



Schweinfurt Dispatch

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Next stop for brigade: 'Downrange'



Col. Jeffrey Sinclair, commander of 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate), faces his formation shortly after casing the brigade's colors on the Conn Airfield Nov. 13. The entire brigade, including bus loads of Soldiers who made the trip from Grafenwoehr, took to the airfield for the casing of the colors, which will again be unfurled once the unit is in Iraq. (Photo by Emily Athens)

Dodson wins Operation Rising Star

Story and photo by Tim Hips
FMWRC public affairs

FORT BELVOIR, Va. - USAG Schweinfurt employee and Army veteran Joyce Dodson won the 2008 Operation Rising Star military singing contest at Wallace Theater here Friday.

Dodson, 24, is married to Sgt. Marquis Dodson of the 240th Quartermaster Company in Bamberg. She served four years in the Army and now works at the in-and-out processing center in Schweinfurt, where she won the local competition.

Dodson, a gospel singer from Danville, Va., sang "You're Still the One" by country artist Shania Twain in the finals.

"I was so impressed within an organization that exists for very different reasons, there is an outlet for every kind of talent," said judge Nigel Caaro, producer of "America's Got Talent." "Whatever you're enlisted as, if you have a desire or a dream, you can fulfill it. I think it's great the Army allows that to happen - they

give the time and the space to find out what talent they have and provide an outlet for it.

"It was amazing that one of the contestants actually said they forgot it was a competition until people started to be eliminated," he said.

Dodson won an all-expenses-paid trip to Los Angeles to record a three-song demo CD at DMI Music Studios. She was elated to win the contest.

"Every semifinalist and every finalist are gifted men and women," Dodson said. "All of them were so great. This prize could have easily gone to any of them."



Dodson



SPRECHEN SIE FUN?

Events and activities in the local communities

Tomorrow:

Parish fest in the Geldersheim market square with traditional German food, beer and wine, brass band

Saturday:

Fall concert at the "Musikerheim" in Kolitzheim-Stammheim,

Parish fest in Westheim

Advents market at the school in Euerbach, 3 to 9 p.m.



Flea markets

Saturday

- Bamberg - REAK market
- Erfurt - Thüringenhalle
- Crailsheim – Bohn (furniture store)
- Landstuhl – Kaufland
- Augsburg – Telekom
- Nürnberg – Northeast train station
- Bayreuth – Universitätsstrasse

Sunday

- Schweinfurt – train station
- Ulm – Messehalle
- Hamburg – Elbestrasse

Saturday & Sunday:

Christmas market in Nordheim

Arts and crafts exhibition in the school auditorium in Gochsheim, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday:

Christmas market in Poppenhausen-Kronungen.

Advents market at castle Zeilitzheim Market square in Kolitzheim-Zeilitzheim, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Advents market at the town square Euerbach, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Monday & Tuesday:

Modern ballet Gullberg at the Schweinfurt city theater, Rossbrunnstrasse 2 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 09721-510, Mon-Fri between 8 a.m.-6 p.m. or Sat 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Nov. 27 - Dec. 22:

Christmas market in Schweinfurt. The Schweinfurt Christmas market opens on 27 November at the market square.

Opening hours are daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. 47 booths offer traditional Christmas goodies.



Nov. 28:

Swim by candle light at the indoor pool in Gochsheim, Frankenstrasse 1, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Nov. 29:

Best of Irish Dance at the Frankenhalle in Sennfeld 8 p.m. Enjoy more than two hours of original Irish tap dancing performed by the "Dance Masters." For tickets call 09721-69138 or 548800/176666 or 01805/4470 or visit www.ticketonline.de.



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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 354-1400/6381 or (09721) 961400/966381.



News Briefs

Bulk trash pick-up

Bulk trash is scheduled to be picked up from Askren Manor, Yorktown Village, and government-leased housing Tuesday. Please put bulk items out prior to 7 a.m. on day of pick-up but no earlier than the day before. Bulk trash is only those items too large to transport in your vehicle. For more information, call the SORT coordinator at 354-6201 or 0162-270-9403.

Commissary open Monday

The Schweinfurt Commissary will be open Monday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for your Thanksgiving holiday needs. It will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Special dining hall meal

In recognition of our departing Soldiers, the USAG Schweinfurt dining facilities will provide a special lunch (Surf & Turf) tomorrow 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Families and civilians are welcome. Cost is \$3.85 per plate for E-5 and above, and \$3.30 per plate for E-4 and below.

