



Destination: Schweinfurt *Soldiers, families get a first glimpse of home-to-be*



Ninety-six Soldiers and family members step off the buses upon their arrival for the "Destination: Schweinfurt" tour.

Story and photo by Mark Heeter

The long road from Mannheim to Schweinfurt just got a little bit shorter for 96 Soldiers and family members from the 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion who visited the community yesterday that they will soon call home.

"My first impression is kind of, like, family embracing us," said 1st Lt. James Hill, the officer in charge of the advance party, the group of Soldiers moved to Schweinfurt ahead of the rest of the battalion.

"I walk into all the agencies, and I tell them I'm with the 44th, and they already know what to do," said Hill, who has been in Schweinfurt for about a month. "I've noticed how friendly people here are on- and off-post."

The USAG Schweinfurt hosted the group to let them see and touch the city and installations that have been preparing for their arrival since the U.S. Army Europe announced the move in August 2008.

"Taking care of Soldiers and family members is what we do. And we're pretty

good at it," said Lt Col. Anthony Haager, USAG Schweinfurt commander.

Incoming Soldiers are not nearly as concerned about infrastructure and building improvements or what has been done in the past, Haager said.

"They only see 'What are we doing for you today,'" said Haager, who welcomed the group with a 30-minute briefing and photo-packed presentation.

"It's the people. People make the place," he said. "It's the attitude."

Soldiers, spouses, children and baby buggies packed up for a whirlwind guided bus tour of the major Schweinfurt installations and housing areas, before heading downtown for a look at many of Schweinfurt's sights and attractions.

For some Soldiers, the move is simply another "mission."

"You look at it like a deployment. You know, pack up your stuff and go elsewhere," said 1st Lt. Mike Marrinan, executive officer for Company B, 44th ESB.

The battalion is expected to be in Schweinfurt in the summer.

Art to explode at elementary school in "I am art" show

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

The individual person is a part of nature's art, according to Schweinfurt Elementary School art teacher Angela Oliverson. The "I am art" show April 30 from 6-8 p.m. at the school will give elementary students the chance to display to the community who they are in art.

"It's our annual art show, but this time it's much fancier. We wanted the kids to be able to really show off their strengths—that anyone can make art, because art is sharing," Oliverson said.

The "red carpet" art show, sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), dictates that attendees come a little dressed-up. But no special invitation is required—the event is open to the entire community.

Art of various forms will be displayed by children between kindergarten and fifth-grade including digital projects, imaginary animals, unique pizza displays, and of course the traditional drawings and paintings. Students can submit up to five pieces and as



Elementary students rehearse their "I am art" dance routine for the upcoming "red carpet" art show at Schweinfurt Elementary School multipurpose room April 30 from 6-8 p.m.

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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

Tomorrow:

Symphony orchestra concert of Bamberg at the Schweinfurt Theater, Rosbrunnstrasse, 7:30 p.m.

Charity concert (for a children's hospital) at the Kulturhalle in Grafenrheinfeld, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Dance party for people 30 + "Let's Dance" at the Disharmony, Gutermann Promenade in Schweinfurt, 9 p.m.

Flea market at the DJK sportsclub, Niederwerner Strasse in Schweinfurt, 7:15 a.m.



Irish night with the band "Solid Ground" at the Old Church in Schonungen, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday:

Fish fest at Ludwigsbrücke in Schweinfurt.

Music fest at the market square in Koltzheim-Herlheim.

Saturday & Sunday:

Spring festival in Rothenburg o.d. Tauber with numerous activities ranging from car shows, oldtimers arts and crafts, to theater performances, flamenco dancers, live music and more. Saturday at 8 p.m. the "blue hour" starts with live music for every taste at various locations.



Arts market Oberndorf at Ernst-Sachs-Strasse 95 in Schweinfurt, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday:

Medieval Hoffest at the Zehnthof in Geldersheim, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Youth brass band of Üchtelhausen concert at the parish hall in Üchtelhausen.

Wednesday:

Ballet performance

by the "Cisne Negro Dance Company" from Brazil at the Kurtheater in Bad Kissingen at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 0971-8048-444.



April 30:

A Capella concert performed by "The House Jacks" and "Maybebob" at the Stadtgalerie (city mall) in Schweinfurt, 8 p.m.

