



## Command sergeant major: senior trainer

Story and photo by Mark Heeter

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

He can still see her, "clear as day," like it were yesterday, standing in the third-floor window of the barracks at Fort Hood, Texas.

"I always call her the 'Woman in the Window,'" said Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Allen, 44<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Signal Battalion.

Allen, now with 23 years experience Soldiering, was a specialist at that life-altering moment when a sergeant first class summoned him.

"She said, 'Spc. Allen, come up. I want to talk to you,'" Allen recalled.

"She said, 'You know, every day I see you and your buddies doing the same thing – drinking, partying, all times of night,'" he said. "And she said, 'I see more potential in you than that. I'm not telling you don't hang out with your friends. I'm not telling you don't have fun.'"

Then she nailed that potential and gave him guidance that he shares with his Soldiers to this day.

"But I'm telling you," she said. "You need to start getting in school, get an education, enroll yourself in correspondence (courses). And the partying is going to be there."

Allen might have returned to his group of friends without giving



Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Allen talks to Soldiers just before they deployed from Schweinfurt Tuesday, Oct. 13.

her advice much more thought.

"But this is what I admired about her. The next day she came to my office, she picked me up, and took me over to the education center and got me enrolled in college," he said.

Training, development, education, progression are words that command sergeants major – and all noncommissioned officers

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## Senior leaders meet to build teamwork, improve community



Beth Potter, school liaison officer, shares information to other leaders of the Schweinfurt community during the Senior FRG Leader Update Tuesday, Oct. 20 in the Yellow Ribbon Room.

Story and photo by Emily Athens

The United States Army Garrison Schweinfurt provides day-to-day services for every service member, family member, and civilian employee in the community. It is the garrison that is responsible for enhancing the readiness of Soldiers and families while meeting the needs of those supporting the mission.

To ensure objectives are met, responsibilities are fulfilled, and priorities

are placed, leaders of the community met Tuesday, Oct. 20 for the monthly Senior FRG Leader Update where agency directors and commanders discussed upcoming events, exchanged feedback, and generated new ideas with the senior FRG leaders from each of Schweinfurt's 17 independent units.

"It is important to get together to share ideas, build relationships, and most importantly, to get

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*Don't forget to set clocks back an hour Saturday night*



# 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)

### Now until Sun., Oct. 25



**Fall market/fair** in Schweinfurt across the street from St. Josef Hospital.

### Fri., Oct. 23:

**Ballett "Don Quixote"** performed by the ensemble of St. Petersburger Ballet Theater Boris Elfman at the Rosstrunstrasse 2 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 09721-51475 or 09721-51510.



### Fri.-Mon., Oct. 23-26:

**Traditional parish fest** at the Münsterhalle in Sömmersdorf.

### Sat.-Sun., Oct. 24-26:

**Traditional parish fest** at the DJK in Schwemmelsbach.

### Sat., Oct. 24:

**Flea market** at the Kaltenhof in Mainberg, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.



### Sat., Oct. 24 continued:

**"Peace" concert** by the philharmonic orchestra of Werneck and a children's choir at the church in Grafenrheinfeld at 5 p.m.



**Mandolin and guitar orchestra** of Schweinfurt performs at the "Naturfreundehaus" in Schweinfurt at 7:30 p.m.

### Sun., Oct. 25:

**Stores will be open downtown.**

**Sugar beets ball** at the Sportheim in Lültsfeld-Schallfeld.

### Sat., Oct. 31:

**Black gospel performance**, "Total Praise," Congress Center in Würzburg at 8 p.m. For tickets go to [www.getgo.de/total\\_praise](http://www.getgo.de/total_praise)

**The best of Eric Clapton**, live at the Stadthalle Haßfurt at 8 p.m. The Bell Bottom Blues Band performs a musical time travel through 4 decades of Clapton's music in a 2-hour long live program. Tickets are available at the Haßfurter Tagblatts, 09521/1714, at the Kulturamt Haßfurt, 09521/688228 or at [www.kulturamt-hassfurt.de](http://www.kulturamt-hassfurt.de)



