



# Schweinfurt Dispatch



Serving the Military Community of Schweinfurt

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## Schweinfurt mourns five Soldiers

By Mark Heeter

The Schweinfurt community, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Vandegrades and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team memorialized five Soldiers during two memorial ceremonies this week.

Sgt. Bacilio E. Cuellar, 24, Cpl. James



Cuellar

E. Lundin, 20, and Cpl. Joshua M. Moore, 20, all members of Company C, 1-18 IN, died May 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when the vehicle they

were in struck an improvised explosive device. A memorial ceremony was held in their honor yesterday at the Ledward Chapel.

Sgt. Shawn E. Dressler, 22, died June 2 and Spc. Joshua D. Brown, 26, both of Company A, 1-18 IN, died June 3 of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during combat operations June 2 in Baghdad, Iraq. They were memorialized in a ceremony today at the Ledward Chapel.

Pfc. Richard Albertson, in remarks that



Lundin

were read at the ceremony by Pfc. Stanley Via, recalled Moore as his best friend and always good for a laugh.

“Moore could always manage to make you laugh. He would always go up to you and

be like, ‘How’s daddy’s little girl doin’ today?’” he quipped.

“You could always count on him to do a job and do it right,” Richardson said, noting that Moore would make every effort to fix someone’s communications equipment,

even at 2 o’clock in the morning.

“Not only was he a great RTO (radio and telephone operator), he was a good friend,” Richardson said.

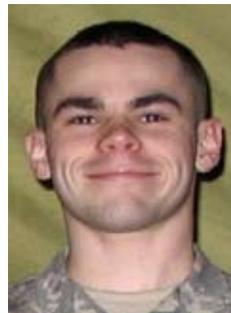
Pfc. Kade Levy read remarks of Staff Sgt. David Rothe, one of Lundin’s leaders, who spoke at the memorial service in Iraq.

“SPC Lundin was a very unique and special person,” said Rothe, who recalled that he could frustrate you and make you laugh at the same time with his sense of humor.

“I think the fact that, at any given time, he had 20 ashtrays in his room has to set some type of record,” Rothe said, adding that Lundin always insisted he have “360 degree mobility and still have an available ashtray.”

“There is no replacing a guy like Lundin. We can all be thankful for having known him,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Luis Castro relayed the remarks that Sgt. Joshua Szlachciuk gave in Iraq to remember “Bozzy” Cuellar.



Moore

“Back in Schweinfurt, Bozzy would come into my room to make sure I was awake in the morning before PT. Bozzy would make me sit and listen to his heavy metal and try to teach me names of bands, and who did what in the band,” Szlachciuk said.

He recalled joining fellow squad members on a trip to the hospital to visit the Cuellar family upon the birth of Cayden, one of Bozzy’s three sons.

“This past year, I can’t think of a memory without Bozzy in it. I will miss you Bozzy, and so will the rest of us,” he said.

Spc. Matthew Tois, in remarks presented by Spc. Nathan Scott, told the congregation that Dressler was an avid turkey hunter and was thrilled that his rest-and-recuperation leave was scheduled during season.

“Sgt. Dressler and I have spent many hours on tower guard and he was always talking about his family and his wife. Not only was he a loving son and husband, but he was an outstanding person all around,” Tolios said.

“He was a tremendous asset to the platoon, being the universal soldier he was. He was able to shift from gun team leader to Bradley gunner, and to ending up in his last duty position as a dismount team leader.



Dressler

No matter where he was, though, he was always the guy that would bring a smile on anyone’s face,” he said.

“Josh was a great Soldier with enough motivation to move mountains,” said Staff Sgt. Jesse Cunningham, conveying the earlier remarks of Spc. Isaiic Healy.

“He was always learning about the military in his off-time,” Healy said.

Brown always tried to exceed the standard on physical fitness tests and was a regular perfect shot on the firing range, Healy said.

“On a personal level, he was the guy anyone could talk to. He was always there with a helping hand,” he said.

All five of the Soldiers shared a special bond for one reason, according to

Capt. Rickey Torres, who offered the earlier remarks of Lt. Col. George Glaze, Task Force Vanguard commander.

They all died doing the thing they loved – Soldiering – and with the men they loved, Glaze said.



