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Schweinfurt celebrates Army's 233rd

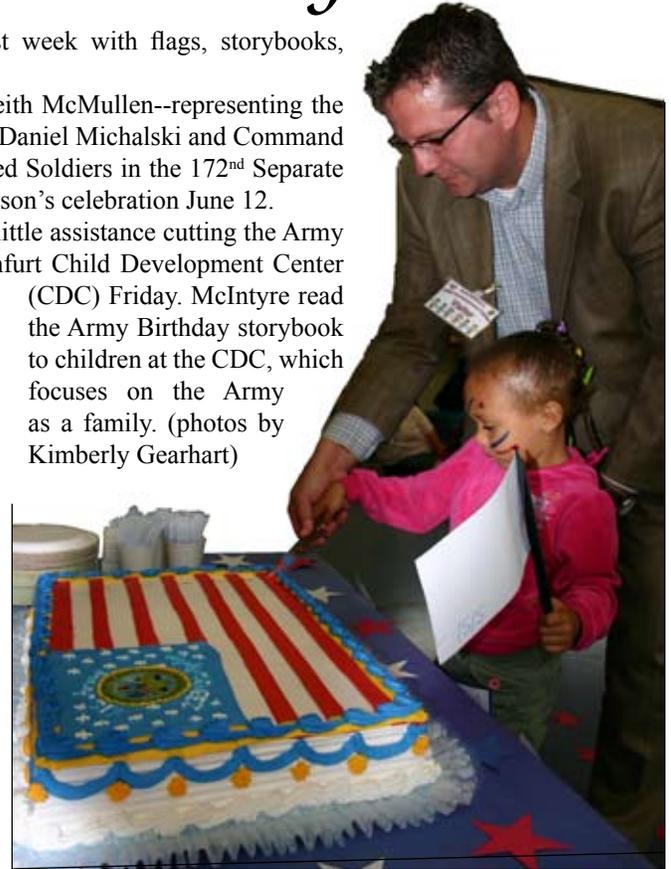
The USAG Schweinfurt celebrated the Army's 233rd birthday last week with flags, storybooks, ceremonies and cake, cake, cake.

Below, from the left, Pfc. Elyse Duarte and Command Sgt. Maj. Keith McMullen--representing the junior and senior enlisted Soldiers for the USAG Schweinfurt--and Pvt. Daniel Michalski and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Walton--representing the junior and senior enlisted Soldiers in the 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade--prepare to cut the Army birthday cake during the garrison's celebration June 12.

At right, Acting Deputy Garrison Commander John McIntyre gets a little assistance cutting the Army Birthday cake from four-year-old Isis Didymus at the USAG Schweinfurt Child Development Center



(CDC) Friday. McIntyre read the Army Birthday storybook to children at the CDC, which focuses on the Army as a family. (photos by Kimberly Gearhart)



Team to explain new Soldier personnel system

HEIDELBERG – To prepare for the March 1, 2009, implementation of the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System, representatives from the Army's DIMHRS Program Office will be visiting installations throughout Europe in June.

Maj. William Anderson, of U.S. Army, Europe G1, said, depending on location, the DIMHRS team will brief general officer-level leaders; battalion and brigade commanders and command sergeants major; human resources professional; military pay specialists; and Soldiers and supervisors in selected Army communities.

"They will also meet with members of the DIMHRS Change Network – leaders and technical experts tasked with providing change-management support at the unit level," the major said.

Because DIMHRS will impact Soldiers

of all ranks and occupations, the briefings are to prepare the Army for implementation of this congressionally-mandated, military personnel and pay system. According to the program's web site, DIMHRS is the largest single change to manning and finance that the Army has ever undergone, and the briefings are part of the Army's DIMHRS Site Visit change-management campaign, targeting more than 60 Army installations worldwide.

The DIMHRS Program Office team will visit and hold group briefings in Schweinfurt June 19 and 20 and in Grafenwoehr June 26.

Units should contact their community points of contact to confirm briefing times, locations, and the number of personnel the unit expects to send. Contact Victor Roman at victor.m.roman@eur.army.mil

or by phone at 353-8698 in Schweinfurt. In Grafenwoehr, contact Mary Cooper at 475-8814 or mary.cooper@eur.army.mil.

Anderson stressed that every Soldier will be impacted by DIMHRS, as each person's record will be a single, electronic file, with personnel actions being electronically routed and signed. DIMHRS will establish a Web-based, unified system for personnel and pay issues across all ranks, elements and components of the Army, replacing a number of redundant systems, increasing operational efficiency and reducing overall system maintenance and operation costs. Army leaders, as well as HR professionals, are responsible for ensuring their organizations are prepared for DIMHRS implementation. To learn more about DIMHRS, visit its Web site at: www.armydimhrs.army.mil.



