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Brigade honors its fallen warriors

Story and photos by Mark Heeter

One hundred and nine names etched in stone memorialize the 109 Soldiers of the Dagger Brigade Combat Team who died in Iraq in Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. Yesterday's solemn ceremony on Conn Barracks dedicated the memorial to the memory of the fallen.

Col. J.B. Burton, brigade commander, noted the memorial, comprising the names of 59 Schweinfurt-based Soldiers, and 50 Soldiers whose units were part of the Dagger Brigade in Iraq, was a gift of the Dagger Guardian Association, "a group of dedicated Soldiers, former Soldiers, families and friends, who found a way to finance this tremendous tribute through the generous donations of people across the world."

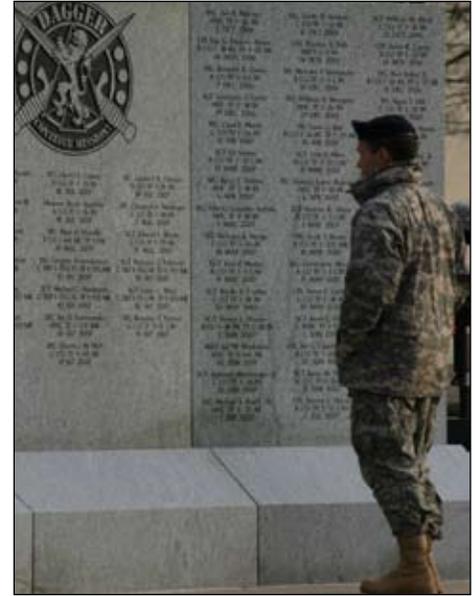
Burton explained the design of the monument to the hundreds of people gathered for the ceremony.

"This design is fitting as it formally represents a change in the tactics necessary to win," in today's battlefield, Burton said.

"This design and the names inscribed upon it represent a change in an approach to this war, while reminding us of the true cost of victory," he said, detailing everything from the shape to the symbolism of the Dagger Shield.

"Thank God for people such as these, who serve and sacrifice so others may live free," he said.

See a complete list of the Soldiers listed on the Dagger Brigade memorial monument, page 5



(Clockwise from above) Laura Giouzelis touches the name of a fallen Soldier on the memorial. Lt. Col. John Reynolds reflects before the ceremony. Col. J.B. Burton, Dagger Brigade Combat Team commander, speaks at the dedication of the brigade memorial on Conn Barracks yesterday. One hundred and nine names etched in stone memorialize Dagger Soldiers who fell in OIF 06-08.

The tax man is here, and the Schweinfurt tax centers are ready

By Mark Heeter

The Schweinfurt tax center, located in building 30 on Conn Barracks, is about to open for business. The center is scheduled to open Tuesday at 9 a.m., at which time paid tax preparers will be available to make appointments and see walk-in customers.

"We have some of the best tax filers in Germany. We have a lot of experience in the office," said Capt. Gregory Costello, legal assistance attorney with the Schweinfurt legal center.

The preparers are equipped to electronically file federal and state income taxes and can help customers receive refunds, in

many cases, in 10 to 14 days – with one exception.

"This year, because of late changes to the tax code, people getting education credits and the credit for child and dependent care, their refund is going to be delayed," said Robin Allen, one of the center's tax preparers.

People expecting to file for those credits can come in beginning Tuesday to have their forms prepared; however, the filers will not be able to submit the returns via computer until around mid-February, according to Allen.

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News Briefs

Bulk trash pick-up

Bulk Trash will be picked up Tuesday in Askren Manor, Yorktown Village and leased housing only. All residents should ensure all bulk trash items are placed outside by their trash collection point prior to 7 a.m. Tuesday. Do not put items out earlier than Monday. Only bulk trash items will be collected. This includes large items that normally do not fit into regular trash containers. Regular trash, organic waste and recyclable items (cardboard, cans, paper, glass or plastic) will be collected. Please contact the SORT Coordinator with any questions at 0162-2709403 or 354-6201.

