



Memorial Day ceremony honors the fallen

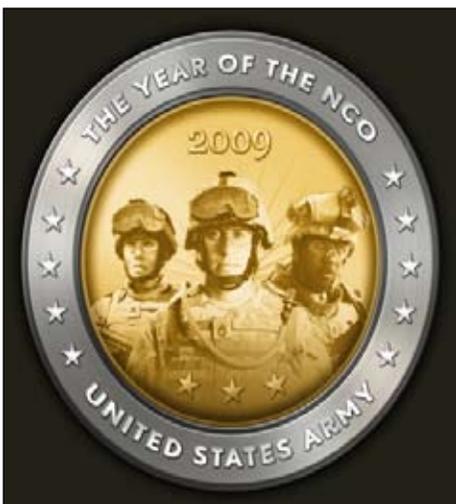
Billy Barber, left, representing the Kitzingen post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, joins Beau and Jesse Timmons, members of the Schweinfurt Middle School Golden Knights, to lay a wreath at the Dagger Brigade memorial during the Memorial Day ceremony on Conn Barracks this morning. Sgt. Maj. Mark Schindler, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army operations sergeant major, was the guest speaker at the event and called on the audience to remember not only those Soldiers whom we have lost but also those who have served and continue to serve. (Photo by Mark Heeter)



The senior noncommissioned officer: sergeant first class

By Mark Heeter

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series of stories and items devoted to noncommissioned officers throughout the Year of the NCO.



The ranks of the senior noncommissioned officer begin here. These Soldiers have been through study guides and promotion boards. They have led teams, sections and squads. A centralized board in the Department of the Army selects them individually.

Sergeants first class have proven themselves. And some of them have proven it so well that they are selected to be first sergeants, leaders of companies, batteries and troops.

"It's a difficult situation for a sergeant first class to be in a first sergeant position," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee, USAG Schweinfurt. "Your leadership style has to change a lot."

Sgt. 1st Class Dontonio Roberts, first sergeant for the 172nd Support Battalion rear detachment, has put in his time as a platoon sergeant and company first sergeant.

"I didn't take it so highly, because I was looking to deploy with the Soldiers,"

Roberts said of the moment he was informed of his selection to the rear detachment. "But I went into a briefing, and they made us understand that rear detachment is a tough job also."

Roberts, who has deployed twice in his 10-year career, has learned quickly the challenges of both being a sergeant first class as a first sergeant and of handling a battalion rear detachment.

"I thought being downrange was the hardest job," Roberts said. "But now that I'm back here and have been deployed twice, I get to see both sides and know that the spouses back here and the rear detachment go through a beating. Being deployed is easy," he said.

His ability and willingness to listen and learn are the clear marks of a future command sergeant major, according to



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Events and activities in the local communities

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www.schweinfurtserver.de/user/tourismus/Neu/stadtplan_EN_Endversion_2008.pdf

Upcoming wine fests:

Tomorrow and Saturday: wine fest in Kitzingen.



Tomorrow through Monday: wine fest at Peterstirn, located on B286 up on the hill on the left side between Mainberg and Schonungen.

Saturday: wine fest at the Heckenwirtschaft in Oberschwarzach.

Saturday through Monday: wine fest in Schweinfurt.

Sunday: wine fest at the Heckenwirtschaft in Oberschwarzach and a wine fest at the Besenwirtschaft in Kitzingen.

Tonight and tomorrow:

“Waterworlds” evening performance by Dirk Denzer. Tickets start at 32 euro. Call 01801 - 052052 or go online to www.varietefestival.de.



Saturday:

12th Schweinfurt Dance Festival performance by the students of ballet school “On Point” of Hassfurt at the city theater in Schweinfurt, Rossbrunnstrasse 2 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Schweinfurter Tagblatt at 09721-548819 or www.on-point.de.



Saturday and Sunday:

Parish/ beer fest at Eselshöhe in Schweinfurt.

Monday - May 28:

Rambert Dance Company from London performs “L’aveil”, “Infinity” and “Eternal Light” at the city theater in Schweinfurt, Rossbrunnstrasse 2, 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 09721-51475 or 510.

