



Schweinfurt Dispatch

Serving the Military Community of Schweinfurt

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Schweinfurt makes a world of difference with CFC

By Sandra Wilson

After donating more than \$80,000 to various charities, Schweinfurt has been dubbed the winner of the top Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Special Merit Award for Installation Management Command-Europe. With only two top awards given at the European level each year, it means a lot to be displayed on the wall in Schweinfurt's garrison command building.

The award ceremony took place Friday in Heidelberg with Lt. Col. Anthony Haager, Schweinfurt garrison commander, and John McIntyre, director of human resources present to receive the honors. The Schweinfurt community received the accolades for attaining the greatest improvement from the 2006 campaign in the areas of average dollar gifts, total contributions and overall participation.

"We were doing this with an almost totally deployed community," said McIntyre about the high level of donation participation in Schweinfurt. "The teamwork with the units across the board was key."

Throughout the two months of the 2007 campaign, Oct. 1 to Nov. 30, countless hours were spent making phone calls, collecting donations, and following up with each unit.

"It went (well) because of the support of the first sergeants and



Brig. Gen. Russell Frutiger, USAREUR chief of staff, left, presents Lt. Col. Anthony Haager, USAG Schweinfurt commander, with the Special Merit Award during Friday's ceremony. Fred Lang, chief of human resources for IMCOM-Europe, second from right, and John McIntyre, director of human resources for USAG Schweinfurt, right, are also pictured. (Courtesy photo)

the civilians. Without their help we couldn't have done anything. We didn't know we were going to have such success. I didn't expect it, really, with units being so busy bringing guys back from downrange," said Enilda Flores-Cabrera, administrative assistant for the directorate of human resources. This was her

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Military Saves Week encourages community to invest

By Sandra Wilson

Military Saves Week pushes its campaign for the second year into military communities world wide, and this week is the week for focusing on financial readiness.

"It's important that members of the community start discovering the importance of saving rather than spending," said Darryl Jones, Army Community Service (ACS) financial readiness program manager.

With the partnerships of ACS, Andrews

Federal Credit Union, Community Bank, and Army Emergency Relief, Schweinfurt will participate in Military Saves Week by holding two hour-long seminars tomorrow at the Ledward Theater at 10 a.m. and then again at 1 p.m. The seminars will focus on how to save and invest for future financial prosperity.

"This is an opportunity to gather yourself and look at the economic indicators that tell us that we're heading into a recession," said Jones.

Among the top factors that contribute to the instability of the U.S. economy include the weakened state of the dollar, the foreclosing housing industry, the price of oil, and even the pending presidential election, he said.

"We're going through a difficult time because the cost of goods and services are pretty high right now. (With) the uncertainty

of the future and the current financial condition that our economy is in, it's more important to have financial restraint and save," said Jones.

The seminars are designed to address a varied audience—from the well-invested to the people who live paycheck to paycheck. The credit union and bank will offer information about their services for those who wish to see what's new in the financial market. Jones will offer practical advice about individual retirement accounts and saving for children's education as well as other basic investing tips.

"We just want the community to get active and start doing something," said Jones, listing off several ways people can start to invest.

To sign up for a seminar or for individual financial counseling with Jones, call ACS at 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933.



Jones



News Briefs

Women's History Month

Join the Ledward and Leighton libraries in a Women's History Month Coffee Mar. 6. Come to either library from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the achievements of women in all walks of life and all levels of society. For more information, call 354-1740 or 09721-96-1740.

Newcomer orientation

Are you new to the Schweinfurt community? If so, join the five-day Schweinfurt Newcomers Awareness Program, held by Army Community Service, from Monday through Mar. 7. Free childcare is available for the entire week. Get acquainted with the military community as well as the German town of Schweinfurt, and meet new people in your new home in Germany. For more information or to sign up, call 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933.

Teen AFAP planned

Are you a teen who would like to see change in your immediate community or the Army in general? Submit an issue or join the Army Family Action Plan delegate team at Leighton ACS, building 14, Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Issue boxes can be found throughout the high school. For more information, call 350-7103 or 0931-889-7103.

