



Schweinfurt Dispatch

Serving the Military Community of Schweinfurt

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CDC makes grade with accreditation

Story and photos by Mark Heeter

The success story of the USAG Schweinfurt Child Development Center (CDC) is told in thousands of pages in binders spread throughout the center. And on the playgrounds.

The paper filling the binders are the documentation required by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the body which announced Monday that the Schweinfurt CDC had successfully obtained its accreditation.

“The administration, teaching staff, and families of the

Schweinfurt Child Development Center are all to be congratulated for being one of the first programs in our country to earn the mark of quality represented by the reinvented NAEYC accreditation system,” according to the notification letter provided to the CDC.

“I think that every part is important, from the cooks to the cleaning crew. Everyone has an integral part in this. If this part is broken, it’s going to affect the whole team,” said Mintina Houston, the acting CDC director who followed Armita Camp-Harrison, the director when the accrediting body visited in April.

“I think all the parts are important and have to fit together,” Houston said of the 32-person staff at the center.

All Army CDCs undergo the accrediting, although requirements have become more stringent since the last accreditation visit, according to Audrey Robinson, CDC training and curriculum specialist.

“Overall there are 450 criteria that are evaluated,” Robinson said, noting that they are all explained in great detail in those binders and broken down into various categories.

“We have no clue until that day what room they are going to observe, so when they walk in, they have to see evidence,” she said.

The Schweinfurt center met all of the required criteria and met or exceeded nearly all the criteria by program standard, according to the NAEYC results report. The evaluators also offered nine topic areas for ongoing improvement.

From application to completion, the accreditation took two years, Houston said.

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Viviana Hernandez, an intern with Camp Adventure, gives Zachary Manson a hand washing the windows at the CDC.

Kunar base renamed for fallen Sky Soldier

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Brandon Aird, 173rd ABCT Public Affairs

KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Forward Operating Base Naray in Kunar Province, Afghanistan was renamed FOB Bostick to honor and remember a fallen Soldier who died leading his men.

Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Afghan National Army Soldiers gathered near FOB Naray’s helicopter landing zone June 28 to officially rename their forward operating base in memory of Maj. Thomas Bostick, the former Commander of Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne).

“Today we celebrate the life of the finest combat leader I have ever met,”

said Lt. Col. Christopher D. Kolenda, Commander of 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), during the dedication ceremony. “He died while saving the lives of his paratroopers against a numerically superior foe.”

Bostick was leading a convoy back to FOB Keating after meeting with local elders near Kamu when it was ambushed by insurgents. Bostick and Staff Sgt. William R. Fritsche were killed during the ensuing fire fight. Thirteen American Soldiers were wounded.

“We dedicate this forward operating base to his legacy and memory. Let all who enter this base, and all who write or speak the name of it be reminded that freedom is

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Lt. Col. Christopher D. Kolenda (left) and Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Pedraza unveil a plaque dedicated to Maj. Thomas Bostick at Forward Operating Base Naray June 28 in Kunar Province Afghanistan.



News Briefs

Computers for kids

Army Community Service (ACS) holds computer classes for grades 6-9. Starting Monday computer basic and Windows XP, Tuesday is Basic Word I, Wednesday is Basic Web Design, and July 10 is PowerPoint. All classes begin at 8 a.m. and end at 12:50 p.m. The classes take place in bldg. 206, room 316, space is limited to 16 participants. For more information or to sign up call ACS 354-6933.

Chapel performances

The Ledward Chapel presents two dramatization performances. "The Man from Aldersgate," and "The Confession of St. Patrick." With award winning actor Roger Nelson playing roles, written with a strong message for today's church. The performances take place at the Chapel July 10 and 11, beginning at 7 p.m. each day. For more information call the Ledward Chapel 354-1570.

Baseball skills clinic

Child and Youth Services (CYS) holds a baseball skills clinic for youth 1st to 12th grade. Guest Ralph Rago, Great Britain senior national team's head coach takes part as well. The clinic begins Monday and ends August 1 for grades 1-5, for grades 6-12 the program begins Tuesday and ends August 7. For more information call CYS sports 354-6822.

Get to know Schweinfurt

The Army Community Service (ACS) offers a Schweinfurt Newcomers Awareness Program for Spouses (SNAPS). This program allows spouses to get acquainted with the Schweinfurt area. Takes place Monday through Friday. For more information, or to sign up call ACS 354- 6933.

