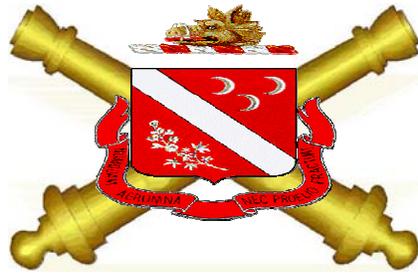


LIGHTNING



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Never Broken

**LIGHTNING 6 COMMENTS...**

Team Lightning,

Let me start off by simply saying thank you!! Thank you from the bottom our hearts for being there for us. Thank you for doing what you all do, everyday with little or no fanfare. Thank you for your continued support of our mission. We know that this deployment is tough on you and the children...we also know that you are the true heroes, the one's that do not get a break, the one's that have a 24-hour concern of what is really going on in Iraq. "Is it the same as what we are watching on the news and reading in the papers?"

I want to be the first to tell you that we are doing extremely well and making a positive impact to the security situation and well being for the people of Bayji and Ash Sharqat. Everyday a First Lightning Soldier on patrol is making a difference to the stability of this area and helping the Iraqi people move towards self-reliance. We recently began our civil-military projects, which focus on building or re-building police departments, security forces, schools, hospitals, clinics, water and sewage

systems, playgrounds, streets and anything else that needs improvement for the well being of the community. There is \$13 million worth of projects planned just for our sector alone. That is exactly what the local Iraqi people need to see...progress. Coalition Forces have been on the ground for over a year now and these people only want to see a better tomorrow and not more empty promises. We began "showing them the money" this week.

So, what does that mean to us? It means that the security situation should improve dramatically. We control the funds for projects; we can shut the flow of money and projects off just as quickly as we started them. That is the positive aspect of our daily mission that you will not see reported. I wanted you to hear it from me—we are making a difference—share this reality with those that do not understand the full spectrum of our mission.

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LIGHTNING 6 COMMENTS CONTINUED...

We have started correspondence with different organizations and people in trying to seek donations and supplies for local Iraqi schools. I have asked stateside schools to Adopt-a-School and have received resounding support. It is just bad timing as the school year is coming to a close. The division started a program called Operation I CAN, (Iraqi Children's Assistance Network), www.operationican.com. You will soon see a letter come home from elementary school with your children asking for support. To us, the improvement to the education system is a high priority. This mission is really about the children and their future. We are here to make it a better place for them to grow up in. We are also here so that our children do not have to return here if they choose to serve in the Armed Forces. This is a great way for the children to feel like they are helping their parents complete their mission. Please consider helping us with this program. Donations for our sector can be sent directly to us at: Commander, TF 1-7, OIF II (FOB Summerall), APO AE 09392.

I would be remised if I did not mention the tragic loss we suffered on 9 April 2004. We lost three heroes from the ranks of the "First Lightning" family. SFC Raymond Jones, SSG Toby Mallet and SGT Peter Enos. These three soldiers died while on a dismounted combat patrol in downtown Bayji. The combat patrol was ambushed by rocket-propelled grenades (RPG) and small arms fire. The enemy chooses to fight like a coward through the use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and RPG ambushes. He dare not fight us one on one or squad on squad...as a true enemy, because he knows the outcome will be devastating. Our fallen three comrades did not die in vain...they were fulfilling their duty and mission, a mission that they took personal pride in accomplishing. We held a Memorial Service, on 12 April 2004, to honor their sacrifice and service to the nation. They are now in the hands of God and continue their mission as our "scouts out" providing overhead cover, early warning and a laser spot for the next target. We too continue the mission...a mission that we will succeed with here in Iraq.

The quality of life here at Forward Operating Base Summerall improves everyday. From my foxhole, it provides what we need to be able to be successful in our mission and live comfortably.

We eat well, although not as well as some others in theater, but no one is going hungry here. It will never meet every Soldiers personal need or desires but let me tell you, it could be a lot worse. They are playing their PlayStations and X-boxes, watching movies and surfing the net. Units have showers, Internet access, washers and dryers, air conditioners, refrigerators etc...I do not remember anything like this during deployments 10 years ago! I may date myself but today's deployed Soldier lives very well. I ask that you keep that in mind when your loved one writes or emails and tells you that they are living in the desert, eating only MREs and have not taken a shower in months!! If you want to check out a website that Soldiers are submitting items to, check out <http://campsummerall.typepad.com>. You can post information there also. We hear what you are asking for and we will take some photos of Soldiers faces and get them home to you.

The R&R program will begin soon. Initial allocations have been reduced due to the re-deployment of the 1st Armored Division Soldiers back into the Iraqi Theater of Operation. Some of these units were already re-deployed to Germany or Kuwait and had to return to Iraq to assist with the security situation in Fallujah and An Najaf. It would not be right if 1st Infantry Division Soldiers were taking R&R, after only being deployed three months, when these great American's are "coming back"; they have been deployed over a year. I will personally send a note to CPT Lennox and 1SG Ebbs when this well deserved program is in full motion.

In closing, again let me say thank you!! We cannot do this mission without your support. The rear detachment and FRGs are performing amazingly. You have been tried and tested and we realize that...you have all made us proud. CSM Sanders and I are here for any of your questions or to provide the ground truth to the rumors.

LTC Kyle M. McClelland
LTC, FA
Commanding



LIGHTNING 7 COMMENTS...

Greetings Lightning Families

Firebase Laramore-Matthews has undergone many improvements over the last month. We broke ground for the arrival of 60 container living quarters which should arrive in the next few weeks. The units have each received, their own internet satellite systems, which can provide access to 5-8 computers. Each company has also been provided at least one AFN or Orbit Satellite TV system. The BN Dining Facility has built a new storage room for food supplies and started the construction of a serving line. The quality of food remains the same UGR-A, which is regular food packaged as a complete meal. This is a great improvement over the T-ration meal, which is the same as our MRE meals only in a can. The companies have also started upgrading their shower units. They are being remodeled by the Local Nationals, when completed they will have water pressure and a better drainage system to accommodate the increased number of soldiers using them. The BN Aid Station is also under remodeling, when completed it will have capacity for up to 4 examination beds. Once it is finished it will be dedicated in memory of SGT Enos, with a sign displayed in memory of this outstanding Combat Medic. This Friday, 30 April 2004, a Battalion Award's Ceremony and the dedication of the Task Force Lightning Memorial Hall will be held in honor of SFC Jones & SSG Mallet, this is a great tribute to two outstanding Non-Commissioned Officers. Listed are things the single Soldier's wish to have sent to them in a care packages, if anyone is interested in doing so. I would again thank the Rear-D and the Family Readiness Groups for their support of this deployment, without it we couldn't have done this operation with such success. God bless you and your families.

WAYNE SANDERS
CSM, USA
Command Sergeant Major

SINGLE SOLDIER'S CARE PACKAGE

1. Snacks; cookies, chips, sports bars, microwave popcorn, and hard candy
2. Personal hygiene items; razors, bar soap, Q-Tips, and baby wipes
3. Magazines; Men's Health, Maxim, Vibe, Sports Ill., ESPN, FHM, Popular Science/ Mach., Source, Ebony, Hot Rod, Cycle World, Stuff, Consumer Report, Reader Digest, and National Geographic.
4. Drinks (coffee, Gatorade, tang, kool-aid)
5. New release cd's, movies and music
6. Batteries;
7. Hand sanitizer big bottles
8. Microwave plates, bowls, and flat wear.
9. Sugar, creamer
10. Laundry soap, fabric softener



Dear Cobra Family,

There are no words I can express for the pain that the soldiers and I feel in our recent losses of SFC Raymond Jones, SSG Toby Mallet, and SGT Peter Enos. They were all exemplary Non-Commissioned Officers who cared deeply for their soldiers and took personal pride in their work. I want to personally thank the families in Schweinfurt for the care all of you have displayed in this time of sorrow. In spite of their grief, the soldiers of C Company are more determined than ever to accomplish the mission every day, if not simply to exhibit the dignity which personified the lives of our friends who were lost.