Meet your patient liaison

The Schweinfurt Health Clinic has five patient liaisons on staff. They help make your stay in German treatment facilities a little easier.

Each week for the next five weeks, we will introduce a different patient liaison. In addition, see page 7 today for a story about these professionals and what they do for the patient population



Holstein

We begin this series with Ursula Holstein, who has been a patient liaison in Schweinfurt for more than 27 years.

Steam train and santa

Join a special seasonal trip with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Dec. 6. Enjoy a steam train and covered wagon ride through vineyards while drinking wine. Visit Castle Elmstein and later stop at a winery for coffee and wine-tasting. Bus departs Schweinfurt at 7:30 a.m. and returns approximately 10:30 p.m. For more information, call 353-8476 or 09721-96-8476. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday.

Turkey trot

Come join the Turkey Trot fun run Saturday at Kessler Gym starting at 9 a.m. Adults run 10 kilometers and children run two, three or five kilometers. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. the morning of the run.

Sell crafts and wares

Schweinfurt Elementary School (SES) hosts a craft show and flea market Dec. 6 at the school from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To purchase a table for selling wares, please visit SES front office for details. Deadline for table reservations is Dec. 1.

New TCP building

The Troop Collection Point (laundry pick-up point), bldg. 64 on Conn will be moved to bldg. 231 next to the Thrift Shop on Ledward Barracks Dec. 1. The pick-up point will reopen Dec. 2 at its new location and resume normal hours of operation 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AFN radio now on FM dial

AFN "The Eagle" radio is now available on the FM dial. Tune into FM 87.7 to hear your favorite music and DJs.



Tonight-	7 p.m.	Babylon A.D. (PG-13)
Tomorrow-	7 p.m.	Righteous Kills (R)
Saturday-	4 p.m.	High School Musical 2 (G)
	7 p.m.	The Family that Preys (PG-13)
Sunday-	4 p.m.	High School Musical 2 (G)
	7 p.m.	The Family that Preys (PG-13)
Monday-	closed	
Tuesday-	closed	
Wednesday-	7 p.m.	Righteous Kills (R)

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.		P.M.
	Friday Partly cloudy Lows 4 C / 39 F	
	Saturday Mostly cloudy Lows -2 C / 28 F	
	Sunday Partly cloudy Lows -4 C / 25 F	

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 27 NOV --Thanksgiving Day, U.S. federal holiday.
- Thanksgiving dinner at Conn & Ledward dining facilities, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Schweinfurt Christmas market opens, market square, 5:30 p.m. Open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 27-30 NOV --Outdoor Rec. snowboard/ski trip. Call for prices and to sign up at 353-8080.
- 28 NOV --Asperger's and Autism support group 10 a.m. to noon at ACS. Call 354-6933.
- Youth basketball and cheerleading registration ends. Call 354-6974 or 09721-82181.
- 28-30 NOV --Holiday Bazaar, Finney Fitness Center, Fri-Sat from noon - 7 p.m., Sunday noon - 4 p.m.
- 29 NOV --The Dance Masters perform "Best of Irish Dance," Frankenhalle in Sennfeld, 8 p.m. For tickets call 09721-69138 or 548800/176666 or 01805/4470 or www.ticketonline.de.
- 30 NOV --Community Christmas tree lighting event, Andrus Garden on Ledward Barracks, 4:30 p.m.
- 1 DEC --Beginner's German language class starts, Mon-Wed-Fri 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 354-6993.
- 1-5 DEC --Santa Shop open for sales at Schweinfurt Elementary School. Call 354-6734 for times.
- Schweinfurt Newcomers Awareness Program. Call 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933.
- 3 DEC --Christmas tree market opens through Dec. 24 at Martin-Luther-Platz in Schweinfurt.
- 4 DEC --Comedian Bernie McGrenahan performs "Happy Hour," Ledward Theater, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.
- 5 DEC --Middle school Christmas bash 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Teen Center gym. Call 0160-332-1498.
- 6 DEC --Trip to Christmas market in Rothenburg, \$15. Departs 10 a.m. Call Outdoor Rec. 353-8080.
- Trip to Christmas market in Rothenburg, 25 euro. Departs 8 a.m. Call BOSS at 353-8476.
- BOSS Neustadt steam train ride, castle visit and wine tasting, 95 Euro. Call 353-8476.
- Santa visits the Ledward Library to read Christmas stories to children, 2 p.m.
- 7 DEC --Army digital photography contest deadline. Call Ledward Crafts Studio for details 354-6903.
- 9 DEC --Community Update Forum, Schweinfurt Elementary School, 6 p.m.
- 10 DEC --Youth fine arts exhibit, Abrams Entertainment Center, 5 to 7 p.m. Call 09721-96-6414.
- 11 DEC --Monthly Lunch Bunch with St. Nikolaus, meet at ACS, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 12-14 DEC --Outdoor Rec. snowboard/ski trip to Garmisch. Call for prices and to sign up at 353-8080.
- 15-17 DEC --Christmas basketball tournament at Finney Fitness Center 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 353-8234.
- 13 DEC --Trip to Christmas market in Stuttgart, 35 euro, leaves Finney Gym 8 a.m. Call 353-8476.
- 18 DEC --Adult book club meeting, Ledward Library 5:15 p.m. Call for book at 354-1740.
- 19 DEC --Parents' Night Out child care, 6:30 - 11:30 p.m. \$16 for SAS or CDC. Call CYSS 354-6517.
- 20 DEC --Trip to Christmas market in Bad Wimpfen, 30 euro, leaves Finney Gym 8 a.m. Call 353-8476.
- 22 DEC --Last day for Schweinfurt Christmas market, downtown market square, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Teen Center & Club Beyond ski/snowboard trip. Call 354-6732 for details.
- 25 DEC --Christmas Day, U.S. federal and German holiday.
- 1 JAN --New Year's Day, U.S. federal and German holiday.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Bring the mission to the kids

