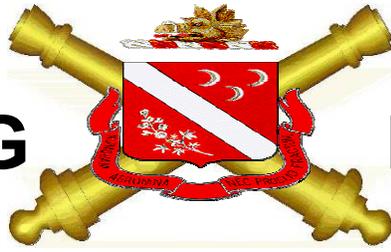


# First Lightning

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## LIGHTNING BOLT



### Never Broken



#### Lightning 6 Comments...

Team Lightning Family,

Well, we are half way there folks!!! TF Lightning is on the move and making great strides everyday both here in Iraq and with D/1-7 back in Schweinfurt, I could not have asked for a better team to take to the majors. Morale is extremely high as Soldiers have taken advantage of FMPP and R&R! We are still on glide path to meet our goal of 100% participation in the R&R program. Rear Detachment operations have been simply outstanding in every perspective, what a great "team" effort...and that is what this is all about, the "team", Soldier and families, battalions and BCTs, units and communities!! Thank you for all of your personal efforts to make this a success and remaining positive through this entire experience, we are making history, everyday!! Keep the faith and stay with the team...more on that subject later.

We remain on a "positiveness" campaign and will continue to accentuate the "good news" stories that are happening daily in sector. We will continue to forward these stories and post them to our website. CPT Ryan Rooney, our public affairs officer, is doing a tremendous job in capturing these stories and spreading the word through networking with the BCT, division PAO and hometown newspapers. Please share them with your family and friends in the states, because all that they see on CNN is the headline stories in B-dad, Najaf and Fallujah...there is more to the story and we are proud of the forward momentum and progress that we are making in our sector...we will share that with you through this media. I am glad that the briefing from CSM Sanders was beneficial for you. I will provide the same type of update when I return in October for R&R.

Soldier support from Germany and the states is simply amazing and we THANK YOU for all of the support and love, it does not go unnoticed and it is greatly appreciated! The organizations are too many to mention but they know who they are...the support runs the gamut from churches to civic and non-profit organizations to family and friends. We appreciate everything that the Big Red One Association has accomplished for our wounded Soldier and their families, they have "stepped up to the plate" in our time of need and we acknowledge their perseverance and commitment to helping those in need, thank you!! We stay in contact with our lost "brothers in arms" families and those wounded in action. Our updates from the rear show Soldiers making tremendous progress and that is encouraging to us!! You will never be forgotten! CPL Gomez, SPCs Covington, Green, Robirds, Pirinelli, Gatson, Preston and PFC Robinson. First Lightning and best wishes to you all!

## The Lightning Bolt!

I hope that you all have had an enjoyable summer and that your lives are returning to some form of "normalcy", as the school year begins. Once you re-establish your personal "battle rhythms", before you know it, we will be heading home! I again, thank you for the sacrifices that you and your families make in support of our mission. I would ask that you consider "staying with the team" (see attached slide) as we draw closer to re-deployment. There are numerous advantages to staying with the team that you trust. Thank you for your unending display of support and caring – we thank you for what you do!!! All gave some, but some gave all!!!

### Lightning 6, LTC Kyle M. McClelland

#### Lightning 7 Comments...

Hello Lighting Family,

I am glad to return back to FOB Summerall after an awesome two weeks of R&R. It was an enjoyable, relaxing and a great time to spend with family and love-ones. The Task Force is currently at 54% complete as of the month of SEP for R&R. R&R has been extended through the month of Dec, this will hopefully allow every soldier the opportunity to go.

Again I am asking for donations for the new "Zangara MWR Facility". Below is a listing of needed items and equipment:

\* Magazines- News Week, Sport Illustrated, GQ, FHM, Ebony, Stuff, Blender, ESPN, 4X4, and fitness magazines.

\* Dart Board w/ extra darts, Ping Pong balls and paddles, Board Games, Poker Chips,

\* Sony Play station 2 Games- Madden 2005, FIFA 2005, NCAA Football 2005, Need for Speed Underground, SOCOM 2, NHL 2005, NBA 2005, Showdown: Legends of Wrestling, NFL Street, and Full Spectrum Warrior.

\* DVD Movies of any kind to build a library.