The soldiers took part in a beautiful and moving memorial service which was attended by all units on FOB Summerall, the commander of the 1st Infantry Division, Major General Batiste, as well as Brigadier General Mundt, who was a friend of SFC Jones. Over the past three weeks, we have become more resolved in our efforts to find, capture, and punish those responsible for this attack. While I can't disclose the details of our missions, I can tell you that we have been successful in capturing several criminals and seizing weapons and equipment, which are dangerous to the soldiers and Iraqi people. The soldiers are now seasoned veterans having conducted numerous raids and patrols contributing to increased security of the city. I can see the experience the soldiers have gained in the way they conduct missions every day. This experience leads to quicker and safer patrols as everyone works in harmony to get the task at hand accomplished.

We are making strides to improve daily live here on the FOB. We have recently installed four computers in our company headquarters building, which makes for a shorter walk to use the internet, and a phone, which can be used for dialing home. Contractors are constantly running in and out placing tile in the shower rooms and improving the plumbing. We have new air condition units, new washers and dryers, and satellite TV in the Day Room. We are making a constant attempt in keeping power running 24-hours a day, but this occasionally becomes a struggle. There is talk of creating an education center and plans are in the works for improved MWR, PX, and sports facilities. While mail is slow, sometimes taking a month to arrive in either direction, it is always appreciated. Please keep sending care packages, pictures, letters, and any comforts from home that you would like to send. Many thanks for your support back in Schweinfurt. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated as we do our best for you and all American families here in Iraq. Cobra Strike!

CPT William Kirby
CPT, FA
Cobra Commander

WWW.OPERATION ICAN.COM

Please support Operation I CAN (Iraqi Children Assistance Network). We are refurbishing or building schools across the country, but we need help with simple school supplies. This program is dedicated to providing much needed supplies to the local Iraqi schools.

Some ideas for donations:

Used school books
Spiral bound notebooks and Loose-leaf notebook paper
Packs of pencils, markers and colored pencils
Erasers
Folders or binders
Glue sticks and Scissors

No crayons please, they might melt in transit

ALPHA COMPANY COMMENTS...



I would like to start this update off by again saying thank you for all your support. The families are making the Steel Knights mission here that much easier by supporting our Soldiers with letters, emails, and packages. I can truly say all the Soldiers appreciate the mail they receive. It is amazing to see the faces of all the Soldiers light up when the mail truck pulls up in front of the Command Post.

Our Steel Knights have been busy the last few weeks. We are consistently conducting missions in sector securing main highways and critical infrastructure in our area of operations. We are engaging the people of Bayji and beginning to build relations with the local residents, Sheiks, community leaders as well as the Iraqi Police. However, some of our new relations are showing the residents of Iraq that the Steel Knights will not tolerate any aggressive actions or hostile intent towards American Soldiers or American contractors working in the area. It is a difficult balance of power, and all the Soldiers are doing it well.

The Steel Knights are conducting joint patrols with the Iraqi Police through residential neighborhoods. These joint operations reinforce to the Iraqi people that soon their own countryman will run and manage their country. We continually educate and train the local police force on basic types of police work to ensure they will be ready to protect the citizens of Iraq.

We are also working extensively with the new Iraqi Civil Defense Corp (ICDC). We have a platoon of 40 Iraqi Soldiers that we conduct more joint operations as well as ICDC pure platoon operations. We continually train these Soldiers to ensure they too will be able to protect the people of Iraq for years to come. All this work is done by without the help of translators or specialists of any kind. It's all our Steel Knight Soldiers; understand the importance of this difficult mission, accepting it, and making it happen. That is what we do best.

Speaking of what we do best... the next thing on our list of great abilities is this company's flexibility. We are constantly

changing mission sets, areas of operations, and soon our task organization. You might have been hearing rumors that we will be conducting artillery operations. This is true. Without getting into too much operational details, just know that we are doing everything we can at every level possible to ensure we are completing the mission required to destroy Anti-Coalition Forces and protect the people of Iraq. Any mission. Anywhere. Anytime.

Thank you again for your support and helping us complete our mission. You all are in our thoughts.

STEEL KNIGHT SIX, OUT

CPT Deric Holbrook
CPT, FA
Commanding



Please take the time to read the Task Force Danger Press Release, dated 25 April 2004, for information on what the First Infantry Division is doing in Iraq. The press release is available on the battalion website and will be updated as new ones are released.

BRAVO BATTERY COMMENTS...



Greetings from Tikrit, Iraq. Our time in Iraq has been very memorable. 1st Platoon who resides on FOB Paliwoda continues to provide first-rate Field Artillery support for TF 1-77 and ¼ CAV...to date firing over 250 rounds. Although providing 24/7 coverage daily is their top priority, 1st Platoon still finds time to continue to improve the quality of life for soldiers assigned to TF 1-77 in a wide variety of ways...they have found that staying active makes time go by quicker. In addition to shooting fire missions for Maneuver Task Forces, daily operations for the platoon assigned to FOB Paliwoda include managing a shop full of Iraqi vendors, guarding Iraqi detainees, serving meals to hungry soldiers, and finding time to relax and wind down from the rigors of war.

Likewise, 2nd Platoon out of FOB Remagen has been extremely busy supporting the 2BCT with Field Artillery fires. Recently, the platoon conducted a combat patrol to FOB Brass-Field Mora to support TF 1-26 for twelve days. Everyone involved enjoyed breaking their daily routine and trying something new...the experience was described as exciting and exuberating. 2nd Platoon's daily routine outside of fire mission support is FOB improvement...most notable we conduct sandbag physical training daily. TF 9E continues to improve the standards of living for all personnel living on FOB Remagen...we have upgraded from military cots to bunk beds and each room has a refrigerator and air conditioner.

Attached soldiers from DIVARTY Metro, HHB, SVC, A and C Battery continue to do an outstanding job. The support they have provided has been priceless...their missions include participating in logistic combat patrols, providing haul capabilities and providing maintenance / survey support.

The Fighter Management Pass Program (FMPP) is up and running...to date 6 soldiers have enjoyed a 4-day pass in Qatar. Over the next several months' soldiers will be allowed to take part in the Rest and Recuperation (R&R) program... as of now, we expect 80-85% of our soldiers to get the opportunity to take leave. This month marks our 90-day point in theater, which means the R&R program has started. Each soldier is looking forward to taking a break from action to spend time with family/friends and getting some much-needed rest.

The support we have received from family and friends in Germany and the United States has been phenomenal. Our highlight of the day continues to be mail call...please keep the mail coming; receiving mail and packages from friends and

families definitely boost soldier morale. I will continue to encourage each soldier to write, email, and phone home on a regular basis. To the family members and friends of Bravo Battery, as always we value all that you do, our success here is a direct result of all the love and support you have provided.

LINNEN E. HODO
CPT, FA
Commanding



HHB COMMENTS...