### Sat., Oct. 31 continued:

**Viva la musica.** Choirs and instrumental groups perform at the Schweinfurt theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the "Bürgerservice" located in the town-hall, 09721-510 or by emailing [theater@schweinfurt.de](mailto:theater@schweinfurt.de)

**Oratorio "The Kingdom"** by Edward Elgar for soloists, choir and orchestra performed at the "Max Littmann Saal" in Bad Kissingen at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 0971-807-1110 or email [kissingersommer@stadt.badkissingen.de](mailto:kissingersommer@stadt.badkissingen.de)

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### Tue., Nov. 3:

**"The Cavern Beatles"** from Liverpool perform live at the city auditorium in Schweinfurt at 8 p.m. for tickets go to: <http://www.buehnen.net/er/the-cavern-beatles/>

### Mon., Nov. 16:

**"The Picture of Dorian Gray"** play performed by the American Drama Group Europe at the Schweinfurt Theater, Rosstrunstrasse 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).



## 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.

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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...

## Traffic delays

Expect traffic delays Monday, Oct. 26 when entering and exiting the JFK Ring gate of Askren Manor. Drivers are asked to exercise caution near work areas and encouraged to utilize the Askren Manor Main Gate near Niederwermerstrasse during this time.

## Red Cross volunteers needed

The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers to aid in a variety of services. For more information, stop by the ARC office, now located at Ledward bldg. 289 across from the health clinic, or call 09721-96-1760.

## Fireproof movie event

The community is invited to a free PG movie showing of "Fireproof," a 2008 film that topped the charts. Sponsored by the Religious Services Office, the event will be held in the Schweinfurt Elementary School multi-purpose room Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

## Christmas play parents meeting

Plans for the community Christmas play are underway and participation is sought. If you would like your child to be involved, come to an informational meeting for parents on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Ledward Chapel beginning at 10 a.m. Parents must complete the necessary paperwork for their child to participate. Volunteers are also needed. For more information, call Donna Hilley at 09721-96-6860 or Lindsey Cole at 0178-274-1311.

## Hugging team

Volunteers are sought to be a part of the Schweinfurt Garrison hugging team, or the hug and high five team, to aid in welcoming home Soldiers at the main body welcome home ceremonies in the coming weeks. Members of the team will be notified when Soldiers will be arriving. The team will be there to greet Soldiers with a handshake, a hug, and a high five, and to offer to take pictures. This is also a great way to make those single Soldiers who don't have family welcoming them to feel appreciated. To be a part of the team, call the Ledward Chapel at 09721-96-1370. The sign up deadline is Friday, Oct. 23.

## Volunteers for clean-up

In support of Make a Difference Day, the community will be conducting a clean-up of all areas on Askren Manor Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are to meet in the Schweinfurt Elementary School parking lot to be assigned an area and given trash bags, recycle bags, and gloves. All are encouraged to attend and do not need to stay the entire time.

## ODR day trip

Outdoor Recreation is taking a day trip to Rhoen Saturday, Oct. 24. Transportation departs from ODR at 9 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m. Participants will enjoy visits to Wasserkuppe, the outdoor museum in Fladungen, and the famous Kreuzberg Monastery. Cost is \$20 which includes transportation and entrance to the museum. Bring euros. To sign up, call 09721-96-8080.

## Join adult book club

The community is invited to attend the adult book club at Ledward Library on Thursday, Oct. 29. The group will meet at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the book, "Finding Nouf" by Zoe Ferraris. For more information, call 09721-96-1740.

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Thu., Oct. 22-	7 p.m.	A Perfect Getaway (R)
Fri., Oct. 23-	7 p.m.	Perfect Getaway
Sat., Oct. 24-	4 p.m.	Surrogates (PG)
	7 p.m.	The Good, Live Hard, Sell Hard (PG-13)
Sun., Oct. 25-	4 p.m.	Surrogates (PG)
	7 p.m.	The Good, Live Hard, Sell Hard
Mon., Oct. 26-	closed	
Tue., Oct. 27-	closed	
Wed., Oct. 28-	7 p.m.	Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13)

## Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.		P.M.	
	<b>Fri., Oct. 23</b> Partly cloudy Lows 3 C / 37 F		<b>Fri., Oct. 23</b> Mostly cloudy Highs 11 C / 52 F
	<b>Sat., Oct. 24</b> Mostly cloudy Lows 7 C / 45 F		<b>Sat., Oct. 24</b> Partly cloudy Highs 12 C / 54 F
	<b>Sun., Oct. 24</b> Mostly cloudy Lows 8 C / 46 F		<b>Sun., Oct. 24</b> Mostly cloudy Highs 13 C / 55 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- Fri., Oct. 30** --Dodgeball pumpkin smash tourney, Finney gym, 6-8:30 p.m. Sign up by Oct. 25 at 353-8234.
- Sat., Oct. 31** --Day trip to Pottenstein with Outdoor Rec, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$20 Enjoy Devils Cave, smoked fish and rollercoaster. Call 09721-96-8080.
  - Halloween bash with costume contest for children & adults, Ledward Library, 5 p.m.
  - Garrison trick-or-treating hours on Askren, 6 to 8 p.m.
  - Halloween bowling, Kessler bowling center, 6-8 p.m. Costumed customers get first game free. Enjoy disco lights, music, and free candy.
- Sun., Nov. 1** --Crafts market trip to Lauterbach with Crafts Studio, departs 8 a.m. Call 09721-96-6903.
  - Pre-transition briefing at bldg 40 from 9 a.m. to noon. Reserve a seat by calling 09721-96-8683.
- Mon.-Fri., Nov. 2-6**--Schweinfurt Newcomers Awareness Program. To register, call ACS at 09721-96-6933.
- Wed., Nov. 4** --"Desperate Houseeries" PWOC Bible study begins, Ledward chapel, 9 a.m. Free watch care.
- Thu., Nov. 5** --Vehicle winterization course: winter driving, Conn Auto Skills center, 6 p.m. Call 353-8224.
  - Geomaris indoor pool trip with Outdoor Rec., 5-8:30 p.m. Call 09721-96-8080.
- Sat., Nov. 7** --Fall craft show, Schweinfurt Elementary School multipurpose room, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  - Flea market, Schweinfurt Middle School, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Mon., Nov. 9** --English as a second language, level II, six-week course begins, 5 to 7 p.m. 09721-96-6933.
- Tue., Nov. 10** --English as a second language, level II six-week course begins, 1 to 3 p.m. 09721-96-6933.
- Tue.-Thu., Nov. 10-12**--Auditions for "The Rocky Horror Show" at the Abrams Entertainment Center at 1 and 6 p.m. For information call 0162-296-2776 or email garland.travis@eur.army.mil
- Thu., Nov. 19**--Winter roadside emergencies class, Conn Auto Skills center, 6 p.m. Call 353-8224.
  - Geomaris indoor pool trip with Outdoor Rec., 5-8:30 p.m. Call 09721-96-8080.
  - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) meet n' greet, Finney Rec Center, 1-5 p.m.
- 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.
  - Community theater performs Quickies "Hold Me" by Jules Feiffer, Abrams Center, 7 p.m.
  - 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.
- Wed., Nov. 25**--Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers pre-Thanksgiving party, 6 p.m., Finney Rec Center.
- Thu.-Sun., Nov. 26-29**--Ski trip to Austria with Outdoor Rec. Cost is \$299. To sign up, call 09721-96-8080.
- Sat., Nov. 28** --Video game tournament at Ledward Library, 3 p.m. For more information, call 354-1740.
  - Community theater performs Quickies "Hold Me" by Jules Feiffer, Abrams Center, 7 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 29**--Ledward Crafts Studio trip to Hohenrother Advent Bazaar at Reineck. Call 09721-96-6903.
- Fri., Dec. 4** --Last day for donations to the Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas. Call 09721-96-1770.
- Fri.-Sat., Dec. 4-5**--Community theater performs Quickies "Hold Me," Abrams Center, 7 p.m.
- Tue., Dec. 8** --Parent education classes at the Child Development Center, 4:30-6 p.m. Call 09721-96-6281.