May 29, 30 and 31:

Country Fest at the event center in Geiselwind. Performance times are May 29 at 7 p.m. and May 30 and 31 at 4 p.m. For tickets go to <http://veranstaltungen.eventax.de/Countryfestival+2009+Geiselwind/>

LOOKING AHEAD...

May 31:

Franken Classic – Old timer rally – at 2 .m. City Grand Prix (ZF Sachs) in Schweinfurt. At 3:30 p.m. the 2nd leg finishes in the pedestrian zone in Bad Kissingen.



June 16:

Ballet opera “Krabat or the Creation of the World” performed by the ballet, choir and orchestra of the Sorbian national ensemble of Bautzen at the city theater, Rossbrunnstrasse 2 in Schweinfurt at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 51475 or 510.

June 21:

Family musical “Tintenblut” for 10 years old and older performed at the city theater, Rossbrunnstrasse 2 in Schweinfurt at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 51475 or 510.



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...

Memorial ceremony honors Soldier

The community is invited to attend the memorial ceremony for Spc. David Schaefer, Company C, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment at Ledward Chapel May 28 at 1:30 p.m. The uniform for military attendees is duty (ACUs), and for civilian attendees it is business casual. Immediately after the ceremony, an open reception will be held in the Ledward Chapel fellowship hall.

Conn photo studio closed

The Conn Barracks photo and graphics studio will be closed May 28 due to training. For questions or emergencies, call 354-6316/8026 or 09721-96-6316.

Crafts studio trip

The Ledward Crafts Studio takes a trip to the teddy and doll fair in Sonnenburg on Saturday and a trip to the Coburg all-city flea market Sunday. Free transportation is available for those who sign up. For more information, call 09721-96-6903.

Football for high school

Is your high school student interested in playing football? Sign up for the Easter European Football Camp 2009 taking place from Aug. 18-21. Information packets are available in the Ledward Commons.

Self-help closed

Self-help Issue Point will be closed tomorrow and Monday. Normal hours resume Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m.

Hot water temporarily out

The City Works Schweinfurt will perform repair work on their underground piping system Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. until approximately 12 p.m. The domestic hot water temperature may decrease in the following buildings during this time: 217, 219, 220, 242, 243, 251, 252, 295. For more information, call 09721-96-7045.

Book club

The library book club will meet at Ledward Library May 28 to discuss "Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch. Beginning at 5:15 p.m. guests can enjoy coffee, tea, and treats.

Customs office relocation

U.S. Force Customs Schweinfurt office will be closed Wednesday due to moving the office to a new location. It will reopen May 28 in the new location of Conn Barracks Bldg. 64. The new telephone numbers are 353-8846/8847 or 09721-96-8846/8847. Customer service hours remain the same: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed on German and American holidays.

Sell household wares

Tables are for sale for the community to display and sell their household wares during the community flea market at Schweinfurt Elementary School May 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Half a table goes for \$10 and a full table runs \$20. Food sales are not allowed. For information on purchasing table space, call 0171-774-5787 or email jennifer.overway@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet May 28 to dine at a local restaurant 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eat at a budget-friendly and family-oriented restaurant with the assistance of an ACS local national staff member. Bring euro for lunch. For information, call 354-6933.



Tonight-	7 p.m.	Watchmen (R)
Tomorrow-	7 p.m.	Wolverine (PG-13)
Saturday-	4 p.m.	Coraline (PG)
	7 p.m.	Wolverine (PG-13)
Sunday-	4 p.m.	Coraline (PG)
Monday-	7 p.m.	Wolverine (PG-13)
Tuesday-	closed	
Wednesday-	7 p.m.	Duplicity (PG-13)