The Hurricanes continue to support Operation Iraqi Freedom II (OIF II) from many different locations in Iraq. Our Fire Support Elements are currently deployed with their respective Task Forces and are operating in the surrounding areas of Tikrit, Samarra, and Balad. COLT has moved up to FOB Summerall, and will stay with us for an unknown length of time; it was a great reunion between the battery and COLT. The First Sergeant and I have visited with 1-18 FSE and 1-26 FSE this month, the troops live in varying conditions, but everyone is doing well. We have gathered more pictures together and will burn another CD to send back to the FRG. Don't know if the first one has made it yet, but another is on the way.

The Hurricane family suffered a great loss when SGT Peter Enos, our combat medic assigned with Charlie Company, died during a firefight on the streets of Bayji. The soldiers of the task force, but especially by the soldiers of our own battery, miss him daily. Our sympathies go out to Shannon, Marcus, our close-knit medic families, and all that knew him and his incredible passion for life, his family, and his profession. We have honored him by naming the medical facility in his memory. Peter Enos will never be forgotten.

We continue to conduct missions both inside and outside the FOB. As a reminder, our daily operations outside the FOB include conducting armed escort for vehicle convoys, conducting Retrans for units out on patrol, sending out the Convoy Security Element on various missions, escorting our Civil Affairs team to project sites, clearing sections of roadway of any hazards, and running combat logistical patrols. Inside the wire the TOC operates 24 hours a day providing command and control of the task force. We have an expertly run maintenance facility and aid station, including a helipad for fast evacuation to the combat support hospital. We additionally train and coordinate an Iraqi Civil Defense Corps Company. Everyone is

doing an outstanding job at supporting the Task Force and we are extremely proud of the troops performance.

Congratulations to SFC Pena, SFC Williamson, SGT Geer, SGT Tory Smith, SPC Pemberton, SPC Matthews, SPC Apilado, PFC Molina, PFC Dale, PFC Jeadrik, and PFC Cabreja for their recent promotions. We also send congratulations to the following soldiers who each received a Battery Command Team Coin in recognition of their exceptionally hard work and dedication during this operation: SGT Dakir, PFC Morrison, and SPC Scroggs; and SSG Alexander, from Service battery was also awarded the coin for his tireless dedication to HHB while serving as the S4 NCOIC.

The Hurricane Pad has had some major improvements recently; we have completed our day room, including a large screen TV, PS2, 4 Internet connections, and a library. We have added more washing machines, built up sandbags around all of our living quarters, and put up camouflage netting between our CHUs for shade. We have experienced ebbs and flows with our mail, bottled water, and chow. This is expected and the battery has adapted to it well. We hope for the best and live with whatever comes our way. Several families have been using a website to stay in touch with families on FOB Summerall, the address is: <http://campsummerall.typepad.com> You can also find it easily by doing a google search for FOB Summerall. It has a lot of good information, some pictures, and is a good way to stay connected with the deployed soldiers.

Ride the Storm!!

BRIAN D. VAUGHAN
CPT, FA
Commanding

HURRICANES!

HOWARD C. PATRICK
1SG, USA
First Sergeant

FREE CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTION

Has your seat ever been recalled? When is it safe for your child to come out of the seat? Is it the right type of safety seat for the size of your child? Does the seat fit your car? What is the little metal clip and when do you need to use it? Does your child's safety seat move around after you have buckled it in?

280TH Base Support Battalion Provost Marshal Office will inspect child safety seats from 1000 to 1400 on 22 MAY. The inspection will take place in the Schweinfurt Elementary School parking lot on Askren Manor. The Schweinfurt Spouses Club and the Schweinfurt Elementary School are sponsoring this free event.

DELTA BATTERY COMMENTS



Before I begin, I would like to thank the Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers of the Dragon Battery for making things happen, when Amy and I were in the hospital with Tyler. Knowing that you are such a great team gave me an opportunity to relax with my wife and our newest son. Thank you.

April was a very busy month. D Battery deployed over 26 Soldiers and helped 3 PCS/ETS. In addition to supporting the unit forward, we continued with all of our responsibilities: taking care of families, supporting the local community, supporting the Schweinfurt Elementary School, and training our Soldiers. The month started with a well attended Easter Party that was enjoyed by all. Further, representatives from the battery attended all of the Family Readiness Group Meetings. We also performed our Communities Red Cycle, where we focus on maintaining the community. During Red Cycle we are responsible for raising and lowering the American Flag, performing area clean up, and any other tasking the BSB Command Sergeant Major throws our way. The battery also supported the Schweinfurt Elementary School by videotaping and sending downrange the Spring Choir and by escorting students to and from their Earth Day activities. Several Dragons have discovered the great feeling that comes with working with children at the school. Finally we continued to train ourselves, in the event any of the Dragons are called forward to support the battalion. This months training focused on medical care and Common Task Training.

April was also a very tough month. Several members knew all three fallen Soldiers. In fact, SSG Mallot spent over 35 days in Delta Battery, waiting for the birth of a child. The battery showed their respect during a very emotional Memorial Service at the Ledward Chapel. We continue to work with the families of the fallen, on a daily basis. Our thoughts and prayers go out them.

1SG Ebbs and I would like to congratulate PVT and Mrs. Walker on the birth of their son. PVT Walker will soon join Service Battery in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. We would also like to recognize SPC Wright on his promotion. He will soon be leaving the Army for a medical problem, but in spite of this he continues to give the battery and the battalion an honest days work, every day.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to review our notification procedures, in the event of an injury downrange, because an individual has been making prank phone calls. Only the First Sergeant or I will make any phone calls to the Next of Kin, in the event of an injury downrange. The notification will only occur after the Department of the Army authorizes us to do so. Please keep this in mind and if you have any questions, please feel free to call First Sergeant or myself. The 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 LENNOX
CPT, FA
Commanding

W. LEE EBBS
1SG, USA
First Sergeant



SVC BATTERY COMMENTS...



Greetings from the Mighty Serpents!! As the summer approaches, our hard working soldiers continue to exhaust all efforts in maintaining, fueling, and feeding the battalion. Over 70 combat logistical patrols have been conducted since 14 March in order to keep the battalion ready and prepared. Motivation remains not to be an obstacle as they continue to accomplish any task placed before them. 1SG Cromartie and I are extremely pleased with all of the hard work that has been conducted to this point.

Once again, I would like to thank all spouses and girlfriends for their continuing support. Your support truly glows within your loved ones as we continue to provide a safe and secure environment in the Salah Ah Din Province.

I am proud to announce that we have families that are part of the Serpent Team with new additions. I pray that that all goes well and these couples enjoy the world of parenthood. Mrs. Stephanie Bullard (SSG Bullard) has been blessed with a baby boy Aiden Preston, Mrs. Monica Ardley (SPC Ardley) is doing fine with their new baby girl, Zy'Kiyah Ny'Sha Miracle

and Mrs. Jody Walker (PFC Walker) is doing well with their newborn baby boy Aiden Quinten.

Promotions are truly high points in a soldier's career and I am proud to congratulate the following soldiers:

- SPC Ferro
- SPC Lewis, J.
- PFC Flores
- PFC Hess
- PFC Vance
- PFC Totz

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!!**

CHRISTOPHER A. WASHINGTON CPT, FA Commanding	MARVIN C. CROMARTIE 1SG, USA First Sergeant
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Send the gift of AAFES Prepaid Calling Cards

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is now authorized to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual, company or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed. Up until now, those wishing to lend a helping hand had no other alternative, but to purchase other retailer's prepaid cards that, in many cases, were not designed for affordable international calling in deployed areas. Now, anyone (even those not in the military) can help troops in contingency operations call home from one of the many AAFES call centers in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF).

