



## 1-91 CAV bids farewell to Schweinfurt prepares for deployment to Afghanistan

Story and photo by Kimberly Gearhart

Paratroopers from 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 91<sup>st</sup>

Cavalry (Airborne), bid farewell to their European home and looked ahead to their upcoming mission in Afghanistan during a ceremony Tuesday on Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt.

“On September 11, 2001, on a bright sunny day much like this one, a new darkness threatened humanity,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Kolenda, squadron commander. That darkness took the form of terrorism, and those terrorists trained in Afghanistan.

The squadron cased its colors in front of friends and Family and will unfurl them again in Afghanistan. Their mission: support and defend the Afghanistani people, and keep terrorists from re-establishing a foothold there.

“If the forces of darkness are allowed to regain sanctuary in Afghanistan and resume global

operations, they will certainly follow us home,” Kolenda said.

For the paratroopers on the field, protecting freedom in Afghanistan is one way to guarantee freedom at home for the Families left behind—Families Kolenda praised as “indispensable” to the success of any military mission.

In order to insure the security and well-being of the Families back home, the CAV rear detachment, Eagle Troop, was activated. Led by Capt. John Opladen, Eagle Troop will make sure that paratroopers on the ground can be battle-focused and mission ready knowing their loved ones are cared for and home-front operations are executed professionally.

As the CAV troopers make their move into their new field of battle, Kolenda and his squadron plan to allow the Afghan people to rest easier.

“They will know that fear fades when we are nearby ... the enemy, not the civilian, will know fear ... We will not only defeat the enemy. We will make him irrelevant.”



Lt. Col. Christopher Kolenda, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Pedraza case the CAV's colors in preparation for movement to the Afghan theater.

## Kessler hosts 2007 Army Europe Bowling tourney

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The Kessler Bowling Center in Schweinfurt played host to the 2007 Army Europe Bowling Championships April 18-20. Teams from all over Europe converged on Kessler Field to match frames and rack up the strikes in the annual competition for the Commander's Cup bowling prize.

Every year, IMCOM sends out feelers looking for installations to volunteer to host this annual event. This year, Kessler Bowling Center manager Bobby Boggs offered up his services.

“We do it for the challenge,” Boggs said.

Teams from as far away as England and Spain competed in Team, Pairs, and Singles events. Bowling centers must have a minimum of 24 lanes to accommodate the influx of players and a well-trained crew to handle the constant action that such a tournament brings.

“The crew here—and there are only four—have been awesome. They've done an outstanding job,” said Blanche Ostosky, IMCOM-Europe Business Consultant, who organized the event along with Boggs.

After three days of competition, running in three shifts per day, the point-standing showed the Heidelberg Men's team and

Schinnen Ten Pins Women's team as the victors. They took not only the team competition but the pairs events and the Commander's Cup itself. Jerry Marcus and Kirstin Odekirk took the men's and women's single events.



Bowlers from all over came to Kessler to compete.

Participants in the tournament are eligible for the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) 2007 All-Stars European Masters event which will be held in May at the Ramstein Bowling Center.



# News Briefs

## Paintball course open

The paintball course is open on the airfield at Conn Barracks! Hours of operation are Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person for field fee plus air or \$20 per person for field fee, air and equipment (marker and mask). Paintballs must be purchased from Outdoor Rec at a cost of \$50-60 per 2000 paintballs. Children must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by an adult group. Call 353-8080.



Enjoy paintball on Conn Barracks for fun or for training during Sgt.'s Time.

## Take Back the Night

The USAG Schweinfurt will "Take Back the Night" April 30 at 6 p.m., Askren Manor in Schweinfurt and Victory Park in Wuerzburg. Walks support sexual assault awareness and prevention. For more info. call 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933, 350-7105 or 0931-889-7105 in Wuerzburg.

## MSZ Talent Show

The Middle School Zone will put on their yearly talent show April 28, 7 p.m. For three years straight the MSZ has hosted awesome Variety Shows with memories that will last forever! Now it's a new era to display raw talent for you... the youth! To sign up and for more information contact the Zone at 354-6308 or 09721-87465. Entrance cost is \$2 per person.