Kids can do it, too

Would you and your 3 or 4 year-old child like to learn music traditionally taught in a German Music Schule? Sign up for Army Community Service's "Wee can do it" class, Kinder Musik, held at Schweinfurt's Abrams Center, Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. Play German games and sing German songs. Class space is limited to ten children with accompanying parent. For more information, or to sign up, call 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933.

BOSS bowls 'em over

Participate in Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS) events throughout the winter. All instruction, materials, and games are provided free of charge. Up next, cosmic bowling takes place at the Kessler Bowling Center tomorrow from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call BOSS for more information. The new numbers are 353-8476 or 0170-725-6464.

Shop at Easter markets

Interested in seeing what German Easter markets have to offer? Travel with USAG Schweinfurt Art Studio on Sundays in March to shop for crafts and supplies. Free transportation is provided and leaves from the studio at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Michelstadt will be visited on Sunday. A stop at a flea market is planned for each trip. Bring euro for entry fees, shopping, and eating. Sign up in advance. For more information, call the studio after 1 p.m. Wed-Sat at 354-6903 or 09721-96-6903.

USO travels Slovenia

Plan ahead for your spring break trip! Join United Service Organization (USO) on a bus trip to Slovenia for only 349 euro per person Apr. 4-9. Ask about reduced children's price. Arrive in Portoroz and take advantage of the beach or water sports or take the full-day excursion to see dancing horses in Lipica and the caves of Postojna. On another day, take an excursion to Venice, Italy to see old fashioned glass blowers, take a gondola ride in the world-famous canals, or just explore old-world Italian splendor on your own. For more information about tour inclusions and supplementary costs, call USO at 354-6711 or 09721-96-6711.

Dental assistant training

The Red Cross and Schweinfurt Dental Clinic have partnered to provide dental assistant training for community members. Eligible parties must be Red Cross volunteers and must complete registration by March 14. Must be able to complete 80 hours of classroom training and 200 hours of practical clinical work within two months of classroom completion. Call 354-1760 for more information.

Orchestrate your evening

Come listen to the symphony orchestra of Bamberg play at the Schweinfurt Theater on Rossbrunnstrasse 2 tomorrow starting at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 09721-510 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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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.

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.



