



Community welcomes returning Soldiers



Hundreds of Soldiers returned to Schweinfurt in the past week and were greeted by elated family, friends and loved ones. The Soldiers, assigned to the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate), Blackhawks, completed their yearlong deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Photo by Mark Heeter). For more photos, see page 5.

Military Family Life Consultants: 'Value added'

By Mark Heeter

It wasn't a Soldier, and it wasn't a family member. It had nothing to do with a deployment, but it had everything to do with providing help to people who needed it.

Hal Snyder, director of the USAG Schweinfurt Army Community Service, recalls the first time he brought a Military Family Life Consultant (MFLC) to Schweinfurt in early 2006. A teacher at the Schweinfurt Middle School had collapsed

and died in the school's hallway, and Snyder convinced his leadership to bring in an MFLC to help the school community cope with the tragedy.

"These are licensed professional mental health practitioners in the states," Snyder said.

"I said this would be the value-added in a situation like that, just in the periphery, just for the teachers," he said, adding that the MFLC program exists throughout the Department of Defense at installations around

the world.

The consultants remain in the overseas location for short periods of time, generally four to six weeks, to provide short-term, problem-solving consultations to anyone who needs them on a wide variety of issues, from personal to marital and from financial to parental, Snyder said.

"There's really no side-taking," when consultants are asked to provide assistance,

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Through the MFLC Program, licensed clinical providers assist service members and their families. (Courtesy Photo)



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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

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.

Fri., Nov. 20-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.



Hats exhibition – historical hats from 1800–1960 at the museum Obere Saline in Bad Kissingen, Wed – Sun, 2 – 5 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 20 through Sun., Nov. 22

Traditional parish fest in Geldersheim.

Sat., Nov. 21

Flea market and Christmas market at the Kaltenhof /Mainberg, 1 – 5 p.m.



Sat., Nov. 21 continued

Basketball game – "DJK McCafe" from Schweinfurt against the "Höhenbalance Baskets" from Jena at the Georg-Wichertmann Hall, Paul-Gerhardt-Strasse in Schweinfurt, 8 p.m. Visit www.djk-mccafe-schweinfurt.de



Fall concert performed by the "Niederwerrner Musicians" at Hugo-von-Trimberg-Hall in Niederwerrn at 7:30 p.m. Concert is free.

Blues Night at Galerie 7, Ernst-Sachs-Strasse 91 in Schweinfurt at 8 p.m.

Flea market at DJK sportsclub beginning at 7:15 a.m.

Flea market for children and youth at the Old Rathaus, Market square in Schweinfurt 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Flea market at "Theo Weber Transport Services", Kettelerstrasse 24 in Oberndorf, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The band "Confect" performs at the Stadthalle in Schweinfurt at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Sun., Nov. 22

The Debussy Trio from Munich performs at the Stadthalle in Hassfurt, 8 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 22 continued

Ice hockey game – Schweinfurt Mighty Dogs against ESV Buchloe at the Ice Dome in Schweinfurt at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Historical and international folk dances at the "Disharmony" in Schweinfurt, across the street from the Museum Georg Schäfer, 3 – 5 p.m.

Advent arts and crafts market at castle Zeilitzheim, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Medieval advent market at the Zehnthof in Geldersheim, 2 p.m. – 6 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.



Schweinfurt Dispatch



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This newsletter is a command information product that places emphasis on events and activities occurring throughout the Schweinfurt and Lower Franconia areas.

Information and photos included in this

newsletter are acquired from sources that highlight events, programs, and activities in Schweinfurt and Lower Franconia.

Dates, times, locations, and the events themselves might change or be cancelled without prior notice.

To be added to the Schweinfurt Dispatch distribution list, please 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...

Ledward Community Bank closed

The Community Bank on Ledward Barracks will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26. For teller services, go to the Community Bank on Conn Barracks, open from 9 a.m. to noon. Regular operating hours will resume Friday, Nov. 27.

CMRs open Saturdays

To accommodate holiday mailing traffic, on Saturday, Nov. 21 through Dec. 19, the community mailrooms and post offices on Ledward and Conn Barracks will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

An evening with Ellie Kay

Ansbach Army Community Service is having Ellie Kay, author "Heroes at Home," come for a military family appreciation event in Katterbach Friday, Nov. 20. All Schweinfurt community members are invited to attend. The event is held at the Katterbach movie theater, bldg. 5844 on Bismarck Kaserne. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Fifty seats and fifty copies of her book are reserved for the Schweinfurt community.