Many of the prepaid cards available to the general public from retailers other than AAFES offer much higher rates and connection charges. For service members to receive the best calling rates from OIF/OEF, senders should take advantage of the savings and purchase the **Military Exchange 550 Unit Prepaid Card** as it offers the best value when calling home with minutes that never expire and no hidden charges or connection fees.

Helping service members stay in touch with friends and family has never been easier. Anyone can log on to www.aafes.com and click the "**Help our Troops Call Home**" link. From there, those wishing to pay for troops to call home can send a prepaid calling card to an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. AAFES will coordinate distribution of donated cards addressed to "any service member" via the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or the Fisher House Foundation.

Should someone wish to make a bulk purchase of more than 100 cards, they can contact Ms. Lisa Lamers at 214-312-3978 or lamersl@aafes.com.

Individuals, organizations and companies can further extend support to deployed troops with a "**Gifts From the Homefront**" gift certificate. This innovative initiative allows anyone to help deployed troops purchase merchandise in one of 54 contingency stores. "Gifts from the Homefront" can also be purchased 24 hours a day by logging on to www.aafes.com or by calling 877-770-4438, seven days a week, everyday of the year. From there, the "Gifts from the Homefront" can also be sent to an individual service member (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

If you have any suggestion, questions, or feedback to improve this newsletter, please feel free to contact CPT Lennox, DSN 354-7097 or email matthew.lennox@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil.

This internal newsletter contains official information, and complies with the provisions of AR 25-30 for dissemination to Family Readiness Group internal newsletters.

Individuals concerned have given their consent (under the provisions of AR 340-21, The Army Act Program) for newsletter to be published. All addresses are cautioned that personal information (Home Address/ Home Telephone Numbers, etc.) Included in the attached newsletter must be protected with AR 340-21 (The Army Privacy Act Program). Unauthorized disclosure of information is also prohibited without consent.

KYLE M. McClelland
LTC, FA
Commanding



INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Combat Zone Tax-Free Pay and Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide deployed soldiers and their spouses information on IRA contributions as they relate to combat zone tax-free pay.

2. **DISCUSSION:**

a. **Basic IRA rules.** In order to make a full contribution of \$3,000 (\$3,500 for those 50 years and older) to an IRA, one must have at least \$3,000 in taxable compensation. Spouses can generally each contribute \$3,000 to an IRA, even if one did not work, provided the spouses have combined taxable compensation of \$6,000. The maximum IRA contribution for individuals who have between \$0-\$3,000 (with spouses, between \$0-\$6,000) in taxable compensation is limited to their total taxable income.

b. **Potential Problems.** Deployment to a combat zone can offer some very beneficial federal tax breaks. Enlisted soldiers and warrant officers can exclude all of their monthly base pay for each month in a combat zone. Officers can exclude up to \$6315.90 each month. Other types of pay may be excludable, such as reenlistment bonuses and student loan repayments. Unfortunately, there is a possible adverse consequence resulting from combat zone tax-free pay. If one does not have any taxable compensation for the year, one cannot contribute to an IRA. This is quite possible for a soldier who is deployed for an entire calendar year. If IRA contributions are made when one does not qualify, excess contributions occur.

c. **Resolution.** The excess contribution should be withdrawn, along with any earnings on the excess contributions, before the due date of the return, plus any extensions. Upon withdrawal, the taxpayer has two options. The excess amount may be applied to the next year, provided the total contributions for that later year, do not exceed the maximum amount allowed for that year. In this situation request the IRA trustee to withdraw the amount, and then directly deposit it towards the next year contributions. The other option is to withdraw the excess amount with earnings, and keep the money. In this situation the earnings would be subject to income tax, and possibly an additional 10% tax. In both of the above cases a 1099R will be received and will have to be reported accordingly on the tax return. If the excess amount is left in the IRA, a 6% excise tax will be assessed for that year, and all future years, until the excess amount is withdrawn.

3. **CONCLUSION:** If a soldier or spouse falls into this "trap", it may be advisable to discuss the situation with a tax advisor or attorney. Pub 590 at www.irs.gov is also very helpful. These tax rules are extremely complex, so one should never rely solely on this information paper.

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MAY 2004

ACSC

Army Community Service Center

Classes & Events

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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Call the Schweinfurt ACSC for Information and Registration

DSN 354-6486/6751

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2004 Trip Schedule

Shopping Trip to Outlet Mall in Wertheim

17 April - Shop in some of your favorite outlet stores: GAP, Esprit, Versace, Eddie Bauer, Nike & Timberland. Cost is \$10.00. Depart ODR 9 a.m. return @ 2-3 p.m.

Little Swiss Trip

24 April - Visit a Swiss cave and a terrific rollercoaster. Price is TBA. Depart ODR 8 a.m. return @ 5 p.m.

Vineyard Hike

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Hike the Rhoen, Kreuzberg and Wasserkuppe

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Shopping Trip to Wertheim, Outlet Village

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Hut Hopping, Zugspitze, Garmisch

29 - 31 May. Price is \$50. Depart ODR at 8 a.m. on 29 May, return to SFT @ 9 p.m. on 31 May.

For more information call ODR at DSN 353-8080. Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Schweinfurt Outdoor Recreation



May 2004 MWR Roundup

Current as of: 3 May 2004

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Soldiers Show

Join us as we take a special trip to the "Army Soldiers Show" now touring through Germany. **May 26**, Wuerzburg is hosting the show on Leighton Barracks at 7 p.m. MWR is providing transportation from Schweinfurt for up to 50 people and the seats are first come first served. May 28, Ansbach is hosting the show on Storck Barracks in Illesheim at 8 p.m. Our transportation from Schweinfurt will be the same. Finally, on June 2, Bamberg will be hosting the show, time & place is yet to be announced. So make your plans now! This is one show you don't want to miss. Please call our Community Recreation Division at 09721-966216 or DSN 354-6216 to sign up for the bus, or just to get information on the show.

Finney Health Fair

May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Finney Fitness Center is hosting a Health Fair. Come on down for blood pressure screenings and workout advice from our fitness experts. Organizations such as Tricare, WIC, the Community Health Nurse, USO, EDIS, CHN, the Pharmacy, Social Work Services, the Chaplain's office, and the Ed center will all be there to meet with YOU. We will also have great giveaways for those who stop by, so be sure to check it out! Please contact Michelle Brown for more information at DSN 353-8234.

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CYS-Child & Youth Services

Parents Night Out

May 21, 6:30-11:30pm. CYS is giving you the *Night Off!* Don't miss this opportunity to give yourself a break, take in a movie or go on a date with your spouse. Children will be cared for FREE OF CHARGE by the CYS STACC program. Open to all families registered with CYS with children 6 weeks to 10 years. Reservations will be taken from 5 April to 12 April, please call 354-6414. ENJOY YOURSELF and *take a break.*

Registration Process for CYS Central Registration

Hours of operation are M-F from 8-5 p.m., Tuesdays are walk-ins from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Last appointments are taken at 4:00 p.m. each day. Please include the following information:

1. Stop by Central Registration to pick-up a registration packet.
2. Call/stop by Central Registration to schedule an appointment after all paperwork is completed.
3. Gather all necessary paperwork listed below to bring in on your appointment:
 - a. Immunization Record (must be current), 6th grade and above no health assessment or shot record required.