- 7-8 MAR --Wii Warrior Challenge sponsored by BOSS: boxing, bowling, golf, baseball & tennis tournament, Finney Recreation Center. Great prizes. Call 353-8476 to register.
- 7-9 MAR --Schweinfurt Community Spouses' Club spring bazaar, Finney Fitness Center, Fri. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 9 MAR --Easter market trip with Ledward art studio, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call for more info. 354-6903.
- 10 MAR --Computer basics & Windows XP class, Ledward bldg. 206, 8 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 11 MAR --Schweinfurt Community Update Forum, Schweinfurt Elementary School, 6 p.m.
--BOSS Olympics registration deadline: basketball Mar. 12, volleyball Mar. 13. Call 353-8476.
--ACS financial class, "Why do I need good credit anyway?", 9-10 a.m. Call for info. 354-6933.
- 12 MAR --Sign-ups begin for April 12 CYS Super Saturday respite care. Call 354-6517.
--Leighton Community Update Forum, Community Activities Center, 6 p.m.
--Sponsorship training, Ledward ACS, 9 a.m. to noon. Call 354-6933.
- 13-15 MAR --Wii Warrior Challenge sponsored by BOSS: boxing, bowling, golf, baseball & tennis tournament, Finney Recreation Center. Great prizes. Call 353-8476 to register.
- 14 MAR --Bavarian teen lock-in for grades 9-12, Ledward Teen Center, 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Call 354-6732.
--Sign-ups begin for March 21 CYS Parents' Night Out in Leighton. Call 350-7762.
--Birth 'n Babies class, Ledward ACS, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call ACS to sign up at 354-6933.
- 15 MAR --Community Flea Market to benefit SCSC welfare grant program, SES, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 16 MAR --Easter market trip with Ledward art studio, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call for more info. 354-6903.
- 17 MAR --GUTS: Teen Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Schweinfurt ACS at 354-6933.
- 18 MAR --I ran to Afghanistan/Civilian fitness assessments, Finney Fitness Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
--AAFES/DeCA forum, Ledward Yellow Ribbon Room, 11 a.m.
- 19 MAR --I ran to Afghanistan/Civilian fitness assessments, Finney Fitness Center, noon-3 p.m.
- 20 MAR --B.O.S.S. "This one's for you" event, Finney Fitness Center, 3-7 p.m. Call 353-8476.
--Teen scrapbooking, Ledward Teen Center, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 21 MAR --Leighton Parents' Night Out, 6:30-11 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register at Leighton CDC.
- 20-22 MAR --Wuerzburg High School play "Noises Off", high school auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Call 350-7230.
- 24 MAR --Basic Excel I class, Ledward bldg. 206, 8 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Call 354-6933 to sign up.
- 25 MAR --Bike and skateboard safety, Leighton Skate Park, 4-5 p.m. Call 354-6933.
--Teen scrapbooking, Leighton Youth Center, 4-5 p.m. Call 350-7103.
- 27 MAR --Wii Warrior Challenge sponsored by BOSS: boxing, bowling, golf, baseball & tennis tournament, Finney Recreation Center. Great prizes. Call 353-8476 to register.
- 28 MAR --Book club meeting for "The Human Stain", Ledward library, 5:15 p.m. Call 354-1740.
- 10 APR --Sign-ups begin for May 10 CYS Super Saturday respite care. Call 354-6517.
- 12 APR --Retiree Appreciation Day, Building 40, Conn Barracks, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Soldiers hone Army combative skills

By Mark Heeter

Thinking about training to be a close-combat warrior in today's Army?

"A lot of them had never been punched in the face before," said Sgt. Darrell Miller, referring to the 44 Soldiers he had just trained for two weeks in the modern Army combatives program.

"They were able to develop and build confidence over the week," Miller said, following the certificate ceremony at the Dagger Brigade headquarters Monday.

The combatives program is designed to give Soldiers the "willingness to close in with the enemy," said Miller, a level-three instructor with more than 160 hours of training in Army combatives.

Moreover, the course honed Soldiers proficiency in one of two skills fundamental to Soldiering, according to Col. Jeffrey Sinclair, brigade commander.

"You have to be able to fight. You have to be able to shoot," Sinclair said, before presenting each of the Soldiers with a certificate of completion.

Calling the course a "leader's course," Sinclair reminded them of the importance of maintaining their skill and confidence.

"It's a perishable skill. You must continue to fight," he said.

The value of combatives training on today's battlefield was not lost on the Soldiers who grappled their way through the course.

"Especially in urban warfare, when you go into a room, you never know what's on the other side of the door," said Staff Sgt. Michael Porter, 2nd Platoon, 1st Military Police Company.



Soldiers slug it out during combatives training last week. (Courtesy photo)

"You could be face-to-face with the enemy. It's very important to learn how to take them out of the fight," he said.

All the local battalions sent Soldiers to the training, which certified them as level-one instructors.

"We want to plant the seeds down in the formations," said Lt. Col. Scott Nelson, brigade operations office, echoing Sinclair, while adding that, in addition to shooting and fighting, the commander has placed special emphasis on communications, medical skills and physical fitness.

Sinclair repeatedly told the Soldiers to take their knowledge and skill back to their units.

"You now know what right looks like with the fundamentals," Sinclair said.

ERDC names 'Warriors of the Year' in Europe

By Anne Torphy, BMEDDAC public affairs

Staff Sgt. Harold Hill and Spc. Lorena Heredia were named the 2007 European Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of Year, respectively, for the European Regional Dental Command (ERDC) at an awards ceremony luncheon Feb. 8 at the Leighton Barracks Community Activity Center in Wuerzburg.

