



Rising Star winner declared for Schweinfurt

Story and photo by Emily Athens

“This was a homerun out of the park.”

“You have such a beautiful voice.”

“Last week you were awesome, but this week was a touchdown.”

These were just a few of the many praising comments judges Jamie Morales, Cheryl Dean, and Marilyn Neville offered to Schweinfurt winner Alielobret, or Bree, Lawson Friday during the final round of the Operation Rising Star singing competition.

After three weeks of show, Lawson and three other contestants— Nikki Brown, Susanna Jenkins, and Mary Jane Hicks— performed for the winning title.

Lawson came out on top singing “No One” by Alicia Keys, saying that her motivation comes from her husband while her talent comes from God.

“God has blessed me with a voice. I really have only sung in front of people in church where I don’t sing for people, I sing for God. Here, I was singing for people so I was nervous. My husband has a lot of confidence in me and was the one that pushed me to do this competition,” Lawson said, referring to Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Lawson of 9th Engineer Battalion who is currently serving in Iraq.

Previously dubbed military idol and open only to military members, Operation Rising Star is now a singing competition open to service men and women and their family members who are 18 years and older.

“This competition gives MWR itself the opportunity to provide a little bit of home right in our backyard for the community to participate in. It creates the opportunity for recognition of talent, giving people the chance to perform. And it builds self esteem,” said Garland Travis, Schweinfurt’s entertainment director.

Throughout the entirety of the competition, the community attendance was consistently high, said Travis, as they were given the chance to vote for their favorite performer.

“This year was unbelievable. A lot of times, as contestants dwindle down, the audience dwindles down, but that didn’t happen this year, which just shows that this really was a community event,” Travis said.

Lawson took home a \$500 cash prize and will advance to the

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Bree Lawson sings “No One” by Alicia Keys for the judges Friday during the final round of Schweinfurt’s Operation Rising Star competition.

BOSS advisor receives award for going ‘beyond the call of duty’

By Sandra Wilson

Had you asked her 28 years ago, perhaps she wouldn’t have known about the kind of passion she would develop in the forthcoming years to serve single Soldiers to the best of her ability.

The USAG Schweinfurt Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) advisor to the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program in Schweinfurt Silvia Joiner, received the top Department of the Army (DA) award in August for her excellence in service to the program. The 2009 Felteus Edwards Award for FMWR Excellence to the BOSS Program goes only to one recipient Army wide, and this year Joiner outshined the rest.

“She has demonstrated a level of

commitment and loyalty that far exceeds duties described in her job description,” wrote Lt. Col. Anthony Haager, USAG Schweinfurt commander, in recommending Joiner for the award.

“I’ll do it with an award or without an award. ... I do it because I can’t help it,” Joiner said, adding that she loves her job and feels honored to have received such prestigious recognition.

Not only has she garnered the personal accolades, but the program in which her energy is spent also brought home the DA first place award for “Best Event” in its size category for the second year in a row.

“(Joiner) has consistently gone above

and beyond the call of duty which is evident in our BOSS program being one of the best programs in the Department of the Army,” wrote USAG Schweinfurt Command Sgt.

Maj. Ernest Lee, senior enlisted advisor to the BOSS program, in a recommendation letter for the award.

Joiner began working with Schweinfurt military community in 1981, and by 1987 found herself in the MWR field.

“I wanted to work with the Americans. ... I felt very comfortable with the culture,” she said, explaining that, though born and raised in the nearby town of Sennfeld, much of her prior job experience was in the United



Joiner

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Events and activities in the local communities

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS VISIT:
www.schweinfurtserver.de/user/tourismus/Neu/stadtplan_EN_Endversion_2008.pdf

Tomorrow - Monday:

Dorffest (village fest) in Koltzheim.

Parish fest in Uechtelhausen.

Saturday:

Soccer game Schweinfurt versus ASV Rimpar, at the Willi-Sachs-Stadium, 3 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

Concert by the band "Blechsaden," conference center, Maininsel, Schweinfurt at 7:30 p.m.

Concert by "Elala," Buegerhaus in Schwebheim, 7 p.m.