I would also like to personally thank Mr. AL LaFrance, SGT LaFrance's (C Btry who recently deployed back to CR to attend the Warrant Officer Course) father for donating several DVD movies.

I would also like to take this time to thank the Schweinfurt Community and Families for their support and the sacrifices they make, without which, we could not accomplish this mission.

### Lighting 7, CSM Wayne L. Sanders



**Prague  
Day Trip  
October 9-10 2004  
US \$95**

If you are interested in either of these trips, please see the Lightning Bolt online. The website address is [www.schweinfurt.army.mil/17](http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/17).

**London  
1 Overnight  
September 3-5 2004  
US \$249**



## The Lightning Bolt!



### Alpha Company Comments...



#### *“Things Are Going Well ”*

As the months continue to roll past us, here in Iraq as well as in the States and Germany, we all are starting to see “things” in a different light, and all these “things” are going well. First Sergeant and I have notice a dramatic improvement in morale over the last month or so. As well, we have heard that all you family members are also doing well and are more comfortable with how this deployment is progressing. With this new comfort level here in Iraq and with you in Germany and the States, it makes the separation from family and friends that much easier.

Soldiers are now comfortable in their environment here on FOB Summerall as well as in Bayji. We have finally acquired 10 more CHUs (Compact Housing Units), which have eased the tight living arrangements for many of our Soldiers. Our dining facility continues to serve quality food daily and now is showing 4 different satellite TV stations on its 6 big screen TVs. The Dining Facility has turned more into a place to relax, eat and enjoy some laughs with friends, rather than just a place to sit and eat. The Division R&R program continues to give Soldiers the well needed break they deserve, and we are on track to get 100% of Soldiers who originally deployed with Alpha Company in February leave slots.



Taking advantage of our increased morale, the Company had a Bar-B-Que and sports day. All the Soldiers ate freshly grilled steaks, burgers, hot dogs, French fries and salads cooked for all by SSG Shorts and the Headquarters platoon. While all the food was cooking, the Soldiers enjoyed themselves playing pickup games of volleyball and horseshoes. There was even time for an X-Box tournament of the game “Halo.” All in all, everyone got a chance to let loose for a bit, eat some great BBQ and not think about work.



## The Lightning Bolt!

Alpha Company is continuing to do well at its wartime mission. Every task we receive from Battalion we execute flawlessly. Our Paladin Platoon lead by 1LT Zaffina and SFC Jones continues its fire support mission 24 hours a day, nonstop. They provide the crucial fire power that LTC McClelland and the rest of TF 1-7 can use at a moments notice to support the nearly 700 Soldiers of the Task Force. There is no other platoon in the Task Force that operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and their efforts are greatly appreciated by all. Shadow Platoon led by 1LT Ebert and SFC Macher have returned from their platoon-operating base at Tinderbox and are now working and living again out of FOB Summerall. It is great to have the entire company back together again. Blue Platoon led by 1LT Fanto and SFC Monegro continue to execute their mission like the experienced veterans they are. When Shadow came back from Tinderbox earlier this month, they brought their partner platoon with them; the War Pigs. This Armor (M1 Abrams Tanks) Platoon led by 1LT Busenberg and SFC Pingo brought more great combat power to the company as well as some great Soldiers.

With over 168 Soldiers now in the company, we have had some promotions and reenlistments that need to be recognized. These great leaders and warriors prove that by consistently doing the right thing and executing their job to the best of their ability, the Army will recognize their efforts with a promotion.