**Community 6 week outlook calendar**



# Finney Recreation Center named best in Europe

Story and photo by Nathan VanSchaik

*Editor's note: This is the third of a three-part series about USAG Schweinfurt Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and facilities that recently earned awards at Department of the Army and IMCOM-Europe level.*

USAG Schweinfurt's Finney Recreation Center on Conn Barracks is the winner of IMCOM-Europe's Outstanding Recreation Program. The recreation center is just one of the three USAG Schweinfurt Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) facilities to win the award. Ledward Library and the Auto Skills Center also received top prizes.

"I'm very proud of these honors that the facilities have won ensuring the services of our Soldiers," Mike Duday said, director of USAG Schweinfurt Directorate FMWR.

For Finney Recreation Center staff members and facility managers, the award comes with the territory. In the past three

years, the recreation center was recognized as the best recreation center in the army, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program won best BOSS program two years in a row, and USAG Schweinfurt recreation specialist, Sylvia Joiner, received the top Department of the Army award for excellence.

"We offer a great product and a totally renovated facility," Joiner said, who is also advisor to the BOSS program. "Plus we have fantastic staff and the programs we offer are something everyone likes." The award for Outstanding Recreation Program, which honors Army in Europe recreation centers on a range of categories, recognizes achievements in community programming, significant improvements, customer-guided programming, effective use of facility, training and publicity and promotion, according to Jim Mattingly, an IMCOM-Europe FMWR representative.

Finney Recreation Center received the top honor from a pool of the large garrisons in Europe.

Selection for the award was based on packages submitted by Army Europe recreation centers. Members from the Recreation Branch of IMCOM-Europe FMWR made the decision.

"I like the atmosphere and environment," said Sgt. Jessie DeBorja of Forward Support Company, 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion. "You can check your mail, gather your thoughts or catch a quick nap."

Finney Recreation Center offers free internet services, 25 computers with web cams, gaming computers, pool tables, DVD check-out services and special events to include trips, tournaments, and BOSS meet and greet forums specifically catered for reintegrating Soldiers.

The recreation center and its facilities are open to all valid ID cardholders but children under the age of eighteen must be supervised, said Joiner. The next meet and greet is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19 and Thursday, Dec. 3. BOSS is hosting a Texas Hold'em Tournament Saturday, Nov. 14 and a free pre-Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday, Nov. 25. All events are held at the Finney Recreation Center.



Finney Recreation Assistant, Raymond St. Pierre (left), checks out a computer for Pvt. Jose Rodriguez of 902nd Company, 15th Engineer Battalion. The Finney Recreation Center recently won the IMCOM-Europe Outstanding Recreation Program award.

## 'What'll you have?'

Lt. Col. Everett Spain, USAG Schweinfurt commander, dishes up breakfast at the Conn Barracks Consolidated Dining Facility Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Spain, joined behind the counter by Glenn Wait, his deputy garrison commander, and USAG Schweinfurt Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee, cooked and served the meal for 341 patrons, to begin what they hope to be a regular occurrence. (Photo by Mark Heeter)





# Program builds family support for Army

By Emily Athens

Understanding the unique elements of Army life— from acronyms to deployment readiness— may be essential to supporting the total Army effort; however, mastering every detail of Army living can prove to be a difficult and tedious task. Therefore, Army Family Team Building (AFTB) courses are offered to Soldiers, family members, and civilian employees to educate and promote healthy and productive Army living.

“AFTB is fun and educational. It’s there to increase your Army knowledge and develop leadership skills,” said Jane White, AFTB program specialist.

White explained that three levels of AFTB courses are offered in the classroom as well as online at [www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com).

“We also offer concept blocks for people that don’t have time to sit in the courses. And we can even visit family readiness groups and talk about anything they want ... from finances to deployment information for kids and adults ... anything,” White said.

Overall, the courses cover various topics from the beginning basics of what the Army is, to leadership skills, relationship skills, stress management, and much more.

“It’s a force multiplier ... and an FRG enhancer. We present modules that are

specific, practical and relevant to the audience,” said David Blakeman, AFTB master trainer.