Street music festival "Pflasterklang" – concerts, parties, events, exhibitions and much more at various locations downtown Schweinfurt, 8 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Youth brass band of Stadtlauringen, 40th anniversary concert, Festhalle in Stadtlauringen, 7 p.m. Musical entertainment by the band "Saphir."

Saturday - Monday:

Parish fest in Euerbach-Obbach

Saturday and Sunday:

Fall festival in Oberwerrn, live musical entertainment 5 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Children's program includes pony rides.



"Bremser" (new wine) fest, Weinbau Ebert in Oberschwarzach, Kammerforst No. 9 at 3 p.m.

Saturday - Oct. 2:

Nachsommer concert season, 10th anniversary. Classic, soul and jazz performed by national and international artists at SKF Hall 410 in Schweinfurt. For tickets, visit www.eventim.de or call 01801-052052.

Sunday:

Concert by the Ball Bearing Jazzband, Schloss Hallburg near Volkach, 11 a.m. Tickets sold at the door.

Traditional fest "Nachkirchweih," with live music, traditional dances and costumes at Am Plan in Gochsheim.

Sunday and Monday:

Traditional fest "Nachkirchweih," Am Plan in Sennfeld.

Tuesday:

Concert by "Sixpack Premium Live," Hallburg Castle, Volkach, 8 p.m. Tickets sold at the door.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Oct. 17:

Dance theater "Black Grace" from New Zealand performs, Schweinfurt Theater, Rossbrunnstrasse 2 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 09721-51475 or 09721-51510.

Oct. 23:

Ballet "Don Quixote" performed by the ensemble of St. Petersburg Ballet Theater Boris Elfman, Schweinfurt Theater, Rossbrunnstrasse 2 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 09721-51475 or 09721-51510.



Oct. 31:

Black gospel performance, "Total Praise," Congress Center in Würzburg at 8 p.m. For tickets go to www.getgo.de/total_praise

Schweinfurt Dispatch



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



This week...

Students released early Monday

School students will be released early Monday. Dismissal times are as follows: Schweinfurt Elementary School 11:20 a.m., Schweinfurt Middle School 11:30 a.m., and Bamberg High School 11:30 a.m. Questions, call the school liaison office at 09721-96-6057.

Oktoberfest trip

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers invites geographical bachelors and single Soldiers on a trip to Munich for Oktoberfest Sept. 19. Cost is 40 euro per person, and bus departs Finney Fitness Center at 6 a.m. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday. Call 09721-96-8476.

Transition or retirement briefings held

The Personnel Transition Assistance Center offers a pre-retirement briefing in building 40 on Conn Barracks Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To reserve a seat, call 09721-96-8683 / 8693.

Optometry services limited

The Schweinfurt health clinic optometry department will have some services unavailable for the month of September and/or serviced elsewhere. Provider appointments will be unavailable for the month of September and will reopen Oct. 1. Services offered: physicals, spectacle orders or adjustments, and MEDPROs updates. Class 1 flight physicals can be completed at Katterbach health clinic by calling 467-3398 or 09802-83-3398.

Orientation set for newcomers

Are you new to the Schweinfurt community? Sign up for Army Community Service's five-day Schweinfurt Newcomers Awareness Program for Spouses from Sept. 14-18. Free childcare is available the entire week. Get acquainted with the military community as well as the town of Schweinfurt. Call 09721-96-6933.

National video game day

Celebrate national video game day at Ledward Library Saturday. Compete in a Rock Band tournament at 3 p.m.

Learn clinic benefits

Come to the health fair at the health clinic Wednesday in support of health care benefits awareness month. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. throughout the clinic and features informational tables by occupational therapy, primary care, behavioral health, physical therapy, TRICARE, veterinary clinic and more.

TSP class held

Do you know everything there is to know about the Thrift Savings Plan? If not, come to Army Community Service's class Understanding the TSP, Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. This workshop provides information for Soldiers and civilian employees on the Thrift Savings Plan. Call 09721-96-6933.

Bowling tournament

Join the Baker Double tournament at the Kessler Bowling Center Saturday at 1 p.m. Tournament includes three games with the winner determined by the highest score. Cost is \$20 per two-person team. Cash prizes will be awarded. Tournament is open to all I.D. card holders 18 and older. Call 09721-83391.