- b. Child/Children social security number.
- c. Identification card of sponsor or spouse.
- e. Have two emergency designees and their phone numbers (NOT your sponsor/spouse).
- f. Current LES of sponsor and Current pay stub of spouse, not required for 6th grade and above.
- g. Bring in registration fee of \$15 per child; Maximum of \$35 per family.

School Age Services

Bldg. 575 in Askren Manor, 354-6974

Mon- Fri, 6am-6pm

Serving children/youth from 1st - 5th grade

5 free hours available of SAS after school care for SAS patrons for grades 1-5 on a space available basis.

May is National Book Month

SAS will finish collecting "BOOKS to IRAQ" and send them to our soldiers.

Asian/Pacific Month

SAS will celebrate with a Luau on May 21 from 7-9 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo

May 5th, join us for a fiesta from 5:30-7 p.m.

Mother's Day Tea

May 7th from 3-5 p.m.

SAS Clubs are open to children grades 1-5 unless otherwise noted.

Sports Club

Mondays, focus on a different sport every month.

Photography Club

Tuesdays, open to children grades 3-5. Learn to use 35mm cameras and take pictures in a variety of settings. We encourage SAS children to enter the CYS photo Contest in the spring.

Technology Club

Tuesdays, the children are learning basic computer skills and eventually they will maintain a SAS webpage.

Sewing Club

Wednesdays, learn the basics and soon we will be making pillows to send to deployed troops.

Drama Club

Wednesdays, right now we are learning sign language, followed by creating plays and puppet shows.

Ultimate Journey

Thursdays, open to children grades 3-5. This year we focus on nature and the environment. Don't forget about our end of the year field trip.

Smart Moves

Boys and girls in grades 4-5 may participate. The club will focus on making good choices and staying healthy.

Cooking Club

Fridays, learn to prepare small projects and later, cook more advanced meals.

YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS

Start Smart Baseball

May 7, 14 & 21, 4-5 p.m. at Ledward Gym for ages 4-5 years

The goal of this program is to give kids the sports skills they need, regardless of what they do. Come out and get a "head start" in baseball!

NIKE Fitness Challenge

May 26, 5-6 p.m. at Ledward Gym

This fitness challenge provides fun and fitness benefits for CYS members ages 8-12. Come out and participate in the Jump Rope, Basketball, walk/run, and home run & invent a sport challenge.

NIKE Friendship games

May 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Blue Field on Conn

Are you 10-12? Come one come all to the greatest baseball games in town. The competition is rough, but if you've got the stuff then bring your game to the field and go for the gold. All participants will receive an award. Teams from outside the community will be participating.

SAS Sports Workshops

May 12 (Boys) & May 19 (Girls) ages 8-12, from 3-4 p.m. at SAS Center Gym. Members create their own game or sport, to include the rules that then will be played by all interested. The workshop helps build the members basic motor skills by teaching throwing, catching, and running. This workshop also helps improve members' strength, skills and endurance as participants have fun "jumping, throwing, and running against the clock"

Sign up is the day of the event at the location. All participants must have a current physical on file. Call Ledward gym with any questions at 354-6822.

Volunteer Coaches Needed!!!

The Schweinfurt CYS Youth Sports program relies heavily on volunteers to coach youth sport teams. Interested adults are needed to help lead and coach the community's youth. Volunteers are not required to have an extensive knowledge of the sport. However, you must have the desire and enthusiasm to work with youth three to four hours a week. Training sessions and resources are provided for each sport including discussions on skills, strategies and policies. Interested in helping? Please call, 09721-96-6822 or DSN 354-6822.

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 experience officials. The pay rate varies with the age of competition and sport. Applications are available at the Schweinfurt Youth Sports Office, Bldg. 241, Ledward Gym. Any person interested in officiating, scoring, timing, please call 354-6822.

The Middle School Zone (YS)

Bldg. 574 in Askren Manor, 354-6308 or Civ 09721-87465

MSZ Hours: Mon-Fri 2-8pm, and every last Saturday of the month from 4-8pm

Closed Saturday, Sunday and Federal Holidays

MSZ activities are open to registered 6 - 8th graders. Events will take place at the Middle School Zone, unless otherwise noted. Don't forget Power Hour study time and get a jump on your homework from 2 - 4pm Monday-Friday. Plus you can get a prize for doing it by cashing in Power Points for school supplies and prizes or saving them for bigger....later!

Wow! It's the last Month before Summer Break and the Zone is gearing up for Summer Camp. Parents, be sure to take the opportunity to look into the Parent Advisory Board which will be vital to raising funds for your youth this summer. Get a jump on Summer Camp and start signing up your kids now!

MSZ Clubs

Passport to Manhood

May 13th & 27th, 5-6 p.m. Attention young men! Join a club just for the guys. This month we focus on "Character Counts". This month's pillar of character will be "Responsibility", being responsible in school, home and the community.

International Cooking Club

May 11th, 27th, 5-7 p.m. Learn how to prepare food from around the world with hands on “how too” cooking and eating too!

Smart Girls Club

May 6th & 20th, 5-6 p.m. We are a health, fitness, and self-esteem enhancement program for all young girls interested in learning the facts! This month we will focus on Self-Awareness so come sit in and be proud to be young ladies.

Torch Club

May 4th & 18th, 5-6 p.m. Interested in learning leadership skills? Every other week we discuss different topics, plans for future events & talk about the importance of our community involvement. The focus will be on our Summer Project in which the Torch Club will lead titled, “American Torch Project”.

Ultimate Journey

May 5th, 5-6 p.m. We want you if you're into fun and adventure. Explore the world of outdoor activities and learn fun things about nature, and the environment. This month we are continuing on with our “Askren Bird” Project and should be getting some great feedback from our animal family!

Photo Club

May 3rd & 24th, 5-6 p.m. Interested in photography? Come check us out as we explore the world of digital with the new Boys and Girls program, “Club Tech”. We will start working on the National Photo Exhibit.

4-H Club

May 17th, 5-6 p.m. 4-H covers a lot of different activities from Photography, Public speaking, and Fine Arts. This is a hands on club so we have lots of FUN. Come meet new friends and do great activities *together*.

Fine Arts & Arts & Crafts

May 10th & 12, 5-6 p.m., Indulge in the world of creative arts as we come up with cool art projects and start working on the National Fine Arts Competition.

MSZ Special Events

Madchentreff (Smart Girls meet the German girls meeting)

May 6, 6-8 p.m., Our girls will enjoy a evening of of socializing with their german comrades and discuss the possibilities of future combined activities together.

Couples Dance

May 14th, 7-10 p.m. It's getting warmer outside and were going to make it hotter with the best and last regular dance of the shool year. We will have a secret gift giveaway so you can bring that special gift for someone you care for and they receive it at the dance...secretly! Cost: \$4

Flussabenteuer (Canoe trip)

May 16th, 10-6 p.m. Join us for a day of canoeing and fun with some of our german youth. You must be able to swim! \$3 plus 10 Euros.

Parent Advisory Meeting

May 19th, 6-8 p.m. Parents, we need you to help support our Youth Services youth by becoming a member of the Parent Advisory Board. The goal is to raise funds for youth events, trips, and acitivities and to advocate for our youth to leaders in the community.

Pre-Summer Supa' Slamma Pajama Jam

May 29th, 7-10 p.m. That's right, it's time to find those big over lapping pajama's you were to bed and show all your friends at the dance that you look good even when you sleep. We will have a best dress and dance contest for prizes. Cost: \$4 per person.