## Memorial Ceremony

A memorial ceremony for Sgt. Mario K. De Leon of A Company, 1-18 Infantry and Spc. Lucas V. Starcevich of C Company, 1-18 Infantry will be held May 3 at 1 p.m. in the Ledward Chapel. The community is invited to attend.

## Beginner's German

Learn basic German language in the classroom April 30 - May 25, (M,W,F) 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ledward Yellow Ribbon Room. The last day will be lunch on the economy where you can practice what you've learned and order your food all in German. For more info. call 354-6933/6751 or 09721-96-6933/6751.

## School House Antiques

Wuerzburg Community Spouses' Club presents "School House Antiques" sales in support of Homes for Our Troops April 28 & 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Wuerzburg Middle School, Leighton Barracks.

## Spanish club celebration

Join the Schweinfurt Elementary School (SES) Spanish Club May 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the SES multi-purpose room as they celebrate our multicultural society with dance, fashion, food and more.

## Fishing Trip

Go fish! Join MWR for fishing trips to Gersfeld and catch some Rainbow or Brown Trout! Meet in the Finney parking lot April 29 at 8:30 a.m. Trip will return by 5 p.m. Cost is €3 for a 1-day fishing permit plus €7 per kilo of fish caught. Maximum participation is 8 per trip. Sign up in advance. Trips will be held monthly through October.

## WCSC farewell luncheon

Join the Wuerzburg Community Spouses' Club for a farewell luncheon May 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Leighton Community Activities Center. Bring a donation for the Tierheim for entrance. RSVP by May 7 by emailing [wscs.reservations@gmail.com](mailto:wscs.reservations@gmail.com).

## Texas Hold 'Em Poker

Go all in April 28 with Texas Hold 'Em Poker at the CAC! Prizes include a \$500 gift card and more! Local winners will play in the Army On-Line Final Tournament. For more details, log on to [www.mwrpromotions.com](http://www.mwrpromotions.com), or call the CAC at 350-6305 or 0931-889-7575.

# Schweinfurt Dispatch



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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.

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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.



- 27 APR --SES Skate Party and PTA Board elections, 4-6 p.m., SES parking lot.  
-- “And Then They Came for Me” play, Abram’s Club, 7 p.m.
- 28 APR --“Pilobolus” from Connecticut will perform at the City Theater in Schweinfurt at 7:30 p.m. for tickets, call 09721-510 Mo – Fr 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- 29 APR --Fishing trip with MWR to Gersfeld, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for more info. 353-8476.
- 30 APR --ACS German language 4-week class begins. Call ACS to sign up 354-6933.  
--Take Back the Night Walks, Victory Park and Askren Manor, 6 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 1 MAY --Preschool Parenting Made Fun class, five Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Call ACS 354-6933/6751.
- 3 MAY --Spanish Club presentation, 5 p.m., Schweinfurt Elementary School gym.
- 4 MAY --Principal’s Coffee at 8:15 a.m. at Schweinfurt Elementary School.
- 5 MAY --Cinco de Mayo deployment hourly care, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., CDC Askren Manor. Call 354-6517.  
--Legoland, no cost for transportation or admission. Call USO 354-6711.
- 7 MAY --Parenting Teens & Loving It! class, 6 to 8 p.m., Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933/6751.  
--Schweinfurt Newcomer Awareness Program for Spouses (SNAPS) for May begins. Classes run through Friday, childcare provided. Call 354-6933 for more information.
- 10 MAY --Mother’s Day Brunch, Conn Club, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., call 354-6715 or 09721-96-6715.
- 11 MAY --Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration, 1:30-3 p.m., Schweinfurt Middle School gym.
- 13 MAY --Fishing trip with MWR to Gersfeld, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for more info. 353-8476.
- 15 MAY --Staying Lovers Through Deployment class, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933/6751.
- 16 MAY --Savings & Investing class, 9 to 10 a.m., Ledward ACS. Call 354/6933/6751.  
--7 Habits of Successful Army Families, two days 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Conn Club. Call 354-6933.  
--Dan Crow & Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony at Schweinfurt Elementary, begins 3 p.m.
- 18 MAY --Parents’ Night Out respite care, 6:30 to 11 p.m. Sign-ups begin May 7. Call 354-6517/6414.
- 19 MAY --SAS special Saturday opening, 9 a.m. to noon, “Asian-Pacific Heritage Month.” Call 354-6974.  
--Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Schweinfurt Middle School. Call Diane Schmidt 354-6815.  
--Prague Express, cost is \$50 per seat, passports required. Call USO 354-6711.
- 22-23 MAY --Environmental Awareness Days, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Conn Recycling Center.
- 24 MAY --ACS “Lunch Bunch” 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 354-6933/6751.  
--Schweinfurt Elementary School, 3rd, 4th, 5th grades.
- 26 MAY --D-day Memorial 10k and family fun run, 9 a.m., Kessler Fitness Center. Call 354-6735.
- 25 MAY --Local Youth of the Year ceremony, 6 to 8 p.m., Middle School Zone. Call 354-6308.
- 28 MAY --Fishing trip with MWR to Gersfeld, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for more info. 353-8476.