Story and photos by Sandra Wilson

Deployment readiness does not just apply to Soldiers. Schweinfurt Elementary School is in the process of preparing its students for the upcoming deployment as well. With all of the questions and emotions stirring within family members, there's no wonder about the value of preparing kids for the deployment of a loved one.

This week, deploying units offered sessions for all of the students to attend at the elementary school in order to become familiar with what their parent may experience while downrange.

"It's a really good thing that we can put on," said Capt. David Evetts of 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery, who helped coordinate the event.

dinate the event.

"Basically we teach the kids about Iraq and that their parents are going there to help people," he said.

Groups of students visited the designated presentation rooms throughout Monday and Tuesday mornings to hear about Iraq weather and terrain and the people living there, to learn about the equipment and gear that keep their parents safe, and to find out what kinds of living conditions and activities can be found at a duty station in Iraq.

"If you don't understand something, you're really wary about it. The whole attempt is to get the kids to understand what their parents are doing," Evetts said.

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Clockwise from above, right: Makayla Dance, kindergartener, enjoys trying on soldier equipment. Spc. Jeff Jones fits kindergartener Dorien Crockett with elbow pads and other protective gear. Capt. David Evetts of 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment, talks to a group of students during the deploying Soldiers' visit to the school.

Black Scarves volunteers recognized for dedicated service

While preparing for the upcoming deployment, the family and Soldier teams from the 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment logged numerous volunteer hours. On Nov. 6, the Black Scarves came together for a luncheon to recognize these volunteers that made events possible and set up an atmosphere for families to thrive in the coming months.

Company A, 3-66 Armor

Carmen Archie
Gwendolyn Torres
Jana Smallwood
Marianne Wilgus
Cindy Bolick
Jamie Armstrong
Joanne Lauresta
Robin Allen

Company B

Ashley Skinner
Dylan Hopson
Morgan Hopson
Patricia Hopson
Emily Tooley
Erin Gaughan
Jacqueline Lindsay
Joy Voellm
Katharina Wright

Kerrie Hasbrouck
Kirsten Scott
Marie Wenneman
Melissa Allen
Natascha Skaggs
Nicole Butler
Nicole Montalvan
Oxana Edwards
Pattie Powers
PFC Cody Henry
PFC Danmark Kortsen
Serena Kortsen
Sara Love
SFC Kevin Ervine
Ursula Ervine
SSG John Quinones
Yency Quinones
SSG Joseph Haselmyer
Stefanie Browning
Tanja Avila

Company C

Annette Carlsrud
Arezou Barron
Caroline Palmer
Katelyn Palmer
Colleen Finch
Elizabeth Brewer
Grace Quitugua
Lori Rothe
Simone Carr