Teen Center (YS)

Bldg. 241 in Ledward Gym, 354-6732

Summer Hours: Tuesday-Thurs 11:00am-8:00pm, Fri & Sat 1:00pm-10:00pm

Closed Sunday, Monday & Federal Holidays

All activities are opened to registered Teen Center Members and will take place at the Teen Center unless otherwise specified.

TC Special Events

Bowling & Pizza

May 7 & 28, 7 p.m. Don't sit at home and be bored when you can socialize with your friends and brush up on your bowling skills. Come with us when we go up the road to Kessler Bowling Center for great fun, and everyone's favorite, Pizza! The cost is only \$5.00 each.

Teen Action Forum

May 8, 4 p.m. Ever feel like your talking and no one is listening. Come to the Teen Action Forum and give your ideas to improve the Teen Center atmosphere and program implementation. Everyone will have an opportunity to be heard! And we will have PIZZA!

Field Trip: Auto and Technik Museum- Sinsheim

May 14, 9 a.m. We will be visiting the greatest private museum in Europe. There are over 3000 exhibits including a supersonic Concorde jet, Formula 1 cars, World Record Vehicle, and American Dream Cars. We will follow this tour up with an IMAX movie. The cost is only \$6 plus €10 for entrance.

May Hails, Farewells and Birthdays

May 15, 5 p.m. If you are new to the community, saying goodbye or have a birthday in May, then today is the day we celebrate you. We are glad you are here and we want to show you how much. Come join us for hotdogs, hamburgers our favorite side dishes and of course... Birthday Cake.

Movie & Popcorn

May 21, 7:30 p.m. We have a great selection of the hottest new releases plus the favorite movies you love to watch again and again. Plus, our popcorn is always hot and fresh

King of the Hill Basketball Tournament

May 22, 4 p.m. Just who will walk away as the champions? May the best team win. Winners get their team picture on the wall and maintain bragging rights until the next Tournament.

TC Clubs

Expressions

May 4 & 18, 6 p.m. Come express yourself orally, dramatically, and artistically as we explore all types of expression from Poetry to Theatre and everything in between.

Luna Chicks

May 5 & 19, 7 p.m. This month we focus on understanding physical, emotional and social changes and developing positive lifelong habits through discussions, games, food experiences and outings. Oh... and NO BOYS ALLOWED!

System Failure

May 6 & 20, 5 p.m. Engage in a variety of multi- media activities from surfing the web to creating movies and videos.

The Brotherhood

May 6 & 20, 6 p.m. NO GIRLS ALLOWED! Come hang out with the guys and develop some positive lifelong habits through team building, games, discussions, and field trips.

Real Life

May 11 & 25, 5:30 p.m.. This month we will start Career Exploration by identifying our personal skills, exploring career opportunities, and learning how to choose careers.

Snap Shop

May 12 & 26 , 6:30 p.m. Come help us capture all the best moments on camera. Plus, learn everything you never knew about cameras and film developing.

Keystone Club

May 13 & 27, 6:30 p.m. A great place to make new friends. Share your ideas with us while building leadership skills and helping the community.

TC Weekly Activities

Gourmet Grub

Learn some life skills and indulge in fabulous international cuisine.

Fitness Phases

Come enjoy the new fitness equipment donated by the community gyms and learn about proper cardio training techniques. Every Tuesday and Thursday.

Community Spirit

Get Promise Passport Hours as we volunteer in the Schweinfurt Community to make this a better place to live.

Major Minors

Teen Center Youth will have the opportunity to mentor younger children through programming, reading, and helping them learn new skills.

Challenges

Engage in exciting activities to strengthen our abilities to take charge of universe. Learn to think and act outside the box constructively.

TC Daily Activities

Come by any time and enjoy these programs:

Computer Lab

The computer lab is open during operational hours to get live homework help, surf the web, use graphic arts, play games, do research, and check e-mail.

Power Hour/Goals for Graduation

The Homework Area will be dedicated to scholastics from 5 – 6 p.m. every day. Come in and study, get homework help from one of our resident scholars and earn points for prizes while enhancing your cranium capacity.

Open Recreation

The gym is open during designated times for hoops and games and we also have a wide selection of movies and games on X-Box and Playstation 2. We also have many CD's and a great DJ sound system for spinning your favorites.

Fine Arts

Every day we offer open access to high quality supplies for drawing with pastels and pencils along with watercolors and acrylics. The Teen Center has several books on the arts that can offer a self-guided tour in creativity.

Music Production

The Teen Center offers anyone the ability to create an audio masterpiece with Frooty Loops software. We also provide access to an acoustic guitar, a Djembe, and an 8-track digital studio to record your work.

Library

There are books on many subjects appropriate and interesting to the new generation. Read and be well read!

Much, much, more!

Every day we have many resources available to the youth of the community for fun, education and relaxation. See you here!

CRD-Community Recreation Division

Community Recreation Division Office

Bldg. 206, Rm. 402, Ledward Barracks, 354-6216

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8am - 5pm

AUTO SKILLS CENTER

Conn Barracks, Bldg. 49, 353-8224 or 09721-968224

Hours: Wed-Friday, 1-9pm; Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm; Training Holidays, 10am-6pm

FINNEY SPORTS & LEISURE CENTER

Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64, Upstairs, 353-8476/8707

Hours: Mon-Fri 4pm-8pm, Sat & Sun 2pm-6pm

TaeKwon-Do Classes

Finney Sports & Leisure Center offers classes for men, women and children six years of age and older. The classes are taught by George Kampitsas, an internationally qualified martial arts instructor. The cost is \$40 per month per person and classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m. for children and 7-8:30pm for adults. If you have two or more students from the same family then the second student pays only \$35. To sign up for classes, please contact Silvia Joiner, 354-6270.

Massage Therapy

Don't miss out on our fabulous massage therapist. The cost is \$25.00 for 30 min or \$45.00 for an hour. Call Silvia Joiner for information 354-6270.

Family Friendly FUN Trips

Trip to the IMAX Theater in Wuerzburg

May 6th, we are headed to see "The Blue Planet" Depart Schweinfurt at 9 a.m., movie starts at 10 a.m.

Geiselwind Theme Park

May 12, depart Schweinfurt at 8:30 a.m.

Movies Movies Movies

Every Thursday and Friday night at 6 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Stop by at the Sports & Leisure Center and pick up your copy of the movie schedule or call Silvia Joiner at DSN 354-6270.

Date	Time	Movie Title	Rating	Movie Category
2-May-04	1500	Scooby Do	PG	Children's
6-May-04	1800	Lost in Translation	PG-13	Comedy/Drama
7-May-04	1800	25 th Hr	R	Suspense
9-May-04	1500	Freaky Friday	PG	Children's
13-May-04	1800	Barber Shop	R	Comedy
14-May-04	1800	Office Space	R	Action
16-May-04	1500	Dinotopia	PG	Children's
20-May-04	1800	The Missing	R	Action
21-May-04	1800	School of Rock	PG-13	Comedy
23-May-04	1500	Special Ageny Cody Banks	PG	Children's
27-May-04	1800	Under the Tuscan Sun	PG	Drama
28-May-04	1800	The Whale Rider	PG	Documentary

CRAFTS STUDIO

Scrapbooking Class

Join the scrapers each Friday for a different technique. Class is from 1-3 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per person.

