



Final Honors

Schweinfurt honors two infantrymen

Story and photos by Mark Heeter

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team and Schweinfurt community held a memorial service this morning to remember two Soldiers who were killed Dec. 29 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during combat operations.

Sgt. Lawrence J. Carter, 25, of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment. Pfc. William R. Newgard, 20, of Arlington Heights, Ill., was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment.

“Sgt. Lawrence J. Carter and Pfc. William R. Newgard are gone from our military community. And we grieve that loss,” said Chaplain (Maj.) Randy Brandt, USAG Schweinfurt Chaplain.

During the service, comrades recalled the two Soldiers, some conveying the remarks that their brothers in Iraq made at an earlier memorial service.



Carter

CPL Emery Cabrera, HHC, 1-18 IN, who became Carter’s roommate in November 2005, recalled how Carter had not forgotten his 26th birthday, rising before an early morning

patrol.

“He jumped on me and congratulated me. Yeah, he hit me 26 different times,” Cabrera recalled to the amusement of those gathered at the Ledward Chapel.

“He wasn’t just my best friend. He was like a brother to me,” said Cabrera, who

shook hands with Carter the day he returned to Germany for rest and recuperation leave – the last time he would see his old roommate.

“Sgt. Carter has a basic love for his country and for his family,” said Capt. Ricky Torres, relaying the remarks of Lt. Col. George Glaze, 1-18 IN, commander.

Carter’s mother is a veteran of both the Army and the Marine Corps, while his older brother serves with the 82nd Airborne Division, Glaze noted.

“You see, that love for the country started with the family,” Glaze said.

Pfc. John McManus, 1-26 IN, read remarks that Pfc. Robert Epstein made during the memorial service in Iraq.

“He had a big heart, and a desire to learn,” Epstein said of the Soldier whom Soldiers in the platoon looked at as a little brother.

“He could lighten anyone’s day just by looking at him,” Epstein said.

Lt. Col. Eric Schacht, the battalion

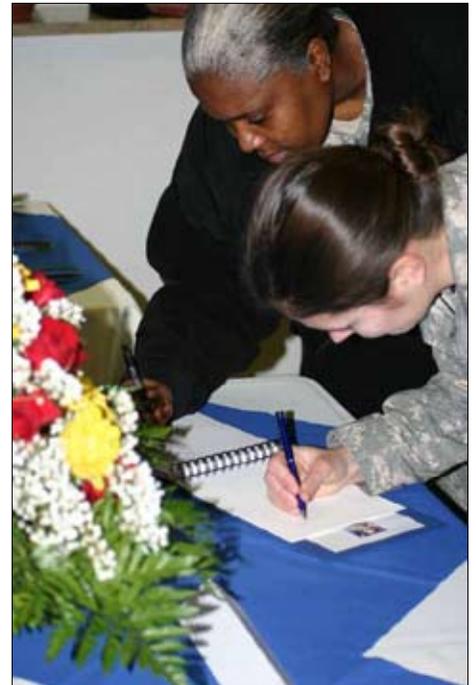
commander, who worked closely with Newgard, gave the attendees a special glimpse of him through Capt. Jacob White, who read Schacht’s remarks.

“Most of you don’t know this, but Will did not have to go on that patrol that day,” Schacht said, noting that Newgard volunteered to fill in for another Soldier.

“Will lived his life wide open and full of heart,” Schacht said. “This task force will long feel the loss of this incredible Soldier.”



Newgard



Sgt. 1st Class Montgomery Hall, left, and 1st Lt. Savannah Hall sign a guest booklet at the memorial service.

AFAP Conference comes to Conn

by Mark Heeter

Help is on the way. And they want to hear from you.

For those who wonder if they have a strong voice in the Army family, the USAG Schweinfurt Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference has the answer.

“The Army Family Action Plan is very unique to the Army because it’s grassroots. It’s an opportunity for people at the installation level to say what would improve their life,” said Christine Carruthers, ACS director at Leighton Barracks.