Turkey trot

The community is invited to the turkey trot fun run Saturday, Nov. 21 at Kessler Fitness Center beginning at 9 a.m. The run is open to ages six through adult. Sign up prior to the event by calling 09721-96-6735/8234 or register the day of the event on-site beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Turkey bowl tournament

The Kessler Bowling Center hosts a turkey bowl tournament Saturday, Nov. 21 beginning at 1 p.m. First- through third-place prizes are a Thanksgiving turkey. For more information, call 09721-83391.

Christmas markets

The Schweinfurt Christmas markets begin Thursday, Nov. 26 and run Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

BOSS pre-Thanksgiving

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers offers a pre-Thanksgiving party at the Finney Recreation Center Wednesday, Nov. 25 beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, call 09721-96-8476.

Bulk trash

Bulk trash is scheduled to be picked up from Askren Manor, Yorktown Village, and government-leased housing Tuesday, Nov. 24. Please put bulk items out prior to 7 a.m. on day of pick-up but no earlier than the day before.

Thanksgiving meal

The Schweinfurt dining facilities on Conn and Ledward Barracks will serve a Thanksgiving meal from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26. Cost is \$5.95 for E-4 and below, and \$7 for E-5 and above and their family members.

Computer class

A Microsoft Access computer class is open to ID cardholders Monday, Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Ledward bldg. 206 computer lab. To sign up, call 09721-96-6933.

Community theater

The Schweinfurt community theater presents "Hold Me" by Jules Feiffer at the Abrams Entertainment Center Thursday, Nov. 19 through Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. For tickets, call 0162-296-2776.

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Thu., Nov. 19- 7 p.m. Extract (R)
 Fri., Nov. 20- 7 p.m. Extract (R)
 Sat., Nov. 21- 3:30 p.m. Michael Jackson (PG)
 7 p.m. Sorority Row (R)
 Sun., Nov. 22- 3:30 p.m. Michael Jackson (PG)
 7 p.m. Sorority Row (R)
 Mon., Nov. 23- closed
 Tue., Nov. 24- closed
 Wed., Nov. 25- 7 p.m. White Out (R)

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.		P.M.	
	Fri., Nov. 20 Sunny Lows 2 C / 36 F		Fri., Nov. 20 Mostly cloudy Highs 11 C / 52 F
	Sat., Nov. 21 Partly cloudy Lows 5 C / 41 F		Sat., Nov. 21 Partly cloudy Highs 11 C / 52 F
	Sun., Nov. 22 Mostly cloudy Lows 4 C / 39 F		Sun., Nov. 22 Partly cloudy Highs 10 C / 50 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- Thu., Nov. 26 --Schweinfurt dining facilities will serve a Thanksgiving meal 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for E-4 and below, and \$7 for E-5 and above and their family members.
--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.
- Tue., Dec. 1 --Family Readiness Group 101 class in the Yellow Ribbon Room, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 354-6933.
--Anger management classes at Army Community Service, 2-5 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- Wed., Dec. 2 --Giving Understanding to Teens in Schweinfurt, or GUTS, at Schweinfurt Middle School from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. To sign up, call 09721-96-6933.
- 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 354-1740.
--Family Readiness Group crash course for leaders 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Yellow Ribbon Room. To sign up, call 09721-96-6933.
- Fri., Dec. 4 --Last day for donations to the Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas. Call 09721-96-1770.
--Free movie showing of "Fireproof" at the Fire Station, Conn Barracks, 7 p.m. 09721-96-1370.
- 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 Seligenstadt. Transportation departs at 9 a.m. To sign up, call 09721-96-6903.
- Mon., Dec. 7-Fri., Dec. 11--Schweinfurt Newcomers Awareness Program. To sign up, call 09721-96-6933.
- Tue., Dec. 8 --Parent education classes at the Child Development Center, 4:30-6 p.m. Call 09721-96-6281.
--Volunteer Management Information System training, bldg. 206 computer lab, 10-11:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up, call 09721-96-6933.
- 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.
- Sun., Dec. 20 --Children's Christmas Play at the Ledward Chapel, 4:30 p.m.
--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.
- Thu., Dec. 31 --Gospel Watchnight service at the Ledward Chapel, 10 p.m. 09721-96-1370.
- Fri., Jan. 8 --Free movie showing of "Fireproof" at Schweinfurt Elementary School, 7 p.m. 09721-96-1370.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Welcome Home!



Family members greet their loved ones during the welcome home ceremonies at Finney Recreation Center held over the past several weeks.

