



## Return of 172nd Infantry Brigade continues



Soldiers of all units within the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) march into Finney Recreation Center during a welcome home ceremony Saturday, Nov. 7. Hundreds of Soldiers returned over the weekend and first part of the week. The entire brigade is scheduled to return over the next several weeks. (Photo by Emily Athens) For more photos, see pages 5 and 6.

## Seven half days of teamwork in Schweinfurt

Story and photo by Mark Heeter

*Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series about redeployment and reintegration*

The pitcher has the catcher. The quarterback has the wide receiver. And the guard has the forward. Two members of a team come together to complete the play, close out the game – or finish a deployment.

“I don’t really feel like it’s cooperation. I feel like it’s one big team,” said Maj. Andrew Allen, the Schweinfurt-based operations officer for the 172<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade.

“It seems like when you say ‘cooperating,’ it’s like two people working together but it seems like we’re part of the same team,” Allen said, referring to the USAG Schweinfurt and the

brigade reintegrating Soldiers recently returned from a yearlong deployment to Iraq.

The USAG Schweinfurt and the units it supports are well-tested at the seven-half-day reintegration process, during which Soldiers begin the week with classroom instruction and administrative matters, before moving on to medical, family, dental, agency, and unit-specific reintegration stations.

“It helps enable the Soldiers who are coming back from downrange to effectively, efficiently, and as smoothly as possible reintegrate back into the community and their family,” said Steve Watts, USAG Schweinfurt Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

“A lot of things changed while they were gone, so we’re updating them administratively, personally,” Allen said.

**REDEPLOY, see page 7**



# SPRECHEN SIE FUN?

## 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](http://www.schweinfurtserver.de/user/tourismus/Neu/stadtplan_EN_Endversion_2008.pdf)

### Fri., Nov. 13:

**Ice hockey game** – The Schweinfurt Mighty Dogs against the Pfaffenhofen Ice Hogs at the Ice dome in Schweinfurt at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.



**Beauty and the beast festival** including the bands Leaves' Eyes, Atrocity, Sirenia, Elis and Stream of Passion at the Stadthalle in Lichtenfels at 7 p.m. For tickets visit the web at [www.starticket.ch](http://www.starticket.ch)



### Fri., Nov. 13-Feb. 28

**Exhibition "Kitsch & Kunst"** at old Rathaus, Marktplatz 12 in Bad Kissingen, Opening hours: Mon – Fri, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; Sun & Holidays: 2-5 p.m.



### Sat., Nov. 14

**Farmers' market** at the Schweinfurt market square, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.



**Symphony orchestra** of Bamberg at the city Theater, Rosbrunnstrasse 2 in Schweinfurt at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 09721-51475 or 09721-51510 or go to [www.schweinfurt-theater.de](http://www.schweinfurt-theater.de)

**Toys' market** at the parish center St. Kilian, Friedrich-Stein-Strasse 30 in Schweinfurt, 1 – 3 p.m.



**Oriental dance** "Nudzum Sahara" and "Moona" perform at the "Schüttbaukeller" in Stadtlauringen at 7:30 p.m.

**Flea market** at Wirsingstrasse 13 in Schweinfurt, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.



**"Meyers" Flea market** at the TG sportsclub in Schweinfurt at 7:15 a.m.

**Flea market** at the Heide-Schule in Schwebheim, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Mon., Nov. 16:

**"The Picture of Dorian Gray"** play performed by the American Drama Group Europe at the Schweinfurt Theater, Rosbrunnstrasse 2 at 7 p.m. For tickets call 09721-51475 or 09721-51510 or go to [www.schweinfurt-theater.de](http://www.schweinfurt-theater.de).

### Fri., Nov. 20:

**Gospel concert** performed by "Felicia Taylor & Band" at the Auferstehungskirche in Schwebheim at 8 p.m.

**Christmas market and arts and crafts market** at the sports club in Hesselbach, 4 – 10 p.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### Fri., Dec. 4:

**Uriah Heep**, a legendary English Hard Rock Band performs the very Best of 2009 at the "Stadthalle" in Schweinfurt at 9 p.m. Rock classics by Uriah Heep are "Lady in Black", "Easy Living", "Stealin", and much more. Tickets are available at the Schweinfurter Tagblatt, book store "Collibri", ticket hotline at 09721-548810 or [www.sw-concerts.de](http://www.sw-concerts.de).