**Community 6 week outlook calendar**



# Soldier, NCO of the Year chosen in 69th ADA

Story and photo by Kimberly Gearhart

Today's Soldier is "Army Strong," trained to work as part of a team or as a one-man fighting force in varying terrain and climates ranging from mountain winters to desert summers. With such high expectations, what would it take to be Soldier, or Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year?

For 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Soldiers and NCOs it took drive, stamina,



Sgt. Andrew Davis clears the last water obstacle during the 69th ADS Brigade NCO of the Year competition.

training and a week-long competition at the Camp Robertson training area just outside of Schweinfurt.

"This is actually a really, really good training area. We were able to do everything we needed to do right here in Schweinfurt," said Master Sgt. Paul Sjollema.

Pushed to the edge of exhaustion every day, participants were expected to maintain a high level of achievement and situational awareness.

In the middle of the competition, Soldiers and NCOs faced the STX lane, a grueling obstacle course involving tending wounded, calling for medical evacuations, navigating through enemy fire, avoiding traps, emplacing claymores, and more.

"This is the most advanced course I've seen. Instead of doing one activity at a time, it's integrated," said Staff Sgt. Carlos Mancha, who was observing the competition.

Each competitor faced 18 opposing force, or OPFOR, players firing everything from Squad Automatic Weapons and RPGs to .50 cal and mock artillery. For the OPFOR players, it's about testing the competitors and having some fun too.

"As soon as they come to my obstacle, I come out. I have an RPG, and if they don't take me out, they may not make the next

station," said Spc. Brandon Haidinger, one of the many OPFOR for the event.

Sgt. Brandin Chapin manned the .50 cal machine gun for the event. His station was surrounded with stereo speakers simulating the sounds of gunfire and general warfare.

"We're down here dropping fire on the competitors. It's us versus them, but it's fun on both sides," he said, resetting his station between runs.

But not everyone in the lane is an enemy. Competitors are faced with friendly combatants as well, testing their ability to react and assess situations on the fly.

As competitors scrambled their way out of the final water obstacle, covered in mud and out of breath, they invariably shared a reaction similar to Staff Sgt. Steven Ramirez.

"That was great. I want to do it again," he said.

The final step for Soldiers and NCOs was a competitive board in Hanau April 23.

When the results were tallied, Spc. Joseph Torian of B Battery and Sgt. Devin McDonald of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery were declared Soldier and NCO of the year for the 69th ADA Brigade.

Torian and McDonald will go on to compete at the V-Corps level.

# Author's visit brings history to life for SMS students

By Kimberly Gearhart

History walked and talked for students at Schweinfurt Middle School April 25 when Holocaust survivor and author Eva Schloss visited students to share a little bit of her life.