Soldiers of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) continue their return from a year-long deployment supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The entire brigade is expected to return before Thanksgiving. (Photos by Mark Heeter)



Schweinfurt homeschoolers meet monthly

By Emily Athens

Homeschooling is an option parents have when deciding how to best educate their children. It is an alternative for parents and families everywhere, and perhaps more appealing to those of smaller military communities living abroad.

To support those families in Schweinfurt choosing to homeschool, a group called the Schweinfurt Homeschoolers meets monthly where parents can discuss curriculums, bounce ideas off each other, and simply mingle with others in a similar situation.

“Everyone homeschools for a lot of different reasons. This group is here so we can get to know each other, support each other, and for the kids to know other kids here who are homeschooled,” said Myra Forrester, a homeschooling parent who, with the collaborative efforts of other homeschooling parents and Schweinfurt agencies, coordinated the Schweinfurt Homeschoolers group.

Forrester explained that the group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the

Kessler Bowling Center from 1 to 3 p.m. while also going on different field trips on a monthly basis.

“We’ve been to the castle in Coburg and have visited some museums in Schweinfurt. These trips offer a new perspective and they’ve been really informative,” Forrester said.

“Our family loves the opportunity to get together with other homeschoolers on these trips both for a great outing and also to encourage and be encouraged by others on this similar journey. We’ve found many families have taken the path of homeschooling for a variety of reasons and each has something new or different to offer,” said Heather Chandler, a Schweinfurt



The homeschooling families of the Schweinfurt community get together monthly for field trips and other enjoyable outings to share their common bond. (Courtesy Photo)

homeschooling parent.

The Schweinfurt Homeschoolers group currently hosts 12 families, with children of all ages, and welcomes others to join anytime. According to Forrester, as the group grows and evolves, she consistently seeks ways to meet the needs of homeschooling families, and hopes to integrate a physical education option and German classes for homeschoolers.

“We are the mom, the teacher, the lunch lady. It’s a full-time job. We want to be a help to those

people homeschooling because it’s such an important task. Everyone needs a net to catch them,” Forrester said.

For more information or to join the group, email chapksf@yahoo.com.

Schweinfurt engineers command task force in Bulgaria

By Emily Athens

Editor’s Note: This is the second of a two-part series dedicated to the redeployment of the 15th Engineer Battalion from Bulgaria.

The 15th Engineer Battalion, based in Schweinfurt, returned late October from a four-month deployment to Bulgaria where they linked with Joint Task Force – East, a European command initiative that coordinates annual training rotations in Bulgaria and Romania.

Soldiers built schools, repaired facilities, cleaned the grounds, and organized several other relief-type projects to include raising money and donating numerous items in support of the Humanitarian Civic Assistance (HCA) mission.

In addition, select members of the 30-person team were assigned to command the task force to ensure their own Soldiers, and other participating units, received the training they went to accomplish.

“I was the commander for the forward element and we manned the primary staff roles and supplemented the HCA construction projects,” said Lt. Col. David Hurley, commander of the 15th Engineer Battalion, assigned to command the task force in Bulgaria.

According to Hurley, their team formed the nucleus of JTF-E during their four months of deployment, supporting the training efforts of a Tennessee National Guard unit and troops from the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment.

“We set up ops, performed training rotations for units, and

interacted with the host nation in terms of being a good visitor to Bulgaria. We were working to improve our cooperation and interoperation with our NATO partner and help them increase their training capacity while building relationships,” Hurley said.

“We also had our engineers manning the (Directorate of Public Works). We took our electricians, plumbers, and carpenters to support the HCA mission. Those guys basically performed the role of DPW, so they were doing all the work orders that supported both the staff and the training unit,” he added.

Furthermore, because of the non-combat environment, Soldiers were able to get out and explore the surrounding areas in Bulgaria.

“We were able to get out and see a lot of Bulgaria ... the Black Sea, Roman ruins ... it was a broadening experience for a lot of people who went on the deployment. There was so much interaction with Bulgarians in the local communities” Hurley said.

Soldiers interacted among locals in towns spanning from Medven, Sungulare, Padarevo, Zimnitsa, to Mokren.

“We had a lot of very positive engagements with Bulgarian civilians, local officials, and members of their military, so it was successful not just professionally,” Hurley said,

All in all, whether building schools, providing supplies, or performing training exercises, those of the 15th EN Bn built relationships that will advance the efforts of JTF -E in continuing a partnership with Bulgaria, while conducting joint military operations.



Pregnancy and the flu, know the basics

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity - Bavaria

VILSECK, Germany – With flu season in full swing, Bavaria Medical Department Activity officials are encouraging people to take preventive measures seriously, especially pregnant women.

