



## 'Just a beautiful kid'

### Community mourns the loss of local teen

By Mark Heeter

If you didn't get a chance to see that layup, you missed something really special.

"He had the ugliest layup. It was like he was all crunched up. But it went in. It would really go in," said a smiling Randal Little, 15, who spent many hours on the basketball court with Justin Schacht.

"It didn't look pretty all the time, but he'd duck his head and go to the hole," said Ronald Daniels, the lead program assistant at the Middle School Zone and basketball coach who helped develop Justin and that layup.

Justin, 15, the son of Lt. Col. Eric and Amy Schacht, died unexpectedly in the Family's home in Askren Manor housing area last Thursday. He had returned earlier in the day from a trip to Italy with Club Beyond, another of his passions. The cause of death is under investigation by German and American authorities, who have ruled

out the possibility of foul play.

"Justin was the kid who acted his age. He was happy to be doing what he was doing and had a whole lot of fun. At the same time he was very sensitive," Daniels said. "This kid didn't have one bad bone in his body. I can't say that for a lot of people. I can't even say that about myself. He was a good guy."

"Just a beautiful kid," he said.

In addition to his active membership in Club Beyond and youth services basketball among other activities, Justin was one of the charter members of Passport to Manhood at the MSZ.

"He was one of the first kids to do it with me, and he didn't get credit for that," Daniels said, adding that the program is now a pilot site and



Schacht

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## Ceremony honors two fallen Soldiers, friends

Story and memorial photo by Mark Heeter

The Dagger Brigade and Schweinfurt military community bid farewell to two of its own in a memorial service at the Ledward Chapel Monday.

Staff Sgt. Juan F. Campos, 27, from Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry



Watt

Regiment, died June 1 at Brooke Army Medical Center of wounds sustained when his unit was attacked by insurgents using improvised explosive devices and rocket propelled

grenades May 14 in Baghdad, Iraq.

Sgt. Kimel L. Watt, 21, of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, died June 3 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

Campos re-joined the Army and came to the Blue Spaders in 2003, having been honorably discharged from a three-year enlistment nine days before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

"Juan moved quickly up the ladder and within five months had a squad of his own," said Sgt. DeQuinn Nickerson, who read the remarks of Staff Sgt. Christopher Cunningham at the memorial service.

"He always had a smile on his face, and I always looked up to him," Cunningham said of Campos, whom he called a friend. "That's not a word I've used loosely in my

10 years in the Army."

Staff Sgt. Raja Richardson, relaying the remarks of Capt. Cecil Strickland, called Campos "perfect for the job" of leading a small unit of Soldiers.



Campos

"Staff Sgt. Campos always led from the front," Strickland said, calling him a "great leader, good friend and a loving husband and father."

Capt. Jacob White read the remarks of Lt. Col. Eric Schacht, Task Force Blue

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## News Briefs

### YRR temporary closure

Effective July 16, the Community Yellow Ribbon Room (YRR), Bldg. 230 on Ledward Barracks will be closed for construction. This project is expected to complete in approximately 6 weeks. The facility will re-open as soon as construction is finished. Those patrons who utilize the YRR for internet access may instead use the USO, library, MOS library in the Education Center, or Finney Recreation Center on Conn Barracks for your computing needs during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

### Celebrate Independence

The USAG Schweinfurt will celebrate Independence Day July 4, at Kessler Field in Schweinfurt. Enjoy a day filled with sports tournaments, bouncy fun for the kids, food, music, and friendship as we celebrate our nation's independence. Event begins at 2 p.m., live music begins at 6:30 p.m., just after the "Salute to the State Flag" ceremony. The night will end with a fireworks show beginning at 10:30 p.m.

### Cub Scout car wash

Schweinfurt Cub Scout Pack 630 will hold a car wash Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Conn Barracks Car Wash. Scouts will scrub your car for donations in an effort to raise money for Pack t-shirts.

### Intermediate German

The USAG Schweinfurt Army Community Service Center will begin offering Intermediate German classes July 6 on Ledward Barracks. Class will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 354-6944 or 350-7103 to sign up.

### Pet shipping guidelines

The Schweinfurt Customs office wants to remind you that with a little planning, you can PCS with your pets. Some endangered species cannot be transported but cats, dogs, and even birds can.