Listen to Lt. Dan Band

Morale Welfare and Recreation presents Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band. The band covers a large diverse set of music. They perform on Kessler Field Monday beginning at 7 p.m. Bring the family!

Art of Life

The Schweinfurt Youth Center's Camp Challenger summer continues into the fourth week. "Art of Life" is the theme where art and creativity is key. A field trip to the Georg Schaffer Museum takes place on Tuesday, and the Bavaria Film Studios next Friday. For more information call the Youth Center 354-6933.

Celebrate Independence

Schweinfurt's annual July 4 Freedom fest takes place at Kessler Field beginning noon ending at 10 p.m. Food and drinks will be served. Many musical guests perform including Sevendust. Many forms of entertainment and activities will be available for all ages. Come celebrate!

Enjoy German Music

The Honky Tonk festival takes place downtown Schweinfurt Saturday in various places throughout the pedestrian zone. A variety of music will be available. A concert performed by "Perception" takes place at the Hallburg near Volkach Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. There is also a Parish fest at the St. Kilian church starting at 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and a performance by the brass band of Gossmannsdorf beginning at 2 p.m. Enjoy live musical entertainment.

Play Halo

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) hosts a Halo 3/Slayer tournament at the Finney Recreation Center, July 10 beginning at 6 p.m. Registration ends at 5 p.m. First place winner receives an XBOX 360 elite version, second wins a \$250 Best Buy gift card, and third wins \$100 Best Buy gift card. All contestants are in a drawing to win a \$75 best buy gift card. For more information or to sign up call 353-8476.

Vacation Bible School

Registration for this summer's installment of Vacation Bible School (VBS) begins at the Ledward Chapel Sunday. This year's theme is "The Pirates Who Don't do Anything!" from the popular children's Veggie Tales movie. Designed for children ages 4 to 10 years old. All ages for volunteers needed! For more information or to sign up as a volunteer call 354-6860, or e-mail at vbsschweinfurt@yahoo.com.

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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 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.



- 8 JULY** --Thrift Store reopens. New Hours Tues. & Weds. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Thurs. Noon - 5 p.m., 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information call 354-6723.
- 10 JULY** --Bamberg High School orientation program. Call 354-6460 for more information.
- 10-11 JULY** --Birth N’ Babies, Ledward ACS. To sign up call ACS 354-6933.
- 12 JULY** --Super Saturday Respite care, Call Child and Youth Services Registration 354-6414.
- 13 JULY** --Schweinfurt Commissary will close at 4 p.m., for shelving upgrades/installation.
--Flea market plus Levi Strauss Museum, Arts and Crafts Studio field trip. Call 354-6903.
- 14 JULY** --Schweinfurt Commissary closed for shelving upgrades/installation.
- 15 JULY** --Schweinfurt Commissary closed for shelving upgrades/installation.
--Bulk Trash pick-up, Askren, Yorktown, leased housing. Put items out by 7 a.m.
--Smooth Move Seminar, Education Center, 9 a.m. to Noon. Call ACS 354-6933.
--Phantasia Land amusement park, part of Camp Challenger. Call the Teen Center 354-6732.
- 16-17 JULY** --BOSS Dog Days of Summer Festival, Kessler Field beginning at 3 p.m. Call 353-8476.
- 18 JULY** --Black Violins concert, 7 p.m., Finney Fitness Center. Call 353-8476.
--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.
--Frankfurt Zoo, part of Camp Challenger. Call the Teen Center 354-6732.
- 21-23 JULY** --FRG/FRL Training, Yellow Ribbon Room, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call ACS 354-6933
- 22 JULY** --Warner Brothers Movie Park, part of Camp Challenger. Call the Teen Center 354-6732.
- 24 JULY** --Custom Made concert, Finney Fitness Center, 7 p.m. Call 353-8476.
- 25 JULY** --Asperger’s and Autism Support Group, Ledward ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 27 JULY** --Bad Windsheim - Museum Fest, Arts and Crafts Studio field trip. Call 354-6903.
- 29 JULY** --Bulk Trash pick-up, Askren, Yorktown, leased housing. Put items out by 7 a.m.
- 31 JULY** --Book Club Meeting, “Suite Francaise,” Ledward Library 5:15 p.m. Call 354-1740.
--First Impressions seminar, Ledward ACS, 2 to 4 p.m. Call ACS 354-6933.
- 1 AUG** --Teen Summer Stress Buster, open to all teens, Kessler Field, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 4-8 AUG** -- Schweinfurt Newcomer Awareness Program for Spouses. Call ACS 354-6933.
- 8 AUG** --Holiday Park, part of Camp Challenger. Call the Teen Center 354-6732.
- 8-10 AUG** --Club Beyond High School camping trip to Little Switzerland. Call 01603321498.
- 9 AUG** --Super Saturday Respite Care, Call Child and Youth Services Registration 354-6414.
- 11-13 AUG** --Bamberg High School transition program. Call 354-6460.
- 12 AUG** --Club Beyond Middle School Shopping trip to Graf. Call 01603321498.
- 22 AUG** --Parent’s Night Out, School Age Services and Child development center, call 354-6517.
- 27 AUG** --Europa Park, part of Camp Challenger. Call the Teen Center 354-6732.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Schweinfurt MWR rolls out fun with Bunco