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News Briefs

Skiing in Austria

The USAG Schweinfurt Outdoor Recreation program invites you to spend the long weekend on the slopes in Fachau, Austria. Cost is \$269, which includes bus transportation and 3 overnights with breakfast and dinner. Lift ticket and equipment rental are not included, but half price rental is available through Outdoor Recreation. Trip departs Schweinfurt at 2:30 a.m. and Wuerzburg at 3:30 a.m. on Jan. 12 and returns at approximately midnight on Jan 16. You must register in advance at the Leighton Community Activity Center or with Outdoor Recreation on Conn Barracks. Call 353-8080, 09721-96-8080, 350-6305, or 0931-889-6305.

Special Saturday opening

Schweinfurt School Age Services opens Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon in building 575, Askren Manor. January's theme celebrates the New Year and will be held at the Kessler Bowling Center. Please reserve your slot in advance. Children must be registered with CYS, and the hourly rate per child is \$3. Call 354-6974 or 09721-82181.

SKIES seeking contracted instructors

The USAG Schweinfurt SKIES *Unlimited* (Schools of Knowledge,

Inspiration, Exploration & Skills) program is seeking instructors for an unlimited number of teaching opportunities. Can you play guitar, are you a good cook, do you have some other special talent you would like to offer the youth of Schweinfurt and Wuerzburg? We need your help! Contact Thomas Williams at 354-6460 or 09721-96-6460 for more information.

Living in Schweinfurt takes GUTS

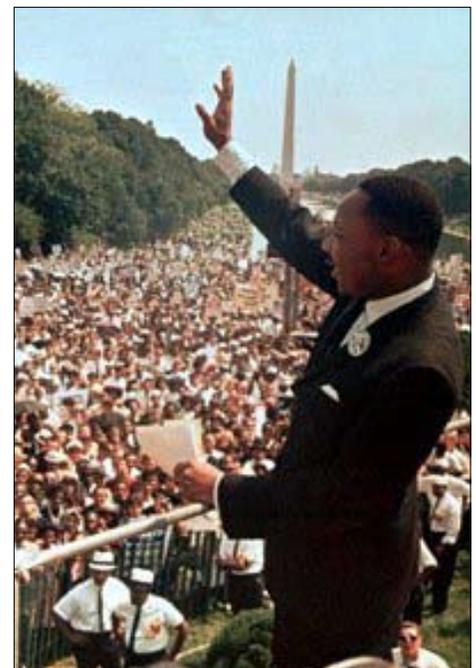
Are you new to Schweinfurt? Are you a teenager? Then Giving Understanding to Teens in Schweinfurt (GUTS) is just for you. Running Jan. 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Rm. 213 of the education center, GUTS is a quarterly orientation program aimed at teens. In one day, teens learn how to get around and get along in their new community. Useful German words and a stroll downtown are just part of the fun. Call 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933 for more information.

Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration

The USAG Schweinfurt Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a special Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration event Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Ledward Chapel. The entire community is invited to help celebrate the contributions of the civil rights leader

Racquetball Tournament

Kessler Fitness Center in Schweinfurt will host a racquetball tournament Jan. 20-21. Tournament is open to all U.S. ID card holders 18 years and older who are not still in high school. Registration will occur from 8 to 9 a.m. at the gym, or you may contact Finney or Kessler fitness centers for advanced registration. The tournament has no entry fee, will be a double-elimination event, and players will be expected to officiate matches as well. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place finishers in each category. For more information, call 354-6735 or 09721-96-6735.



Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington, D.C.

Schweinfurt Dispatch



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Information and photos included in this

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Manuela Price prepares the breakfast buffet at the Bradley Inn on Conn Barracks.

Bradley Inn Breakfast

The Bradley Inn is now serving breakfast, free for all guests. Schweinfurt community members are invited to enjoy breakfast for only \$2.50 per person. Breakfast is served Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on weekends and holidays. Don't feel like washing up those breakfast dishes? Let the Bradley Inn cook for you! For more information, call 353-1700 or 09721-794-0101.

Marriage Seminar

The Chaplain Family Life Center is conducting another marriage seminar. The topic will be "The Five Love Languages" based on the book by Gary Chapman. Each attendee will get their own copy of the book.

The Seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Family Life Center at the Abrams Club. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided. Free Child Care will also be available. For more information or to sign up, please call DSN 354-6135, or CIV 09721-966135.