Cats and dogs must be in good health and have a rabies vaccination that is at least 30 days old. Bird owners can check the USDA website for information, as it often changes due to bird flu concerns.

The site address is <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/NCIE/pet-bird-non-us.html>. For more information, consult the military customs web site at [www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/pets.htm](http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/pets.htm) or pick up a "Pets, Wildlife" pamphlet from your local military customs office.

### Commissary open July 4

The Schweinfurt Commissary will be open for three hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Independence Day. This special opening was approved in order to better support the community. If you need last minute BBQ supplies, we'll be here for you!

### Fun Run July 4

Bring the whole Family out for a run July 4, 9 a.m., on Kessler Field. For the adults, there will be a 10k, and kids have 2, 3, or 5k runs. Register in advance at Kessler or Finney Fitness Centers, or at Kessler the day of the event. Event is open to all US ID card holders and their children ages 6 and older.

### Battery recycling

The USAG Schweinfurt environmental division would like to remind you that recycling is everyone's job, and batteries, in particular, must be disposed of separately from ordinary garbage. Regular household batteries, such as those used in cameras, handheld game systems, and flashlights can be placed in the green box containers, such as the one located in front of the Schweinfurt PX or the main entrance to the Wuerzburg commissary. Other batteries must be brought to the recycling center.

### Memorial Ceremonies

The memorial ceremony for Staff Sgt. Michael A. Bechert, of Company C, 1-18 IN, will be held July 2 at 3 p.m. at the Ledward Chapel. The memorial ceremony for Sgt. Ryan Wood, Sgt. Alphonso Montenegro, Pfc. Daniel Agami, Pfc. Thomas Leemhuis and Pfc. Anthony Hebert all of Company C, 1-26 IN, will be held on July 3 at 10 a.m. at the Ledward Chapel. The community is invited to attend.

## 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.

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

To be added to the Schweinfurt Dispatch distribution list, please email: [mail.sft.pao@eur.army.mil](mailto:mail.sft.pao@eur.army.mil).

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.



- 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.
- 30 JULY** --CAV call-in show with AFN at 7 a.m. Tune to AFN radio 1143 AM.
- 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.
- 13-17 AUG** --Vacation Bible School, Ledward Chapel, Ledward Barracks, Schweinfurt, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pre-register by calling 09727-909-516
- 27 AUG** --First day of school for Schweinfurt Elementary and Middle Schools and Wuerzburg Elementary and High School Freshmen (28 AUG, grades 10-12).

**Community 6 week outlook calendar**



# AFN radio connects CAV Soldiers, Families

**Story and photo  
by Kimberly Gearhart**

Family members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 91<sup>st</sup> Cavalry (Airborne) will have the opportunity to hear from Soldiers and commanders downrange—on AFN radio.

Beginning Monday, members of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade in Germany will be participating in live radio call-ins with Sgt. Jonathan McDonald, a broadcaster with AFN in Wuerzburg. The first call-in will be with the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 91<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, July 2, at 7 a.m.

“They did this last week with one of the units in Vicenza. All the Family members had really good feedback,” McDonald said.

Soldiers will be selected to participate in the show, which will be conducted over the phone. Family members can listen for a chance to hear their loved ones and to learn a little bit about what their Soldiers are doing in Afghanistan.

“It’s an opportunity for them to let people at home know what’s going on down there” especially the good things, like school building, that are often left out of traditional new reports, McDonald said.

At the moment, Family members will not be able to call in and speak with their Soldiers, nor do AFN representatives know ahead of time which Soldiers from the unit will be making each call. However, in the future, there may be two-

way communication established, and Family members will be notified so they may speak with their Soldiers on-air.

“We want to facilitate connectivity and quality of life for both the Soldiers downrange and Families here at home,” said Jacques Bannamon, broadcast operations director for AFN in Wuerzburg.

Tune in to AFN on AM 1143, channel 11 on AFN TV, or channels 64/65 if receiving your AFN signal via antenna. Keep an eye on the Dispatch Calendar page for future 1-91 CAV call-in show dates.



**Sgt. McDonald from AFN Wuerzburg will be talking with representatives from 1-91 CAV Monday morning at 7 a.m.**

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greatly expanded its activities last year.