Schweinfurt



Tonight-	7 p.m.	Transformers 2 (PG-13)
Tomorrow-	7 p.m.	Post Grad (PG-13)
Saturday-	4 p.m. 7 p.m.	Ice Age 3 (PG) Post Grad (PG-13)
Sunday-	4 p.m. 7 p.m.	Ice Age 3 (PG) Post Grad (PG-13)
Monday-	closed	
Tuesday-	closed	
Wednesday-	7 p.m.	Bruno (R)

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.		P.M.	
	Friday Sunny Lows 13 C / 55 F		Friday Partly cloudy Highs 20 C / 68 F
	Saturday Sunny Lows 13 C / 55 F		Saturday Partly cloudy Highs 21 C / 70 F
	Sunday Partly cloudy Lows 14 C / 57 F		Sunday Mostly cloudy Highs 15 C / 59 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 18 SEPT --Deadline to register for Super Saturday child care on Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for those with children ages six through fifth grade. Cost is \$16. Call 09721-96-6517.
- "1-2-3 Magic" managing difficult behaviors parenting class, 9-11 a.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 19 SEPT --Munich Oktoberfest, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers trip, 6 a.m. Call 09721-96-8476.
- 20 SEPT --Trip to Lichtenfels basket market with Crafts Studio. Departs 8 a.m., returns 6 p.m. 354-6903.
- 21 SEPT --Basic MS Excel class, Ledward building 206, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 22 SEPT --Lunch 'n Learn, Ledward Library, 12:15 p.m. Bring own lunch & learn about Tumblebooks.
- Registration ends for community basketball. Season starts Oct. 1. Call Finney 09721-96-8234.
- Love and Logic parenting class, 9-11 a.m. Call Army Community Service at 09721-96-6933.
- 22-23 SEPT --Auditions for community theater comedy and drama "Quickies!" Abrams Center, 1 & 6 p.m.
- 23 SEPT --Hispanic heritage month lunch, Ledward Library, 12-1 p.m. Free food.
- Family Readiness Group roundtable discussion, yellow ribbon room, 6-8 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- The Relationship Cure class, 9-11 a.m. Call Army Community Service at 09721-96-6933.
- 24 SEPT --Library book club meeting, 5:15 p.m. Coffee, tea and treats served to discuss "People of the Book: A Novel" by Geraldine Brooks. Copies at front desk, call 09721-96-1740.
- Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meet and greet at Finney Fitness Center, 1-5 p.m.
- Lunch Bunch, meets at Army Community Service 11 a.m. Bring euro. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 25 SEPT --"Fireproof" PG movie drama, Askren Manor, 8 p.m. Email pwoc.schweinfurt@gmail.com.
- 26 SEPT --Egg pysanky, Yellow Ribbon Room, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Email pwoc.schweinfurt@gmail.com.
- 26-27 SEPT --Commissary case lot sale. Come shop for items in bulk at discounted rates.
- 29 SEPT --Bulk trash pick up for Askren, Yorktown, and government leased housing.
- Eliminate debt financial class, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Call Army Community Service 09721-96-6933.
- 29-30 SEPT --Auditions for community theater comedy and drama "Quickies!" Abrams Center, 1 & 6 p.m.
- 5 OCT --Combined Federal Campaign kicks off, PX lobby, 11:30 a.m. cake cutting.
- 6 OCT --Coffee bar opens at the Ledward library. Celebrate noon-1 p.m. Details at 09721-96-1740.
- Holiday greetings video recordings for Soldiers and/or family members, PX. Times TBD.
- 8 OCT --Community theater: "The Way of All Fish," Abrams Center, 7 p.m. Reserve at 354-6225.
- 10-11 OCT --Trip to textile market in Michelstadt with Crafts Studio. Call 09721-96-6903 to reserve seat.
- 15 OCT --Community theater: "The Way of All Fish," Abrams Center, 7 p.m. Reserve at 354-6225.
- 17 OCT --Breast cancer awareness 5k run, Kessler Fitness Center, 9 a.m. Pre-register 7:30-8:15 a.m.
- 23 OCT --Parents' Night Out, 6:30-11:30 p.m. Sign up now. Cost is \$16. Call 09721-96-6414 to register.
- 24 OCT --Day trip to Rhoen with Outdoor Rec, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$20. Call 09721-96-8080.
- 31 OCT --Day trip to Pottenstein with Outdoor Rec, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$20 Call 09721-96-8080.
- Halloween bash with costume contest for children & adults, Ledward Library, 5 p.m.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Schweinfurt training area opens up for 173rd ABCT exercise

By Emily Athens

The Army is constantly altering its training methods and objectives to fully prepare Soldiers for the current threats and contingencies. In an effort to meet these demands and increase Soldiers' readiness, Camp Robertson, part of the Schweinfurt local training area, has upgraded its facilities to provide the tools and equipment needed for collective pre-deployment training.