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.	P.M.
 Friday Mostly cloudy rain Lows 14 C / 57 F	 Friday Mostly cloudy rain Highs 16 C / 61 F
 Saturday Sunny Lows 9 C / 48 F	 Saturday Partly cloudy Highs 18 C / 64 F
 Sunday Mostly cloudy Lows 10 C / 50 F	 Sunday Mostly cloudy rain Highs 18 C / 64 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 29-30 MAY** --Women’s health & wellness conference, Ledward Chapel, free limited watch care up to age 12. Begins Friday 5:30-8 p.m. and runs Saturday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free of charge.
- 30 MAY** --Memorial day family run, Kessler Fitness Center, 9 a.m. To register, call 09721-96-6735 or register day of event from 7:30-8:30 a.m.
--Middle school May formal and 8th grade prom, Conn Community Club, 6-11 p.m. Cost is \$8.
- 31 MAY** --Zeilitzheim vineyard hike with Outdoor Rec. noon - 5 p.m. Call 09721-96-8080.
--Flea market, Schweinfurt Elementary School, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 1 JUNE** --International Africa festival trip to Wuerzburg with Crafts Studio. Depart 10 a.m. 354-6903.
--Infant massage class begins. Call Army Community Service for details at 09721-96-6933.
--Registration begins for summer reading program at the Ledward Library. Open to children ages six to 11. Registration packets are at the front desk. Call 09721-96-1740.
- 3 JUNE** --Parenting skills class at the Child Development Center 4:30-6 p.m. Call 354-6281.
--Exceptional family member program recreation activity, Kessler Bowling Center, 3:30 p.m.
--German language class begins and runs through June 29, Yellow Ribbon Room, Mon-Wed-Fri, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 6 JUNE** --Deadline to sign up for Warner Brothers Movie World trip with B.O.S.S. June 13. 353-8476.
- 7 JUNE** --Movie matinee “The Pope’s Toilet,” Ledward Library, 1 p.m. Call 09721-96-1740.
- 8 JUNE** --Long distance couples communication class at School Age Services 6:30-7:30 p.m. 354-6933.
- 9 JUNE** --Better opportunities for single Soldiers (BOSS) meeting at Finney Recreation Center, 2 p.m.
- 10 JUNE** --Summer Bible study “Patriarchs” begins sponsored by PWOC, Ledward Chapel, 9 a.m. Free watch care for up to age 12. Email pwoc.schweinfurt@gmail.com.
--Club Beyond hosts middle school water wars at the Conn chapel field 3-4:30 p.m.
--Pre-transition/separation briefing, building 40 Conn Barracks, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 353-8683.
--CSB & redux retirement briefing building 40 Conn Barracks, 1-2 p.m. Call 353-8693.
--The relationship cure class at Army Community Service 9-11 a.m. To register, call 354-6933.
- 13 JUNE** --Trip to military museum & classic car show with Outdoor Rec, \$10 for transport. 353-8080.
- 14 JUNE** --Folk fest in Ziegenhain trip with Crafts Studio, departs 8 a.m. Call 09721-96-6903.
- 17 JUNE** --Pre-retirement briefing, 40 Conn Barracks, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 353-8693/8683.
--Club Beyond takes a trip to the Silvana pool 2-4 p.m. For more information, call 354-8620.
--Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) movie and popcorn night, Finney Rec. 6 p.m.
- 18 JUNE** --Strawberry picking at a local patch sponsored by PWOC, meet at Ledward Chapel 10 a.m.
--Club Beyond hosts high school water wars at the Conn chapel field 3-4:30 p.m.
- 20 JUNE** --Outdoor Rec trip to the Rhoen (rollercoaster, museum, & Kreuzberg beer). Call 353-8080.
- 26 JUNE** --Comedian Bernie McGrenahan performs at Ledward Theater at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
- 4 JULY** --Independence Day celebration at Kessler field noon to 10 p.m. Call 354-6762 for information.
- 8 JULY** --Bamberg High School and community tour. For more information, call 354-6090.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Science fair enlightens community

Story and photo by Emily Athens

Albert Einstein once said, "Science is a wonderful thing ... the greatest scientists are artists as well," and the students of Schweinfurt Elementary School proved just that by showcasing not only their artistic ability through project presentation, but their scientific knowledge through experimentation as well.