News Briefs

Tricare referral hours

Due to a staffing shortage, the Tricare Referral Office hours will temporarily change effective immediately. Referrals will be processed in the morning between 8:30 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday, with the last sign in at 1130. Billing questions and concerns will be handled in the afternoon between 1 and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. We appreciate your understanding.

Donate to Polish mission

The Schweinfurt Youth Center continues to accept donations for the Elim Christian Mission in Poland until July 7. The soup kitchen in the facility feeds nearly 100 people per day and would appreciate any donations of pasta, beans, canned corn, or rice. Drop off donations at the Ledward Chapel or the youth center, building 241.

Play Bunco

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation hosts "It's Bunco Time" at the Finney Recreational Center Thursday June 26. Games begin at 6 p.m. All I.D. card holders 18 or older are invited. Win fabulous prizes like gift cards from popular stores. All participants will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a \$4,000 spa gift card or a second place \$500 spa gift card. For more information or to sign up, call 353-8476. Walk-ins welcome.

Excercise scheduled

USAG Schweinfurt is conducting a force protection (FP), full-scale exercise, designed to train personnel on aspects of the garrison FP program.

As part of this exercise, the main gate onto Conn Barracks will close at 10 p.m. tomorrow (Friday night) and remain closed until 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The "Geldersheim" gate onto Conn Barracks will be the only point of entry during this time. Also, there will likely be noticeably increased activity with emergency service vehicles during this period.

Force protection, a cooperative effort that includes our host nation authorities, tenant units and entire garrison staff, is the number one priority, and this exercise and gate closure is a vital part of this critical mission.

Country music concert

Country recording artist Brian Stace will perform Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Finney Fitness Center. This event is provided free of charge by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. Keep an eye out for more events and concerts in July and August.

Visit from Olympians

Child and Youth Services and Boys and Girls Club of America invite you and your family to meet Olympians Natalie Bartleson and Buddy Lee Wednesday in the School Age Services gym from 10 a.m. to noon. The community is invited to attend.

Bamberg HS tour

Child and Youth Services sponsors a Bamberg orientation transition program for high-schoolers going to Bamberg in the coming year. The first orientation will be held June 26 and will include transportation, an orientation to the city of Bamberg, and a tour of the American school. For more information, call Beth Potter at 354-6057 or 09721-96-6057.

Learn to manage debt

Are you in debt and don't know how to get out? Do you need expert advice and tips on staying out of debt? Come to Army Community Service's (ACS) "Seven steps to getting out of debt" class at Schweinfurt ACS Tuesday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. For more information, or to sign up, call 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933.

Sign up for a night off

Do you need a night away from the kids to hang out with friends or relax at home? Sign up now for the next Parent's Night Out event which will take place June 27 in Schweinfurt from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday. The cost is \$15 for children in School Age Services or the Child Development Center. The program includes one meal and is available for children ages 6 weeks to fifth-grade. Children must be registered with CYS and also have current immunizations. For more information, call central registration at 354-6517 or 09721-96-6414.

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This newsletter is a command information product that places emphasis on events and activities occurring throughout the Schweinfurt and Lower Franconia areas.

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 e-mail: 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.