Brown



## News Briefs

### Financial planning class

Join Army Community Services in the Financial Planning for Parents class on Ledward Barracks June 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. This workshop will provide information on preparing for a new baby, budgeting, financial investments for your child/children, saving for college, and more.

### Russian cooking class

Join Army Community Services in Ledward library's upstairs kitchen for a class on Russian cooking June 27 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Learn how to make an authentic Russian dish and eat it, too! There is no charge to participants. For more information and to sign up, call 354-6933. The next cooking class is a taste of German cooking on July 25.



### From the health promotion coordinator!

It is important to drink even before signs of thirst appear. Thirst is a signal that your body is on the way to dehydration. Drink more than thirst demands and continue to drink throughout the day. One way to check your hydration level is to check the color of your urine. The color should be light to clear unless you are taking supplements, which will darken the color for several hours after consumption. Water is the best for fluid replenishing for all individuals, although sports drinks may replace lost electrolytes after high-intensity exercise exceeding 45 to 90 minutes. Other choices include fruits, juices, soups and vegetables.

### Bulk trash pickup on Tuesday

Bulk Trash pickups will be conducted in Askren Manor, Yorktown Village and all government leased housing June 26. There are no pickups scheduled for Ledward Barracks, Conn Barracks or any of the training areas. All residents must ensure that all bulk trash items are outside by their trash collection point prior to 7 a.m. on the day of pickup. Do not put items out earlier than June 25. Only bulk trash will be picked up which are large items that normally do not fit into regular trash containers. No regular trash, recyclables or organic waste will be picked up. For questions, please call the SORT Coordinator at 354-6201 or 0162-2709403.

### ADHD support group

Come meet others living with ADHD June 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn about resources available and build a support network. Childcare is available. For more information, call ACS at 354-6933.

### Downtown summer fun

Come to the summer festival at the animal shelter in Schwebheim Saturday for a raffle, flea market, wheel of fortune, and a dog show. Or watch the start of the International Mainfranken bicycle race tour at the Schweinfurt Market Square at 11 a.m. Schweinfurt will also hold a flea market on Wirsingstrasse 13 near the train station from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

### Festival in Würzburg

Come to Würzburg's all-day open air festival "Umsonst & Draussen" at the Talavera Mainwiesen June 22 through 24. Program includes performances of over 50 bands on two stages, children's programs in the circus tent, bazaar, art tent, and sampling café with 10 types of espresso.

### Location, hours for Customs

U.S. Forces Customs Schweinfurt is located across the street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Headquarters building on Conn Barracks. Customer service hours are Mon. through Fri. from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The office is closed on all U.S. and German federal holidays.

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Information and photos included in this

newsletter are acquired from sources that highlight events, programs and activities in Schweinfurt and Lower Franconia.

Dates, times, locations, and the events themselves might change or be cancelled without prior notice.

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This address can also be used to submit community slides or information on upcoming events, or you can reach the USAG Schweinfurt public affairs office by calling 354-1600/6381 or (09721) 961600/966381.