The science fair, held at the elementary school, is an annual event where students display their creative thinking while conducting an experiment to prove or disprove their proposed theory. Students of all grades presented ideas all across the spectrum ranging from life on other planets, to fingerprinting, to the mummification of a chicken.

"The children are interested in science. They're thinkers. They create things, and it allows them to realize that they can ask a question, make a hypothesis, theorize about what is going to happen, and prove it by the methods they use or the experiment they come up with," said Jean Kenny, a fifth-grade teacher and coordinator of the science fair.

Rows and rows of presentations filled rooms in the third-grade hall while parents and families mingled to view the works of these bright young minds.

"It builds self-confidence as they realize that they're young scientists. They are science and the world around them is science," Kenny said.

"I like science because it's cool and you can get your hands messy and be with friends," said Jeffrey Hite, a fifth-grade student who conducted an experiment on the creation of hydrogen.

In addition to the students' work, everyone who attended had the opportunity to enter the "star lab", a simulation of the many constellations in the universe. Shaped like a big dome, students



Third-grade student Jessica Trussell explains her fingerprinting experiment to her father, Douglas Trussell, during the Schweinfurt Elementary School science fair.

and parents could crawl into it and listen to a brief presentation by Michael Yarbrough, a first-grade teacher, who pointed out the different star clusters in the sky.

In the end, students learn how much science surrounds them in their everyday lives, explained Kenny.

"Everything is science and when they realize that, they'll have a better appreciation for themselves, the world, and the things around them. I see the light in their eyes and it warms my heart," Kenny said.

The science fair concludes tomorrow in the third-grade hall at the elementary school from 5 to 7 p.m.

You're hired! with the new DFMWR program

By Mark Heeter

The USAG Schweinfurt Directorate of Family Morale Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR) is about to open the door of opportunity for youth, with an apprenticeship-style program called Hired.

"We're doing this so they can compete in our fast-paced work world," said Anthony Hickmon, the DFMWR workforce preparation specialist who is organizing the new program.

Hired is intended to match participants' interests with apprenticeships at DFMWR facilities, according to Patricia Lamson, DFMWR partnership specialist.

For example, if a youngster would like to learn more about working with cars, he or she might be offered a 12-week apprenticeship at the award-winning Auto

Skills Center.

"It gives them an opportunity to learn about a whole bunch of different careers," Lamson said, adding that child care facilities and fitness centers are also likely locations for the youth.



"We are trying to increase participation across the board with CYSS and MWR," Hickmon said. "We want to give them great opportunities."

Precursory classes, such as interviewing skills and basic professionalism, begin in June, and the hands-on apprenticeships

are set to begin June 30, according to Hickmon.

"All of the kids in the hired program are going to have good basic job-seeking education," Lamson said.

By design, the Hired program is about teens getting hands-on experience out in the facilities, requiring much cooperation, Hickmon said.

"Everybody has said they will be on board with the program," he said, referring to the DFMWR facility and agency managers. "I haven't met one person in Schweinfurt who is not on board with the program."

Hickmon is also building the program with his counterpart in the USAG Bamberg, a logical connection because of the location of the high school, Hickmon said.

For more information, call 354-6732.



VMIS training aids volunteers and benefits community

Story and photo by Emily Athens

Are you a volunteer or want to become one? Through Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) training at Army Community Service (ACS), volunteers can find valuable resources online as well as manage their volunteer hours served.

“VMIS is accessible anywhere in the world wherever there is internet access and I want to reaffirm how simple it is to use,” said David Blakeman, volunteer coordinator at ACS, explaining that volunteer registration begins at www.myarmyonesource.com.

After navigating to the Web site, three simple steps are involved to become enrolled in the system.

“First, you register in the system as a new user, then you go to the volunteer link, and finally you edit your profile,” he said, emphasizing that once those steps are completed, you are a registered volunteer.

Registering in VMIS does more than just track hours logged. It’s a useful portal for members of the community to look at different opportunities in and around Schweinfurt and a helpful recruiting system for agencies within the community who are seeking volunteers.

“It’s also a tool used to justify the need to have a job position,” Blakeman explained.