### Promotions:

PVT to PFC Hinkebein

PFC to SPC Arnette

PFC to SPC Ripsam

SPC to SGT Lawrence

SGT to SSG O'Brien

PVT to PFC Duran

PFC to SPC Jacobs

PFC to SPC Schrack

CPL to SGT Higginbotham

SGT to SSG Rivera

PVT to PFC Baker

PFC to SPC Pokojny

PFC to SPC Pilot

CPL to SGT MacInnes

SGT to SSG Kirman

PFC to SPC Ward

PFC to SPC McCintyre

PFC to CPL Schofield

CPL to SGT Bolden

### Reenlistments:

SGT Beadles reenlists as 11B Infantryman and Airborne

SPC Cote reenlists for 6 years

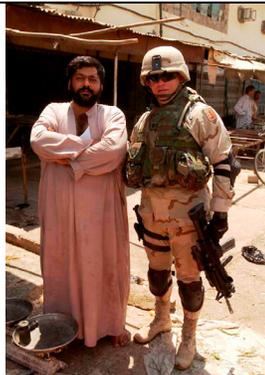
SSG Ruoff reenlists for 6 years

Again, First Sergeant and I would like to personally thank you for all the support you are giving to our dedicated Soldiers here on the front lines. Without you and all you do to support us, we could never complete our mission. Thank you.

Respectfully,

CPT Deric Holbrook

1SG Roger Jacobs



All TF 1-7 Families are invited to the Back-to-School picnic to be held on Saturday, 18 September 2004 at Kessler field. There will be fun for all ages. We will have the batting cages for two hours as well as five bowling lanes reserved inside Kessler bowling center. So, come on out and get reacquainted with all of the great Families of the First Lightning Team.

## The Lightning Bolt!

### BRAVO BATTERY COMMENTS...

#### *Bravo Bulls*



Hello to the families and friends of the Bull Family. We have finally hit the elusive six month mark in the Theater of Operations and the train keeps rolling. The month of August has been a very busy and very hot month for the Battery as we continue to support the Dagger Brigade with world-class Field Artillery fires.

The Battery welcomes SPC Merkel and SGT Brooks back to Iraq. Their presence was surely missed and they're already back in the saddle and riding full stride. Once again, welcome back. Also, we have a new addition to the Battery, 2/B Platoon Fire Direction Officer 2LT Shawn McSpadden. He hails from Fredericksburg, VA and is already doing great things.

The Battery continues its versatility and just recently participated in Operation Mouse Trap I, II, and III. The 1/A/1-113FA, our attached platoon from the North Carolina National Guard, provided outstanding artillery fires to the Brigade and gave the coalition forces freedom of maneuver of the battlefield. Simultaneously, we provided fires for numerous operations and counter-fires during the month in the Central and Southern parts of the Sector. In addition to this, we still continue our Force Protection requirements, Combat Patrols,

Combat Logistics Patrols, Maintenance, METRO flights, and prepping for Artillery Tables V, VI, and VII. The soldiers and NCOs have been motivated and up to every task that has come our way. A big thank you goes to each soldier in the battery.

The Battery will be back in competition for the Task Force 9<sup>th</sup> Engineers Commander's Cup on Labor Day. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we narrowly missed the top prize by two points but this time it comes to the Bull Pen and will stay at the Bull Pen.

This month was also a good month as far as personal achievements. SFC Hibley was promoted to the Senior NCO ranks and CPL Hammond was laterally promoted on 1 AUG. SPC Baker, SPC Ingram, and SPC Cook was also promoted. Two soldiers, SPC Yond and SPC Ingram were awarded the Purple Heart medal in a ceremony at FOB Paliwoda. SSG Perez, SGT Gregory, and SGT Belt all competed for the NCO of the quarter with SSG Perez taking top honors. Congratulations go to each outstanding soldier from 1SG and me.

In closing, we would like to say congratulations to the school age children of the battery that was advanced to the next grade. We know that the kids and the parents are excited about the upcoming school year and all the action that it brings. God speed to each of you and continue to keep the Bulls in your prayers.

Sincerely,

ERIC GRAHAM  
CPT, FA  
Commanding

HAROLD CARTER  
1SG, USA  
First Sergeant



## The Lightning Bolt!

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### CHARLIE COMPANY COMMENTS...



Greetings from Snake Mountain! I hope this letter finds each of you in good health and high spirits. The month of August has been an extremely busy month for the Cobras here in our area of operations. We continue to be successful in our main mission of providing a stable and secure environment in Bayji. Your husbands and friends continue to walk the streets side by side with the Bayji Police Department (BPD), interacting with the local populace, listening to individual issues, and frequently sharing smiles with the kids. While building relationships is essential for developing stability, combat operations are just as necessary for ensuring security.