- 30 JUNE** --Horseshoe tournament with BBQ & music by Texas Rooster, Conn Club 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 2 JULY** --Resume Writing class for separating service members and families 1 to 3 p.m. Call 354-6019.
- 4 JULY** --4th of July Fun Run 9 a.m., Kessler field.  
--Independence Day Celebration, Kessler field 2 - 11 p.m.
- 5 JULY** --Christmas in July starts at Ledward Crafts Studio 6 - 8 p.m., Call for more info. 354-6903
- 6 JULY** --Intermediate German Language class begins 6:30 to 8 :30 p.m. Ledward. Call 354-6933.
- 7 JULY** --Family Friendly Trip to Strasbourg, France, free transportation. Call 350-6305.
- 9-11 JULY** --Three day FRG/FRL training, begins at 9 a.m. each day, Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 10 JULY** --Free Paintball lessons at the Conn Paintball field, 1 p.m. Materials provided. Call 354-6933.
- 10-11 JULY** --ACAP Transition Assistance Workshop for separating service members and families 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 354-6019.
- 11 JULY** --ACS Progressive Perspectives: Cold Nose, Warm Heart 1 to 3 p.m. Limited childcare available free of charge, call one week in advance 354-6933.  
--Summer reading program at Ledward Library 1 p.m. through Aug. 8. Call 354-1740.
- 12 JULY** --Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call ACS at 354-6933.
- 14 JULY** --Music on the Patio, Leighton CAC. BBQ, bounce activities, live music. Call 350-6305.  
--Family Fun Fair and flea market 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Leighton Barracks. Call 354-6715.
- 16 JULY** --Resume Writing class for separating service members and families 1 to 3 p.m. Call 354-6019.
- 18 JULY** --ACS Progressive Perspectives: Take a Break from Anxiety 1 to 3 p.m. Limited childcare available free of charge, call one week in advance 354-6933.
- 20 JULY** --Parents' Night Out respite care 6:30 to 11 p.m. Sign-ups begin July 9.
- 20-22 JULY** --Teen Center special event Paris Trip, departs 10:30 p.m. Returns 7 a.m. \$30. Call 354-6732.
- 21 JULY** --MWR Street Party on Askren Manor, noon to 8 p.m. Live Latin Music starting at 6 p.m.  
--USO shopping express trip to Czech. Sign up by July 16. Cost is \$45. Call 354-6711.  
--Family Friendly Trip to Warner Bros. Movie World, free transportation. Call 350-6305.
- 24 JULY** --Checkbook Management class, Ledward 9 to 11 a.m. Call 354-6933.
- 25 JULY** --ACS Progressive Perspectives: Never a Dull Moment 1 to 3 p.m. Limited childcare available free of charge, call one week in advance 354-6933.  
--VA Benefits Briefing, Ledward Theater 8 a.m. to noon. Call 354-6019.  
--Kitchen Passport Series: German Cooking class, Ledward 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 28 JULY** --Family Friendly Trip to Luxembourg, free transportation. Call 350-6305.
- 31 JULY** --Middle School Zone summer camp trip to Pullman City, 2 days, call 354-6308.  
--Habits of Successful Investors class, Ledward 9 to 10 a.m. Call 354-6933.
- 1 AUG** --ACS Progressive Perspectives: Experiencing Fruitful Relationships 1 to 3 p.m. Limited childcare available free of charge, call one week in advance 354-6933.

**Community 6 week outlook calendar**



# Having car trouble? Learn to help yourself

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

So your husband is downrange, and you're having car trouble. Your car is making funny noises, the darn thing doesn't seem to want to start all the time, and you still have

the winter tires on when it's 85 degrees Fahrenheit outside.

Car trouble may be one of the most frustrating and expensive problems to have especially when you don't know a thing about cars.

ACS has proposed to solve some of those hair-tearing

experiences by providing a Basic Auto Repair class as part of the "I Can Do It" Success Series this summer.

The first class took place June 5 at the Auto Skills Center on Conn Barracks. Participants gathered around a car in the repair garage with Thomas Woditsch, the program director for the Auto Skills Center, while he taught about fluid and battery checks, oil changes, as well as brake pad and tire inspections.

"If you don't have enough air pressure in the tires it will increase fuel consumption and wear the tire badly," said Woditsch.

Then he demonstrated how brakes work and what pads look like when worn too thin.

"A grinding noise means your (brake) pads are gone, and it's time to get them replaced immediately," said Woditsch.

The Auto Skills Center

will provide training for anybody on any tool in the shop, and they will also assist in proper repairs if one so chooses to work on their own car. A break room with video capability is available for kids.

"I want to know how to fix my own car since my husband's not here," said Angela Mejias, Family member of 1st Battalion 18th Infantry Regiment.

"Nothing automotive is that difficult. If you're willing to get a little dirty, you would be surprised at how quickly you can learn and get your car fixed," said Woditsch.

The center offers help with estimates on repairs and advice about whether a particular auto shop may be charging too much on the cost of parts or labor.

Through September, the Auto Skills Center will be open for free bay usage on Tuesdays. The next Basic Auto Repair class will be held in Schweinfurt, Tuesday, July 3 at 1 p.m. For more information, call ACS 354-6933.



Thomas Woditsch, Auto Skills Center manager, demonstrates how to change the oil in a car while Suzanne Teller and Marcia Palmer watch him unscrew the oil cap. Schweinfurt's Army Community Services will be offering this same Basic Auto Repairs class again July 3 on Conn Barracks.