"A lot of people don't realize that we have the third largest training area in Germany next to Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels. It's 12,500 acres with the capabilities and infrastructure to house 300 Soldiers. A lot of units come from Graf, Hohenfels, and Italy to use our training area and for it to be right in our backyard ... it's unbelievable," said Bernard Ahlers, training resource specialist in Schweinfurt.

Among those units intermittently utilizing Camp Robertson, is Company A, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based in Vicenza, Italy, which began a 10-day mission-readiness exercise training Sept. 2.

"Training here has given us an isolated zone to maneuver around in. It's given us battle space that we can more or less control and have constant interaction with local leaders and security forces," said Capt. Joe Snowden, Alpha company commander, referring to the combat outpost (COP) they built up to use throughout the exercise.

The COP is one of many simulated areas in Camp Robertson that provide realistic situational training, Ahlers said. Other areas include a four-lane improvised explosive device (IED) highway and a replicated village of the Kunar Province in Afghanistan, complete with imitations of a mosque, vendors, a school, a police station, and a cemetery.

"We have contractors on the mock battlefields to provide patterns of life. They have their own storylines and bios ... like actors. We have police, a tribal elder, civilians, a religious person, doctors, nurses ... all these characters to add to the realism," said Maj. Javier Lopez, primary company observer-controller from Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) in Hohenfels, who is evaluating the progress of the company.

The training requires Soldiers to build relationships with this population and respond to numerous situations, according to Lopez. The exercises are meant to build their war fighting abilities through combat with enemy tactics that will prepare them for the realities of war, he said.

"I observe how they react ... how they apply the rules of engagement. We have an opposing force who replicates the Taliban, shooting mortars, machine guns, setting up IEDs, and it's up to the good guys to react. So the Soldiers have to work through it, work smart, and think of what resources they have available and employ it. It's hard. It's not meant to be easy training," Lopez said, emphasizing that it's all about counterinsurgency operations and how they can apply it in theater.

After the first week of training, Lopez praised the "wonderful facilities" of Camp Robertson, citing its value for maneuver training where units can accomplish their objectives.

"I'm glad we came here. There are lots of advantages for having a company here. We can focus on training and the size of the area is large enough. We've replicated the distances between the main support center and how they can communicate. Internally, it allows the company to exercise their own systems to command and control, to communicate, to protect themselves. It's just another great facility to use," Lopez said.

Splash bash draws crowd for water fun

Alisa Roman, left, and Bella Hernandez, family members of 172nd Support Battalion, enjoy cotton candy during the community Splash Bash Saturday on Askren Manor.

The event served as one last hoorah of summer as children pranced around in bathing suits to go on water slides and in splash pools. Other activities provided entertainment for youth and adults of all ages.

Donny Vox performed live music throughout the day while community members mingled, ate food, and sipped drinks until dusk. (Photo by Emily Athens)





Employees work hard to deliver mail quickly

By 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq – Receiving mail at Joint Base Balad (JBB) can be a big morale booster for service members and civilians, which is why the men and women responsible for making this happen work 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Members of the Joint Military Mail Terminal (JMMT) process bulk mail for seven zip codes, including northern Iraq.

In July alone, 1.7 million pounds of incoming and outgoing parcels, the equivalent of 130,000 pieces of mail, came through the JMMT, said Staff Sgt. David Cunningham, the noncommissioned officer in charge of JMMT North, with the 81st Military Mail Terminal.

December is the heaviest month, with roughly 2.85 million pounds, or 220,000 pieces of mail, coming through JBB's JMMT, said Cunningham.

JMMT employees load the mail on flight pallets, which Air Force and Department of Defense contractors prepare for shipment. Roughly 10 to 14 planes full of mail fly in and out of JBB each week, Cunningham said.