This past month we regained the offensive and conducted numerous missions to apprehend high value targets in our sector. All of these offensive missions are now conducted jointly with the BPD and the Iraqi National Guard (ING) Company trained by HHB. Prior to execution of a mission, each platoon rehearses the actions thoroughly with the ING, through the use of interpreters. The ING are learning quickly from our soldiers the correct way to conduct operations, and while on the objective, the Bayji police and ING are the first one's to enter a home or residence. This lowers the risk to our men and places more responsibility on Iraqi security forces. Every platoon has been successful capturing targets and operating with Iraqi forces. You would be proud and impressed to see us in action. Right now the enemy never knows when the Cobras will Strike and that's just the way we like it!



Although we conduct daily operations in Bayji, the company also continues to train in order to remain in peak combat readiness. We just finished an excellent convoy live fire range where vehicle crews engaged targets while moving most of the weapon systems. The Headquarters Platoon did a great job building pop-up targets, setting up, and running the range. Future training includes squad and platoon live fire exercises, as well as joint training with the BPD and ING. All of this training keeps us mentally focused and our skills sharp.

All of the updates from our injured Cobras show everyone is progressing and healing well. We were all happy to hear that SPC John Pirinelli is recovering better than expected at Walter Reed Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of our injured brothers daily.

Overall, the company continues to build on its' already great reputation throughout the Brigade Sector. The Divarty Commander and Command Sergeant Major accompanied First Platoon on a dismounted patrol through Bayji, and praised the platoon for their professionalism and combat focus. A great day overall, 1<sup>st</sup> did a wonderful job giving the Divarty Command Team a look into our daily operations. We are taking it one day at a time, and each day is a new adventure. Repairs continue on Snake Mountain since the fire, our company maintenance section continues to work their butts off to keep the vehicles running, and the maneuver platoons are in Bayji daily, occasionally calling in the tanks and Bradleys to provide additional air conditioning to terrorists hideouts. We have an incredible Cobra team, and I want to thank each of you for the support you provide. We couldn't do it without you! Hope you enjoy the photos. More will follow.  
**COBRA STRIKE!!**



Sincerely,

CPT Michael K. Byard  
1SG Michael A. Grinston

## The Lightning Bolt!

### HHB COMMENTS...



Hello Hurricane Family!

August was a scorcher, but that is nothing next to the drive and power of the Hurricanes! We have conducted several missions to give Iraqi children the school supplies, sporting equipment, clothing, and personal hygiene items that were generously donated by Hurricane families and other caring Americans. Special thanks goes to SPC Michael Tingue who solicited over 500 pounds of donations from his home state of Oregon. We have visited newly constructed health clinics, supported Task Force Operations by emplacing and securing the TAC in Bayji, conducted many joint missions with the Iraqi National Guard both inside and outside the city, and we threw one hell of a party, giving as many soldiers as possible a night off to eat some great local food, enjoy music from DJ Hypnotic, play volleyball, cards, dominoes, and have a great time. We have accomplished this on top of our many other missions, including running the TOC, ALOC, CMIC, Aid Station, Mortars, TF Engineers, Battery Maintenance, Commo, Supply, and Command Post.

The heart of Headquarters battery is made up of those people who run the Task Force Headquarters. This group of people is over 40 strong and they manage everything from daily mission schedules to maintaining communications systems to processing of leaves and awards. These guys work in the TOC and the ALOC and each one of them has a direct impact on every soldier in the Task Force, regardless of his battery or company. Our Tactical Operations Center and Administration and Logistics Operations Center both run fluidly and serve the needs of the Task Force. They are highly visible, but nearly always the unsung heroes of our missions. In these sections we have NCOs and Officers relying on each other and especially their subordinates to maintain high standards and complete all missions without fail. The NCO

and Officer achievements are a reflection of the hard work put in by the junior enlisted soldiers. For these officers, I would like to thank the hard work of: SPC Watson for his crisis management abilities while acting as the "voice" of TF 1-7, SPC Patel for his focus on quickly getting all mail to every soldier in the Task Force, SPC M. Martinez and SPC Chartier for excellent computer maintenance and service to the TF Commander's PSD. In addition; SPC Benton, Sturtivant, P. Diaz, Boyd, Santiago, Rodriguez, Larosa, and Holland all make the TOC and ALOC function; these are the shoulders that their seniors stand on. The Task Force could not function without their dedicated service.