- 26 JUNE** --Job Search Strategies, Ledward ACS, 2 to 4 p.m. Call to sign up at 354-6933.
 --Ledward library adult book club meets to discuss "Eat, pray, and love" at 5:15 p.m.
 --Ledward Lunch Bunch, meet at Ledward ACS, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 27 JUNE** --Smooth Move Seminar, ACS building, 9 a.m. to noon. Call 354-6933
 --ADD/ADHD Support Group, ACS building, 10 a.m. to noon. Call 354-6933.
 --Community Scrapbook Crop, 299th Classroom Conn Barracks, Call 016092177325.
- 30 JUNE** --Last day of service for Customs, POV inspection, and AFCU on Leighton Barracks.
- 1 JULY** --Bulk Trash pick-up, Askren, Yorktown, leased housing. Put items out by 7 a.m.
- 4 JULY** --Fourth of July Celebration, noon to 10 p.m., Kessler Field. Live music by Sevendust.
- 6 JULY** --Flea market plus Heimat Museum, Arts and Crafts Studio field trip, call 354-6903.
- 7 JULY** --Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band in concert, 7 p.m., Kessler Field.
 --Baseball skills clinic, 1st-5th grade, Kessler Field. Call 354-6414 for more information.
- 8 JULY** --BOSS council meeting, BOSS lounge, bldg. 64, Conn Barracks. Call 353-8476.
- 7-9 JULY** --For grades 6-9, Computer Basic & Windows XP, Basic Word I, Basic Web Design, and PowerPoint. Bldg. 206 room 316, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Call ACS 354-6933.
- 7-11 JULY** --SNAPS orientation, new comers awareness program. Call ACS 354-6933.
- 8 JULY** --Baseball skills clinic, 6th-12th grade, Kessler Field. Call 354-6414 for more information.
- 9 JULY** --Final day of service for Leighton Vet Clinic.
- 9-10 JULY** --Dramatization about John Wesley and St. Patrick by Roger Nelson, Ledward Chapel, 7 p.m.
- 10 JULY** --Bamberg High School orientation program. Call 354-6460 for more information.
 --BOSS Halo 3/Slayer Xbox 360 Tournament, Finney Recreation Center, 6 p.m., 354-8476.
- 12 JULY** --Super Saturday Respite care, Call Child and Youth Services Registration 354-6517.
 --Schweinfurt Commissary will close at 4 p.m. for shelving upgrades/installation.
- 13 JULY** --Flea market plus Levi Strauss Museum, Arts and Crafts Studio field trip. Call 354-6903.
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- 15 JULY** --Bulk Trash pick-up, Askren, Yorktown, leased housing. Put items out by 7 a.m.
- 18 JULY** --Black Violins concert, 7 p.m., Finney Fitness Center.
 --Daddy Basic Training, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
 --Smooth Move Seminar, ACS building, 9 to 11 a.m., Wuerzburg ACS. Call 350-7103.
- 24 JULY** --Custom Made concert, 7 p.m., Finney Fitness Center.
- 27 JULY** --Bad Windsheim - Museum Fest, Arts and Crafts Studio field trip. Call 354-6903.
- 1 AUG** --Teen Summer Stress Buster, open to all teens, Kessler Field, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 4-8 AUG** --SNAPS orientation, new comers awareness program. Call ACS 354-6933.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Wuerzburg says goodbye to retiree

Story by Staff Sgt. John Queen
69th ADA Public Affairs Office

WUERZBURG – The jaunty yet sorrow melody of “A Scottish Soldier” filled the air around Leighton Barracks chapel in Wuerzburg, Germany June 7, as a small group from the community attended a memorial service for Robert J. Frank, a retired United States Army Major, and a longtime resident of Wuerzburg that passed away May 28. He was 80 years old.

Frank, who originally hailed from Williamsport, Pa, retired from the Army in 1977 and began working as a food and beverage

broker to the Defense Commissary Agency. He became active with Veterans organizations in Germany and pursuit of one of his foremost passions – history. His love of history made him a superb docent for the 3rd Infantry Division Museum, which would later become the 1st Infantry Division’s Museum on Leighton Barracks.

He was remembered during the service as a husband, father, grandfather, father-in-law, a friend, but most of all a Soldier.

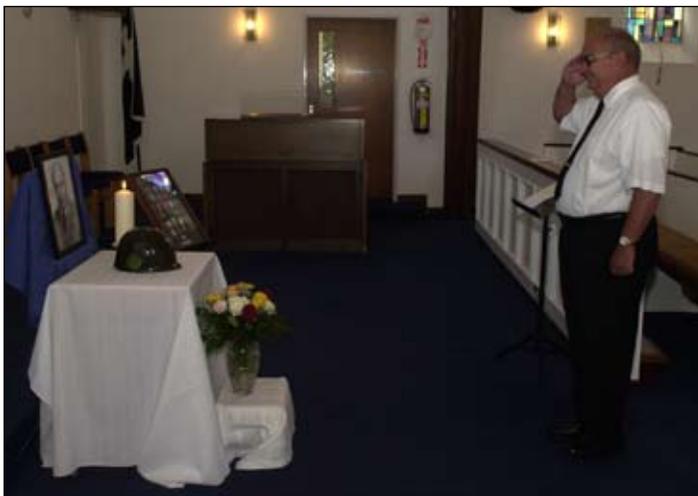
Frank had a lustrous career in the service that began in early years that followed World War II when he enlisted in the Army and served in “occupied” Germany. Years later, as a corporal with the 24th Infantry Division he saw action in the Korean War and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device for valor. His exemplary service throughout the conflict earned him a commission that led to serving in numerous positions within various Infantry units.