## Kids test skills for infantryman badge

Sgt. Steven Castillo, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, squares away 9-year-old Dennis Grooms at one of the stations of the Kids' Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB) event on Conn Barracks Friday. More than 150 children of Soldiers from throughout the Dagger Brigade and 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment tested their skills, learned drill and ceremony, got a good meal and learned about weapons systems. (Photo by Mark Heeter)





# Sending love from Soldiers in Iraq

By Sandra Wilson

Cheryl Dean, Schweinfurt Red Cross station manager, traveled downrange last October to Camp Liberty, Iraq, as part of the mobile deployable staff of the American Red Cross.

“This was my third deployment. I was excited about going in with a good team. (On a previous deployment,) I never made it to Baghdad (before), so just being able to be there was an accomplishment and a personal milestone of mine,” said Dean.

Her job was the same in Baghdad as in Schweinfurt— to get emergency messages from all over the world to the command as quickly as possible.

But the communication systems were a little different in Iraq. Sometimes the telephone lines or internet were down, and Dean would have to jump into her vehicle and drive to battalion headquarters to deliver the urgent messages.

Dean kept busy delivering messages seven days a week. On her down time, she read a lot of books and hung out with Schweinfurt Soldiers.

“They’re not happy because they’re not home, but I also think they know that they are doing an excellent job and that’s where they need to be.”

It was a coincidence that Dean was deployed to the same base as so many of our Schweinfurt Soldiers. The American Red Cross doesn’t coordinate things like that, she said, it just happened to work out that way.

“I was very grateful that my Soldiers were there with me and that I was there with them. I think that was the best thing, because I was able to spend some time with them,” Dean said.

On Christmas Day, the American Red Cross National Headquarters sent each of Dean’s teammates about 30 individually



*Capt. Chris Simmons, HHC 1-7*

**A Schweinfurt Soldier helped Cheryl Dean, American Red Cross station manager of Schweinfurt, gather 92 care packages addressed to her from the post office when she arrived at Camp Liberty, Iraq last October.**

wrapped gifts to open containing things like Q-tips or cotton balls. It provided the office with much entertainment.

In March, Dean finished her assignment at Camp Liberty, packed up and returned to Schweinfurt. The Soldiers told her to send their love home and to let Family members know that they are greatly missed.

“The saddest thing was leaving our Soldiers behind. They all wanted to come home with me. If I could have put them in my suitcase I would have,” Dean said.



## Army celebrates 232 years

The USAG Schweinfurt celebrated Flag Day and the Army’s Birthday in style with the 20’ X 38’ Garrison Flag, a color guard, dignitaries and speeches in Andrus Garden June 14. Lt. Col. Tony Haager, USAG Schweinfurt commander, noted that after 232 years, the Army is still the strongest land force in the world thanks to the sacrifices of not only the Soldiers but their Families as well. (Photo by Kimberly Gearhart)



# Professional baseball coach shares tips with youth

Story and photo by Kimberly Gearhart

Aspiring baseball players in Schweinfurt and Wuerzburg got a special treat this week when professional baseball coach John Noce dropped in for two days of skills clinics June 18 and 19.

Noce, who was inducted into the American Coaches' Association Hall of fame in 1993, is touring Army bases in Germany and Italy offering his expertise to children ages 6 to 18, coaches, and CYS employees in areas ranging from throwing a ball to motivation techniques.



Professional baseball coach John Noce demonstrates one of the five steps in a proper throw to a group of over 50 children during Monday's clinic on Kessler Field.

The clinics were a part of the Major League Baseball (MLB) envoy program, a partnership between MLB, U.S. Army Child and Youth Services (CYS), and the Boys and Girls Club of America.

Monday morning's clinic drew over 50 young children, including the entire Schweinfurt School Age Services summer camp group.

"You're going to get a chance today to get some baseball education," said Hal Snyder, Schweinfurt Army Community Services director, addressing the children as the clinic began.

Noce began the clinic with the admonition that playing baseball isn't easy and takes some practice and some basic skills, like ball handling.