Congratulations to SSG Dakir, SGT M. Martinez, and SPC Sturtivant for their recent promotions. The following soldiers each received the Task Force "Play of the Week" Award in recognition of their exceptionally hard work and dedication during this operation: SPC Smith (Medic), SPC Carter (Medic), SGT Windle (TOC), SPC Tingue (Supply), and SPC Watson (TOC). We also had the pleasure of reenlisting SSG Dakir and SFC Cortes this month.

Around the Hurricane Pad we continue to maintain and improve, we have built a regulation sand volleyball court with overhead lights for night games, set up camouflage nets and outdoor carpeting to create an outdoor eating area, and we continue to harden our living areas to protect against indirect fire. We have recently opened a new living area that houses most of the soldiers from the TOC, it is much closer to the TOC and has all-new living quarters, showers, and latrines. Thank you to all the families, friends, and our dedicated FRG for giving each of our soldiers the support they need to continue this mission. Please keep the mail, packages, emails, phone calls, and pictures coming, the support that our families give to the soldiers reflects directly on their morale and health. THANK YOU and please keep it up!

***Ride the Storm!!***

***HURRICANES!***

BRIAN D. VAUGHAN  
CPT, FA  
Commanding

HOWARD C. PATRICK  
1SG, USA  
First Sergeant



## The Lightning Bolt!



### SVC BATTERY COMMENTS...



To The Serpent Family,

Another month has past and it is one step closer to our main goal; to be with our love ones. To our spouses, girlfriends, significant others and friends, we continue to be blessed with all you do. It brings overwhelming joy to 1SG Cromartie and I when soldiers are seeing the support the battery has.

I can not begin to explain how proud I am of the soldiers. Spouses, family and friends should also be proud. It has not been a day since being on FOB Summerall that every soldier has not put forth 100% effort. From maintenance doing whatever it takes to keep vehicles mission capable, to the undermanned ammo platoon conducting various missions, to the cooks spearheading the improvements in the new KBR Dining Facility, it is not a day that I am not amazed at what our soldiers do to make things happen. When wrenches are not being turned, parts are not being ordered or combat logistical patrols are not being conducted, soldiers continue to improve the quality of life. There are a few more days of work on the Battery MWR and it will soon be in full swing. The goal is now 6 September; Labor Day. We hope to make a good thing out of it to include playing games of all type and having a cookout. It is well deserved by each and every soldier.

R&R is definitely in full swing and over half of the battery has been on either R&R or FMPP. Soldiers are encouraged to take one or the other because it's another privilege that is well deserved. The goal is 100% and it looks like we are well on our way to achieving that goal.

Congratulations go to SGT Kitt, SPC Rourke, and PFC Lloyd along with their spouses for their new additions to their family. Hope the world of parenthood is enjoyed and cherished.

There are a few newly promoted non-commissioned officers in Service Battery. Congratulations go to SGT Ayala, SGT Branum and SGT Chrisman. Since being promoted, these three soldiers have really stepped up to the plate and took on the task of being great leaders.

The soldiers and I would like to thank the Battery FRG and the FRL SGT Cole for all that they are doing in the community and for the soldiers. It is appreciated from the heart.

Again, I would like to again thank all families and friends for their never ending support as Service Battery continue to do great things on a daily basis. **SERPENTS!!**

Sincerely,

CPT CHRISTOPHER A. WASHINGTON  
1SG MARVIN C. CROMARTIE

# The Lightning Bolt!

## DELTA BATTERY COMMENTS...



This has been an incredible month for Delta Battery and the First Lightning Family. Among our proudest achievements, since standing up as a battery last October, was the highly successful "Boys Day Out." The Delta Battery NCOs put a lot of time and hard work into making this event a reality. Despite many who thought we would not or could not make this happen, Delta Battery took thirty-six sons of First Lightning Soldiers to the range. Each boy received classes on safety and the M16 Rifle. After the classes, each received additional training on the M16 rifle using the "Weaponer" and the "Laser Beam Hit" simulator. Then, the boys fired two 10 round magazines at a 25-meter popup target. The first ten rounds were shot individually; the next ten rounds were shot on burst. Additionally, the Schweinfurt Community provided a fire truck for the boys to see and climb on. The event culminated with a BBQ and an awards ceremony, where each boy received a certificate of completion. This was a big event, not only for the boys, but the community. Writers from "The Point" and "Stars and Stripes" were present for the event and printed articles in their respective newspapers.