“If I didn’t have that core group in 2004, I couldn’t do those things now,” he said. Friends recalled the boy whose entry the MSZ staff would greet with a simple, “J. Schacht!” a la Norm entering the bar at “Cheers.”

“He was a really sweet kid. He’d always have a smile on his face. He’ll be really missed at school,” said Miranda McConnell, who is entering her senior year and remembers Justin from tutorial at the high school.

“He was friendly with everybody, and he always tried to cheer people up,” said Jonathan Torres, 17.

“I would go to the movies with him. He was funny. He could definitely make

some good jokes,” said Forte Cunningham, who remembered Justin’s great improvement on the basketball court over the past year.

In addition to his parents, Justin is survived by his older sister Meagan; younger brother Brian; grandparents Allen & Judy Schacht; Col. (Ret) John & Susie Motes; and Steve & Jane Roberts.

A graveside service and burial will begin at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to “Military Community Youth Ministry Europe.” Please write “Justin Schacht Camp Scholarship Fund” in the memo area. Checks and money orders may be mailed to CMR 419, Box 1636, APO AE 09102. Donations will support the “Club Beyond” youth group in Schweinfurt.

## Policy updates

### Heelys

The policy memorandum regarding the use of in-line skates, skateboards and scooters has recently been amended to include wheeled shoes, such as those known by the brand name “Heelys.” Proper safety gear, such as helmets, must be used. A copy of the policy may be viewed at <http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/sites/commander/policies/9-5.pdf>.

### Swimming pools in housing

Small, shallow wading pools, not to exceed 16 inches deep or 6 feet in diameter, are the only pools permitted for use in Army housing areas. When in use, a responsible adult must be present at all times. The pool must be emptied and stored out of the reach of children after each use. A copy of the policy may be viewed at <http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/sites/commander/policies/9-3.PDF>.

### ID Cards

Effective July 1, 2007, the policy regarding replacement of lost ID cards will change, and card holders, sponsors, and/or unit representatives will be required to report losses in person to the nearest MP station, and then complete the remedial Force Protection Level 1 briefing before a replacement card is issued. A copy of the policy may be viewed at <http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/sites/commander/policies/1-15.pdf>.



# Christmas arrives early in Schweinfurt this year

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Christmas is just around the corner. Okay so you may not agree, but the fact is that time will fly by and before you know it, the summer will be over, school will start again, and the Soldiers will return from downrange.

When all that begins to roll, next thing you know, you will be scrambling to purchase gifts, wishing that you had time to give some more personal, homemade items.

This July marks Schweinfurt's first Christmas in July program. Army Community Services (ACS) will hold special demonstrations and provide a holiday season atmosphere each Thursday evening at Ledward's Crafts Studio from 6 to 8 p.m.

"When Christmas came around, we would find ourselves going nuts because we had started projects and never finished them," said Bonnie Cornelison, ACS Generalist, who decided to start Christmas in July in Schweinfurt.

The Christmas holiday season crowds schedules with parties, shopping, decorating, and other events leaving little time to make special gifts. By attending Christmas in July, participants can get a jumpstart on the season.

Every session is open to those who want to glean new ideas for gifts as well as people who just want to finish their own projects.

"If nothing else, it will get you thinking about Christmas and ideas about gifts you want to give before all the rush," said



Get an early start on Christmas crafts in July.

Cornelison, explaining how people can just come and watch the demonstrations with no pressure to produce a product.

While most materials must be purchased for a minimal fee or brought with you, the demonstrations are free, covering subjects like quilting blocks, stockings, candy dishes, card-making, gift-wrapping, and ribbons throughout the month.

The Crafts Studio has much to offer,

including showing participants how to box up and mail gifts so they do not break during shipment.

"It's just a matter of using your imagination," said David Haywood, Crafts Studio manager. "And there are so many simple gifts that don't take a lot of time."

So come check out the large selection of crafty gift ideas for creating a more meaningful holiday season in 2007.



An honor guard salutes Watt and Campos during Monday morning's ceremony.

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Spader commander, who remembered seeing Campos in action during the OIF II deployment in 2004.

"Juan loved being a Soldier and loved leading Soldiers," Schacht said, noting that Campos was slated for an assignment as a trainer at the U.S. Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Ga.