Evening Bible study

Protestant Women of the Chapel will begin a new weekly evening Bible study "Sermon on the Mount" at Ledward Chapel each Tuesday. Study and time for prayer runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Childcare is available with advance notice. Please call the Ledward Chapel at 354-1570 or 09721-96-1570.

Daddy Basic Training

Learn parenting skills in a highly entertaining and interactive hands-on class offered at Ledward Army Community Service tomorrow from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 09721-96-6933.

WIC Overseas moving

The WIC Overseas office, currently located on Kessler Field, is moving to a new location on Askren Manor. The last day on Kessler field is Thursday, and the new office, located in the former Middle School Zone on Askren, will open Feb. 11. Phone numbers, 354-6791, and hours, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a noon to 1 p.m. lunch, remain the same.

Salsa dancing

Learn some moves and shake it up on the dance floor! Schweinfurt Army Community Service (ACS) is offering salsa dancing lessons as part of a "Couples can do it" series. Class will be held at the Ledward Yellow Ribbon Room Wednesday from 6 – 8 p.m. For more information, call 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933.

Winter Fest

There's fun in store for the whole family at MWR's 2nd Annual Winter Fest at Finney Gym tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Entertainment will include jugglers, magicians, fire breathers, the Kansas City Cheerleaders, and live music from Kojak.

Tomorrow, the Askren gate near the school will close at 4 p.m., and Ledward main exit gate will close at 6 p.m. This will allow the Conn East gate to remain open until 5:30 a.m. Saturday and Conn Geldersheim to stay open until 10:30 p.m. to ease traffic issues for the festival.

Ski and snowboard trip

Sign up now for Outdoor Recreation's ski and snowboard trip to Dolomites, Italy Feb. 15-18. The price is \$269 per adult and includes transportation, three overnights, three breakfasts, ski or snowboard rental and lessons. Ski lift ticket is not included. To sign up, call 09721-96-8080.

ADD and ADHD support

Meet with others living with ADD and ADHD. Learn about available resources and expand your support network by. The next meeting is at Ledward ACS on Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 09721-96-6933.

Couples' Communication

Attend a couple's communication class at Ledward Army Community Service on Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. Develop trust and friendship with the one you love by learning better communication and conflict resolution skills. To sign up, call 09721-96-6933.

AFTB II classes

Attend Army Family Team Building (AFTB) classes to get answers to your Army questions, grow in knowledge and skills at the Ledward Education Center Monday through Thursday from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 09721-96-6933.

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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 email: 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.



- 1 FEB --Schweinfurt Elementary Parent/Teacher conferences. No school.
- 2 FEB --Flea market at Wirsingstrasse (near the train station) in Schweinfurt, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 3 FEB --B.O.S.S. superbowl party at Finney Sports & Leisure Center. Time TBA. Call 354-8476.
- 4-8 FEB --ACS Schweinfurt Newcomer’s Awareness Program. Call ACS at 354-6933.
- 5 FEB --German Fasching Parade, begins at Spital-See-Platz, near St. Josef’s Hospital, 1 p.m.
- 7 FEB --Building Your Volunteer Portfolilo instruction, 9-11 a.m., Ledward YRR. Call 354-6933.
--Immigration seminar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Vilseck bldg. 355.
- 9 FEB --Super Saturday Respite Care from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 354-6517 to sign up.
- 12 FEB --Recognizing and coping with change, from 10 a.m. to noon, Ledward YRR. Call 354-6933.
--Smooth Move Seminar, 9 a.m. to noon, Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
--Anger Management, new class begins, 3 to 5 p.m. at Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 13 FEB --Salsa dancing for couples, 6-8 p.m., Abrams Club in Schweinfurt. Call 354-6933.
- 14 FEB --USO Valentine’s evening out. Call Schweinfurt USO, 354-6711, for more information.
- 15 FEB --Sign ups begin for CYS Parents Night Out for Feb. 22 from 6:30-11 p.m. Call 354-6517.
- 15-18 FEB --Outdoor Recreation ski and snowboard trip to Dolomites, Italy. To sign up call 353-8080.
- 18 FEB --President’s Day, federal holiday.
- 19-21 FEB --Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Instructor Training, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Ledward YRR.
- 19 FEB --Anger Management (cont.) 3 to 5 p.m. at Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 21 FEB --Recognizing and coping with change, from 10 a.m. to noon, Leighton ACS. Call 350-7103.
- 22 FEB --Parents’ Night Out, 6:30 to 11 p.m.
- 25 FEB --Advanced Word class, 8 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., Ledward Bldg 206 computer lab. 354-6933.
- 26 FEB --Advanced Excel class, 8 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., Ledward Bldg 206 computer lab. 354-6933.
--Anger Management (cont.) 3 to 5 p.m. at Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
--Seven Steps to Getting Out of Debt, 9 to 10 a.m., Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 26-28 FEB --Army Family Action Plan, Conn Club, 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, call 354-6933.
- 27 FEB --Power Point class, 8 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., Ledward Bldg 206 computer lab. 354-6933.
--Leighton ACS Lunch Bunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., meet at ACS. Call 350-7103.
--Salsa dancing for couples, 6-8 p.m., Abrams Club in Schweinfurt. Call 354-6933.
- 28 FEB --Daddy Basic Training class, Ledward ACS, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Call 354-6933 to register.
--Access class, 8 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., Ledward Bldg 206 computer lab. 354-6933.
--Ledward ACS Lunch Bunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., meet at ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 29 FEB --B.O.S.S. cosmic bowling, Kessler Bowling Alley, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call 354-6270.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Retiree Health Day aims to educate, inoculate