"You've got to know how to throw the ball, and you've got to know how to catch it," Noce said, pacing in front of the children with baseball in hand.

Noce demonstrated how to get into the proper "athletic position" with feet shoulder-width apart and knees slightly bent—a crucial stance for any sport. From there, he demonstrated a five-step throw.

Once divided into five groups, children were given baseball gloves, balls, and drilled on the basics of throwing and catching a baseball. SAS and Youth Sports employees and volunteers helped direct children in maintaining proper form, all the while dodging the occasional wild pitch.

Despite the wind and threat of rain, participants stuck it out and enjoyed this rare chance to get outside, play some ball, and learn tips from a professional.

## Good Samaritans to the rescue

(Left to right) Pfc. Sean "Doc" Lawson of Tyler, Texas; Staff Sgt. Rick Hamblin of Tempe, Ariz.; and Pfc. Michael Blair give first aid to an Iraqi man after a motorcycle accident knocked him unconscious June 17. The Soldiers, who are with Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, were on patrol in Baghdad's Adhadiyah district when they witnessed the accident and ran to help. (Photo by Sgt. Mike Pryor, 2nd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div. Public Affairs)





# 1-26 IN takes fight to the enemy: *One insurgent killed, 3 captured in shootout*

**Story and photo by Sgt. Mike Pryor  
2nd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div. Public Affairs**

BAGHDAD – What started as a routine patrol turned into a shootout that left one insurgent dead and three others in custody after an intense, 20-minute gun battle on the streets of Baghdad’s Adhamiyah District June 16.

Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment were on a mounted patrol when they began receiving small arms fire from a small group of ski mask-wearing insurgents on a rooftop. The Soldiers returned fire and the insurgents fled.

As they rounded a corner, the Soldiers were engaged by a larger group of insurgents firing rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs). Again the Soldiers returned fire, forcing several of the insurgents to seek cover in a walled courtyard on a side street. Clouds of dust and smoke filled the narrow street as volleys of fire went back and forth. The exchange continued until Pfc. Ismel Sanchez, of Greensboro, N.C. lobbed a grenade over the wall, silencing the insurgents’ guns.

When the Soldiers moved inside to clear the courtyard, they found three insurgents, one mortally wounded. Another insurgent who was attempting to hide in the house



**A cloud of smoke and dust envelopes Staff Sgt. Michael Mullahy, of Batavia, Ill., seconds after he fired a rocket launcher at an insurgent position during a firefight in Baghdad’s Adhamiyah district June 16. The rocket ended a 20-minute running gun battle with insurgents, resulting in one insurgent dead and three others captured. Mullahy is a squad leader with Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment. No U.S. Soldiers were injured in the engagement.**

next door was quickly identified and detained.

While the Soldiers were still securing the area, several insurgents armed with RPGs appeared at the end of the street and began firing at the U.S. vehicles. The turret gunner in the lead truck laid down suppressive fire, but his 7.62 mm ammunition was no match for the brick wall the insurgents were using

as cover. While Sgt. Jake Richardson of St. Johns, Ariz. kept the insurgents’ heads down with his M203 grenade launcher, Staff Sgt. Michael Mullahy of Batavia, Ill. retrieved an AT4 rocket launcher from one of the trucks. Placing himself directly in the line of fire, Mullahy sighted the AT4 and fired, leveling the wall and forcing the insurgents to retreat.

“They were firing at us from behind cover, so I took away their cover,” Mullahy said.

Mullahy’s shot ended the engagement. Once the area was secured, the suspects were loaded into vehicles and transported back to the company’s base for further questioning.

When they returned, the Soldiers who had been in contact were greeted with a warrior’s cheer from those who stayed back. Richardson summed up the engagement in one sentence for a friend who asked him what happened.

“It was a cute little fight that turned real sour for the bad guys,” he said. There were no U.S. Soldiers injured during the engagement.



## Airborne CAV in Afghanistan

**Lt. Col. Christopher Kolenda (left), 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173 Airborne Brigade Combat Team, and Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Pedraza uncased the squadron colors during a transfer of authority ceremony May 31 at Forward Operating Base Naray in Kunar province, Afghanistan. The 1-91 CAV relieved the 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, after a 16-month deployment. (Photo by Carlotta Gall)**