You may have noticed the distinct lack of furniture in the Battalion area lately. The Soldiers of Delta Battery have been moving furniture and cleaning in preparation for a new shipment of office furniture. The \$150,000 of new furniture will arrive between 7-10 September. Despite the chaos, support to families during this period will not waiver. The amenities available to families and FRGS in the Yellow Ribbon Room will continue to be available.

1SG Ebbs and I would like to congratulate SSG Brown for achieving recognition as the Distinguished Honor Graduate from BNCOC. SSG Brown graduated with a 100% average over his written examinations. His accomplishment is a feat matched by very few.

We would also like to recognize SSG Villarreal and SSG Crooks for their recent promotions to Staff Sergeant. SSG Villarreal is the Delta Battery Supply Sergeant and SGT Crooks is the B Battery Family Readiness Liaison. Both of these Noncommissioned Officers are absolutely superb at what they do and are currently attending BNCOC.

As always, we ask that you remember the battery when and if you ever need anything. We are here to support the unit forward and its most precious resource, the families. Our phone number is 09721-96-6484 (from the German economy), 011-49-9721-96-6484 (from the United States), or 354-6484 (DSN).

Victory for our Troops - Victory for our Families!

## Dragons!

MATTHEW J. LENNOX  
CPT, FA  
Commanding

W. LEE EBBS  
1SG, USA  
First Sergeant





## Voluntary Extensions

- **Stay with the team you know and trust. Continue to enjoy the relationships developed between the Soldiers in Iraq and family members in Central Region. Continue the relationship upon our redeployment with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.**
- **Extending your tour with the 1st Infantry Division stabilizes you and your family. PCSing upon redeployment could result in back to back deployments.**
- **Upon redeployment, you are guaranteed stabilization for a minimum of 90 days. However, the Division is not expected to deploy again for at least one year and probably more.**
- **Staying with the 1st Infantry Division allows for stability especially for Soldiers with families and school age children, giving them a sense of belonging.**
- **Realignment of forces in Europe will not occur for another 3-4 years. The opportunity for future assignments to Europe will significantly decrease in the Army's distant future.**
- **Stay with the 1st Infantry Division and enjoy Europe. Europe offers many different cultural opportunities that you can not experience anywhere else.**
- **PCSing to the States constitutes a loss in overseas entitlements, due to the cut in COLA that families will no longer receive.**
- **Now is the time to submit a Voluntary FSTE! Stay with the Big Red One!**

**DUTY FIRST!**

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*If you have any suggestion, questions, or feedback to improve this newsletter, please feel free to contact CPT Lennox, DSN 354-6484 or email [matthew.lennox@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil](mailto:matthew.lennox@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil).*

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KYLE M. McCLELLAND  
LTC, FA  
Commanding



# 280<sup>th</sup> BSB Commander's News Briefs

News briefs are provided by the 280th BSB as a way of transmitting quick messages to the Schweinfurt Community. If your staff or family members do not have access to these news briefs, please print them and post on your employee bulletin board or take home to your family.

If you wish to send out any information, add your name to the distribution list, or share your thoughts with us, please email [Elvira.Gladwell@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil](mailto:Elvira.Gladwell@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil)

For more community information, visit [www.schweinfurt.army.mil](http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil)

To view the Commander's news briefs online, visit [www.schweinfurt.army.mil/pao](http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/pao)

Check out the latest 98th ASG "THE POINT" newspaper online at [www.milcom.de](http://www.milcom.de)

## Community News

### ◆ Survey of Army Families

Here is a chance to voice your opinion on the Army way of life...including housing, relocation, paid and volunteer work, children, health care, MWR, deployments, and other issues with the Army-wide survey on spouse attitudes. During September, the Survey of Army Families V will be mailed to random Army spouses worldwide. Results lead directly to changes in family-focused programs and services to improve life for Army families, based upon what spouses indicate are most important to them. Compute the survey and fine-tune the programs that serve Army families. This year, survey participants will also have the option of completing the survey online. Check out [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com) for details.