The competition, held in Wuerzburg and Schweinfurt, challenged hopefuls—who had previously demonstrated superb achievement in the areas of military

bearing, communication, knowledge, and Soldiering skills—to prove their mettle in a three-day marathon of challenging physical events.

"This year's Soldiers were very competitive. They truly fought from the first event to the last," said Staff Sgt. Eric Talley, NCO in charge of the event.

Candidates were scored based on their performance during weapons qualification, day-and-night land navigation, and a road march. Candidates were also required to take part in written and oral exams to test their mental abilities.

"I enjoyed it. It was challenging and a fun experience that I always wanted the opportunity to do because not everyone has the chance," Heredia said.

"Study and workout, [even] when you don't feel like it," he suggested, noting that sometimes you just have to buckle down and do it, if you want to reap the benefits.

Hill and Heredia will travel to Fort Hood, Texas in March to compete against other regional command winners for the coveted title of Dental Command (DENCOM) Army-level Warrior of the Year.



Heredia



Hill



Field manual update first since 9-11

By John Harlow

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. -- The Army's new field manual for operations, FM 3-0, brings the first major update of Army capstone doctrine since the terrorist attacks of 9-11.

"This change in operational doctrine is designed to ensure that our Soldiers have the very best tools, training and leadership they need to succeed," said Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, the commanding general of the United States Army Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Gen. William S. Wallace, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, is scheduled to unveil the 15th edition of the field manual at the Association of the United States Army Winter Symposium in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in late February.

"Today's Army is about half the size it was in 1970, but the U.S. military's involvement around the world has tripled since the collapse of the former Soviet Union," Wallace noted. "The next several decades, according to many security experts, will be an era of persistent conflict that will generate continuing deployments for our Army."

"We must emphasize doctrine as the driver for change," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. "You can't cement



Stability operations such as those being conducted by members of the 82nd Airborne above, are elevated to the same level as offense and defense in the new FM 3-0. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Pryor)

change in the organization until you adapt the institutions. That change begins with doctrine."

"A tremendous amount of change in FM 3-0 has come from lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Caldwell. "It was important for us to go back and take those lessons that we have learned over time and incorporate them into our doctrine, training and leader development."

FM 3-0 institutionalizes simultaneous offensive, defensive, and stability or civil-support operations as the core of the Army's doctrine. The concept of full-spectrum operations, first introduced in the 2001 manual, still represents a major

shift in Army doctrine – forces must be able to address the civil situation at all times, combining tactical tasks affecting noncombatants with tactical tasks directed against the enemy.

Winning battles and engagements is important but not decisive by itself; shaping the civil situation in concert with other government agencies, international organizations, civil authorities and multinational forces will be just as important to campaign success, according to the new FM.

The new operations manual institutionalizes the need for cultural awareness, which is critical to understanding populations and their perceptions to reduce friction, and prevent misunderstanding, thereby improving a force's ability to accomplish its mission.

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first year working for the campaign.

With the odds stacked against generous donations, the Schweinfurt community went from a 2006 donation of \$57,040 to the award-winning total of donations amounting to \$80,303 in 2007.

"You did it in spite of lower numbers of potential givers, continued lengthy deployments, lower cost of living allowance payments in your leave and earnings statement (and) a dollar worth about 66 euro cents," said the award ceremony host and USAREUR chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Rusty Frutiger in an IMCOM-E press release.

All total of 279 organizations in Europe were cited for their CFC participation, which resulted in \$2.3 million in donations, according to the release.

"Soldiers and civilians have a good heart to be able to contribute like that," said Flores-Cabrera.



Now what were you saying?

Pediatric dentist Dr. (Capt.) Clint Rau checks fourth-grader John McConnell's teeth during the free dental screenings for children at Schweinfurt Elementary School last week. (Photo by Kathryn Hofmann)



CYS sports receives thousands for programs

By Mark Heeter

The USAG Schweinfurt Child and Youth Services (CYS) sports programs have recently received three grants from the Boys and Girls Club of America (BGCA). The first is a National Football League (NFL) fund grant, according to Daniel Jones, CYS sports director.