Besides the importance of VMIS and the many ways it benefits Schweinfurt agencies and community members, volunteering alone remains a staple on any military post. According to Blakeman, those who take the time to offer their services are not only helping the community, but doing themselves a favor as well.

“There’s a lot of skill building that you can do through volunteering. It creates a placeholder in your resume,” Blakeman said, “It gives you the opportunity to explore and find out what you’re really good at and what will really make you happy. Volunteering is about feeling good.”

Tom Casarez, a Schweinfurt volunteer who submitted the most hours this year, offering over 1900 hours of his time, knows about



VMIS instructor David Blakeman (left), and volunteer Tom Casarez, view the Army one source Web site in preparation for the VMIS training yesterday. Classes run once a month through ACS with the next class scheduled for June 17.

the rewards of volunteering.

“I do it because I can. If you’re going to be doing something, do it for the right reasons because you’re going to enjoy it ... you’re going to have fun,” Casarez said.

To sign up for the upcoming VMIS training class June 17 or for more information about registering with VMIS, call ACS at 09721-96-6933.

“I strongly believe in creating a safe and comfortable work environment for volunteers. If you call in or come to the class, I can easily walk you through it,” Blakeman said, adding that the steps of how to register on VMIS can be found at <http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/sites/acs/avc/ArmyVolunteerCorp.pdf>.



Soccer official clinics set for Germany

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Installation Management Command-Europe Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host soccer official clinics in June held at IMCOM-Europe’s Center for Workforce Development in nearby Schwetzingen from June 16-20.

Dan Heldman, a national instructor and contributing editor of Referee Magazine, will oversee both events, which are designed to train attendees in becoming officials and prepare others for programs such as Child and Youth and School Services, community sports and high-school competition.

Those interested need to register online at www.mwraonline.com or contact Tony Lee at tony.lee@eur.army.mil.



Partnership with orthopedic surgeon fosters community

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Medical professionals gathered at the Schweinfurt Health Clinic May 8 to discuss orthopedic concerns and share knowledge about common foot and ankle injuries found in the military community of Schweinfurt.

Special guest, Dr. Stefan Feiler, an orthopedic surgeon practicing in Schweinfurt, came with a presentation on the subject.

“It’s not possible to go into too much detail in ... one-and-a-half hours, so I call this a high-speed flight through all the possibilities of modern foot and ankle surgery. It’s a good thing for giving them an overview,” he said in an interview beforehand.

Feiler and the Schweinfurt Health Clinic staff have built a close partnership in caring for patients needing medical attention for injuries. Soldiers or family members needing further assistance in correcting injuries may be referred to his office.

“We have a very high grade of specialization. We are very skilled in the things we are doing,” Feiler said, explaining how they do the same surgeries on a regular basis and therefore have a high

success rate.

During his visit, the medical professionals showed Feiler the gear that the Soldiers wear and explain how the equipment, in addition to particular sitting positions in



Staff Sgt. Peter Berthold, left, shows Dr. Stefan Feiler, German orthopedic surgeon, the amount and weight of the equipment worn regularly by American Soldiers.

military vehicles, can be a contributing factor to some of the Soldiers’ injuries.

“These back-to-back deployments are taking a toll on these joints,” said Kevin Worth, Warrior Transition Unit nurse case manager.

Worth explained how Soldiers gain 100 pounds of weight in only 30 seconds when they don their gear. Testing the strength of the body for this weight is done through the regular physical training tests.

“It doesn’t really give you a good idea of how strong somebody’s core is,” Worth said of the physical training tests. Taking into account the probable causes of injuries seen in the clinic and referred to him and other off-post specialists, Feiler jumped into his presentation about the most modern foot and ankle surgeries available to patients.

The lengthy discussion illustrated the fact that partnerships and communication open a vast pool of knowledge for medical professionals to pull from.

“We are really lucky to have Dr. Feiler take time out of his busy schedule to come see us,” said Maj. (Dr.) Vinaya Garde, Schweinfurt Health Clinic medical director.