Headquarters and Headquarters Company

Benny Raeder
Christina Almario
Jeremy Almario
Tanja Almario
SSG Patrick Purcell
Daniela Purcell
Mandy Marshall

SPC Joey Poole
Ashley Poole
Tiffany Daniels
Michelle Schmierer
Montia Colbert
Karla Lang
Stephanie Klinedinst
Charlene Ennis
Beth Wojtaszek
Lori Rothe
Krynn McClain
Lindsay Hadley
Gail Torres
Tracey Bays
Alexandra Nethers
Marsha Byrom
Alisala Best
Miriam Gal
Maggie Guthrie



Scouts take advantage of the ‘future of the Army’ *Mobile training teams, distance learning beneficial to NCOs*

By Mark Heeter

As the Army looks to the future and ways to improve efficiencies, two popular tools are the mobile training team (MTT) and distance learning.

Schweinfurt has been home for the last few weeks to an MTT from Fort Knox, Ky., and a distance learning module for cavalry scouts with the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, who are completing their Basic



Killian

Noncommissioned Officer Course (BN-COC).

“It’s basically the academic portions of the course,” said Sgt. 1st Class Joel Killian, the senior BN-COC instructor for scouts at Fort Knox and lead member of the MTT here now.

The instruction for MTTs teaching BN-COC phase one is condensed from 33 days

down to 15 days of classroom instruction, which makes for an information-packed course, Killian said.



Jones

Soldiers, Killian said.

“They have family time. They get to see their families every night. And, I mean, that’s one huge benefit,” he said.

Single and married Soldiers, alike, have the added benefit of being close to their unit every day.

“My barracks are only right up the street, and if I have to go back to the unit for anything I can, so I’m not completely separat-

ed,” said Staff Sgt. Richard Schulze, who has been a student in BN-COC phase one, currently underway at the Digital Training Facility on the second floor of the Finney Recreation Center.

Phase one, non-military-occupational-skill-specific instruction in leadership skills, was coming through the DTF from the sergeants major academy in Fort Bliss, Texas, and facilitated here by two NCOs with the 1st Sqdn, 91st CAV.



Schulze

“We facilitate the class. There’s an instructor on the screen that teaches from Fort Bliss,” said Staff Sgt. Sherman Jones, a phase one instructor.

“If they have any issues, we’re going to be right there for them . . . It’s not going

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KIDS

The students were given opportunities to ask questions fielded by the Soldiers themselves.

“They all want to tell about their dad. It’s really neat how much the kids really do know. It shows how much the parents teach them at home. It can’t be that easy to teach them about this,” said Spc. Jeff Jones of 1st Bn, 77th FA.

The Soldiers’ visit to SES was the second part of the pre-deployment activities for the school, says Bill Fisk, SES counselor. The first activity addressed the possible feelings and behaviors of the children during the preparation, departure and absence of their parent. Denial, sadness, fear, or anger may all play a part, but learning how to properly handle those emotions are key to dealing with the deployment in a healthy way.

“We cover real basic concrete questions that kids have,” said Bill Fisk, SES counselor. “We explain what deployment is and feelings associated with it . . . so the kids aren’t shocked,” once the deployment is finally underway.

In the coming weeks, the third component of preparation will be shared with the students to show ways to cope for the duration of the deployment. Strategies include participating in sports, building a support team, taking up hobbies, achieving in school, and volunteering in the community and with housework. Students will also be given the opportunity to explore the possibilities of growth during the absence of their loved one.



From left, DeAndrea Holmes, eighth-grader Robert Sirleaf, and 11th-grader Cortez Lindsay perform a mime routine at the Thanksgiving dinner Saturday sponsored by Schweinfurt Club Beyond, the teen center, and the chapel. Six turkeys fed nearly 75 people at the event which also included entertainment by the teens. (Photo by Sandra Wilson)



Liaisons are there to help you, the patient

Story and photo by Mark Heeter

Every patient, every day.

That, according to Ursula Holstein, is the goal she shares with her fellow patient liaisons while they are out and about in the more than 17 hospitals they generally serve.

“We try to keep everybody happy,” Holstein said.

Patient liaisons, who are based in the Schweinfurt Health Clinic, wear many hats and offer many services to American patients served in German hospitals for everything from births and bruises to contusions and Caesareans.

“It is a very interesting job,” said Ude Lahr, another of the five patient liaisons on staff at the Schweinfurt Health Clinic.