Bobbin Lace Making

Work at your own pace in this class to learn about the very special European craft of lace making. Materials are available at the Studio. \$35 for 6 weeks on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

Hand Weaving & Hand Spinning

Enjoy the old world craft of weaving on the loom and spinning with the spinning wheel. The Crafts Studio has all the equipment and supplies for the novice to the experienced. Class meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Cost is \$35 plus materials for the six week class.

Matting & Framing with Achim

Class will meet from Noon – 3 p.m. on May 8 & 22. Cost is \$10 plus materials, reserve early as class space is limited.

Wood Shop Orientation

is every Saturday in May. This is a required class if you plan to use any of the woodworking power tools. Class begins at 10 a.m. at the Wood 'N' Frame.

Radio Control Car Track at the Crafts Studio

We are looking for a track master. If you are interested call David or Betty at the Crafts Studio.

May Fieldtrip

Will be to the Kukuksmarkt at Rukertsfeld on May 9th. This is the premier market for jewelry, ceramics, toys, handweaving, yarn and baskets. We depart the Crafts Studio at 8 a.m. and return around 6 pm. As always a stop at a flea market on the way is planned. Bring euros for everything. Sign up at the Crafts Studio by May 6th.

Ceramic Dry Brush Painting

With Jennifer...offered each Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m. in May. This is a special painting technique for bisque ceramics. Call 354-6903 to sign-up.

Basic sewing with Jennifer

This class is for the novice. Class is every Friday in May. Class time and project is open ended. Call 354-6903 to set up your class.

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For more information call ODR at 09721-968080 or DSN 353-8080.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

Abrams Entertainment Center, 09721-966474 or DSN 354-6474

Hours: M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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LEDWARD LIBRARY

Bldg. 242, Ledward Barracks, 09721-961740 or DSN 354-1740

Hours: M-Th, 11:30-8 p.m.; Sat, Sun & Holidays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Closed Fridays

Spring Book Club

Who's interested in forming a Spring Book Club? Meet at the Library and discuss your favorite book! Sign up this month and be a charter member.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Kessler Fitness Center

Bldg 451 outside Ledward Barracks, 354-6735 or 09721-976735

Hours: Mon to Fri 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Closed Sunday, American Holiday Hours 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Kessler Center has a variety of cardiovascular machines and a complete free weight room. Kessler also has 3 state-of-the-art racquetball courts, one walleyball court, basketball court, volleyball courts, sauna and a friendly staff eager to serve.

Finney Fitness Center

Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64, 353-8234

Hours: Mon-Fri 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat & Sun 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

American Holidays 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Finney Fitness Center offers a wide array of cardiovascular equipment, free weights and weight machines. Finney also has two racquetball courts, a basketball court and a climbing wall.

Finney Health Fair

May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Finney Fitness Center is hosting a Health Fair. Come on down for blood pressure screenings and workout advice from our fitness experts. Organizations such as Tricare, WIC, the Community Health Nurse, USO, EDIS, CHN, the Pharmacy, Social Work Services, the Chaplain's office, and the Ed center will all be there to meet with YOU. We will also have great giveaways for those who stop by, so be sure to check it out! Please contact Michelle Brown for more information at DSN 353-8234.

Family Member Fitness Program

No MORE EXCUSES! The family member fitness program can help you get some time in at the gym. The CDC is offering FREE CHILDCARE for those who participate from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesdays & 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Stop by the gym for details or call the CDC at 354- 6281.

MORE SPINNING CLASSES ADDED!!

Classes at Finney Fitness

Spinning Class M, W & Friday from 6:45-7:30 a.m. 9-9:45 a.m. & 11-11:45 a.m. and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Weight Training Class M, W & Friday from 9-10 a.m.

Personal Training Advisor Available to you upon request.

Aerobics Classes New Hi & Lo Impact aerobics classes, Tuesday & Thursday from 9-10 a.m. & again from 6-7 p.m. Great new instructor! Come check us out!!

COD-Community Operations Division

Community Operations Office

Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 206, Rm. 306

DSN: 354-6715

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m., closed for lunch 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Flea Market

June 5th, our MWR special events program is holding a Community Flea Market in the Abrams Club. Only used items can be sold at prices not to exceed €25. Space fees are \$5 for a 6'X6' Space. For more info and to reserve a spot call 09721-966715 or DSN 354-6715.

The Family Buffet

COMING SOON!!! in the Adler Club (old Lil' Skeeter's)

BOWLING CENTER

Bowling Bucks

April 1st - August 31st join us at Kessler Bowling for our "Bowling Bucks" promotion. Receive "\$5.00 bowling bucks" with every purchase of \$5 or more to purchase great gifts and prizes. Gifts and Prizes include: Plush toys, MP3 Player, Beverage coolers, Bowling Lessons, Free Bowling Passes, Pro Shop discounts, Harley Davidson Denim Shirts, Combo Meals and a one week vacation courtesy of www.GovArm.com <<http://www.GovArm.com>>. Please contact James Barrett, DSN 354-6332 with any questions. Come out and BOWL!

FRG & Spouses Bowling League

Wednesday Mornings at 10am and Friday evenings at 7pm

YABA Bowling League

Now running! Kids bowling league on Saturdays.

Kids Disco Bowling

Every Saturday in May, 1-5 p.m. \$1.00 games, free shoes, 17 and under

Family Dollar Day

May 9 & 23, all games \$1.00, hot dogs \$1.00

NOW OPEN 'TIL NOON

Saturday Mornin' BREAKFAST

Miss those home-cooked breakfasts on the weekends? Come check out the new "Kessler Bowling Breakfast" Open to the entire community, 9-Noon every Saturday at Kessler Bowling Center, our menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon & sausage, creamed beef, toast, biscuits, juice & coffee. Bring the whole family....starting as low as \$3 per plate!

Army Community Service Center

Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 242

DSN: 354-6751/6486

Hours: Mon – Wed & Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Coupon Connection

Dates: Every Day, Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Location: The Commons

Thousands of categorized coupons!

No exchanges! Big Savings! No commitments!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FABULOUS FREE SERVICE!!

Playmorning

Dates: Every Thursday, Time: 10-11:30 a.m., Location: SAS Gym

Playgroup for families with children from birth through 5 years. Come meet other parents, build your child's social skills, play games, and participate in developmental activities and MORE!

Employment Readiness

Dates: Every Day, Time: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1-4 p.m., Location: The Commons

Look through the job listings. Build your resume on RESUMIX and search the web for jobs with four computers reserved exclusively for job hunting.

Long Distance Couples – Staying Connected

Dates: Thursday, May 19, Time: Noon-2 p.m., Location: ACSC Classroom

Now that we are well into deployment, we'll talk about ways to keep the fire burning for that far away loved one. This workshop will explore ways to stay emotionally connected and feel close, in spite of the distance.

Parent Teen Communication

Dates: Tues., May 18, Time: 6-8 p.m., Location: ACSC Classroom

The teen years can be challenging for parents and teens. This workshop is geared to help parents tune into their teenager's experience, and help teens to feel good about themselves. The result is better communication and a more pleasant relationship. Parents of pre-teens and teens are welcome. It's a fun and informative evening that includes class participation, video, and discussion.