Schloss, a native of Austria survived the German invasion by fleeing to Holland and hiding for two years before she and her family were betrayed--on Eva's 15th birthday.

The student body went silent as Schloss detailed her arrival at Auschwitz, the notorious Nazi concentration camp located in Poland.

"We had heard of Auschwitz.

We knew it meant death," Schloss said, detailing how she and her mother were separated from her father and brother. She would never see them again.

After nine months of starvation, sickness, and death, Schloss and her mother watched as the Nazis fled, abandoning the camp ahead of the Russian army.

It would be many years before Schloss would tell her story, however.

"After 40 years, I realized people hadn't really learned the lessons" taught by World War II, Schloss explained. So she wrote her books.

Schloss' story is also told in part in the play "And Then They Came for Me," which is being performed at the Abram's Center April 27 beginning at 7 p.m. Schloss will give a special "talk back" session at the conclusion of the play.

One student, after hearing Schloss' tale, asked if she ever regretted being who she was.

"I have never regretted my Jewishness. If I had ever given that up, then Hitler would have conquered us," Schloss said.



Kimberly Gearhart  
Eva Schloss, left, shows SMS students the tattoo she was branded with in Auschwitz.



# Take Back the Night: stand against sexual assault

By Sandra Wilson

Some people believe that sexual assault is rare and only happens to certain people.

In reality, one in three women and one in six men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, and it can happen to anyone, says Jon Davis, sexual assault prevention and response coordinator at Schweinfurt Army Community Services.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division footprint, one-hundred percent of the sexual assault cases reported in the last six months were alcohol related. Of those reported cases, 90 percent of both the victims and perpetrators were junior enlisted with 65 percent of the incidents happening in the barracks.

“(Sexual assault) is under-reported, so the figures are probably even higher,” Davis said.

In order to raise awareness about sexual assault, the USAG Schweinfurt will host Take Back the Night walks April 30 beginning at 6 p.m. in Askren Manor as well as Victory Park at Leighton Barracks.

“[The purpose] is to make an assertive stance against violence against women... and men also,” Davis said.

Sexual assault education is an assertive step toward prevention. Knowing the types of settings in which incidents are mostly likely to occur will give people the opportunity to avoid possible danger.

Davis explained that locking one’s door is a simple action that can easily prevent unwanted advances. Of reported assaults in the barracks, 50 percent of the victims had not locked their doors.

Perpetrators are rarely strangers. Rather, they are usually acquaintances of the victims. Perpetrators often say that the victim did not say “no” like she meant it or that they thought the “no” didn’t really mean no, and the victim was only kidding.

However, not only does no mean no, but consent cannot be given by people who are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, are mentally incapacitated, or who are underage.

Even when taking precautionary

measures, sometimes an assault can still occur. If it does, it is important to know the steps to take immediately following the incident.

It’s vital to get to a safe place immediately and to leave the scene of the incident as is. Medical personnel strongly request not to shower, change clothes, or drink anything before an examination can be done.

Whether the victim chooses to report the incident or not, help and support are always available through the unit victim advocate, medical provider, chaplain, or sexual assault prevention and response coordinator.

Reporting assaults “takes the power from the perpetrator and returns it to the victim,” said Kate Revels, victim advocate coordinator in Würzburg.

Sexual assault is damaging to the morale of military installations and participation in the Take Back the Night walk will help in prevention, Revels explained.

“We need everyone to be aware, and it can only be prevented through education,” she said.

# Wuerzburg High junior proves she’s a straight shooter

By Scott Rouch

Wuerzburg High School junior Brenna Goodman recently returned from Fort Benning, Ga., where she was an at-large shooter in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) national marksmanship championships April 13-14.

Goodman placed third among all Army JROTC shooters and finished ninth in the nation including shooters from the Navy and Marine Corps in the competition at Fort Benning. Goodman competed against 65 others from across the world.