While the liaisons travel from facility to facility assisting Soldiers, families, and civilians, they take turns working a full-day shift at the most widely used facility in the Schweinfurt area.

“At Leopoldina, we actually have a patient liaison that is there seven days a week, during regular business hours, dedicated to the beneficiary population,” said Lt. Col. Patrick Denman, commander of the Schweinfurt Health Clinic.

“They also rotate around to the other facilities,” Denman said. The liaisons’ travels carry them from Fulda down to Wuerzburg and beyond, when Americans find themselves in the care of German doctors.

One of the liaisons’ main functions is helping patients understand and become comfortable with the sometimes significantly different procedures between American and German hospitals, according to Denman.

“Health care on the economy is vastly different than what you would get in the United States,” Denman said, though he noted patients need not be concerned about the quality of care they receive here.



Patient liaisons Sylvia Hellmann, left, and Ursula Holstein, work at their desk in the information area near the main entrance to Leopoldina.

“The health care is state-of-the-art. And we are very fortunate to have in Schweinfurt a teaching institution, Leopoldina, that can meet every one of our needs,” he said.

While the patient liaisons are not doctors or nurses and can not direct any medical treatment or procedure, they are there to help patients and enjoy working with different patients and medical staff, they said.

“That’s what I like most about the job,” said Stefanie Winter, who has been with the staff since May.

An informational handbook about health care in German facilities is available under “Schweinfurt Host Nation Hospital Info” on the USAG Schweinfurt homepage at www.schweinfurt.army.mil.

BNCOC

to be some stranger, some instructor that doesn’t know them,” Jones said.

Staff Sgt. Jack Freiburger, the other phase one instructor, believed some Soldiers might feel disconnected through distance learning, but part of his job was to keep them motivated and active.

And “state-of-the-art” equipment makes distance learning appealing here in Schweinfurt, said Regina Sheptock, manager of the DTF.

“It’s almost as if you have the teacher



Sheptock

in the room, with this kind of technology,” she said.

The traditional method of teaching and learning face-to-face meets advancing technology and distance learning here.

“It’s just what the Army used to do. But now we’re transitioning to this, and this is the norm,” Jones said.

Killian, wrapping up his fifth MTT this year, agreed.

“This is the future of the Army and Army at war. The MTT is an excellent way for the schoolhouse to make sure we maximize the amount of Soldiers begin taught,” he said.



Freiburger





School celebrates Native American heritage

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Twirling colorful shawls, telling legends, and talking in code all played a part of the Native American Heritage celebration at Schweinfurt Middle School Friday.



From left, Kaitlyn Floyd, Terrilyn Brand, Brandi McPherson, and Paige Dasalla perform the Fancy Shawl Dance at the SMS assembly Friday.

"It's exciting to share the culture with the kids, and I'm honored to be a part," said Lynn Clark, organizer of the school-wide assembly and the crafter of the regalia worn by the performers.

The celebration began with a Round, or Friendship, Dance for which the audience was asked to participate.

"Historically, this dance has been going

on for hundreds of years," said seventh-grader Harley McPherson to the on-lookers. "(It) is one of the few in which non-natives are invited to participate."

Once the audience returned to their seats, Brianna Dana, eighth-grade, shared the legend of the crow bringing daylight to the Inuit peoples in the north.

"The people never forgot it was Crow who brought them the gift of daylight, and they take care never to hurt him—in case he decides to take it back," Dana said.

Four students then took the stage and performed a shawl dance representing

the struggle Native American women had in finding their place in the dance arena in the 1960s.

"The fancy shawl dance was a revolutionary breakthrough for the younger women who longed for a more stylistic approach to traditional dance," said Kaitlyn Floyd, seventh-grade.

Native American contributions to history

were shared with spotlights on individual people. Select tribes were also recognized for their code-talking for the U.S. military in World Wars I and II. Their service was to transmit secret tactical messages over military telephone or radio networks.

"Their service was very valuable since codes and ciphers can be broken, but languages must be studied for a long time before being understood," Harley said.

The final dance told the story of the special medicine dress that legend taught would heal.

"It is common for a dress to have several hundred jingles," said eighth-grader Amara Dasalla, explaining how dress jingles were made out of cone-shaped tin snuff lids.

To conclude the celebration, the tradition of gift-giving was described and gifts were bestowed upon honored guests.