Story and photo by Lindsey Cole

Morale Welfare and Recreation invites the Schweinfurt community to roll the dice on fun with Bunco, and win prizes while having a good time and meeting new people.

Bunco is a simple game involving teamwork, dice and keeping score. Groups of four are selected and then divided into teams of two, team partners rotate after each round.

The goal of the game is to roll the three dice and achieve three of a kind, which is BUNCO, from the "key number" that's established at the beginning. Points are awarded depending on the roll with the winner having accumulated the most points.

"The event has been an absolute success, participation has increased so much simply by the word of mouth from other players. It's very popular and fun, we definitely want more people to come out and play," said Silvia Joiner, MWR recreation specialist who organized the events.

During the fast paced game, players have the option to order food from Ramon's restaurant, conveniently located in the

same facility, or to enjoy complimentary refreshments that are offered throughout the game

"It would be good if other activities like this were offered. It's good fun and interesting," said Sgt. Gabriela Chavez, noting that work is sometimes stressful, so a recreational activity is helpful.

"I saw the ad in the flyer, and it takes the stress away and takes your mind off of things," said Jeanny Pajak.

Last Thursday was the third Bunco night, and there are plans to have more beginning in August. Each event has had a different theme. Week one was Spa Night and week two featured Gourmet night. Thursday's game featured clothing and accessory prizes.

While the game is marketed toward



Carol Haager (left) and Sherry Parker await the outcome of the dice as they roll their turn.

women, everyone is encouraged to participate. Men have attended all three sessions.

Due to its success, Joiner plans to continue to offer this game in August. She said she hopes to offer more activities like Bunco to help individuals have a good time and make new friends.

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"This is a very in-depth study of your program," she said. "It helps you take an

introspect look at your teaching practices."

Among the areas evaluated are relationships, curriculum, teaching, assessment of the children's development, and health, according to Robinson.

"A lot of people think it's babysitting and just making sure the kids don't make it out the door. But they're teaching. It's a lot of hard work," said

Denise D'Adda, the assistant director who was on-hand during the last accreditation five years ago.

"I see a big difference from when I first walked in the door to now. We've all come together and support each other a lot more," D'Adda said.

"There is a lot of organization. Everyone has to know their part and kind of has to know everyone's else's part, so you can support each other," she said.

In addition to maintaining their quality programs and addressing the nine topic areas for ongoing improvement, the CDC will be subject to random re-evaluations throughout the 5-year accreditation term, meant to ensure consistent standards.

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not free," said Kolenda.

A few days after the fire fight village elders tired of fighting going on near their villages approached Kolenda, which resulted in the 100-man shura, or council.

"The price paid in blood that day has led to greater stability in of the most violent districts in the country, set the conditions for the emergence of the 100-man shura, and has increased the safety and security of civilian and soldier alike in that region," Kolenda said.

Near the end of the ceremony two F-15 Fighter Jets flew side-by-side over FOB Bostick to pay their final respects to a fallen hero.



Arlene Rodriguez, a lead teacher with the CDC, helps the children cool off on the playground yesterday.



Program helps community find opportunities

By Mark Heeter

Opportunity knocks loudly with the Army Community Service (ACS) employment readiness program and ACS resource center.