Learn basic German with ACS

The USAG Schweinfurt Army Community Service Center (ACSC) will hold Beginner's German classes Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from Jan. 22 to Feb. 16. Learn basic German language and get to practice it on the last day with lunch on the economy. It's also a great way to get out and enjoy the company of friends both old and new. Call ACSC at 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933 to register.

will take place in Schweinfurt only, and interested parties should register at Central Registration in The Commons on Ledward Barracks in Schweinfurt. Cost is \$36. For more information, call 354-6517 or 09721-96-6517.

UMUC Registration

Registration for University of Maryland Online classes, both online and classroom instruction, continues through Jan. 19. Math, philosophy, and English courses are being offered on location in Ledward and Conn education centers.

January Scrapbooking

January's scrapbooking crop will be a daytime event you can enjoy while the kids are in school. Join us Thursday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the 299th FSB classroom, next to the Community Mailroom on Conn Barracks. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch, snacks and drinks. This month, learn how to make fabulous Valentines that you can use on your scrapbook pages or send downrange to your Soldier! For more information on the crop, call 09721-966141.

Youth wrestling

The USAG Schweinfurt Youth Sports program is holding registration for a youth wrestling program now through Jan. 31. This is a coed sport open to youth ages 8 to 18. Wrestling practice and events



Join your neighbors for a special daytime scrapbooking crop Jan. 18 on Conn Barracks.



Schweinfurt SAS Career Day goes to dogs

Story and photos by Kimberly Gearhart

Children at Schweinfurt School Age Services (SAS) spent part of their winter break learning about some possible career options for their future.

Career Day was Jan. 3, and SAS students gathered in the "Chamber of Secrets," which is what they call their gym, to unlock the secrets of some grown-up careers.

Marisol Corbett spoke about her job at the Wuerzburg Health Clinic as a credentials verifier for the providers at her clinic.

"We have to make sure that they are trained to do what they say they can do," Corbett said.

The children also learned a little bit about what it is like to be a journalist, and what it takes to be one. On that note, the children had one overwhelming question: "Are you wealthy?"

But the show stealers for Career Day were the military working dog handlers.

Sgt. William McKay explained to the gathered crowd what it takes to be a dog handler, and some of the tasks the dogs are trained to perform.

"We train all day," McKay said.

McKay explained how the dogs are put through their paces every day, working on tasks such as drug and explosives detection as well as pursuit and capture of suspects.

Timbo, a 4 year old Belgian Malinois,

made his debut to help in the demonstrations. McKay explained to the gathered children that Timbo, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, was trained to physically subdue running suspects once released.

Sgt. Jessica Drouin, another dog handler, assisted as the perpetrator, wearing an arm guard and fleeing McKay. The children cheered as Timbo caught up with Drouin and held her until ordered to release.

During a question and answer session, the children grilled McKay, Drouin, and Sgt. Troy Trahan about the most interesting part of being dog handlers: the dogs.

McKay explained how they train with guns firing blanks to get the dogs used to the sound so they aren't frightened during combat. He further explained that being a dog handler means working with your dog every day.

"I even come in on my day off to feed him. He's my partner," McKay said.

That partnership creates a bond where the dog and the Soldier protect one another. Drouin stressed that the dogs will protect



Sgt. Jessica Drouin is subdued by Timbo, a 4 year old Belgian Malinois, during a Career Day demonstration at Schweinfurt SAS.

the officer from perceived threats without orders, and that it is important not to run up to try to pet working dogs.

"You want walk up slowly and ask if it's okay to pet the dog. They may not know you just want to pet them," she said.

After all, the dog is a Soldier too.

AFAP conference helps families help themselves, from pg. 1

The USAG Schweinfurt AFAP conference will be held Feb. 27-March 1 at the Community Club on Conn Barracks.

AFAP was developed to improve the quality of life for Soldiers, family members and civilians, she said.

"I've seen that it's been very successful and made a change, that it really does make a difference," said Koreen August-Hines, ACS marketing director.

"Commanders get a chance to hear directly from the people that these programs impact," Carruthers said.