A bit of ceremony, A lot of fun at ‘dining out’

Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee, USAG Schweinfurt, gestures toward the fallen comrade table during the USAG Schweinfurt dining out at the Mainberg Castle May 15.

More than 150 people gathered at the castle for the event, an opportunity to promote esprit de corps and military tradition in the Schweinfurt community.

Lt. Col. Anthony Haager, USAG Schweinfurt commander, presided over the event, which also included participation of the Bamberg High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, recognition of the Army’s partnership with the host nation, a Grog ceremony, and dancing into the night. (Photo by Mark Heeter)





Taking housing survey may increase allowance

By Sandra Wilson

The Defense Travel Management Office is giving the opportunity for active duty Soldiers and family members residing in private rentals to provide input through an online survey about their overseas housing allowance (OHA).

“The only way they can increase the payment they give to the Soldiers is through OHA surveys,” said Helga DeHerrera, chief of housing customer service in Schweinfurt.

Utility costs seem to rise every year, DeHerrera said, so it’s important to document how much Soldiers are paying in private rentals.

The online survey asks about expenses incurred with utilities, recurring maintenance, and move-in costs. Having on hand actual bills or records of expenses

will be most helpful in filling out the survey accurately.

Once begun, the survey can be completed in more than one sitting but must be from the same computer. The survey is not complete and the data cannot be used until it is submitted at the end.

“We just need to emphasize how important it is for the Soldiers or family members to fill this out,” DeHerrera said.

For deployed Soldiers who still hold a private rental in Schweinfurt, the housing office asks that they attempt to fill it out as well. Family members are also eligible to complete the survey, particularly if they have ready access to the bills or records of the private rental expenses, DeHerrera said.

Survey participants should allot for 40 to 50 minutes to fill it out, according to the Web site where the survey can be found

at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/oha/survey/utilitymiha.html>, but the benefits reaped from taking the time to do it may be well worth the time.

“Your participation could possibly result in higher OHA rates for Germany,” wrote Capt. Shawn Schulze, financial policy officer in Kaiserslautern, in an email.

“This (survey) drives the OHA cost. We are all about in the business of accurately describing what the costs are to having families over here. Here is a chance ... to input into a survey so their OHA is right,” he wrote.

According the Schulze, the survey deadline has been extended to June 17, which will allow for more people to participate.

The OHA survey can also be found on the USAG Schweinfurt homepage at <http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil/sites/local/>.

NCO

Lee. “He listens. If you don’t listen as a sergeant first class, and you make the next rank, you’re going to have trouble. And he asks advice from his seniors,” Lee said.

A wheeled-vehicle mechanic by trade, Roberts relishes the role of the noncommissioned officer – especially the first sergeant – as a team builder.

“We’re all one team. We’re all about building that team concept,” he said, adding that he enjoys helping younger Soldiers understand that.

“A good leader can convey that to them, and make them understand the ultimate goal that you’re trying to get to,” he said.

When asked to describe a model NCO he had in his career, Roberts is quick to describe 1st Sgt. Keevin Fields, with whom he once again serves. Fields is deployed with the 172nd FSB.

“He was also into the team-building concept. He taught me all the things that a Soldier needs, and that a leader needs, at an early age,” said Roberts, who as a young Soldier maintained a unit arms room under Fields.

Having learned more about dealing with families and outside agencies while also leading Soldiers, Roberts calls his current assignment “where it’s at.” He is still the same NCO, though, at all hours of the day.

“I’m that guy that stays under the radar. But I’m the guy you can wake up at 2300 to deal with Soldiers, and I will jump up like it’s eight o’clock in the morning,” he said.



Sgt. 1st Class Dontonio Roberts provides suicide prevention training to some of his Soldiers. (Courtesy photo)

I WANT YOU!



TO HELP INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

From May 3 to 15, there were a total of 38 appointment “no-shows” at the health clinic. This resulted in a loss of \$2,251.50, but, more importantly, it robbed customers of 38 available primary care appointments.

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Schweinfurt is dedicated to improving access to facilities and the services that they provide. By decreasing “no-shows” and using established programs, we as a team can win in the battle to increase your access to health care. To cancel appointments, simply call 09721-96-7901.