According to Blakeman, AFTB is also a mechanism for training, where the skills taught are not only applicable to military life, but to other leadership positions as well.

Recently, three new instructors joined the AFTB team. These new instructors, Sgt. Vito Bryant, a MEDDAC Soldier, Beatriz Vega, a family member in 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 91<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), and Anthony Pryor, a retired service member and current civilian employee, completed a three-day instructor training course that equipped them with the knowledge, skills and abilities to lead AFTB courses.

“AFTB helps the Army in retention and readiness. It gives the community members more tools in their bags to get out, get involved, and make a difference. It also gives them insight into why and how the Army functions as an operational force,” Pryor said.

Whether an up-and-coming leader or simply a family member wanting to learn more, AFTB can prepare individuals for



**Beatriz Vega, AFTB instructor, practices her presentation skills during the AFTB instructor training course. Candidates completed 15 hours of classroom instruction gaining presentation skills to present quality material to the community. (Courtesy Photo)**

their future in the Army while enhancing their personal development, Blakeman explained.

“Our hopes are that participants will carry on what they learn to other people. We want them to talk the knowledge and give it away ... to learn it, do it, and teach it,” Blakeman said.

Level two AFTB courses begin Monday, Nov. 2. For more information or to sign up, call ACS at 09721-96-6933.

# Freecycle Center offers support to Soldiers, family members

Story and photo by Nathan VanSchaik

The new Freecycle center offers a wide-range of pre-owned merchandise and serviceable appliances, all of it offered at no cost. Located in building 231 on Ledward Barracks, across from the Ledward Consolidated Mail Room, the center is open every Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Freecycle Center, a project two years in the making, finally came to fruition Thursday, Oct. 15, according to Brad Posey, Separate or Recycle Trash (SORT) Program manager and Freecycle center organizer.

“I wanted to help to be more efficient in recycling,” Posey said.

When people dispose of items at any of the three garrison recycling centers, SORT employees identify what is serviceable and transport them to the center for customers to take, according to Posey. The Freecycle Center also accepts donations directly.

The benefit of this innovative program is twofold, according to Posey. First, items retrieved save on garrison disposal costs. Second, and more importantly, Soldiers and family members save money on otherwise expensive items.



**The new Freecycle Center offers a wide-range of free merchandise.**

In the first two days of operation, customers estimated they had saved \$5,980, according to Posey.

“It’s a great opportunity for soldiers to share things more with each other. It’s a great saving,” said Shawn Woodall, Family Readiness Group leader for the 902<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Company, 15th Engineer Battalion.

The Freecycle Center is open to all servicemembers, their family members, DoD civilians and their family members. A valid ID is required. Registration to use the facility, available on site, ensures that sponsors are limited to five free items per month.



# Army offers alternatives to domestic violence

Story and photo by Nathan VanSchaik

*Editor's note: This is the third of a three-part series to raise awareness during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.*

Scenario: A young woman with children married to a servicemember is the victim of repeated domestic abuse. Her husband threatens her not to report any cases of abuse to the authorities. If she does, he warns, he could face possible discharge from the military. Consequently, the woman and the children will lose access to spousal benefits and access to the Soldier's pay.

That's an abusive tactic batterers may use to control their victims, according to Capt. Diana Colon, a behavioral health clinician and chief of Social Work Service at the Schweinfurt Health Clinic.

"(Abusers) hold that power over their spouses," said Colon, who uses the Power and Control Wheel to illustrate these control methods to her patients, stresses the dangers of perpetual abuse.

"Domestic violence is chronic and progressive and it usually ends in death if you do not get intervention and that's what we want to try to prevent and avoid," she said.

That military spouses are hesitant to report cases of domestic violence does not go without merit. Convictions of domestic violence can have devastating effects on a Soldier's career, thus undercutting a spouse's support.

"If you have been convicted of a domestic violence offense and tried and found guilty, you will have to be kicked out of the military," Colon said.

Under the Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968, Soldiers tried and found guilty of domestic violence are not authorized to carry a firearm nor are they eligible for overseas

assignment. Soldiers with qualifying convictions will face challenges toward advancement and career opportunity.