In October 1962 the Cuban Missile Crisis came to a boiling point and Frank was once again on the tip of the Army’s spear when he was made responsible for moving a Fort Lee, Va., logistical command to Florida in the event of a possible invasion of Cuba.

The crisis resolved, Frank would later serve three tours of duty in Vietnam, each with an advisory command. In between his first and second tour he was assigned to his future home of Wuerzburg as Inspector General for the 3rd Infantry Division’s headquarters.

After Vietnam Frank returned to the United States Army, Europe ranks several times and end his career as the Area Club Manager for the Wuerzburg Area Club System.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years Anna; daughter, Babette, her husband Paul; and two grandsons, Robert and Jack.



An old friend renders a salute as he says goodbye and pay tribute Robert Frank during a memorial at Leighton Barracks Chapel.

Veterinary appointments tight, clinic requests cooperation

Story by Kimberly Gearhart

Making and keeping doctor’s appointments are important parts of being a responsible patient in military communities, where resources are often tight. This is no less true of four-legged patients and their caretakers.

The Schweinfurt Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) is currently operating with a short staff consisting of only one veterinarian and her assistants.

“We have two military veterinarians coming from Bamberg and Ansbach a few days each month, but appointments will be fewer than before,” said Staff Sgt. Catherine Betts, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Schweinfurt VTF.

Additionally, the Leighton clinic has been reduced to a one day per week schedule, open Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to

noon and 1 to 4 p.m. only.

“Most of the Wuerzburg appointments (until the July 9 clinic closure) have been booked,” Betts said.

These appointments are generally for health certificates only, and pet owners with additional needs must turn to the Schweinfurt clinic. Owners are asked to call well in advance of their move dates in order to be sure to secure an appointment for their pets’ health certificates.

The Schweinfurt clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., including most training holidays, except for the last day of the month, when inventory is conducted.

However, reduced staffing and high demand for move-related health certificates means that many pet owners may be referred to veterinarians on the economy to get care, particularly in emergency cases.

“We have a comprehensive list of (English-speaking) providers at the clinic,” Betts said.

She further advises owners to take a value-added tax (VAT) exemption form to their pets’ appointments.

The staff at the Schweinfurt VTF asks that owners cancel appointments no less than 24 hours in advance so that the slot can be offered to others. With such a tightly packed schedule, every appointment counts.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 353-8359 in Schweinfurt or 350-7429 in Wuerzburg.





Holocaust survivor shares story, message

Story and photo by Lindsey Cole

The holocaust was a time of grief and anguish for the world. One woman travels internationally to tell her story of struggling for survival during that time.

Eva Geiringer Schloss, a survivor of the holocaust, has visited Schweinfurt three times in the past and participated in the play "And Then They Came for Me" written by James Stills in 1996. The play addresses the dynamics of families who struggled with the atrocities of the holocaust, specifically what went on for Anne Frank's and Schloss's families. The two were childhood acquaintances.

Initially the play was created to teach about the holocaust, and is presented using a multi-media interactive format.

"I've been the director of the play for three years. Eva as a person is a very interesting lady, she's very accepting of people ... I'm sure it's because of her experiences," said Garland Travis, Entertainment director for USAG Schweinfurt, who plans to continue directing the play in the future.

The play shows Frank and Schloss as young children and how they were discriminated against under the Nazis. It began with wearing the Jewish star and

ended with life in the concentration camps, or "death camp." Frank and her family, as well as Schloss's family did not survive the concentration camps.

After the play itself, Schloss invited the audience to voice questions they may have about her life or anything regarding holocaust.

"My family was killed at a very young age. What's rewarding to me is sharing my story with many audiences who can know the truth. It makes me know that my family's spirit has not died, we're all a big link in a chain that cannot be broken," Schloss said.

Another purpose of this play is to speak up against discrimination. By being active in sharing her story, Schloss believes it could be an eye-opener.

"People do not realize how dangerous things can be without speaking against discrimination, hatred, and bigotry."

The nine-character cast consists of Schweinfurt community volunteers. For two years Addison Potter Stevens has played the role of young Eva. She believes that the play is necessary to spread the word about what happened during this time and could possibly aid in making sure this doesn't happen again.



Eva Schloss, left, and "young Eva" played by Addison Potter Stevens, take a bow on closing night.

"Before I began, I knew a little bit about the WWII but I didn't know any details. When I began the play last year I learned so much ... Partaking in this makes me grateful for my own problems, because they're nothing compared to what the people had to go through," Potter-Stevens said.