"In most other societies, it is the exact opposite, in that, the honored one is the person who expects the gifts from the guests," said Brandi McPherson, sixth-grade. "Native people believe that what is given always comes back to the giver in one way or another in another form of good."

Advent tree prepares, educates families for Christmas

By Emily Athens

Advent is coming faster than you think. To prepare for the holiday season and help in celebrating Advent, the Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) are hosting a program for families of the USAG Schweinfurt community. The Jesse Tree, a project that began as an art representation tracing Jesus Christ's lineage from Jesse, the father of King David, has become a tradition for many believers all over the world.

"I'm excited to have an end product that's representative of

particular Bible stories. It's a surprise each day of a different ornament that matches the story," said Carolyn Duecker, a member of PWOC who is assisting in preparations for the event.

The project results in a tree covered in symbolic ornaments representing Old and New Testament people and stories from the Bible.

"The book participants will receive includes devotions for both children and adults. Spouses can also send a Jesse Tree set with their husband downrange to celebrate the season together," said Marsha Byrom, coordinator of

this event.

The event is held Nov. 26 at Ledward Chapel 9 to 11:30 a.m.



where the ornaments will be crafted, one for each day in December leading up to Christmas. Participants can also enjoy lunch, music, and a guest speaker.

By reading the book

that accompanies the ornaments each day in December, adults and children will possess a much deeper understanding of the history of salvation and the real meaning of Christmas, Duecker explained.

"It doesn't focus on just the birth of Christ. You see more of the Old Testament tying in with the New Testament because you pull out all these different meaningful stories that come together to then give the whole meaning of Christmas," Duecker said.

Apart from the special program next

week, PWOC meets for small group Bible Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

"The bigger picture is that we are a group of women who get together weekly to fellowship, no matter your denomination or religious views. There's no need for spouses of deployed soldiers to sit around lonely when we are here to love you and make you feel welcome," Byrom said.

For more information about PWOC, e-mail pwoc.schweinfurt@gmail.com or call the chapel at 354-1370.



November / December Trips

Arts & Crafts Studio Trips

November 30 Kitzenger Advent Market at Hanau
December 14 Ziegenhain Christmas Market
For more information, call
CIV: 09721-96-6903 or DSN: 354-6903

Outdoor Recreation Trips

November 27-30 Thanksgiving Ski and Snowboard Trip Solden, Austria
December 6 Christmas Market Trip Rothenburg ob der Tauber
December 12-14 Weekend Ski and Snowboard Trip Garmisch-Partenkirchen
For more information, call
CIV: 09721-96-8080 or DSN 353-8080

Finney Rec Center / BOSS Trips

November 27-29 Thanksgiving in Berlin
December 13 Stuttgart Christmas Market
December 6 Rothenburg Christmas Market
December 20 Bad Wimpfen Christmas Market
December 6 Steam Train Ride, Castle Visit and Wine Tasting
For more information, call
CIV: 09721-96-8476 or DSN 354-8476



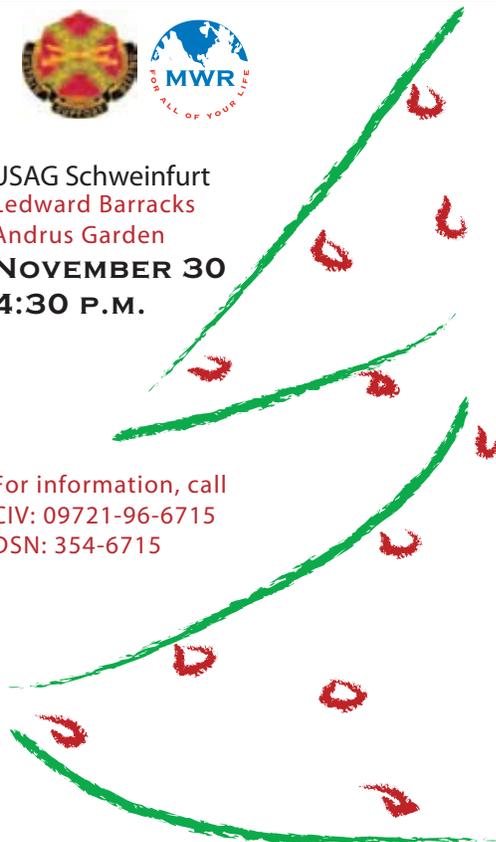
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Friday & Saturday 12-7 p.m.
Sunday 12-4 p.m.



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