"The Lautenberg Amendment is key to our program," said Colon.

Still, family members should not have to endure domestic abuse because of leverage an abuser may have. The Army offers victims numerous ways of reporting abuse either anonymously or without the dread of affecting a Soldier's career.

But there is another avenue victims of domestic violence should be aware of.

In 1994, Congress established the Transitional Compensation program for abused dependents of military personnel, according to the DoD's Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence. Temporary payments are now available to spouses and children of servicemembers who have been separated or sentenced to a forfeiture of all pay due to domestic violence.

The decision came after research indicated that dependents failed to report abuse because they feared the impact that the loss of the Soldier's support may have had on their lives. The transitional compensation program is in an effort to reduce victim disincentives to reporting abuse, according to the Defense Task Force.

Victims of abuse who are eligible for transitional compensation may receive payments at a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 36 months. Other benefits include medical care, exchange privileges and commissary privileges. Amount of compensation varies but can be found at the Department of Veterans Affairs Web site at <http://www.vba.va.gov> Follow the links under "Benefits" and "Compensation & Pension". For more information, contact the USAG Schweinfurt Family Advocacy Office or the USAG Schweinfurt legal office.

## Seasonal flu vaccine now available



Lt. Col. Leticia Sandrock, Chief Nurse at the Schweinfurt Health Clinic, administers the FluMist vaccine to Lynda Pontius while Maj. Vernell Jordan, Chief, Army Public Health Nursing, observes. Vaccinations are now available for the seasonal flu at the Schweinfurt Health Clinic. Community members can visit the immunizations clinic from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. on a walk-in basis. For questions regarding the vaccine, call 09721-96-6378. (Photo by Emily Athens)

## NCO

– must drive into their Soldiers and make them live it, according to Allen and USAG Schweinfurt Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee.

"You've got to get those Soldiers educated," Lee said.

Today, through training and education, the Army develops its Soldiers and NCOs the same way it has always raised officers, enabling all Soldiers the ability to make doctrine-based, critical decisions, according to Allen

"The young Soldiers today, they need to understand education is the key, because big Army is looking at a smarter Army, a smarter Soldier that can think quickly and make decisions to save lives on the battlefield. We're at war now," Allen said.

"Twenty-three years ago, I think I practiced more habit than doctrine. And when I say that, if someone came and told me, 'Hey, this is the way it should be done. This is the way we do it here. Hey, Got it. But I never followed up to open a regulation and read it,'" he said.

"NCOs today are practicing doctrine, because they've got to. The Army is going through a transformation, and as they go through this transformation, we've got to be abreast of all current changes. We're moving at a fast pace," he added.





# Schweinfurt in need of temporary foster parents

By Sandra Wilson

Circumstances sometimes arise that require a child to be removed from the home of their parent or legal guardian. In these cases, a qualified adult is needed to take on the 24-hour job of watching over the child. Army Community Service offers emergency placement care for these occurrences, and they are currently looking for more committed adults to apply as caregivers in the program.

“We have been fortunate in the Schweinfurt community and have not had to place a child in the last year,” said Lorraine Picha, family advocacy program manager. “However, it’s important to always be prepared for an emergency situation. Currently, we only have one family certified as an emergency placement care (EPC) provider.”

Picha pointed out that not every family is the best fit for every child, which indicates the need to have more than one family as an option when a child must be placed.

But the application process is a rigorous one, said Billy May, emergency placement care coordinator, because it’s important to find the most committed and loving care givers with the proper home setting.

“This is a real big commitment. I’d rather you just back out before you get into it and realize that this is just overwhelming for you,” May said.

“EPC providers need to be warm, patient, understanding, flexible and have the ability to care for children safely,” Picha said. “They need to have the ability to be present for the child and communicate well.”

Applicants must also be 21 years old or older, pass background

checks, and write a clear autobiography, to include the intent behind the desire to care for children needing placement. Home inspections will also be conducted, as well as an interview with the family of the applicant.

A series of classes is required as part of the application process— first aid and child abuse awareness among them. But to find out the basics of the program and the process of application, interested community members should first attend the emergency placement care class on Ledward Barracks, Friday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m.