Blackhawk Soldiers take care of their own

By Capt. Stephen Short
172nd Infantry Brigade

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – Soldiers volunteer when they choose to enter the Army. They know their duty can take them to dangerous places far from home. They know there are risks in what they do even in their garrisons

and have always believed in taking care for one another. That is why there remain trained professionals throughout the Army ready to provide excellent medical care when needed.

The Lieutenant Perez Medical Treatment Facility is located at Forward Operating Base Kalsu, Iraq in Babil province. The Soldiers who work there provide initial

treatment for a broad range of injuries and illnesses.

“A physicians assistant does pretty much what a doctor would do except surgeries,” said 1st Lt. Richard White, a physicians’ assistant of Charlie Company, 172nd Support Battalion who works at the aid station providing basic medical care for patients. “We can identify and treat injuries, diabetes, high blood pressure and other illnesses that are common.”

A Soldier being unable to do their job can affect the performance of any section or unit.

A doctor and physician assistant have around 200 to 250 patients a week while working on three shifts. Medics are there as well to help provide care for the daily patients.

“We do triage, which is evaluating injured patients and ensure they are placed in the appropriate category for urgency of treatment and help here with sick call when it gets busy here in the morning,” said Sgt. Timothy Hobbs, a C Company, 172nd Support Battalion medic.

“Some of our junior enlisted Soldiers experienced a serious trauma here for the first time when a 12 year Iraqi old boy was accidentally hit by a vehicle,” said Hobbs, from Bristol, Tenn.

The child is stable and receiving care in Baghdad where he evacuated to in a 20-minute flight by a Blackhawk Medevac helicopter.

“You train for this and then these Soldiers found themselves in that actual situation that they have trained for,” added Hobbs.



Pfc. Cynthia Samudio, Company C, a 172nd Support Battalion medic, takes the blood pressure of Spec. Jimmy Wisz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment Soldier, May 15. (Photo by Capt. Stephen Short)

Candles: A hot issue during IMCOM-E Fire Safety Campaign

Installation Management Command-Europe public affairs

HEIDELBERG, Germany – As Installation Management Command-Europe Region Army garrisons continue to observe the Army’s Fire Safety Campaign, fire protection and safety officials say to prevent accidental fires, it’s a good idea to know what the leading causes of fires are in Army Family Housing (AFH), barracks and leased housing in Europe.

Cooking fires are the leading cause of accidental fires. The number two cause of preventable fires may surprise people. It’s the only cause of fire reported in all three Army living quarters in Europe: AFH, barracks and leased housing are candles. Unattended candles to

be specific.

“That fact surprises people we talk to about fire prevention,” said Patricia Jackson, IMCOM-Europe safety specialist. “It seems in recent years that more companies make scented candles. These candles smell so good that they get used more often, leading to an increase in fire-related incidents caused by candles.”

Safety personnel and Division of Emergency Services fire protection personnel at IMCOM-Europe garrisons region wide are spreading information and raising awareness about the dangers of fire as part of an Army Fire Safety Campaign that runs

through October. Candles are one of the hot topics.

In AFH, there have been two fires attributed to candles, while the barracks and leased housing each reported one incident since the beginning of the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2008.

Fire-related risks associated with candles are sometimes unknown by people, said Gerald Adams, IMCOM-E fire protection specialist.

“This fire safety campaign is a valuable time for safety and fire protections specialists to help raise awareness about fire safety overall, and to make our people understand that fire safety hazards exists in our daily lives,” Adams said. “Jackson explained that candles are a workplace safety consideration,

too.

“During one of my workplace safety inspections, I walked through an office and saw a desk heaped with paper. On that desk, left unattended, was a burning candle. Although it was a votive – or a jar candle – it presented a fire hazard,” said Jackson. “The big problem is that candles are prohibited in the workplace. It should have never been there.”

“We have seen increases Army-wide in the past few years of unattended candles fires commensurate with increased use of candles in living quarters. By simply snuffing out candles, we can prevent loss of resources and possibly save lives,” Adams said.



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