April 30 through May 3:

Seuferts Ranch hoffest in Dittelbrunn-Hambach.

LOOKING AHEAD...

May 14 through 16:

Dirk Denzers "Musica" evening performance (tickets start at 32 euro). For tickets call 01801/052052 or sold at the Zeughaus (newspaper office downtown Schweinfurt)

May 18:

"Magic Moments" evening performance. Tickets start 32 euro, call 01801-052052 or online www.varietefestival.de.



Schweinfurt Dispatch



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Information and photos included in this

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This week...

B.O.S.S. wants your input

Want to help plan events for single Soldiers or just give your input into how things run? Attend Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers' council meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday and all single Soldiers are invited to attend. The meeting is held at Finney Recreation Center at 2 p.m. For more information, call 09721-96-8476 or 353-8476.

Sirens testing Wednesday

Please be informed that the city of Schweinfurt will test its sirens Wednesday at 11 a.m. These sirens are normally used to warn residents in case of a disaster or catastrophe. The following signals will be sounded with a pause of several minutes in between. There is no cause for alarm.

- A howling sound of approximately one minute duration (meaning to turn on your radio and listen to the announcements)
- A continuous sound of approximately one minute duration, twice interrupted (meaning fire alarm)

Hours of operation for AAFES concessions

- **Ledward shoppette:** Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Burger King:** Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Popeye's:** Open seven days a week 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Taco Bell:** Mon-Sat 10 a.m.- 7 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Subway:** Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- **Dry Cleaners:** Conn Mon-Wed 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Ledward Thu-Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Scheduled fuel ration card system partial outage

AAFES will have a scheduled partial system outage on Sunday and Monday that will affect the ESSO Ration Card System. Between the hours of 2 p.m. Sunday through 2:30 a.m. Monday, customers may purchase fuel, but AAFES will not be able to issue new fuel cards. Outages are necessary so the fuel ration card will remain compliant with industry security requirements.

Recycle center relocated

The Ledward recycle center by the east exit gate will be moving to bldg. 235 behind the Ledward Dining Facility Tuesday afternoon. Normal hours of operation will resume Wednesday in the new location. For more information, call the S.O.R.T. coordinator at 0162-270-9403.

Deal with anger

Do you have anger that you don't know how to properly deal with? Come to the Army Community Service series on Anger Management and learn how to understand the patterns of your anger and how to express it in unaggressive ways. A new session begins Tuesday. Call to sign up at 09721-96-6933.

Community Bank

Conn Community Bank will undergo renovations in May and the last business day with regular hours will be April 30. Conn Community Bank will reopen for business May 25, Memorial Day. During the renovations the two ATM machines on Conn Barracks will remain in service and concessionaires can use the Ledward Community Bank.

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Tonight-	7 p.m.	He's just not that into you (PG-13)
Tomorrow-	7 p.m.	Friday the 13th (R)
Saturday-	4 p.m.	Hannah Montana: the movie (PG)
Sunday-	7 p.m.	Push (PG-13)
Sunday-	4 p.m.	Hannah Montana: the movie (PG)
Monday-	7 p.m.	Push (PG-13)
Monday-	closed	
Tuesday-	closed	
Wednesday-	7 p.m.	Friday the 13th (R)