Goodman, daughter of Lt. Cols. Robert and Petra Goodman of the Wuerzburg MEDDAC, had a two-day total of 1254.1 out of 1309, over 120 points higher than her score at the nationals the previous year.

“The rules for shooting at the nationals are different from the matches we sponsor in Europe,” said Goodman’s coach, Douglas Rudd. “All shooters fired two prone positions, two standing positions and two kneeling positions.”

On the first day of competition in the prone position, Goodman fired two scores of 99. In the standing position she fired 92 and 93, and in the kneeling she fired a 95 and 96. The second day she fired 97 and 98 in the prone, 95 and 96 in the standing and a 96 and 97 in the kneeling position. The top 10 shooters are also given the chance to fire a 10-round standing and her score was 98.1 out of 100.

While she said she was more nervous because she didn’t have

the team support that helped her in 2006, having been through the experience and another year of shooting helped.

“I think it had a lot to do with the experience (of shooting) this year because I knew what to expect from going (to nationals) last year,” Goodman said.

Goodman didn’t lack support, however. Her mother made the trip and watched each time she got to shoot.

“She told me afterward it was really nerve-wracking for her,” Goodman said laughing.

Goodman, who was shooting for just the second year, has been able to take away more from the sport than just the activity itself.

“Shooting with the team was a lot of fun and going to the Eastern Regionals and nationals are always fun because you meet so many different people from all around the States,” she said.



Goodman



# Volunteers: the heartbeat of the Army

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Three jumping, dancing cheerleaders greeted guests entering the Conn Club for the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony last Friday.

What was a formal affair in the past turned into a sports-themed event awarding the people who give their time freely to the



Lt. Col. Haager displays a check for nearly 2 million dollars, symbolizing the monetary value of volunteer hours in USAG Schweinfurt last year.

community.

A team banner, balloons, baseball helmets, and jersey-clad helpers added to the atmosphere of the theme, Game Time.

Justin Mitchell, USAG Schweinfurt Deputy Garrison Commander, welcomed guests and explained that a decision had been made. Mitchell then shed his tie and dress shirt, revealing a sports jersey.

The decision: The formality of the event must go, and Game Time must begin.

Lt. Col. Anthony Haager, after being introduced as quarterback "Rocket-arm" Haager, expressed heart-felt appreciation to all the people giving their time to the community.

"No garrison in Europe is doing what we do," Haager said. Not only does Schweinfurt have an entire brigade of deployed Soldiers, he said, but it has also received recent news of the closure of Würzburg as well as an extension for the Soldiers downrange.

The ceremony recognized outstanding volunteers of the year in Schweinfurt and Würzburg.

Bill Davis, who earned the civilian volunteer of the year award, said that volunteering in his nature and he just enjoys doing it.

Volunteering in the gospel service and in the substance abuse and victim advocate programs are only a few of the areas to which he contributes his time.

"It's a way of giving back to the community. I really don't feel like I'm volunteering. It's just being with people that need help and need service," he said.

Heather Everett, who was awarded the title of individual unit volunteer of the year, explained that she volunteers to support her husband and his career as well as to help the community.

Part of a long list of contributions, Everett volunteered for Schweinfurt Community Spouses Club and gave hours to many fund-raising activities for army-wide programs.

"I like to see what I'm able to contribute and how it affects the community. I don't do it for the credit. I just want to see the impact and change," she said.

In closing of the ceremony, USAG Army Garrison Schweinfurt was presented with a symbolic check of nearly 2 million dollars representing more than 124,000 hours of service given by volunteers this past year.

"We could not run this community without volunteers. We would die on the vine," Haager said.

## Leighton Kinder Olympics brings out the athlete in everyone



(Left) Shantel (3) and John Lapp compete in the Power Ranger Run at the USAG Schweinfurt Kinder Olympics April 21 on Dickman Field in Wuerzburg.

(Right) Arianna Gatewood (16) springs forward in the broad jump under the watchful eyes of USAG Schweinfurt SKIES director, Tom Williams.

Scott Rouch (2)