### ◆ Volunteer Victim Advocacy Training - Reminder

Army Community Services are offering a 95-hour Volunteer victim Advocacy Training Program that provides intensive training in such areas as the dynamics of violent families, active listening, transitional compensation, as well as instruction on how to refer victims to community resources. The course will prepare volunteers for the National Organization of Victim Assistance (NOVA) Certification examination, to be held October 29 in Heidelberg.

#### Training schedule:

**Evenings:** Sept 8, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Oct 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Saturdays:** Sept 11, 18, 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Oct 9, 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can help to make a difference! Stop by the Schweinfurt Army Community Services Center to fill out a registration packet before September 3 or call 354-6751/6486 or 09721-966751/6486 for more information.

### ◆ Protestant Women of the Chapel – Fall Kick-off

Join the protestant women of the chapel as they start the new PWOC year with a special program to celebrate their new theme and Bible study offerings for the fall at the Ledward Chapel, September 8 at 9 a.m.

### ◆ AAFES has new operating hours

As of September 11 AAFES will have the following operating hours:

Main Store: Mon – Sat 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sun 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Ledward Shoppette: Mon – Sun 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Military Clothing Mon – Fri 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sun CLOSED

### ◆ Trip to London

Join USO on a bus trip to London September 3 – 5. Departure is at Ledward Barracks Sept 3 at 6 p.m. and return late at night September 5. Cost is \$ 249 for adults and \$ 230 for children.

You will cross the English Channel and take a sightseeing tour of the city. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore. For more information, call 354-6711 or 09721-966711.

### ◆ Part Day Preschool Program - Reminder

The child development center invites parents who are interested in the Part Day Preschool Program to a meeting at the school age services gym August 31 at 6:15 p.m.

The child development center offers this program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock. For more information call 354-6617 or 09721-966617.

### ◆ Sport Officials Needed

The Schweinfurt CYS Youth Sports Program provides an excellent training ground for individuals

Interested in officiating sports. All officials should be 16 years of age or older. Certified officials are encouraged to apply to assist in maintaining a high-quality program, and to help train less experienced officials. The pay rate varies with the age of competition and sport. Applications are available at the Schweinfurt Youth Sports Office, building 241, Ledward Gym. For more information, call 354-6822 or 09721-966822.

### ◆ School begins

First Quarter and First Semester of school year 2004/2005 begin September 7. For more information visit the web at [www.odedodea.edu/calendar/europe2003\\_04.htm](http://www.odedodea.edu/calendar/europe2003_04.htm)

### ◆ Hispanic Heritage Month - Reminder

The 280<sup>th</sup> BSB is looking for volunteers to help plan and organize events. Anyone who would like to serve on the planning committee please contact SFC Cata at 354-6225 or 09721-966225 or email [leslie.cata@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil](mailto:leslie.cata@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil)

### ◆ Volunteer Opportunities - Reminder

The Schweinfurt American Red Cross is currently looking for volunteers. Anyone interested should stop by the American Red Cross Station on Ledward Barracks, in building 206 in the basement.

### ◆ Worldwide Commissary Case Lot Sale - Reminder

The September “World’s Biggest Case Lot Sale” is just around the corner. Commissaries have flexibility in choosing which weekend during the designated month to hold their sale. For September a new feature is being added to the DeCA customer Web site. Shoppers can find out the dates of their nearest case lot sale by accessing the case lot sale link on the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com>.

### ◆ Auditions - Reminder

The Abrams Entertainment Center will hold auditions for “Laundry and Bourbon” and “Lone Star”, two one-act plays by James McLure at the new Abrams Entertainment Center, September 2 and 3 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Casting is for three females and three males. Perusal scripts may be checked out as of 1 August. For more information, call Michael Payne at 354-6460 or 09721-966460.