By Kimberly Gearhart

The Wuerzburg Health and Dental Clinics will host a Retiree Health Fair Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the clinic located in building 24 on Leighton Barracks.

Retirees are invited to stop by the clinic for free blood pressure checks, vaccinations, and dental exams, but also to start the process of having their records transferred to new care facilities in preparation for the upcoming closure the Wuerzburg Health Clinic later this year.

“It’s really an effort to get the word out to the retirees so that we have an understanding of what their needs are and they have an understanding of what’s available to them in Bavaria,” said Col. Theresa Schneider, Bavarian MEDDAC commander.

Educating retirees regarding their care options in Bavaria is paramount, she added.

“We’re asking that retirees have a plan in place regarding which clinic they will be using in the future, so that we can begin mov-

ing their medical records,” said Maj. Else Alumbach, medical director at the Wuerzburg Clinic.

For retirees who may be unsure of which clinic they will be using next, Alumbach’s staff and Tricare representatives will be on hand to help them make that determination.

“We have retirees that come from quite some distance for care, and we may be able to direct them to a care facility which is closer to their geographic location,” Schneider explained.

Retirees should bring their identification cards and shot records, if available, although Alumbach said that the clinic keeps immunization records on most of their retiree patients.

For more information, contact the Wuerzburg Health Clinic noncommissioned officer-in-charge at 0931-889-7797 or Dental NCOIC at 0931-889-6125.



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“It’s because forms aren’t available,” she said.

Among the important reminders, according to Costello, is that spouses whose Soldier-sponsor is deployed can file the return with a power of attorney, Costello said.