Cunningham said their mission focuses on the mail coming in and out of JBB, as well as generating postal operating directive reports.

"When the contractor turns in (contraband) items such as knives,

etcetera, we have to open the package, provide a picture of the item and notify the mailer and the person receiving the mail that their package was opened by us," said Cunningham. "Those items should be sent registered mail, that way this would not occur."

Cunningham said another aspect of the mission is the oversight of the 86 Kellogg, Brown and Root, Inc. (KBR) employees, through a series of bi-monthly inspections and a performance evaluation board once a month.

First Lt. Jamie Vestal, the officer in charge of postal operations and a contracting officer representative of JBB postal operations, with the 2nd Battalion, 38th Human Resource Company out of Schweinfurt, said he provides direct support and ensures parcels and letters get to each Soldier in their respective units.

"We want to make sure Soldiers can receive mail and have no issues sending mail out," said Vestal, a Chicago native.

All units on JBB must meet military and postal regulations.

Staff Sgt. Johnny Nieves, with the 2nd Bn, 38th HRC, said his unit conducts quarterly inspections of 135 units' mailrooms to ensure they are following correct procedures and policy guidelines.

"We also check suspicious mail referred to us by KBR," said Nieves. "We assess the situation and make sure it goes through the proper channels."



Anthony Tocco and Gloria Perez, both mail clerks with Kellogg, Brown and Root, Inc., sort packages at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. (Photo by Spc. John Stimac, 139th MPAD, 13th ESC Public Affairs)

WINNER

military wide finals where she will compete against first place winners from participating garrisons around the world. Second place went to Nikki Brown, while Susanna Jenkins brought home the third place prize.

"Any of the four could've won, but Bree just stood out even in rehearsals. Her vocal range and the control that she possesses over her instrument are very strong. The quality of her voice ... it's natural," Travis said.

Lawson will begin following the footsteps of last year's military wide winner from Schweinfurt. But



despite the possibilities, Lawson keeps her beliefs close to heart and will take the competition one step at a time, preparing

the best way she knows how: through prayer.

"This experience has built a lot of confidence in me, but staying humble is so important. It just makes me happy to know that a lot of people love my voice.

It feels really good. But to prepare for the next step, all I can do is pray," Lawson said.

The next round consists of a video submission to be judged by a panel of experts who then select 12 performers to advance to the semi-final round in Ft. Belvoir, Va. Individuals can vote online during the semi-final and final round to

help find the military's top vocalist. Go to www.oprisingstar.com from Nov. 7 through 22 to cast a vote.

AWARD

States.

For the last 20 years, since the inception of the BOSS program, Joiner has found that her work has naturally incorporated some of the things she enjoys most.

"I wanted to show (single Soldiers) that there were other things in life," she said.

Planning trips, local events, and recreational activities has given her the opportunity to share the adventures with Soldiers who may not know the fun to be had. Joiner's job even took her on two deployments to serve the Soldiers in Kosovo and Bosnia with entertainment events and activities, as well as developing recreational centers for their well-being.

"Before BOSS ... the needs of single Soldiers were not addressed. I wholeheartedly believe that has (now been) accomplished," Joiner said.

"I will continue to work with the Soldiers. ... We'll just continue to make BOSS the venue for the Soldiers to ... give them a voice in terms of their quality of life. ... That's my goal," she said.



Schweinfurt Soldiers run Bulgarian marathon

By Mannoel Gorospe, Joint Task Force-East Public Affairs

PLOVDIV, Bulgaria – Joined by Soldiers from throughout his command, Lt. Col. David Hurley, the Schweinfurt-based Joint Task Force-East (JTF-East) commander, was the top finisher among U.S. servicemembers in the 34th annual Memorial International 22-kilometer marathon in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, Saturday.

T w e n t y - t h r e e servicemembers ran

from Saedinenie Square in Saedinenie to Saedinenie Square in Plovdiv.

“It’s all about building bridges...during the race I gave a bottled water to a Bulgarian runner and he thanked me after the race,” Hurley said.

The race began with a traditional Bulgarian folk dance at the square in Saedinenie and concluded with an awards ceremony in Plovdiv.

Hurley finished among the top ten runners overall.