“A pregnant woman who gets the flu is 10 times more likely to be hospitalized than infected people in the general population,” said Capt. Joseph Woodring, chief of preventive medicine. “The best protection for pregnant women and their baby is to make sure they get both the 2009 seasonal and H1N1 flu shots.”

Although there is a mist version of the seasonal flu vaccine, Woodring said pregnant women are only eligible for the injectable shot. Both seasonal flu shots and 2009 H1N1 flu shots are recommended for pregnant women at any time during pregnancy.

In the event a pregnant woman finds herself battling flu-like symptoms, she should seek medical attention.

“If a pregnant woman thinks she has the flu, she should call her doctor right away,” Woodring said. “If needed, the provider should prescribe antiviral medicine that treats the flu. Antiviral

medicine is most helpful if it is started within the first 48 hours after high-risk people, which includes pregnant women, become sick.”

Since all of the pregnant women in Bavaria receive their health care at host nation hospitals, Woodring said they should also know the basics of being treated for flu-like symptoms.

“If a pregnant woman goes to a host nation hospital with flu symptoms and is not given antiviral medication, she needs to go to her local Army health clinic to possibly receive antiviral medication,” Woodring said. “Also, if lab testing for the flu was done, the antiviral treatment should not wait for the test results to come back.”

The antiviral medicines fight the flu by keeping flu viruses from replicating in the body. According to Woodring, this results in a milder illness and makes you feel better faster. Antivirals can also prevent serious flu complications.

“At this time, Tamiflu® is the best medicine to treat pregnant women who have 2009 H1N1 flu,” Woodring said. “Please also realize that we’re only giving antiviral medication to high-risk beneficiaries, such as pregnant women, who may not recover as well from the flu.”

For more information about the seasonal and H1N1 viruses, visit the CDC Web site at www.cdc.gov.



Maj. Vinaya Garde receives the 2009 H1N1 vaccine from Robert Nowak, a provider at the Schweinfurt Army Health Clinic. The clinic is currently immunizing all uniformed service members and high-risk beneficiaries, such as pregnant women. (Photo by Pfc. William Travis, USAG Schweinfurt Health Clinic)

Absinthe: only legal in the United States

Customs News Release

It was the drink of choice among bohemian Parisian poets, writers and painters in the 19th century. And for nearly 100 years, the United States and many other nations banned it.

However, in 2007, a Washington, D.C., lawyer took on the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) to try lift the ban. After legal wrangling, the agency relented and now you can take absinthe to the States with you - with some limits.

“Only absinthe with labels that depict TTB approval may be imported into the U.S.,” said Bill Greenwood, deputy director of the USEUCOM Customs Executive Agency. He added that personally mailing alcoholic beverages to the States is not allowed so the only way to get absinthe to the States is to carry it in your checked

baggage when you fly.

The absinthe must contain less than 10 parts per million of thujone, the ingredient long believed responsible for the anise-flavored spirit’s reported psychedelic effects.

The term “absinthe” cannot be the brand name or stand alone on the label, and the artwork and graphics cannot project images of hallucinogenic, psychotropic or mind-altering effects.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection can seize absinthe imported in breach of these regulations.

“We recommend you check with TTB to see if the brand you want to import has an approved label by going to their public Certificate of Label Approval registry,” Greenwood added. The link is: <https://www.ttbonline.gov/colasonline/publicSearchColasBasic.do>

For more assistance on absinthe or labels, you can also contact TTB’s Advertising, Labeling and Formulation Division at: 1-866-927-2533 or alfd@ttb.gov.

Also, you need to check with your state alcoholic beverage commission (ABC) to see what their position is on importing absinthe for personal use.

Absinthe is an anise-flavored spirit derived from herbs, including the flowers and leaves of the herb *Artemisia absinthium*.

Traditionally it has a natural green color but can also be colorless. Absinthe is unusual among spirits in that it is bottled at a very high proof and is normally diluted with water before being consumed.

For more information, contact the Schweinfurt customs office at 09721-96-8847 or go online to www.ttb.gov/industry_circulars/archives/2007/07-05.html.