“It’s equivalent to foster care, but it’s not (foster care),” May said. “In foster care, some kids will be led into adoption. We won’t do that here in the Army.”

The maximum stay for a child in emergency placement care is 90 days, according to May. A longer stay is rarely needed, he said, but if it is, then approval must come from higher authorities.

“When a child comes in, there is a clear-cut treatment plan to reintegrate this child or children back to the family,” May said.

With that end goal in sight, EPC providers can see how valuable their temporary role remains.

“Providing children with a home while their parents are unable to look after them is an admirable thing to do,” Picha said.

“EPC providers don’t just assist children with their day-to-day lives. They are supporting a child through a difficult and stressful time,” she said. “There is, of course, some financial reward, but ... the non-tangible rewards generally outweigh the monetary rewards.”



**Sometimes children need an alternate home away from home and Schweinfurt ACS is looking for qualified adults willing to take on that 24-hour care.**



## ‘Prevention starts with awareness’

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Maj. Vernell Jordan, Chief, Army Public Health Nursing, educates Pfc. Ray Brutcher, left, and Spc. Angel Munoz, both of 902<sup>nd</sup> Company, 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion at the PX Wednesday, Oct. 21. The information table provided handouts and demonstrations for community members to learn more about early prevention.

“We need to encourage everyone, men and women, to do those monthly breast self exams and to make sure they schedule annual appointments for baseline exams. Early detection provides a greater chance for survival,” Jordan said.

For more information, call the Schweinfurt community health nurse at 09721-96-1750. (Photo by Emily Athens)



# Double speed cameras can mean big fines, long suspensions for speeders in Germany

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MANNHEIM, Germany -- U.S. Army Europe drivers who travel on German autobahns should remember that German police sometimes set up more than one radar camera along the same stretch of autobahn, say USAREUR Office of the Provost Marshal officials.

"The theory is that anyone can unwittingly drive faster than the speed limit for a short time," said Maj. Vincent Amerena, deputy chief of law enforcement at the USAREUR OPM. "But someone caught in two sequential traps is obviously speeding deliberately."

The "Rheinpfalz" newspaper reported recently that double camera control points were currently set up near Baumholder on autobahn A62, and noted that similar control points are planned along autobahns A63 and A6. According to the article, excessive speed is involved in 80 percent

of the accidents with injuries or deaths in these areas.

A spokesman for the USAREUR Vehicle Registry said anyone caught speeding in two sequential radar traps is liable for fines of up to 2,000 euro, a six-month suspension of driving privileges and 12 points to their USAREUR driver's license.

"Two tickets on the same day could easily put someone over 12 points in one year," said Tom Lorenzini, registrar at the USAREUR Vehicle Registry. In that case, their license is required to be suspended for six months, he added.

Motorists in Germany face driving suspensions of at least one month if they are caught driving more than 31 kilometers per hour faster than the speed limit inside built-up areas. Outside built-up areas the driving suspensions kick in at speeds of 41 kilometers per hour over the speed limit.

Driving suspensions issued by German authorities always lead to the suspension of a USAREUR license, OPM officials added.

The German point system is different from the USAREUR system. The schedule of fines for driving offenses in Germany is available online by clicking the German Federal Ministry of Transport Web site link above.



## October is Army Energy Awareness Month

October is designated as National Energy Awareness Month and this year's theme is "A Sustainable Energy Future; We're putting all the pieces together."

This theme highlights how the federal government, private sector, and the public have a role in shaping our energy future and moving our nation towards energy independence.

Every day, each of us make decisions that can stimulate a new energy economy and impact the national goals.

We ask each member of the Army community- Soldiers, family members, civilian employees, and contractors- to promote energy security and improve energy conservation.

At a minimum, these actions include turning off interior and exterior lighting when not required, shutting down equipment when not in use, and limiting the idling of vehicles. Achieving and sustaining energy security requires all of us to be proactive in conserving our precious energy resources.

## LEADERS

information to pass on to our families, so they are well informed," said Kim Houston, FRG advisor for the 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion.