## Schweinfurt Dispatch



**Commander** Lt. Col. Everett Spain  
**Public Affairs Officer** George Ohl  
**Command Information Officer** Mark Heeter  
**Writer/Editors** Elvira Gladwell  
Emily Athens  
**Webmaster** Nathan Van Schaik

The Schweinfurt Dispatch weekly newsletter is an unofficial publication of the U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt, IMCOM-Europe and the U.S. Army authorized under the provisions of AR 360-1.

The newsletter is published and distributed weekly in an electronic format. The newsletter can be viewed on the U.S. Army Schweinfurt web site at <http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil>.

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 e-mail: [mail.sft.pao@eur.army.mil](mailto: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...

## Askren main gate

The Askren Manor main gate barrier system, near the commissary, will be serviced Monday, Nov. 16. Drivers are asked to exercise caution when entering and exiting the post.

## TRICARE online unavailable

TRICARE online will be unavailable from Friday, Nov. 13 until Sunday, Nov. 22 due to a scheduled system upgrade. If you need to make an appointment during this time, please call the Schweinfurt Health Clinic at 09721-96-6638/7901. Beginning Nov. 23, access to the upgraded version of TRICARE online will be available at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

## BOSS trip

Single Soldiers are invited to a Stuttgart Christmas Market day trip with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, program. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, Nov. 18. Families are also welcome. For more information or to sign up, call 09721-96-8476.

## AFN discusses H1N1

Medical force health protection and preventive medicine experts will discuss the H1N1 influenza on the AFN openline radio talk show Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. Furthermore, listeners can learn about the Europe Regional Medical Command's H1N1 vaccination program. Listeners can email questions in advance to [openline@afn.dma.mil](mailto:openline@afn.dma.mil) or call with questions to 0621-4608-5595 during the show.

## Community update forum

Come to one of two community update town hall forums Thursday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. in the Ledward Theater or at 6 p.m. in the Schweinfurt Elementary School's multi-purpose room. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend.

## Super Saturday childcare

Deadline to sign up for the Super Saturday Childcare is Friday, Nov. 13. Care will be Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and is open to children ages 6 to fifth-grade. Cost is \$16 per child. For more information, call 09721-96-6417.

## FAST class

Soldiers can raise their general technical score by enrolling in the Functional Academic Skills Training, or FAST, class offered from Monday, Nov. 30 through Dec. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. A mandatory pre-test will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18 and Thursday, Nov. 19 at 8:30 a.m. for those enrolling in the FAST class. Commander approval is necessary for attendance. For additional information or to sign up, call 09721-96-6383 or 354-6383.

## Socialize at the Lunch Bunch

Join Army Community Service's Lunch Bunch Thursday, Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and enjoy a restaurant outing with an English-speaking guide. Please bring euro for lunch. For more information or to sign up, call 09721-96-6933.

## ODR trip

Outdoor Recreation is taking a trip to the Geomaris indoor pool Thursday, Nov. 19. Transportation departs ODR at 5 p.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 09721-96-8080.

**Schweinfurt**



Thu., Nov. 12-	7 p.m.	Final Destination (R)
Fri., Nov. 13-	7 p.m.	The Stepfather (PG-13)
Sat., Nov. 14-	4 p.m.	The Stepfather
	7 p.m.	Inglorious Basterds (R)
Sun., Nov. 15-	4 p.m.	Bad All By Myself (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Inglorious Basterds
Mon., Nov. 16-	closed	
Tue., Nov. 17-	closed	
Wed., Nov. 18-	7 p.m.	Bad All By Myself

## Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.		P.M.
	<b>Fri., Nov. 13</b> Mostly cloudy Lows 4 C / 39 F	
	<b>Sat., Nov. 14</b> Mostly cloudy Lows 7 C / 45 F	
	<b>Sun., Nov. 15</b> Partly cloudy Lows 10 C / 50 F	