Experts address H1N1 flu vaccine safety concerns

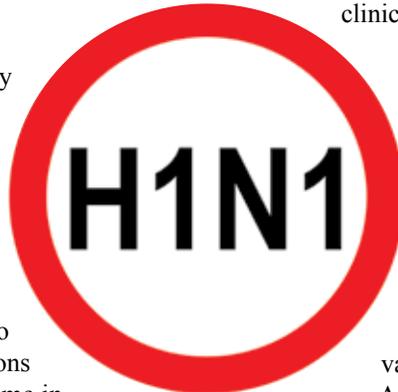
Europe Regional Medical Command
Press Release

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Army health officials in Europe are concerned that misconceptions about the safety and effectiveness of the H1N1 vaccine, coupled with conflicting advice from host nation and American medical personnel may keep some people away from immunization clinics this month.

“We are getting word that some people who face a higher risk of serious medical complications if they catch the H1N1 flu are hesitating to come in for the vaccine,” said Col. Theresa Moser, director, Force Health Protection, Europe Regional Medical Command. A large number of those who have expressed doubts are expectant mothers being seen by host nation providers.

Not all countries place the same value on vaccinating large portions of the population. The United States Centers for Disease Control, which publishes the medical guidelines military healthcare providers follow, encourages widespread vaccination as the best way to interrupt the natural spread of communicable disease.

“An American being seen by a doctor who has a different cultural philosophy will often receive advice against getting this or any other vaccine,” Moser said. “Before any of our beneficiaries make a decision like that, we’d encourage them to visit their U.S.



clinic for the other side of the story.”

Experts point out that the FDA-approved vaccine being administered in Army health clinics isn’t any more or less safe than European Union approved vaccines. But Moser said it was important to get advice about the U.S. vaccine from a U.S. provider who is familiar with the specific vaccine that will be administered. She encouraged anyone with an underlying condition that would put them at medical risk if they contract the H1N1 flu to visit their military health clinic and get the vaccine.

Another safety concern from callers to an AFN Openline radio talk show Nov. 16 centered on the speed with which vaccine manufacturers came out with the H1N1 vaccine. A common misperception is that the H1N1 vaccine is a new, experimental drug.

“The vaccine being administered in U.S. Army healthcare facilities is made using the same processes as those for the seasonal influenza vaccine,” Moser said. “That vaccine is prepared each year using the same process as the year before, but targeting different strains of influenza.”

Because H1N1 vaccine is made with the same process as the seasonal flu vaccine, it took six months to manufacture from scratch, officials said. It received FDA approval before distribution began and is just as safe and effective as the seasonal vaccine.

New Education Center operating hours

Effective Tuesday, Dec. 1, Soldiers separating from the Army (ETS) will be required to make an appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the Education Center in order to out-process. Soldiers who are out-processing must know their Separation Program Designator (SPD) code, which is obtained from the Transition Center, in order to be cleared through the Education Center.

Also effective on Dec. 1, the Schweinfurt Army Education Center will provide only limited counseling and testing services by appointment only, Monday- Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Testing services will normally be available only on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. Soldiers have priority for all testing services. College proctoring services are based on space availability

and funding.

The Education Center will only be able to provide limited counseling services on Training Holidays and will be closed on all Federal Holidays.

This reduction of services is necessitated due to the fiscal year 2010 cuts in the Army Continuing Education System’s budget; which will not allow the full-time employment of contractors for support services. The Schweinfurt Army Education Center will continue to provide as many of the usual services as funding constraints will allow. For more information, contact the Schweinfurt Education Center at 09721-96-6383.



MFLC

said Mike Rundell, the USAG Schweinfurt ACS point of contact for the MFLCs.

“The reason it resides at ACS is because ACS is the go-to center for helping services in the community,” Rundell said. “They might be able to assess what the individual needs, and then ACS gives them the access to all those programs.”

“They’re here for one reason, and they don’t get multi-tasked,” Snyder said. “Their job is simply be there for Soldiers and family members, civilians, teachers, whoever, as a free consultant for any life issues”

“No distractions, no other missions. It’s wonderful,” he said.

Schweinfurt generally has three in the community, but, to support the deployment of the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne) and the return of the 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade (Separate), ten are currently in Schweinfurt, according to Snyder.

The consultants work on a first-name basis only, maintain no written records, and can meet anywhere except a person’s home. They are also available to provide consultations to family readiness groups. The MFLCs can be reached via telephone seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at 0151-1002-3585 or 0175-379-4691.



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Get in the Winter Spirit!

December 18

Check out the indoor Alpine Center & Skydiving Tunnel in Bollhof. Transportation cost is €40 per person. Entry fee of €35 includes all-you-can-eat-and-drink. Optional skydiving tunnel costs extra. Depart at 6 a.m. Sign up by December 1. Trip requires minimum 30 people to proceed.

BOS/Finney Rec Center
 Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64
 CV: 09721-96-8474
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 7 p.m.

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