Schweinfurt Newcomer's Awareness Program for Spouses (SNAPS)

Dates: May 3-7, Location: Various

Times: Day 1: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Day 2-4: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Day 5: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

A monthly five-day Relocation Readiness Program designed to orient family members to the Schweinfurt Community. Learn the city bus system, explore the stores, and see some of Schweinfurt's historic landmarks. Highlights include: Day 1; briefings from community agencies, Day 2; German Language and Culture, Day 3; Tour of Schweinfurt outer perimeter, Day 4; Tour of downtown Schweinfurt, Day 5; Train tour to Bamberg or Würzburg. FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE for the entire week! Children must be registered with CYS prior to class.

German Language – Level 2 (sessions 3 to 6)

Dates: Monday, May 3, Wednesdays 12, 19 & 26 May Time: 10 a.m.-Noon

Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Continue building your skills in German. These classes pick up where Level 1 ended. Limited space available.

Smooth Move Seminar

Date: Tues., May 11, Time: 9 a.m.-Noon, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

If your PCS is coming up, the Smooth Move Seminar help pave your way to an easier transition. Learn about financial benefits, military entitlements, helpful websites, timetable/checklist, employment opportunities, housing, tips for moving day, and much, much more!!! Family members are strongly recommended to attend. This class will help you start planning six months prior to a PCS or ETS move. Limited free childcare is available; children must be registered with CYS.

English as a Second Language

Dates: Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 a.m.-12:30pm, Every Monday & Thursday 5-7 p.m.

Location: Ed. Center, Rm. 38

Whether you are a beginner or advanced student, these FREE classes will improve your English reading, writing, conversation and comprehension skills, no matter what language you speak. Pre-registration required for Monday evening classes. Come into ACSC for more information or if you have questions about the class.

First Term Personal Financial Readiness

Dates: Every Friday, Time: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Location: ACSC Classroom

Class discusses principles of personal finance including: understanding the military pay system, planning and budgeting, banking & checking accounts, using credit wisely, getting insurance, saving & investing, making large purchases, consumer scams and where to go to get help.

Spouse Survival Skills (Level I of AFTB)

Dates: Tues. & Wed., May 11 & 12, Time: 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

It does not matter if you're new to Army life, a seasoned "veteran," or somewhere in between. Spouse Survival Skills can be helpful and informative. You'll learn Military Acronyms used throughout the Army and especially in Europe, as well as military customs, the Army rank structure, community resources, problem solving techniques and military compensation.

Limited FREE childcare is available with advance registration.

AFTB – The Emerging Leader

Dates: Wed., May 25, Time: 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: AFTB Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 13

If you are a new leader or forming a new team The AFTB Emerging Leader course is ideal for you! We will learn what it takes to become an effective leader as well as the types of roles leaders typically play when leading a group. We will also determine how to manage conflict and how to facilitate a successful meeting. For information on "The Emerging Leader " or any other courses offered by AFTB, please call the AFTB Office at DSN 354-6870/7078 or CIV 09721-96-6870/7078.

ABCs of the FRG – Basic Family Readiness Group Training

Date: Tues., May 4, Time: 6-8 p.m., Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Learn the purpose, mission and scope of an FRG. The course will define the roles and responsibilities of FR leaders, FRG liaisons, points of contact and RDCs. Learn what your FRG can do for YOU, as well as what YOU can do for your FRG.

FRG Round Table

Date: Mon., May 17, Time: 6-8 p.m., Location: Yellow Ribbon Room

Develop your Readiness Group leadership skills and have a chance to exchange your ideas and successes with other FRG leaders. Dinner will be served. Stop by to share success stories, questions and concerns. All FRG leaders are welcome. Please RSVP at 354-6751, CIV 09721-96-6751.

FRG POC (Points of Contact)

Date: Mon., May 3, Time: Noon- 2 p.m., Location: ACSC Classroom

Learn how you can use Points of Contact to facilitate communication among your FRG members. POC can ease your Leader's workload and make your FRG run better.

Resume Writing Workshop

Date: Thurs., May 13, Time: 2-4 p.m., Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Never written a résumé? Need tips on how to get started? In this seminar you'll gather the skills you need to write a great and professional résumé!

RESUMIX Workshop

Date: Wed., May 5, Time: 2-4 p.m.

Date: Wed., May 26, Time: 2-4 p.m.

Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

If you're new to job hunting in the Army system, the first question you probably will have is ...What Is a Resumix? How do I create one? Where do I send it? Find the answer to these questions and more at this class.

Where can I find a Job in Schweinfurt?

Date: Thursday, May 6, Time: 3-4 p.m.

Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Having trouble finding a job in Schweinfurt? This workshop will show you all the best places to look and how to make sure you are doing everything you can to find employment. We can help you find a JOB!

Interview Workshop

Date: Tues., May 25, Time: 10 a.m.-Noon, Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Does the idea of going on a job interview give you sweaty palms and make your mouth go dry? Learn the tricks of the trade! Attend an ACSC job interview seminar.

EFMP Support Group

Contact the ACS EFMP at DSN 354-7060/CIV 09721-967060 for the time and date of the May meeting.

Credit Management/Debt Liquidation

Date: Wed., May 5, Time: 2-4 p.m., Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

This workshop will cover the responsibilities and legal aspects of overextending financial obligations. It covers simple ways to reduce debt, how to stop overusing your credit card and the consequences of bad credit. Avoid the debt trap and get back on track!

Personal Finance For Newlyweds

Date: Thurs., May 6, Time: 9-10 a.m., Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Are you a newlywed couple needing to budget and save money? Join us and learn how to establish a budget and plan for a successful financial future. The information provided in this class will help you begin paving the way to a happy financial relationship.

Financial Planning for Baby

Date: Thurs May 6, Time: 2-3 p.m., Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

You'll be buying a lot more than diapers for that new addition to your family. This class will cover financial preparations for a new baby, including the cost of having a child, budgeting, insurance issues, financial investments for your child/children, and more!

Checkbook Management

Date: Wed., May 12, Time: 1-2 p.m. Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

This workshop will cover checkbook management skills, record keeping, the consequences of not properly managing a bank account, budget development and banking/credit union products and services.

Savings & Investments

Date: Thurs., May 13, Time: 9-11 a.m. Tues 18 May, Time: 9-11 a.m.

Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Start investing now by finding the spare money through good budgeting techniques. This class is an introduction to basic investing, including mutual funds, Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), stocks, bond, and other investments.

Budgeting

Date: Mon., May 17, Time: 9-11 a.m., Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

This class covers the basics of financial readiness, including principles of personal finances, planning and budgeting, banking and checking accounts, using credit wisely, insurance, saving and investing. The objective of this workshop is to provide a general overview of personal finances and financial management.

Smart Buying

Date: Wed., May 19, Time: 9-10 a.m., Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Learn how to make your money go farther. The class will give you methods of thrifty spending and ways to purchase things at lower prices. It will also provide a better understanding of your rights as a consumer.

Car Buying

Date: Wed., May 19, Time: 10-11 a.m., Location: ACSC Classroom, Ed. Center, Rm. 11

Buying a car is a very big step, especially for first time buyers. It's even more involved when you're overseas. This workshop will cover all aspects of buying a car: applying for a car loan, the most commonly used loans, fees associated with loans plus the procedures of sending your car home and the taxes involved.

Army Emergency Relief

Don't Forget!

"If a financial emergency arises and causes you grief, your first thought for help should be Army Emergency Relief."

The Girl Scouts have a neighborhood event in May. On May 8th at little skeeters from 1-4 we are having a Celebrate Woman in History program. Dress is Sunday's best, there will be women from our community speaking about their jobs. We will be serving refreshments and playing games for prizes. For more info contact MArCy Hill @ 09721-942264.

Please let me know if you have room in the Out & About for this.

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