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- Thu., Nov. 19-Sat., Nov. 21--Community theater performs Quickies "Hold Me" by Jules Feiffer, Abrams Entertainment Center, 7 p.m. For tickets, call 0162-296-2776.**
- Sat., Nov. 21 --Parents' Day Out child care, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. ages 6 weeks to fifth-grade. Deadline to sign up is Nov. 13. Call 354-6414.**
- Turkey trot fun run, Kessler gym, 9 a.m. Open to ages six to adult. Register day of event from 7:30 a.m. or call 09721-96-6735.**
- Kessler Bowling Center hosts a turkey bowl tournament, 1 p.m. First-third place win turkeys.**
- Mon., Nov. 23 --Microsoft Access computer class in Ledward bldg. 206 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 09721-96-6933.**
- Tue., Nov. 24 --Bulk trash pick up for Yorktown, Askren Manor, and government-leased housing. Put bulk trash out no later than 7 a.m. on day of pick up.**
- Wed., Nov. 25 --Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers pre-Thanksgiving party, 6 p.m., Finney Rec Center. For more information, call 09721-96-8476**
- Thu., Nov. 26 --Schweinfurt dining facilities will serve a Thanksgiving meal 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for E-4 and below, and \$7 for E-5 and above.**
- The Schweinfurt Christmas market begins and runs Mon-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The market ends Christmas Eve with hours of 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.**
- Fri.-Mon., Nov. 27-30--Ski trip to Austria with Outdoor Rec. Cost is \$299. To sign up, call 09721-96-8080.**
- Fri., Nov. 27 --Asperger's and autism support group at Army community Service, 10-11:30 a.m. 354-6933.**
- Sat., Nov. 28 --Video game tournament at Ledward Library, 3 p.m. For more information, call 354-1740.**
- Sun., Nov. 29 --Ledward Crafts Studio trip to Hohenrother Advent Bazaar at Reineck. Call 09721-96-6903.**
- Mon., Nov. 30 --ADD and ADHD support group at Army Community Service, 10-11:30 a.m. Call 354-6933.**
- Thu., Dec. 3 --Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meet n' greet, Finney Rec Center, 1-5 p.m.**
- Library book club meeting at 5:15 p.m. Coffee, tea and treats will be served. Call 354-6487.**
- Fri., Dec. 4 --Last day for donations to the Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas. Call 09721-96-1770.**
- Sun., Dec. 6 --Community tree lighting in the Andrus Garden, in front of bldg. 206, 4:30 p.m.**
- Ledward Crafts Studio takes a trip to the Advent market at Kloster Selingenstadt. Transportation departs at 9 a.m. To sign up, call 09721-96-6903.**
- Tue., Dec. 8 --Parent education classes at the Child Development Center, 4:30-6 p.m. Call 09721-96-6281.**
- Thu., Dec. 10 --Boys and Girls Club of American fine arts exhibit at School Age Services, 5:30 p.m. 354-6974.**
- Sat., Dec. 12 --Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers day trip to the Stuttgart Christmas market. Families are also welcome. Sign up by Wednesday, Nov. 18 by calling 09721-96-8476.**
- Sat., Dec. 19 --Chanukah service at the Ledward Chapel. Time TBA. For information, call 09721-96-1370.**
- Sun., Dec. 20 --Children's Christmas Play, Ledward Chapel. Time TBA.**
- Tues., Dec. 22 --Protestant Christmas service, Ledward Chapel, 9 a.m. 09721-96-1370.**
- Wed., Dec. 23 --Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, BOSS, Christmas dinner at Finney Rec Center, 6 pm**
- Thurs., Dec. 24 --Christmas Eve candlelight service, Ledward Chapel at 7 p.m. 09721-96-1370.**
- Christmas Eve Catholic Mass, Ledward Chapel, 10 p.m. 09721-96-1370.**
- Fri., Dec. 25 --Christmas Day Catholic Mass, Ledward Chapel, 10 a.m. 09721-96-1370.**

**Community 6 week outlook calendar**



# Soldiers of Blackhawk Brigade continue to return



**Welcome home!!**



# *Reunited!*



**Soldiers with the 172nd Blackhawk Brigade continue their march back to Schweinfurt, completing their yearlong deployment to Iraq. Several hundred Soldiers have returned over the past several days, and many more are on the way. (Photos by Emily Athens)**



# H1N1 vaccine arrives for military, high-risk individuals

## *Vaccine for non-high risk DoD employees, family members pending*

### ERMC Release

HEIDELBERG, Germany –H1N1 flu vaccine for uniformed service members arrived this weekend at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe in Pirmasens, Germany. Army health clinics will begin vaccinations as soon as they receive supplies.