### ◆ Schweinfurt Community Spouses Club Fall Bazaar - Reminder

The Schweinfurt Community Spouses’ Club presents its annual Fall Harvest Bazaar at the Finney Fitness Center on Conn Barracks September 3 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.,  
September 4, from 11 am. to 6 p.m.

September 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bazaar is open to all US ID cardholders. For further information, please contact the SCSP at [schweinfurtbazaar@hotmail.com](mailto:schweinfurtbazaar@hotmail.com)

# Was ist los in Schweinfurt?

## ◆ MONDAY, 30 AUGUST

### CONCERT

Enjoy the "Krim Cossacks" performing Russian-Orthodox hymns and popular Russian folksongs in the Rossini Saal in Bad Kissingen (for tickets call 0971-8048444 Mon – Fri from 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sat and Sun from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) at 7:30 p.m.

## ◆ TUESDAY, 31 AUGUST

### MARKET

Visit the farmers' market on the Schweinfurt Market Square and enjoy fresh fruit and vegetables from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### CONCERT

Enjoy a concert by Pedro Valero performing works by Beethoven, Liszt, Debussy and Prokofjew in the "White Hall" Regentebau in Bad Kissingen (for tickets call 0971-8048444 Mon – Fri from 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sat and Sun from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) at 7:30 p.m.

### LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Monkeyman & Band perform at "Max's" in Schweinfurt, Maininsel at 9 p.m.

## ◆ WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

### MARKET

Enjoy fresh fruit and vegetables from the farmers' market on the Schweinfurt Market Square from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## ◆ SATURDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

### **Gospel Explosion 2004**

Don't miss the Gospel Explosion 2004 at the Sportshalle in Geldersheim September 4 at 4 p.m. The event features the Full Gospel Christian Center Choir, Victory Through Faith Choir, as well as spiritual dancing.

◆ **BOAT RIDES**

**Enjoy a boat on the Main River on the “Stadt Schweinfurt” from Schweinfurt to Schonungen Monday – Friday at 3 p.m.**

Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

**Boat rides to Volkach, Wipfeld or Bamberg are also available.**

Departure: Gutermann Promenade in Schweinfurt,  
For more information, call 09721-43302 or visit [www.sw-personenschiffahrt.de](http://www.sw-personenschiffahrt.de)

## **Harbor Roundtrip**

**Trip through the locks**

**Departure: April – October daily at 3 p.m.**

**Price: Adults €7.50**

**Children (ages 4 – 15 years old) €4.00**

**Family ticket €19.50**

**Youth groups (per person) €4.00**

## **Trip to Schonungen**

**Departure: April to October daily at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

**Price: Adults €7.50**

**Children (4 – 15 years old) €4.00**

**Family ticket €19.50**

**Youth groups (per person) €4.00**

## **Trip to Wipfeld**

**Departure: Every Wednesday in August at 10 a.m.**

**3 hours stay in Wipfeld (return at approximately 5:30 p.m.)**

**Price: Adults €10.00**

**Children (4 – 15 years old) €6.00**

**Family ticket €25.00**

**Youth groups (per person) €6.00**

# WELLNESS

**Thermal Spa “KissSalis Therme” in Bad Kissingen  
New outdoor and indoor pool including hot springs  
and sauna opened in Bad Kissingen.**

Opening hours are daily from 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. all year long.

**Entrance fees:** For 2 hrs € 11 (for adults) and € 5.50 for children up to 12 years of age  
for 3 hrs € 13 (for adults) and € 6.50 for children up to 12 years of age  
for 4 hrs € 15 (for adults) and € 7.50 for children up to 12 years of age

For more information visit [www.kissSalis.de](http://www.kissSalis.de) or call 0971-826621

**Terrassen Freibad in Bad Kissingen opened on 1 May 04**

**The Terrassen Freibad (outdoor pool) in Bad Kissingen is open for the season.**

Opening hours are: Mon – Fri from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. (or 8 p.m. on very hot days)

**Sat, Sun & German holidays from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

**Tickets cost: €3 for adults**