Lt. Col. Everett Spain, who attended the meeting for the first time as garrison commander, emphasized the importance of team building as he facilitated group activities and encouraged open discussion and communication. He further implemented an innovative portion of the meeting to discuss new ideas that could improve the environment of deployed and non-deployed units and on and off post living.

"The Senior FRG Leader Update empowers FRG leaders with information of what is going on throughout the community, facilitates the active exchange of ideas with information, and provides a recurring forum for FRG leaders to bring topics of importance to talk through with each other and community leaders," Spain said.

Most may agree that Army installations require a strong sense of unity, respect and support to thrive and it is these monthly meetings that aim to promote such qualities.

"We're one big family here, no matter what unit you're in, so this is a really positive thing and I really think we can benefit from it," said Glenn Wait, deputy garrison commander.

By the conclusion of the meeting, leaders were prepared to disseminate information to units and agencies garrison-wide to enhance community awareness and involvement.

"It's very important to get (everyone) involved in the community and to feel they have a voice," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee.

To learn more about what is happening within Schweinfurt, everyone is encouraged to attend one of two identical community update forums Thursday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. at the Ledward Theater or 6 p.m. at the Schweinfurt Elementary School's multipurpose room.



# GIDDY UP WITH MWR, Y'ALL!



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Get the Edge!  
CUTTING-EDGE ART, FITNESS, LIFE SKILL AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

**"It's My Life"**  
November 2, 9, 16 & 23; 3-6 p.m.  
Grades 6-8  
Learn important life skills like goal setting, managing money, communicating and more with the ACS staff.

**Discover Schweinfurt**  
November 3, 10 & 17; 2:30-5:30 p.m.  
Grades 1-5 (Cost: \$45)  
There's fun stuff to do right here in Schweinfurt. Check out a castle, a museum and a special tour of downtown.

**Acting 101**  
November 4, 18 & 25; 3-6 p.m.  
Grades 6-8  
Learn performance & acting techniques through games and practical exercises. Open to all skill levels.

**Get Fit**  
November 5, 12 & 19; 3-6 p.m.  
Grades 6-8  
Learn about ways to strengthen and develop your body.

**Blathlon: Climbing & Geocaching**  
November 6, 13 & 20; 3-6 p.m.  
Grades 6-8  
This package combines indoor climbing/high ropes with an outdoor treasure-hunting game using GPS.

Activities for grades 6-8 are FREE!  
To sign-up, call Central Registration at 09721-96-6514/DSN 354-6514.




## PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES

AT THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Tuesday 4:30-6 p.m.

### WEEKLY SUPPORT & EDUCATION GROUP

Oct 27	Guide for Helping Children Manage Anger
Nov 3	Life in Balance: Relaxation & Stress Relief
Nov 10	Stress Management
Nov 17	Effective Discipline for Young Children
Dec 1	Stress During the Holidays
Dec 8	Welcome Home! Reconnecting with your Child

Free child care provided; please reserve in advance.  
Light refreshments provided.

For more information, contact Heidi Woodall at CIV 09721-96-6281 or DSN 354-6281.




# HALLOWEEN 2009

MWR HAS SOMETHING SPOOKTACULAR PLANNED FOR EVERYONE OCTOBER 31.

## HALLOWEEN BASH

Ledward Library, 5 p.m.  
Costume contest for all ages, homemade caramel apples & prizes in the "Box of Mystery."  
Unlimited CD/DVD checkout for costumed customers all day long.

## HALLOWEEN BOWLING

Kessler Bowling Center, 6-8 p.m.  
Costumed customers get the first game free.  
Rock out with disco lights & candy galore.

## GARRISON TRICK OR TREAT

Askren Manor, 6-8 p.m.  
Questions? Call PMO at 09721-96-6624/DSN 354-6624.




## Basketball & Cheerleading Registration

Basketball, ages 3-10  
Cheerleading, ages 6-10

Fee:  
\$25, Basketball ages 3-5  
\$45, Basketball ages 6-10  
\$45, Cheerleading

Open through November 30

CYSS Central Registration  
Ledward Barracks  
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