“This is basically for equipment. Our equipment right now is okay, but you always need good equipment,” he said. The NFL grant will also be used to continue improvements underway with the flag football program, Jones said.

A second \$5,000 grant has come to Schweinfurt through the major league baseball Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program, he said.

“We’ve got a new set of kids that we’re likely to reach out to,” following the recent turnover of personnel in Schweinfurt, Jones said, noting that the



Players fight for the ball during a CYS sports game Saturday. The youth will not have to fight for funds, though, following the announcement that Schweinfurt sports received grants from Boys and Girls Clubs of America. (Photo by Sandra Wilson)

RBI program is not new to Schweinfurt. The RBI grant will be largely used for purchase of uniforms, program improvements and field maintenance, Jones said.

Finally a \$15,000 grant, not attached to

a specific sport, is the BGCA triple play grant.

“It’s broken down into mind, body, and soul,” rather than benefitting a single sport, Jones said. “This is also part of the health and fitness needs of the community.”

For example, parents will be encouraged to participate and learn healthy eating habits with the children.

“We’re out actively trying to get money into the community to provide health and fitness options to our youth,” said Jones, who had to submit justifications to BGCA to be considered for the grants.

“I think it’s great, actually. The benefit is that we’re going to be able to give kids more depth in programs we already offer,” said Adio Toliver, the youth sports program assistant who helped Jones write the justifications and requests. The bottom line for Jones is to get children to participate.

“It’s about getting the kids into the centers,” he said.

When it comes to sports, maybe parents can learn from their kids

IMCOM-Europe release

HEIDELBERG – As the umpire bellowed out “play ball,” the little leaguer watched as the first pitch neared the strike zone.

The next sound was that of a clean hit up the middle, accompanied by a few comments coming from parents sitting in the stands. Unfortunately, not all of the remarks were of the encouraging sort.

Nothing can ruin the sheer fun of youth sports more quickly than overzealous adults.

Imagine an 8-year-old softball player being chastised because she dropped a fly ball. Or how about an irate soccer mom screaming at an opposing team’s coach. There have even been cases of parents attacking referees or umpires because they disagreed with a call.

But for most young athletes

– especially those just beginning – the joy of playing sports comes down to:

“Who cares who wins; I just want to get back out there.”

This should be a heads up for adults, especially with the first-ever Youth Sports National Report Card giving out harsh scores for many grown ups.

The findings provide a message to parents that they sometimes are the ones setting bad examples, placing too much emphasis on victory and not enough on simple participation. The panel noted that youth sports has:

*Lost its child-centered focus, meaning less emphasis on the child’s experience and more emphasis on adult-centered motives, such as winning.



*Suffered from the actions of over-invested sports parents, who set unrealistic expectations and fail to behave in a way that promotes the development of their own child and others.

*Focused on early sports specialization, leading to burn-out, overuse injuries and a hyper-competitive atmosphere focused on travel-team participation at an increasingly younger age.

“I know some parents can learn from the behavior of their 7-year-olds,” said panel member Doug Abrams, a University of Missouri professor. “The kids are the role models.”

Over the years, the Army Child and Youth Services has worked with the Josephson Institute of Ethics – which administers a program called Character Counts! and Pursuing Victory with Honor program – to help coaches and other adults

equip youth with values needed to meet life’s challenges, on and off the field.

“The main focus of Character Counts and Pursuing Victory with Honor is sportsmanship,” said Connie Larson, IMCOM-Europe CYS sports and fitness specialist.

Larson noted that the program uses six pillars of character as its foundation: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship: “Children who see adults behaving in a sportsmanlike manner are more likely to understand that doing your best and behaving with dignity are what helps you become a winner.”

Parents and adults can help youth understand that good sportsmanship includes simple gestures, such as shaking hands with opponents before a game or acknowledging good plays made by others, she said.