"He would have made a phenomenal trainer," he said.

Watt, the youngest noncommissioned officer in his platoon, was recalled as a hard worker who helped his Soldiers accomplish their tasks more quickly.

"He never let his rank, or the fact that he got his rank so fast, prevent him from getting his hands dirty," said Capt. Robert Collier, who quoted the remarks that Capt. Timothy Lynch gave at an earlier memorial service.

"Charlie Battery didn't lose an NCO, but a friend," said Sgt. Gabriel Meyle,

relaying the remarks of Spc. Hykeen Parker, who remembered the first time he met Watt. Both in their physical training uniforms, the lower-ranking Parker had the new sergeant do push-ups on the first morning they met.

"At formation, it turned out he was in the section as I was... That's when the practical jokes began," Parker said. Lt. Col. Robert Whittle, Task Force Guardian commander, quoted 1st Lt. William Moss, who was badly burned in the attack that killed Watt.

"Sgt. Watt was one of the most intelligent Soldiers I ever worked with," Moss said. "He was an outstanding NCO and an even better man."

Campos is survived by his wife, Jamie Drury-Campos, stepson Andres Ibarra, mother, Maria Campos, four brothers and two sisters.

Watt is survived by his parents Clifton and Naomi Watt, six brothers and five sisters.



# Moving doesn't faze 9E 'Dirty Deuce' Soldiers

**By Pfc. Nathaniel Smith**  
**4<sup>th</sup> IBCT, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div. Public Affairs**

BAGHDAD – The day was only five minutes old when Soldiers of 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Company A, 9<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division were struck by an improvised explosive device in southern Baghdad June 20.

The platoon called, 'Dirty Deuce,' which is attached to Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment returned to Forward Operating Base Falcon to regroup, only to start walking the streets of Baghdad, looking for answers as to who was responsible for the attack on their comrades.

Before that, the Soldiers were given the task of finding the culprits of an attack on the Al Sadiq Mosque the Northwest Sadiyah region, where the troops talked to citizens and sought answers.

It is all in a day's work.

Being quick to adapt and respond is nothing new to these Soldiers. They have been moved several times throughout this deployment, spending stints attached Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment and two with Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, 1-18 Inf. after being pulled from their organic unit, Company A, 9<sup>th</sup> Eng.

1st Lt. Eric Laffin, the platoon leader from St. Paul, Minn., said despite all the moving around, it has been a good experience for the Soldiers.

"There have been a lot of changes, but guys have stayed flexible and adaptive," he said. "You just have to go with the flow, not letting little things get to you."

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Babinger, a squad leader from Piedmont, Okla., said the biggest challenge to all the moving around was adjusting to the different areas of operations.



**Sgt. Jonathan Lane, (front), Staff Sgt. Jonathan Babinger, (middle), and Staff Sgt. Jason Martin, scan the street outside the Al-Sadiq Mosque in southern Baghdad June 20.**

"As soon as you get comfortable with a sector, you get moved to a different sector," he said. "We don't get complacent, and everybody's been staying flexible and open-minded."

The platoon has had an opportunity to perform a few combat engineering missions, with the destruction of four bridges and a cache house to their credit.

Being attached to the different units has been an opportunity to perform missions most engineers don't get to, Laffin said, such as raids and cordon and search operations.

"It's been a pretty good experience," he said. "I've learned a lot about infantry and tankers and how they operate. We've got a really diverse background." Along with job experience they also gained friends.

"When you spend that much time with anybody you get close, especially in this environment," Staff Sgt. Jonathan Babinger said.

Help from higher assisted them with their success. With all the moving around within 1-18 Infantry, Laffin said the battalion has been very helpful to his Soldiers.

"They've helped us whenever we've needed it," he said.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment out of Schweinfurt, Germany, is attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division from Fort Riley, Kan.



## Heavy Lifting

A worker guides his crane operator as they prepare to lift an M-24 Chaffee light tank, used near the end of WWII, on its journey from the former 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division museum on Leighton barracks June 14. A sign of the changing times with Army transformation in Europe, the tank was one of the last artifacts to be removed from the museum, and was followed Monday by the last vehicles – a Russian T-72 used in the Persian Gulf War and the M-47 Patton tank from the post-WWII era (courtesy photo).