Power Hour encourages, rewards academic achievement

Story and photos by Lindsey Cole

For students who attend Schweinfurt Middle School (SMS) academic achievement is encouraged. At the Child and Youth Services (CYS) Youth Center, high achievers are rewarded for all their hard work.

The Youth Center hosts Power Hour a partnership with the SMS aimed at building student enthusiasm for academics. This is accomplished using a variety of prizes, ranging from school supplies to iPod shuffles.



Khayree Flies, left, and Austin Eubanks look over the Power Hour book.

Debra Brock is in charge of Power Hour, which she feels encourages kids to keep achieving as best they can, even if they don't win prizes during the program. For those that do,

the prizes are motivation to keep working hard. Three students in particular attend the program and are an example for all their peers.

Seventh-grader Kiersten Cade chalked up outstanding accomplishments this school year. She was named Student of the Month, Student of the Semester, made the Principal's List for making straight A's, earned achievement certificates in math and the Language Arts Health Adventure Education Junior Leadership Society. Cade is also a member of student council, National Junior Honors Society (NJHS) and is heavily involved with CYS Youth services and softball.



Cade

"I'm very proud of my daughter, and I'm glad she's participating in this program. It motivates kids to achieve more and creates good study habits. Instead of a Power Hour, they should make it a Power Hour and a Half!" said Janet O'Brien, Cade's mom.

Eighth-grader Austin Eubanks has achieved awards for

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YS programs introduce kids to sports

Story and photo by Mark Heeter

Something magical is happening with Youth Services (YS) sports this summer. Frisbees will become discs, softballs will become shots for the shot put, and pool noodles will become javelins.

"It's kid-friendly, Olympic events to introduce them to (sports)," and to prepare the children for a Olympic-style tournament at the end of the summer, said Daniel Jones, YS sports director.

Jones joins his staff on near-daily trips to destinations throughout the Schweinfurt community, bringing sports to kids of all ages.

"We're trying to offer facility-based programs, so we get out into the programs and interacting with the youth at their location – bringing sports to them," said Adio Toliver, YS sports program associate.

"We're just trying to expand our reach and get out into the

community," Toliver said.

YS sports looks forward to an action-packed summer, with game and activities for local youth at the child development center (CDC), school age services (SAS) and Middle School Zone and teen center.

From the Olympic preparation at the SAS, to the Start Smart kits at the CDC and weight lifting in the teen center, Jones and his team have one goal: get kids involved.

"We're trying to build life skills and include sports into summertime activities utilizing new and improved methods of teaching," Jones said.

And the teaching works, according to Jones. A girl at the SAS who had never ridden a bicycle was cruising around SAS within two hours Tuesday.

"We taught them the basics, started with safety, so when they leave SAS they can actually use those life skills," he said.

The summer YS sports programs present another opportunity, according to



From left, Kristen Gearhart, Tierney Houston, Brandon Stockdill and Alexandria Richardson hone their map reading skills during a land navigation activity with the SAS yesterday.

Toliver.

"This also gives us the opportunity for kids that don't participate in our regular programs involved. There are still a lot of youth out there who are not active," he said.

"Hopefully, with all the transition going on, we want to make sure that we're still providing the same services to those youth that are here. So we need to go out and get

them where they are, we will do that," Toliver said.

YS sports is also bringing in experts for coaching clinics in baseball and basketball. And Olympians Nathalie Bartleson and Buddy Lee will visit the SAS Wednesday for a motivational visit to the children.

Enrollment in summer YS sports activities continue on a rolling basis. For details, call 354-6822 or 09721-96-6822.

Recreation center modernized



Above, Pvt. Joshua Loveland takes his shot using one of the Rec Center's newly-refurbished pool tables. Other Soldiers made a beeline for the wall of video games, right, which includes Xbox, Playstation, and Wii consoles. (photos by Kimberly Gearhart)

Yesterday, the Finney Recreation Center on Conn Barracks held a grand opening, showing off its half-million dollar facelift that included new floors, 25 computers, wireless Internet access, restored pool tables, and modern movie and video game equipment.



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Spanish, Presidential Academics, Student of the Month, Student of the Semester. His clubs and extra curricular activities include being Student council president, the NJHS, MathCounts, soccer, and basketball.

"It's pretty difficult for kids to focus on their work with all the video games nowadays ... I have to get my priorities straight because playing video games aren't going to get me into college in the future," Eubanks said.

Sixth-grader Khayree Files has always been involved with school and achieving high academics. He's received many certificates in band, math, science and for volunteering. Files has assumed a roll in the NJHS and believes in helping his peers.

"If any of my friends needed help I would help them as best as I could," Files said.