck (PG-13) 6 p.m.
- Nov. 5 — Hereafter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 6 — The Social Network (PG-13) 4 p.m. Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 7 — The Last Exorcism (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Taurus

- Oct. 28 — Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Oct. 29 — Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 7 p.m. Hereafter (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 — Nanny McPhee Returns (PG-13) 4 p.m. Vampires Suck (PG-13) 7 p.m. Hereafter (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.

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- Nov. 1 — Hereafter (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 2 — Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 3 — Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 4 — Vampires Suck (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 5 — Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 7 p.m. The Expendables (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Nov. 6 — Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 4 p.m. The Last Exorcism (PG-13) 7 p.m. Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 9:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7 — Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 4 p.m. Paranormal Activity (R) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 8 — Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 9 — Takers (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 10 — The Last Exorcism (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Nov. 11 — The Expendables (R) 7 p.m.

Movie plots

Vampires Suck (PG-13) — Becca, an anxious, non-vampire teen, is torn between two boys. Before she can choose, Becca must get around her controlling father, who embarrasses Becca by treating her like a child. Meanwhile, Becca's friends contend with their own romantic issues — all of which collide at prom.

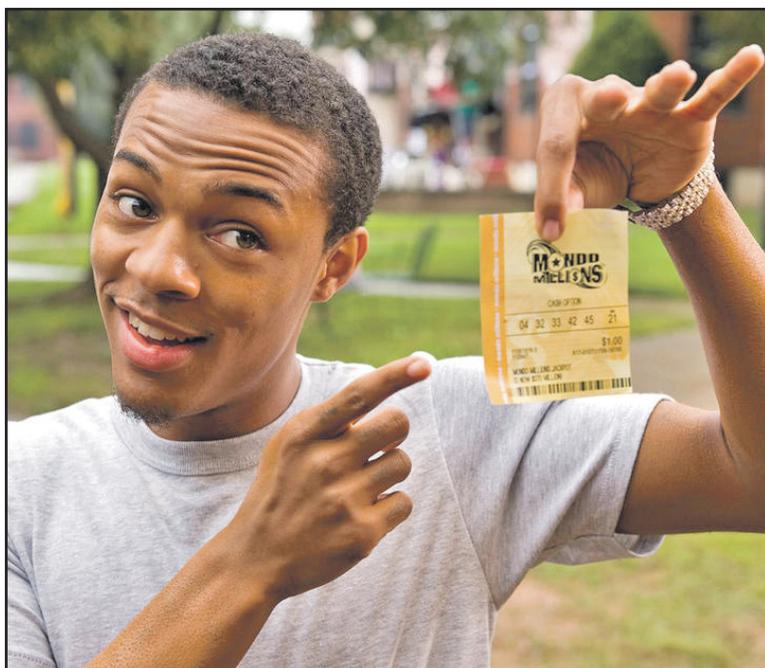
The Switch (PG-13) — Based on Jeffrey Eugenides' short story "Baster," this film centers on a neurotic and insecure man (Jason Bateman) who finds out his best friend (Jennifer Aniston) wants to have a child through artificial insemination. He surreptitiously replaces her donor's semen with his own and is then forced to live with the secret that he is the child's real father.

Lottery Ticket (PG-13) — Kevin Carson (Bow Wow), a young man living in the projects, wins \$370 million in a nationwide lottery. When his opportunistic neighbors discover he has the winning ticket in his possession, Kevin must survive their greedy and sometimes threatening actions over a three-day holiday weekend before he can claim his prize.

Hereafter (PG-13) — George (Matt Damon) is a blue-collar American who has a special connection to the afterlife. On the other side of the world, Marie (Cecile De France), a French journalist, has a near-death experience that shakes her reality. When Marcus, a London schoolboy, loses the person closest to him, he desperately needs answers. Each on a path in search of the truth, their lives will intersect, forever changed by what they believe might, or must, exist in the hereafter.

Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) — Emma Thompson returns as the magical nanny who appears when she's needed the most and wanted the least. Nanny McPhee appears at the door of harried young mother Isabel Green (Maggie Gyllenhaal), who is trying to run the family farm while her husband is away at war. Relying on everything from a flying motorcycle and a statue that comes to life to a tree-climbing piglet and a baby elephant who turns up in the oddest places, McPhee uses her magic to teach her mischievous charges five new lessons.

The Social Network (PG-13) — On a fall night in 2003, Harvard undergrad and computer programmer Mark Zuckerberg (played by Jesse Eisenberg) sits down at his computer and heatedly begins working on a new idea. In a fury of blogging and programming, what begins in his dorm room soon becomes a global social network and a revolution in communication. A mere six years and 500 million friends later, Mark Zuckerberg is the youngest billionaire in history ... but for this entrepreneur, success leads to both personal and legal complications.



Jesse Eisenberg stars in "The Social Network." Photo left: Kevin Carson (Bow Wow) shows off his winning lottery ticket in "Lottery Ticket."

Freestyle

Freestyle