AFAP coordinators now are selecting delegates to represent all demographics at the conference, from Soldiers to officers and family members of all stripes and bars.

"We're also requesting demographics from both the Schweinfurt and Leighton communities, because this is our first combined conference," Carruthers said.

The conference brings these delegates together to resolve issues at the local level. The commander picks the top issues to be passed up to Installation Management Command-Europe. And

so the issues progress up the chain of command, to the Department of the Army AFAP conference.

"And that's where the heavy hitters are, and that's where the policies are made and rules are changed," Carruthers said.

Right now, ACS wants people to submit issue forms for the delegates to consider.

Issue forms are available at ACS locations, the yellow ribbon rooms, community mail rooms and library. An online version will also be available soon.

ACS also seeks volunteers to help at the conference and wants parents to know that they will provide child care to those who need it, August-Hines said. For more information, call 350-6813 or 0931-889-6813.





Give yourself a little break

CYS offers parents a night out

Story and photo by Mark Heeter

USAG Schweinfurt Child and Youth Services invites parents to take the night off Jan. 19.

The parents' night out gives people the chance to drop off the kids at the Child Development Centers in Wuerzburg and Schweinfurt from 6:30 to 11 p.m.

The children must be registered with CYS.

"And parents have to actually come in and sign up for the parents' night out," said Niki Smith, who works at Central registration on Leighton Barracks.

"It's at no-cost to the parents, and it gets parents out of the house," said Quincy Brand, child and youth program assistant at the Central registration in Schweinfurt.

"It brings a lot of smiles to the community, and especially the parents, because they get a few hours to do what they want to do," she said.

While the program is limited to 50 slots per month, and parents cannot generally use it in consecutive months, CYS also occasionally offers a parents' day out, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We provide no-cost child to our families in the global war on terrorism," said Bonnie Cornelison, USAG Schweinfurt CYS director.

"We are pursuing every avenue of resources to provide our community," Brand said.

Parents are free to use the evening for their enjoyment and can

rest assured that their children all well-cared-for, according to Brand.

"When they drop their kids off, they have to have extra clothes, and have everything labeled, and no drink or food," Brand said, noting that children under 12 months old may have bottles and baby food. All others will be offered a dinner and snack.

"We want to give every opportunity to the parents to use our programs. Sign up for CYS and enjoy all the benefits that come along with it," Brand said.



3-year-old Gabriel Brown spends some time with educational technician Thomas Grob at Schweinfurt CDC, site of the parents' night out.

Yellow Ribbon Room offers services for the entire community

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Internet with streaming video, worldwide telephone and fax machine access, instant messaging. These are only a few of the services and functions of Schweinfurt's Yellow Ribbon Room.

The Yellow Ribbon Room services are available to all I.D. card holders.



Spc. Danaunbe Joshua keeps in touch with the help of Yellow Ribbon Room services.

Three out of seven computers are on a public network that allows streaming video and other features normally blocked by the military server. In addition, webcams and headsets can be used on all computers to talk to family and friends.

"It's a good facility. When I talk to my friends down in Iraq, I use the webcam," said Spc. Denaunbe Joshua, with 9th Engineer Battalion, who uses the facility 3 or 4 times a day.

The adjoining room serves as a classroom or training room for various activities. Family readiness groups (FRGs) are given priority in reserving time slots, but the classroom may be reserved for any organization or agency.

The Yellow Ribbon Room evolved in the year 2000 during the Kosovo deployment. It was designed to serve the spouses left behind by providing space for FRG meetings.

"During deployments especially, it's instrumental to have a place where spouses can go and FRGs to meet... so [they] can readily access Internet and communicate downrange," said Patricia Lamson, mobilization and deployment readiness program manager.

The room is used for the same purposes today, only with even more to offer.

"It's very useful, especially for Soldiers and family members, and especially if they don't have Internet at home," said Dolores Davis, facility manager.

The hours remain the same throughout this transition: Mon – Thu from 1 to 6 p.m. and Fri from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 to 7 p.m.

Lamson extended an invitation to everyone to check out the facility.

"We would like to encourage people to use our equipment because our Internet access is free to them," she said.