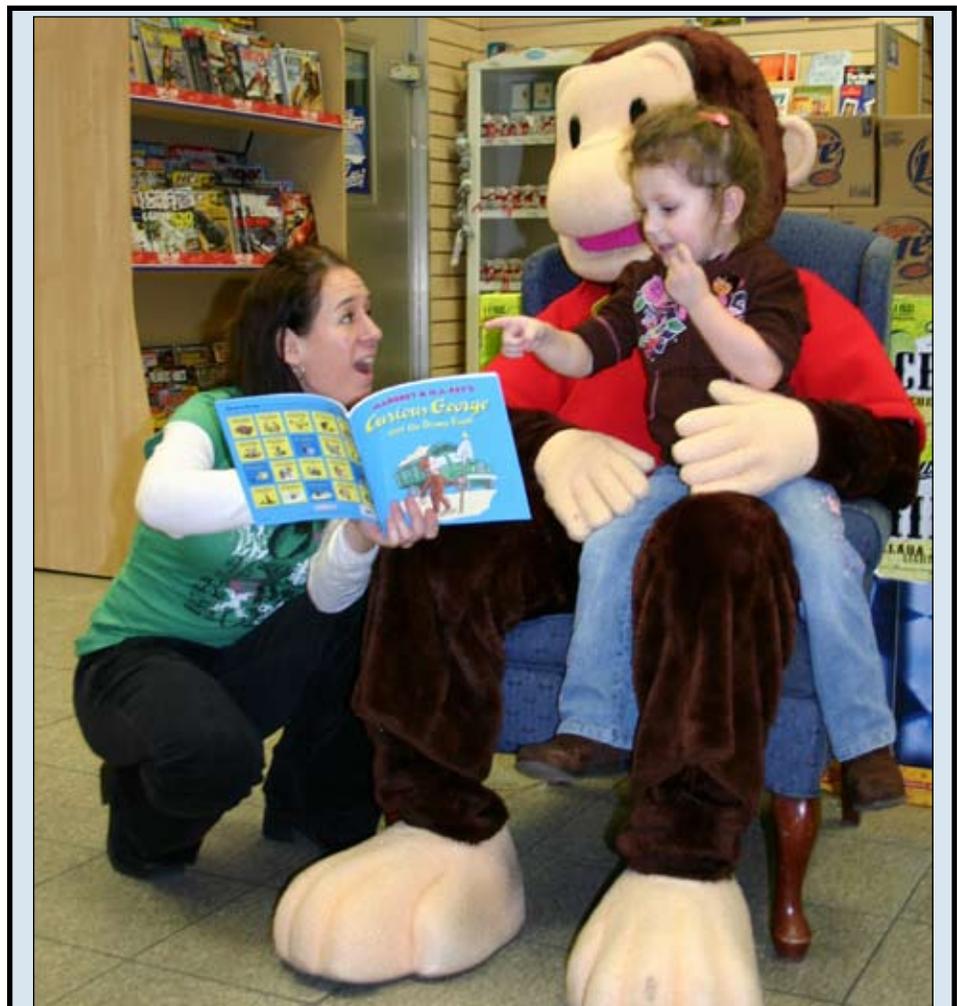
“You can get a special power of attorney done here (at the legal center in building 1, Conn Barracks) for this,” Costello said.

Those who plan to file electronically need to bring the following documents and information to the center:

- **Military ID card**
- **Social security or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) card for all individuals on return**
- **All W-2 and 1099 forms**
- **Copies of last year’s returns, if available**
- **Bank routing and account numbers (not from a debit or credit card)**
- **Joint filers must bring either their spouse or power of attorney for tax filing**
- **Any other relevant tax information**

The tax center hours of operation are Mon-Fri, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the third Saturday of each month, according to Costello.

To schedule an appointment, call 353-8992 or 09721-96-8992.



AAFES employee Desiree Faehr reads a book to 3-year-old Ashleigh Bock during story time at the Ledward Shoppette Friday, while Curious George makes sound effects to put a smile on her face. (Photo by Sandra Wilson)



Fallen Soldiers honored on Dagger OIF 06-08 memorial

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Pfc. Theodore M. West
Sgt. John T. Bubeck
Sgt. Corey J. Aultz
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Spc. Marieo Guerrero
Sgt. Mario K. Deleon
Pfc. Larry I. Guyton
Spc. David W. Behrle
Aziz Abdalsaahib
Spc. Chadwick Domino
Ri'ad Riad (Rudy) Tawfeeq
Spc. Daniel J. Agami
Spc. Raymond N. Spencer Jr.
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Pfc. Daniel J. Allman II
Spc. Ross A. McGinnis
Spc. Aaron L. Preston
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Spc. Markryan Caguioa
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Pfc. Jang Ho Kim
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Pfc. Andrew H. Nelson
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Pfc. William N. Davis

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Spc. Travis F. Haslip
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Cpl. Romel Catalan
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