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.		P.M.	
	Friday Partly cloudy Lows 5 C / 41 F		Friday Partly cloudy Highs 15 C / 59 F
	Saturday Sunny Lows 10 C / 50 F		Saturday Partly cloudy Highs 19 C / 66 F
	Sunday Mostly cloudy Lows 9 C / 48 F		Sunday Partly cloudy Highs 19 C / 66 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 1 MAY** --Deadline to reserve for Mother’s Day Brunch May 10, Conn Community Club. Call 354-6186.
- 2 MAY** --Annual middle school spring flea market, rent a table at diane.schmidt@eu.dodea.edu.
- 4 MAY** --Deadline to sign up for unit-level softball season. Games begin May 12. Call 09721-96-8234.
 --Computer basic & Windows Vista class, Ledward bldg. 206, 8 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Call 354-6933.
 --Quilting workshop (session A) begins, Ledward Crafts Studio, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 354-6903.
 --Deadline to sign up for Camp Army Challenge June 15-20. Open to grades 6-12 with deployed parent. Go to www.mwr-europe.com to register or for more information.
- 4-8 MAY** --Newcomer orientation class, Army Community Service, free child care available. 354-6933.
- 5 MAY** --Quilting workshop (session B) begins, Ledward Crafts Studio 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 354-6903.
 --Basic MS Word 2007 class, Ledward bldg. 206, 8:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
 --“How to find a job” class, Army Community Service, 2-3 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 6 MAY** --Daybreak Quartet performs at the Schweinfurt Elementary School 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.
 --Basic MS Word II 2007 class, Ledward bldg. 206, 8:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
 --Family Readiness Group 101, Ledward Yellow Ribbon Room, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 354-6933.
- 6-7 MAY** --Spa program sponsored by PWOC, Ledward Chapel. May 6 at 9 a.m., May 7 at 5:30 p.m.
- 6-9 MAY** --Adult softball clinic, Finney Fitness Center, 6-8:30 p.m. Call 09721-96-8234.
- 7 MAY** --Civilian Resume 101, Ledward bldg. 206 computer lab, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
 --Internet Explorer 7 & basic web design class, 8:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 7-9 MAY** --Community theater “Steel Magnolias,” Abrams Entertainment Center, 7 p.m.
- 9 MAY** --High ropes course trip with Outdoor Rec noon - 4 p.m. for \$30. Call 09721-96-8080.
 --Auto maintenance orientation class, Conn Auto Skills Center, 6 p.m. Call 09721-96-8224.
 --Videogamers tournament, Ledward library, 3 p.m. Call 09721-1740 for more details.
- 10 MAY** --Traditional handcraft & farmers market trip to Rueckersfeld with Crafts Studio, 354-6903.
- 12 MAY** --Community Update Forum, Schweinfurt Elementary School, 6 p.m. Community invited.
 --Maximize your Thrift Savings Plan, Army Community Service, 9-10 a.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 14-16 MAY** --Community theater “Steel Magnolias,” Abrams Entertainment Center, 7 p.m.
- 17 MAY** --Winefest trip with Outdoor Rec, noon - 5 p.m. \$10 for transportation. Call 09721-96-8080.
- 23 MAY** --Teddy & doll fair trip to Sonnenburg with Crafts Studio. Depart 1 p.m. Call 09721-96-6903.
 --Nuernberg zoo & city tour with B.O.S.S. 8 a.m.- 6 p.m., 24 euro. Call 353-8476.
- 24 MAY** --Coburg all city flea market trip with Crafts Studio. Depart 8 p.m., return 6 p.m. 354-6903.
- 31 MAY** --Zeilitzheim vineyard hike with Outdoor Rec. noon - 5 p.m. Call 09721-96-8080.
- 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.
- 13 JUNE** --Warner Brothers Movie World trip with B.O.S.S. 4 a.m. - 6 p.m., 47 euro. Call 09721-96-8476.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Year of the NCO: Staff Sergeants

By Mark Heeter

Step up to the plate.

Staff Sgt. Rafael Cabrera, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Schweinfurt, did just that for his fellow noncommissioned officers this week, volunteering to take on a teaching mission after another instructor was unable to teach a level one Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC).

"They were going to cancel the class for BNCOC. And he stepped up and said, 'I'll teach it.' He didn't have to do that," said USAG Schweinfurt Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee.



Cabrera, recalling the phrase "backbone of the Army" from the NCO Creed, is keenly aware of the role of the NCO as a trainer throughout the Army.

"For example, when an officer comes into the Army, who is the first person to get a hold of them and train them? An NCO," Cabrera said.

"When you go to basic training and (Advanced Individual Training), Soldiers, privates, when they come into the Army, who's the first one to get hold of them and train them? An NCO," he continued.

Cabrera, a nuclear, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist with two years under his belt as a staff sergeant, will soon wear three hats in the garrison.

"And he's up to it," Lee said.

"He's a go-getter and he takes care of his Soldiers, and his mission and his family members," he added.

Upon reaching the rank of staff sergeant, according to Lee, Soldiers have to expand their focus beyond simply accomplishing the mission.

"When you have that staff sergeant that takes good care of the Soldiers and the family members, their focus is totally different," he said.

"A sergeant sometimes, they get on that even path, and they stay there. A staff sergeant might be on that path, but then he says, 'Wait a minute. I need to do that something extra,'" Lee added.