Distribution to large U.S. Military Treatment Facilities will begin today. Vaccine is expected to arrive at smaller outlying clinics by Tuesday.

Clinic commanders will use multiple means – including unit and garrison chains of command and all available media

- to announce community immunization schedules.

In addition to uniformed service members, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense has directed the vaccine also be offered to beneficiaries who have a medical condition that places them at a higher risk for influenza-related complications. Manufactured by

Novartis, the vaccine is FDA-approved for ages 4 years and older.

High-risk beneficiaries who fall into one of the categories below should visit their clinic for their H1N1 vaccine. Non-uniformed beneficiaries will be

screened prior to vaccination to verify medical conditions that place them in a higher risk status.

Additional H1N1 vaccine shipments will arrive in Europe in stages. Future vaccine shipments approved for non-uniformed beneficiaries – including DoD employees, contractors and Family members – are expected in the near future. Manufactured by Sanofi-Pasteur, it is also FDA-approved for ages 6 months and over.



**Spc. David Serratt administers the H1N1 flu vaccination to Lt. Col. Spain, USAG Schweinfurt commander, Tuesday, Nov. 10. (Photo by Mark Heeter)**

As vaccine availability increases, adequate supply will be available for all those wishing to be immunized.



**Capt. Lawrence St. Amand, chief, occupational therapy, Schweinfurt Army Health Clinic, offers consultation to Sgt. 1st Class Robert Thiele, Company B, 9th Engineer Battalion, during the second day of Thiele's reintegration upon returning to Schweinfurt.**

## REDEPLOY

Every Soldier spends either the morning or afternoon conducting business, allowing him or her to spend time the other part of the day with family or friends, according to Watts.

“It gives Soldiers the flexibility to accomplish their unit mission and to link back up with their families,” he said.

“The family is very important part of this, in order for the Soldier to transition back from being deployed, with their Soldier family, to reintegrate back into their home, the community family,” Watts said.

The Blackhawk Brigade continues its redeployment to Schweinfurt and Grafenwoehr over the next several weeks. For photos of the welcome-home ceremonies and seven-half-day reintegration, check out the Flickr photo stream at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/schweinfurtpao>



# Master of the schedule, coordinator of the material

Story and photo  
by Mark Heeter

Thousands of screws, miles of piping and electrical wire, a million gallons of paint, and tons of wood and plaster, spread out among 99 craftsmen who take more than 2,000 requests for service orders per month.

This is the fabric that comprises Georg Huppmann's career.

"Twenty percent is the same, routine stuff. But day-to-day business changes," said Huppmann of the mostly new and fresh tasks that he faces each day for the USAG Schweinfurt Directorate of Public Works Business Operations and Integration Division (BOID) as the master work scheduler and material coordinator.

"That used to be two positions, so he's a double-man," said Joerg Hohenadel, BOID chief.

"We (BOID) are more or less the window to the garrison from the DPW," said Hohenadel, whose division handles all



George Huppmann works his calculator as the master work scheduler and material coordinator for the USAG Schweinfurt DPW.

work and service orders – all of which, submitted online, over the telephone or in person, go through Huppmann, who then dishes them out to the foremen and workers, who show up at the door with the toolbox.

"Without somebody like that, I would be lost. It would be far more work," Hohenadel said, calling Huppmann his "right arm."

Huppmann began working with the Army in Schweinfurt

in 1975 to replace another carpenter who was about to retire: his father.

"My father said I should go put in an application at the CPOC (Civilian Personnel Operations Center). Well, it wasn't called CPOC back then," he said with a smile, commenting on the vast changes he has seen since moving out of the carpentry workshop into his current job in 1980.

"It was a different world,"

he said, explaining that, in those days, craftsmen would mix and match parts, regardless of the fit or the aesthetic beauty of the end product – a cabinet with a different-colored handle on each door, for example.

Despite the advances, changes and developments that Huppmann has embraced for more than three decades, one constant remains each day and each year, he said.

"We are here for the customers," he said, recalling a sign, hung prominently by a former boss in the work area, containing one simple message about their customers: "What have you done for them today?"

With an analogy one might expect out of the DPW, Hohenadel likens the BOID to a machine, and he knows which parts are important.

"He's one of these wheels in the big machine, and if that breaks down or cracks, we are in deep, deep trouble," he said.