2nd Lt. Kimberly Jung, JTF-East, also of the 15th Engineer Battalion in Schweinfurt, and Sergeant Nicole Schmidt, from the 240th Quartermaster Supply Company out of Bamberg, Germany achieved second and third places, respectively, in the military women’s category.

Joint Task Force-East’s participation in the annual run is an engagement with the local community, which fosters partnerships with the host nation.



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Blackhawks ensure timely food delivery to feed Soldiers

Story and photo by Capt. Stephen Short, 172nd Infantry Brigade

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – Temperatures in Iraq can swell to over 120, but that does not stop the food service specialists of the 172nd Infantry Brigade, Blackhawks, from receiving, unloading and reloading thousands of pounds of food for shipment to hungry Soldiers at outlying bases.

Sometimes seven trucks a day arrive that require Soldiers to start unloading shipments as soon as possible, and the work is predominantly done outdoors in the heat of the day.

Food service Soldiers work hours ranging from 4 a.m. to sometimes 8 p.m. ensuring that food is unloaded and redistributed to anywhere from 350 to 900 Soldiers awaiting resupply.

“We had only six Soldiers to do Class I resupply when we arrived here in Iraq and there were a lot more shipments and bases to supply,” said Staff Sgt. Billy Kearshner, noncommissioned officer in charge of Class 1 resupply, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 172nd Support Battalion.

“At one time we had over one million dollars in food shipments in one month, but now we are averaging around 90 thousand dollars per week,” added Kearshner, a native of Terre Haute, Ind.

Agility, a Kuwait based company, packages and ships food orders by truck to FOB Kalsu. Once the order arrives, Soldiers must unload, repackage and reload specific orders for each base onto trucks driven by Soldiers from the 172nd

Spt Bn and 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade.

“I’ve got 72 hours to unload a truck once it arrives, and then we have perishable and semi-perishable foods that have specific requirements,” said Master Sgt. Arthur Ray, brigade senior food operations manager, HHC 172nd Inf. Bde.

A large forklift lifts pallets full of drinks and foods for positioning in front of storage containers or beside trucks, but the final step requires hands on lifting and human muscle to get the job done.

“When we first got here we didn’t have forklifts and we were downloading all of the trucks by hand, but now we have a forklift plus more personnel and it has made their jobs a lot easier,” added Ray, a Carthage, N.C. native.



172nd Infantry Brigade food service specialists, Pfc. Danny Washington, hands boxes of food to Spc. Belinda Dancil as Spc. Amra Webber prepares to receive and stack a pallet full of food supplies for storage.

Food service specialists work in dining facilities when not deployed but Class I resupply is a major mission for these Soldiers in a deployed environment. Food service contractor companies provide most meals for the military in Iraq while Army food service Soldiers perform inspections and supervisory duties inside the facility.

“We rotate the Soldiers from resupply duties to working in the dining facility, but most of them prefer to be out working together,” explained Kearshner. “They just don’t complain. I’ve had as little as six Soldiers out there with trucks coming in and going out the same day, I’ve seen them work 12 to 14 hours.”



BOSS MEET N' GREET



SEPTEMBER 24

Finney Recreation Center, 1-5 p.m.

BOSS This event welcomes single Soldiers who are new to Schweinfurt and offers classes on Sexual Assault Prevention and Suicide Prevention in a fun, non-traditional classroom environment. Activities include Karaoke, Call of Duty Tournament, Wii Dance Revolution, Drunk Goggles, Pool and much more.



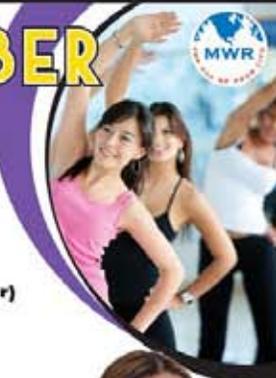
BOSS/Finney Recreation Center
Cann Barracks, Bldg. 64
09721-96-8476 / DSN 353-8476



SEPTEMBER

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Mondays & Wednesdays
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Bootcamp Spinning (Kessler)**
Tuesdays & Thursdays
12 - 12:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Aerobics (Kessler)**
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Circuit Training on Request (Kessler)**




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SUPER SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.



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