1st Lt. Enilda Flores-Cabrera, 7th Army Reserve Command, administers the oath of enlistment to her husband, Staff Sgt. Rafael Cabrera, in the USAG Schweinfurt headquarters building Friday. (Photo by George Ohl)

This is a distinction that helps him and the Soldier, Cabrera said.

"Also when that Soldier comes to that staff sergeant with a problem with the family, that staff sergeant has to know the right way to handle that problem or where to get help," he said.



'Respect the squid'

After removing several of its internal organs, Sharon Kim, right, begins her dissection of a squid during the Schweinfurt Elementary School science club Friday, while her project partner, Molly Kinter, looks on. The club dissected squids, learning about various body parts and functions along the way. Nearly 50 fourth- and fifth-graders comprise the club, which is broken into two groups that meet weekly for the after-school program under the direction of teacher Jean Kenny. (Photo by Mark Heeter)



Annual Kinderfest tops month of the military child

By Mark Heeter

As the month of the military child approaches the end of its days, the party is just getting started for the USAG Schweinfurt.

The annual hallmark event for the commemorative month, the Kinderfest,



Face painting is always a popular activity at the Kinderfest, as it was during last year's event, which was dubbed "Familypalooza."

takes place at School Age Services Saturday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. A parade through the housing area, beginning and ending at SAS, kicks off the event. The theme for this year's Kinderfest is "Everyday heroes."

"The parents are supposed to honor their kids, who are every day heroes, because they go through the deployments," said Daniel Jones, Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) sports director.

"Everyone from small to tall will have something going on for them," Jones said.

"It's definitely community driven for the families," he said, noting the coordination and cooperation from throughout Schweinfurt that goes into the event. "Everybody in the community who has anything to do with families is invited to come out and do stuff."

Kids will be able to bounce on the castles, play lots of games indoors and out,

paint faces, see a military police working dog demonstration, enjoy being with friends, and much more.

"It's a community event. We as the child care-focused organization, we spearhead it, but we coordinate with all family support agencies and indirect support agencies to try to bring everyone together to show their support of the military child," said Milenie Schwarz, CYSS program operations specialist.

USAG Schweinfurt and support agencies will be on hand with information for the families, but at the end of the day, this is all about the children, Schwarz said.

"It's a time just to celebrate being a kid, enjoying kids' activities, participating with children, having fun. That's what it's all about," she said.

"Come out and have a good time," Jones said.

Cub scouts' bike rally offers safety checks, repair skills

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

In between the bouts of drizzling rain, the cub scouts gathered for a bicycle rally Saturday at the Schweinfurt bicycle safety course. Within the large fenced-in area was a road course complete with European signs, traffic signals and roundabouts. The only thing missing was the presence of automobiles.

"It's nice getting him out of the house and not having to worry about cars," said Sarah Gumm about her 8-year-old son.

The course offers a safe place for children to learn all about traffic rules in a real setting.

Volunteer Louise Hurley walked the children through the course before they were allowed to ride it on their bicycles. Each sign and intersection was explained with brief demonstrations to ensure the kids understood the concepts.

"In general, most kids wouldn't know" what the signs meant, Hurley said, explaining why walking through the course was so essential for the first- through fourth-graders.

In addition to the course walk-through, the kids rotated to different activity areas during the morning. Their first order of business included a full bicycle inspection. Volunteers, some from the 9th Engineer Battalion, helped

by performing brake checks, inspecting the tires, and adjusting seats. Others taught the kids how to properly position and strap on helmets. Another station provided basic repair skills: tightening loose chains and fixing flat tires.

With the onset of the sunny weather, bicycles are coming out of storage and now is the perfect time to check bicycles for safety, said Joe Garcia, cub master.

"My idea was to get them a bicycle belt loop and to help out the Soldiers that are deployed," Garcia said, explaining that since many parents are deployed, the spouse back in Schweinfurt may appreciate the extra help with safety precautions.

Not only did the morning prove valuable for bike inspections, but it also provided an opportunity for the volunteers to impart basic bicycle knowledge on the aspiring riders.

"There's better things for us to do on the weekends than just sleeping all day—we can help some kids," said Spc. Robert Beggs, and adult volunteer from 15th Engineer Battalion.

Checklists were sent home with parents if additional safety accessories were required for the bicycles, and then the kids were off for their morning joy-rides with no care of automobile traffic.



Alex Garcia, left, listens as 2nd Lt. Brent Johnson, an Eagle Scout and volunteer from the 15th Engineer Battalion, explains how to check the tread on tires.



Entertainment director garners ‘Top’ honors

By Sandra Wilson

With 600 people in attendance at the annual Tournament of Plays “Topper” Awards Show in Heidelberg Saturday, the Schweinfurt community theater director,



Garland Travis earned a “Topper” award Saturday in best set design for a musical at the annual Tournament of Plays Awards Show in Heidelberg. (Photo by Nathan Van Schaik)

Garland Travis, was presented the top award for best set design for a musical. “School House Rock Live,” performed at the Abrams Entertainment Center in March, boasted the winning set that garnered the prize.

“On a human level, it’s awesome to get up and get a trophy,” Travis said. But, “It’s not so much for the individual that wins the award; it’s what it does for the program.”

Collecting trophies on the shelf for the USAG Schweinfurt community theater gives a “boost for the program.” And Travis didn’t want to take all the credit for the winning set. His key constructor of the set, Douglas Naillon, was there with him for 50 hours a week for nearly six weeks crafting the masterpiece.

“I couldn’t have won the award without him,” Travis said. “Good design doesn’t always mean good execution. Unfortunately, they don’t give an award for construction.”

“I’ve been building stuff since I was a kid. Just basic manual labor, it was fun,” Naillon said, explaining how his daughter and wife were taking part in the musical, so he didn’t mind putting so much work into it.

The three roving judges that attended the musical in Schweinfurt particularly praised the usefulness of the set. Entries and exits weren’t just conventional doors—the actors were popping out of cupboards and

closets, appearing from under the bed, and entering the stage from the bath tub. The numerous entry points also accomplished the task of getting the performers on and off stage quickly.

“Everything was used. There wasn’t anything on that set that wasn’t used,” Naillon said.

The adjudicators commendations ultimately scored the award for Travis’ design.

Although, the top award was shared with the Ansbach Terrace Playhouse for best set design for a musical, the value of the evening, sponsored by Installation Management Agency – Europe, was not diminished. Fourteen nominations were also garnered by other key players involved in the Schweinfurt musical production.

“Some folks would think that the nominations are handed out like candy, but they’re not at all,” Travis said.

In addition, with a special invitation, the “School House Rock Live” musical trio Joyce Dodson, Lisa Eubanks, and Melissa Westerfield with piano accompanist Dora Lewis were asked to perform “Sufferin’ Till Suffrage” at the Topper Awards Show.

Mock boards help Soldiers build Army strong careers

By Sgt. Michael Taylor, 172nd Infantry Brigade

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – You’ve been studying for weeks. You asked your peers to throw a few question at you here and there. Now the day has come, you feel a little nervous but you think you’ve got it. Three loud knocks on the door and you’re told to enter. You walk in confidently, salute correctly and take your seat. Then it begins, the first question is asked and you can’t even remember your name. Nervousness has set in and you blow it all. Luckily this was just a mock board.

For the past four months, Headquarter and Headquarters Company, 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) senior non-commissioned officers have worked hard to set up junior Soldiers up for success by putting together mock boards.

“I was glad that I attended the HHC mock board,” said Cpl. Johnathan Trump, a radio telephone operator. “The first time I attended, I already knew that I was not ready to attend the actual board.”

“Soldiers usually come to the mock board a little nervous and unprepared,” said 1st Sgt. Jason Pingo, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 172nd SIB. “What we try to do is put them in a similar atmosphere so that when they get to the real board they can know what to expect and how to act.”

After completing a mock board, Soldiers are usually coached on areas such as eye contact, proper ways to address board members, answering questions, saluting with a weapon, and basic board etiquette. The board members usually tell the attendee whether or not they think he or she is ready to attend the real board.

“With a little self preparation and attending the mock board, Soldiers have the key ingredients for success in the promotion board,” said Trump.



Spc. Timothy Stallberg fields questions from board members during the mock board held here at the HHC, 172nd Infantry Brigade conference room April 17. (Photo by Sgt. Michael Taylor)



Professional quilters offer class in Schweinfurt

By Sandra Wilson

Expressing the crafty side of yourself may be more than just creating a masterpiece of art. Some find that it has therapeutic value to ease the stresses of life, whether it be from a spouse being deployed or just the crunch of daily getting by.

The Ledward Crafts Studio is offering a one-time quilting class with guest instructors from the United States. With two staggered sessions, the instructors hope to capture many participants. Both sessions meet four times: session A meets Mondays and Wednesdays starting May 4 and session B meets Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 5. All classes run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the studio.

Sandra Oliverson and Jody Rosenhauer, nationally published quilters residing in Conroe, Texas, offer their classes in Schweinfurt at no charge. The quilting instruction that they are offering could easily cost \$250 in the U.S., according to David Haywood, crafts studio manager.

“When you have instructors that are published, it raises their value,” added Betty Haywood, volunteer at the Ledward crafts studio. “We hope this very wonderful offer gets appreciated.”

The project undertaking in the sessions is for beginners, but there is one main prerequisite for participants.

“The requirement and expectation of the students is they know how to use the sewing machine,” Betty said. Knowing how to sew by machine and having a good working knowledge of the machine to be used in class is also important, Oliverson wrote.



Jody Rosenhauer works on a project with her sewing machine at home in Conroe, Texas. (Courtesy photo)

Quilting is already offered at the studio on a weekly basis, but the instruction is only on hand-sewing.

“Everything is machine quilting,” in the U.S. instructors’ classes, David said.

With the unique styles of both Oliverson and Rosenhauer, the session projects are also tailored for the Schweinfurt audience.

“Our quilting class project entitled ‘Parade Rest’ was designed specifically for the Schweinfurt military spouses,” said Oliverson in an email from the states. “As the wife of a former (Air Force) F-4 pilot I understand the loneliness and hardships of deployments. I hope to ease that burden by imparting quilting knowledge and skills to bring joy to the lives of current military spouses.”

Participants must sign up in person at the Ledward crafts studio and will receive a list of materials that can be purchased on the premises in advance of the classes. Classes are also open to those in surrounding military communities, in which case, a call is sufficient for sign-up. Call 09721-96-6903 or 354-6903.

Hammer Challenge!



Staff Sgt. Roman Pavlyuk looks on as 2nd Lt. Jason Day and Staff Sgt. Dominador Ragay all with the 15th Engineer Battalion, complete a test on demolition calculations during the first Hammer Challenge April 2. Two-Soldier teams, each comprised of an officer and noncommissioned officer, competed for 12 hours in a number of Soldiering tasks, including land navigation, obstacle course, a road march, and computing demolition calculations. Meant to strengthen the bonds among the command and staff, the event was a success, according to 2nd Lt. Katherine Melcher, battalion adjutant. (Courtesy photo)

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many as possible will be displayed in the show— making for a multipurpose room decorated in explosions of color.

The evening begins with PTA elections followed directly by a silent auction for those students who choose to sell their art; the proceeds return to the PTA. During the time that attendees will be given to mill about, write their bids, and enjoy food and drink, individual students plan share their art experience verbally on stage.

“I try to teach the children that art is you and you are art. You have all of your amazing thoughts and dreams inside your head, and if you can learn how to pull those out and show them off to the rest of the world, that’s what art is,” Oliverson said.

After the verbal presentations, awards will be given to the top artists in each grade level in a short ceremony, and then a group of students will share their art in the form of dance as the grand finale.

“Not all children are academically successful. Children should be honored for all talents, and this night will showcase just that,” said Kim Brice, choreographer of the evening’s dance.



KINDERFEST

CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

APRIL 25

1:30 - 4:30 P.M.

SAS, ASKREN MANOR

Enjoy fun and games for all members of the community.

Outdoor Recreation Trips

Conn Barracks, Bldg. 50
CIV: 09721-96-8080
DSN: 353-8080

May 9
High Ropes Course

Depart at 12 p.m. and return around 4 p.m. Cost: \$30 for transportation, use of the Ropes Course and equipment.

Crafts Studio Trips

Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 203
CIV: 09721-96-6903
DSN: 354-6903

May 10
Kukuksmarkt at Rückerfeld

A traditional handcraft and farmers market with games for the children and lots of food. Depart at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

SPRING 2009 TRIPS

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