For who would take care of assigning the work order?

## Preparedness key to negotiating roads during winter months

By Emily Athens

The coming months may boast winter wonderlands, but dangers can lurk beyond the beauty and drivers are encouraged to operate vehicles with extra caution.

"Winter driving starts at home. Check the weather forecast and plan accordingly," said Juergen Hoechemer, safety specialist for the USAG Schweinfurt safety office.

Hoechemer explained the important aspects of winter driving, to include cooperation with German laws.

"You must have your vehicle prepared with winter tires. It's also the law to have antifreeze and windshield wiper fluid in the car at all times," he said.

When ice and snow covers the ground, drivers need to react to the circumstances

and drive carefully.

"Adjust your speed to weather conditions. Sometimes driving slow is not slow enough. Distance is also important, especially in winter time. Double your distance because this gives you enough time to react or completely come to a stop," Hoechemer said.

According to Hoechemer, if you're mentally prepared for winter driving, then you're best prepared and will not only reduce chances of hurting yourself, but also decrease the risk of harming others.

"The most important reason for safe winter driving is not to get into an accident and injure yourself or others. Think about your life and the life of others and use your judgment; if you can't drive, then don't drive," he said.



If driving is a must, however, be sure to have a full tank of gas and be equipped with ice scrapers, blankets, and warm clothing in case of an emergency.

Additionally, for those wary about winter driving, attend the winter roadside emergencies course offered by the award-winning Conn Auto Skills Center.

"We'll cover roadside emergencies and discuss what to do if you get stuck on the autobahn and legalities of winterizing your car," said Cory McDowell, facilities operator at the Auto Skills Center.

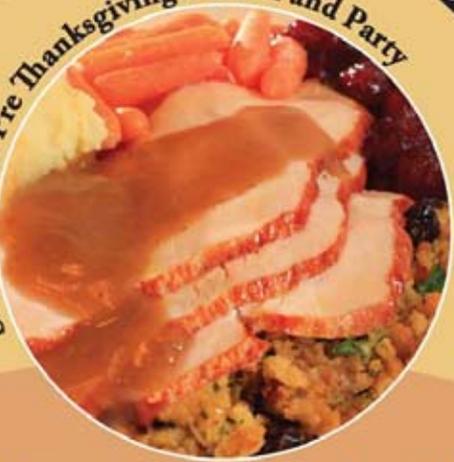
The class will be held Thursday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Auto Skills Center.



**BOSS**

**FREE FOOD!**

Single Soldier Pre Thanksgiving Dinner and Party



**Get stuffed and mingle!**

Finney Recreation Center • November 25, 6 p.m.  
Register by November 21.

Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64  
09721-96-8476/DSN 353-8476



• HONORING THE SACRIFICES •



**Saluting the Strength of Families**

Military Family Appreciation Month • November 2009



The Army Family Covenant honors the commitment to Military Families.  
**KEEPING THE PROMISE**

VISIT [ARMYONESOURCE.COM](http://ARMYONESOURCE.COM) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ARMY FAMILY COVENANT.

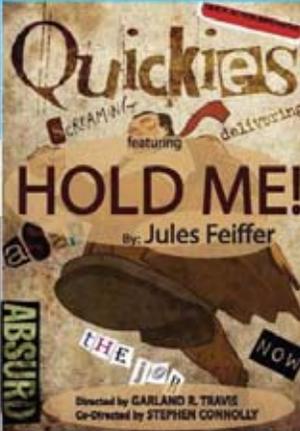
**QUICKIES!**

November 19, 20 & 21  
7 p.m.

Abrams Center

**Short Comedy Sketches**

*\*Recommended for mature audiences*



Tickets: \$12 Adults/\$10 Youth ages 10-18

For reservations, call 0162-296-2776  
or email [garland.travis@eur.army.mil](mailto:garland.travis@eur.army.mil).

**COMMUNITY THEATRE**  
Schweinfurt

**ABRAMS**  
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER




**WINTERIZATION COURSE**

**WINTER ROADSIDE EMERGENCIES**  
NOVEMBER 19, 6 P.M.

*Free for all ID cardholders*

**AUTO SKILLS CENTER**  
CONN BARRACKS, BLDG. 49  
CIV 09721-96-8224/DSN 353-8224

**ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A FREE CAR WASH!**