“We provide the resources and the information that we have,” said Karla Lang, coordinator of the ACS resource center, located in The Commons.

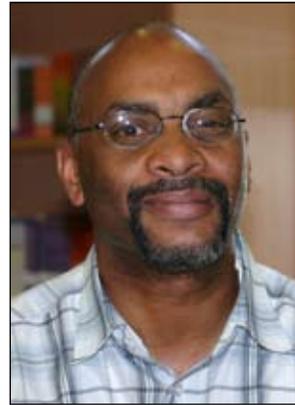
Still, the resources and services are “underutilized,” according to Lew Lewis, employment readiness program manager.

“I do think that people are pursuing the jobs alone and there’s specific information that we can give them that will assist them with that process,” Lewis said. “The community is not using their ability to maximize this resource that is available to them.”

In addition to the three computers and shelves stuffed with books – covering everything from interviewing and test-taking to resume writing and market studies – the resource center is home to the “Jolt! Weekly,” an e-newsletter filled with job listings and other tips.



Lang



Lewis

“We have the Internet for surfing and we actually sit down with them and do a one-one-one sit down with them and work through their resumes,” at the center, Lang said.

“We deal with adult family members, who are eligible to be employed, and we also deal with transitioning Soldiers,” Lewis said.

Lewis offers three core classes with the employment readiness program – resume writing, federal resume writing, and first impressions – as well as several basic computer skills. Individuals, families, the community and the larger Army all benefit from having well-placed and satisfied employees, he said.

“If you get the right person in the right job, the community benefits from it. Because then you actually have people who are glad to be there and have the right skill sets. On the bigger level, it supports retention,” by providing spouses the opportunity to build careers,” Lewis said.

“We’re here to help,” Lang said.

For information or to subscribe to the “Jolt! Weekly,” call 354-6933 or 09721-96-6933.

Training prepares families, rear-detachment Soldiers

Story and photo by Lindsey Cole

When units are deployed downrange, a rear detachment group is designated to stay behind to handle the unit’s Garrison-side needs. In order to handle all of those duties, Soldiers in the rear detachment receive a vast amount of training.

The United States Army Europe (USAREUR) has established required pre-command courses for primary leadership positions; rear detachment training falls under this category. The course is designed for individuals who have been identified as rear detachment leaders, and who will take charge when the units deploy.

Lt. Col. Eric Stetson, who will be the 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade’s rear-detachment commander, is keen on problem solving, and informs the Soldiers in rear-detachment training to push those unresolved issues up for his review.

“Communication is key...the goal for families is to thrive and not just survive the deployment. We want them to have the ability to take care of themselves and be

self sustaining. The Soldiers will have to maintain their personal war fighting skills and support the brigade and families,” Stetson said.

“We try to provide the tools to show where to go, and guidance on how to take over different positions. What you’ll see is individuals filling positions possibly one to two grades higher than what their normal grade is. So we’re trying to prepare these leaders for success,” said Training Administrator Robert Maciag.

The training is also an opportunity for Soldiers to ask questions of their commands and receive good answers.

“There’s so much knowledge coming out of these courses that you learn something new every time... This course is helpful in showing (rear detachment Soldiers) who to contact if something happened that was beyond their knowledge... It gets everyone working together better and when the unit’s stronger it helps build a stronger cohesion,” said Rear Detachment Course Facilitator Staff Sgt. Jason Gaulke.

This course encourages family members

to sit in if they desire. There are certain aspects of the training that don’t necessarily pertain to family members however, it is beneficial in the sense that it enlightens them about what may take place while their loved ones are away.

“You learn a lot in this class about how to help families. It is such a benefit for the community and brings a lot of knowledge, I encourage more people to get involved with these,” said Teresa Burns, spouse and employee of the 172nd Support Battalion.

Spc. Lillian Dressig has not had such a positive experience with rear detachment during her deployment time, but has a drive to do her best and improve the program.

“I want to take my experience and help the families the best that I can,” she said.

“I think it’s great for the leadership, it’s a team building exercise. Pulling other lessons from former commanders and rear detachment teams helps a lot, it’s a great start for us to find out the direction we are going to be facing, with the upcoming deployment,” said Capt. Joshua D. Buchanan of 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry.