



Reading program draws on kids' artistic side



Deanta Doyle, 8, watches as his twin sister, Destiny, adds the finishing touches to their water color painting at Ledward Library yesterday.

The library hosts the summer reading program for children ages 6 to 11 years old to encourage literacy while school is out of session.

As part of the reading program, the children are challenged each Wednesday in July to "Be creative at your library." Participants have been introduced to floral design, decorating, museum art and painting.

The reading program's grand finale takes place Wednesday at 1 p.m. with a musical guest, certificates of completion, and a celebration. (Photo by Sandra Wilson)

ACS center receives recommendation for accreditation *Programs identified as benchmark, best practices*

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

The Army Family Covenant (AFC) that was signed in 2007 represents a \$1.4 billion commitment to improve the quality of life for Army Families, according to the AFC document. The U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt Army Community Service Center (ACS) exudes that program expansion to help care for Soldiers and family members.

On July 16, the IMCOM-Europe ACS accreditation team announced its recommendation for accreditation of Schweinfurt's ACS for not only meeting the standards but for exceeding them.

"Not every ACS center passes, and not every ACS center passes like we did, which was without a return visit needed," said ACS director Hal Snyder.

The accreditation team combed over what would seem even the minutest detail during their visit from July 13-16.

"It's an extremely close look at every process and every procedure," Snyder said. "It was an intense experience for us."

Preparation for the visit began nearly a year ago. Staff and even volunteers came in Saturdays, Sundays, and stayed late in the evenings "so that it would never impact our service delivery

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Bill Carpenter, ACS marketing specialist, and Heather Reagh Knapp, ACS marketing and advertising coordinator, prepare a poster to publicize a Schweinfurt event. Schweinfurt's ACS marketing department received accolades for its marketing and was identified as one of several benchmark programs for ACS centers across Europe to emulate.



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Events and activities in the local communities

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS VISIT:
www.schweinfurtserver.de/user/tourismus/Neu/stadtplan_EN_Endversion_2008.pdf

Friday:

Evening flea market at the Kaltenhof in Mainberg, 5 – 9 p.m.

Wine/beer fests:



Friday-Monday
Weinfest at Peterstirn (located on B286 – direction Mainberg, Schonungen it is located up on the hill on the left side between Mainberg and Schonungen).

Saturday-Monday

- Wine fest in Mainberg
- Parish/beer fest in Schweinfurt Klingenbrunn

Friday - Sunday:

59th Rakoczy-Fest in Bad

Kissingen

Southern flair music and parties on every street. Famous historical characters will visit: Sissi of Austria, King Maximilian II of Bavaria and his son the famous



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King Ludwig II of Bavaria, Sovereign Fürst (Prince) Rakoczy from Hungary and artists and architects such as Balthasar Neumann, who built historical buildings such as the Würzburg Residence. The historical parade and formal ball will take place Saturday.

Sunday:

Concert by Ingo Ruppert's Rhythm Aces at castle Hallburg near Volkach at 11 a.m.

Open air concert by "The Shades" at the Wuerzburg fortress at 8 p.m.

German National Museum open house in Nuernberg – Exhibition "Art and the Cold War German Positions 1945 to 1989.

On the 60th anniversary of the founding of the two German states and twenty years after the Berlin wall came down, the Germanisches Nationalmuseum is showing a major retrospective in close cooperation with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Kulturprojekte



Berlin GmbH. There will be musical entertainment, various guided tours in English and a creative workshop for kids and families. Admission and guided tours free from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Aug. 30:

"Nabucco" opera by Verdi at 7 p.m., recreation area Sennfeld. For tickets call 09381-40112, 0931-600199859 or 09324-1594.



Sept. 12 - Oct. 2:

"Nachsommer" concert season, 10th anniversary. Trade mark of the festival is its crossover program between classic, soul and jazz performed by national and international artists at SKF Hall 410 in Schweinfurt. For tickets, call 0971-8048-444 or go to kissingen-ticket@badkissingen.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.

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...

Fire alarm transmissions repaired

The fire alarm systems on Askren Manor have been repaired and once again transmit the alarm directly to the fire department. However, it is highly recommended that in the case of fire, a phone call is made to the fire department by dialing DSN 117 or CIV 87711.

Youth sports physicals

The Schweinfurt Health Clinic offers youth sports physicals Wednesday and Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For youth needing health assessments and sports physicals, parents must call the appointment line to schedule an appointment for either day at 09721-96-7901.

Teen stress buster

The annual teen summer stress buster event is July 30 at Kessler Field from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy recreational activities, music, free lunch, and more. For details, call 09721-96-6933 or 354-6933.

Operation Rising Star

Operation Rising Star is looking for contestants to showcase their singing talents in the 2009 competition beginning Aug. 14. All family members who are ID cardholders over the age of 18 are encouraged to sign up before the Aug. 11 deadline. An information table and sign-up sheet will be available at the PX Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those interested can also visit www.oprisingstar.com to sign up. For more information, call 09721-96-6225.

Recycle center closure

Due a mandatory training events scheduled for July 30, all USAG Schweinfurt recycle centers will be closed from noon to 1:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m., centers will reopen and resume normal hours of operation.

Library book club for adults

The library book club will meet July 30 at 5:15 p.m. to discuss "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergus. Coffee, tea and treats will be served. For details or to join the club, call the library at 09721-96-1740 or 354-1740.

Services closed/open tomorrow

USAG Schweinfurt will hold an Organizational Day July 24 at Kessler Field beginning at 9 a.m. Due to the event, the following offices and agencies will be closed:

Tax relief office, marketing office, private organizations, NAF property office, NAF IT support, outdoor recreation, crafts studio, Conn strip lot, Conn community club, all DOL offices, ASAP office, DPW main office, housing office, claims office, legal assistance office, and tax center.

The Finney recreation center and the auto skills center will only remain open from 5 to 8 p.m. For emergency service orders with the self help store, call 354-8645 or 09721-96-8645. All recycle/SORT centers will remain open. CPAC will also be open with all services available.

Winefest in Stammheim Sunday

Join Outdoor Recreation for a trip to the winefest in Stammheim Sunday. Cost is \$10 for transportation. Bus departs at 1 p.m. and returns at 5 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call ODR at 09721-96-8080 or 353-8080.



Tonight-	7 p.m.	The Soloist (PG-13)
Tomorrow-	7 p.m.	Ice Age: Dawn of Dinosaurs (PG)
Saturday-	4 p.m.	Ice Age (PG)
	7 p.m.	X-men: Wolverine (PG-13)
Sunday-	4 p.m.	Ice Age: Dawn of Dinosaurs (PG)
	7 p.m.	X-men: Wolverine (PG-13)
Monday-	closed	
Tuesday-	closed	
Wednesday-	7 p.m.	Star Trek (PG-13)

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.		P.M.	
	Friday Mostly cloudy Lows 20 C / 68 F		Friday Mostly cloudy rain Highs 23 C / 73 F
	Saturday Partly cloudy Lows 18 C / 64 F		Saturday Partly cloudy Highs 21 C / 70 F
	Sunday Partly cloudy Lows 16 C / 61 F		Sunday Mostly cloudy rain Highs 19 C / 66 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 31 JULY** --Asperger's and Autism support group at Army Community Service, 10-11:30 a.m. 354-6933.
- 1 AUG** --Polish pottery shopping trip with Outdoor Rec. \$50. Depart 4 a.m., return 11 p.m. 353-8080.
- 2 AUG** --Winefest in Ziel am Main with Outdoor Rec. Depart noon, return 5 p.m. \$10. Call 353-8080.
- 3 AUG** --German language class begins, meets Mon-Wed-Fri 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 3-7 AUG** --Schweinfurt newcomers awareness program with Army Community Service. Call 354-6933.
- 4 AUG** --Operation Rising Star singing competition sign up at PX 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Begins Aug. 14.
--How to find a local job, Army Community Service class, 2-3 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
--Bulk trash pick-up from Askren, Yorktown, gov't-leased housing. Put out items before 7 a.m.
- 5 AUG** --Club Beyond trip to the Silvana Schwimmbad, 2-4 p.m. For more information, call 354-8620.
--Bamberg High School and community tour, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 09721-96-6517 for details.
--FRG 101: Intro to the Family Readiness Group, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call ACS at 09721-96-6933.
- 6 AUG** --Civilian resume 101, Ledward bldg. 206 computer lab, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Call ACS at 354-6933.
- 7-10 AUG** --European Catholic Youth Conference. For details call Ledward Chapel at 09721-96-1370.
- 10 AUG** --Registration ends for community co-ed volleyball, travels on weekends. Call Finney 353-8234.
--FRG crash course for leaders, Yellow Ribbon Room, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Call ACS 354-6933.
- 12 AUG** --Bamberg High School and community tour, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 09721-96-6517 for details.
--Pre-transition briefing, Conn Barracks bldg. 40, 9 a.m. to noon. Reserve a seat, 354-8683.
--Club Beyond trip to the Silvana Schwimmbad, 2-4 p.m. For more information, call 354-8620.
--Love & Logic parenting class, Army Community Service 5- 7 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
--Retirement briefing CSB/REDUX, Conn Barracks bldg. 40, 1-2 p.m. Reserve a seat 354-8683.
- 14 AUG** --Operation Rising Star begins, Ledward Rohr's Diner, 7 p.m. Call 09721-96-6225.
--Schweinfurt wild animal park, 11 a.m. Bring kids and lunch or euro. Call 09721-942-7641.
- 17-21 AUG** --Vacation Bible School, Ledward Chapel, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for ages 4 years to fifth-grade.
- 18 AUG** --High-schooler rock climbing with Bamberg Club Beyond and Outdoor Rec. Call 354-8620.
--Bulk trash pick-up from Askren, Yorktown, gov't-leased housing. Put out items before 7 a.m.
- 18-19 AUG** --Auditions for "The Way of All Fish," Abrams Center, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call 0162-296-2776.
- 18-21 AUG** --Eastern European football camp open to high school players. Info. packets in the Commons.
- 19 AUG** --Writing workshop with best-selling author Gary Shteyngart, Conn Community Club, 6 p.m.
--Club Beyond trip to the Silvana Schwimmbad, 2-4 p.m. For more information, call 354-8620.
--Love & Logic parenting class, Army Community Service 5- 7 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 19-22 AUG** --Flag football officials clinic at Finney Fitness Center. For details, call 09721-96-8234.
- 31 AUG** --Kindergarten readiness camp begins at School Age Services, 9-11 a.m. Call 09721-96-6090.
- 8 SEPT** --Community update forum in the multi-purpose room at the elementary school, 6 p.m.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Make money refereeing flag football games

By Emily Athens

The season of flag football is right around the corner so to prepare, USAG Schweinfurt is looking for referees to officiate the games throughout the upcoming season. For those who are interested but lack experience or need to refresh their skills, a flag football officials' clinic will be held Aug. 19-22 at Finney Fitness Center.

"The clinic is to get (participants) to understand the rules and mechanics of the game and understand positioning on the field," said Tony Puskorius, Schweinfurt sports specialist.

Puskorius explained that classroom sessions will take place Aug. 19-21 from 6 to 9 p.m. and a small tournament will be held Aug. 22 to provide hands-on training.

"Once they complete the classroom part, there's a written test and then Saturday is the field evaluation," he said.

It is important for new officials to understand that it is their responsibility to purchase the appropriate uniform prior to the start of the season. "The only thing they have to pay for is their own uniform; they have to buy it and have it before I can put them on the field. And I'll give them Web sites that will help them with that," Puskorius said.

When the clinic ends, participants are granted a contract that allows them to referee flag football anywhere in Europe as long as it's within their level of experience, Puskorius further explained.



A flag football officials' clinic will be held Aug. 19-22 at Finney Fitness Center for those interested in becoming an official for upcoming flag football tournaments in Schweinfurt and other installations around Europe. (Courtesy photo)

Within the parameters of the contract, officials can expect \$20 for each game during the regular season and \$35 per tournament game, if selected to officiate. Games last approximately one hour. Referees are compensated for gas mileage when traveling out of town to officiate.

"The clinics keep you abreast to the rule changes of the game. A lot of the rules and regulations are the same as regular football, so it's great because it keeps you close to the game. A lot of people just love sports, are jocks at heart, so if you still got the love for the game, but can't play it anymore, being an official keeps you close to it," said Robert Gosha, a Schweinfurt resident who has attended the clinics and officials during the flag football season.

According to Gosha, once the season is underway, unit-level games typically run three days a week, three games a day at 6 p.m., depending on the involvement.

It may appear physically exhausting, but Gosha assures participants that clinics help teach the strategies involved to minimize physical demands.

"Being an official is mostly a game of angles. As long as you know where you're supposed to be, you can get there and it won't take as much," he said.

Sign up now to ensure the contract is completed in time for the upcoming tournaments. For more information or to register, call 09721-96-8234.

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to the customers during the week," Snyder said. The hope was that preparations would be invisible to the customers who come in seeking regular services and programs.

"Our high level of program delivery was maintained and actually expanded," Snyder said.

Accreditation team visits occur every three years and are designed to ensure that ACS centers throughout the military are providing a specific level of quality service.

"For anyone that's been part of any successful team, you kinda feel it when you step in," said Travis Reynolds, ACS outreach program coordinator. "When I got here, that's one of the things that I realized."

The evaluation extended beyond the walls of ACS to include other agencies and services that ACS taps into: social

work services; Child, Youth, and School Services; military police; Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and more.

Schweinfurt's ACS and partnering agencies passed the test and also received commendations for several benchmark programs that will serve as models worth emulating for other centers across Europe.

"We succeeded at all levels," said Darryl Jones, program manager for financial readiness which was named as a benchmark program.

"It didn't matter if my program passed and the rest of the agency didn't—the whole team had to pass. That's what it's all about," he said.

Furthermore, the accreditation team also identified the best practices of Schweinfurt's ACS. Of them was the high adventure booklet, a compilation which offers a variety of resources for community members seeking nearby thrills.

"In addition to providing best service to Soldiers and family members, the systems are also in place to care for them," said Michael Rundell, ACS mobilization and deployment program manager who pursued the creation of the booklet.

Community members can find almost any resource needed inside and out of the military installation at ACS. This is one of the commitments of the Army Family Covenant—to facilitate the highest quality of life.

"I know the exceptional work that the (ACS) staff does. I know that we have always put Soldiers and families first. For everyone to have pulled together and done as well as they did, it's extremely gratifying," Snyder said about the review of the agency.

"We were successful all along anyway ... We've been doing that and well above that," Reynolds said.



Contamination, hazards tracked to ensure troop health

**Story and photo by Pfc. Bethany Little
172nd Infantry Brigade**

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – Many jobs are overlooked and underappreciated even though the fruits of their labor are evident all around. For example, the small preventive medicine staff here helps to keep the military personnel and civilians safe.

“We do a lot of different things here and other locations,” said Spc. Matthew Hintermaier, preventive medicine technician, Charlie Company, 172nd Support Battalion. “We help protect the forward operating bases from food borne, water borne and vector borne diseases.”

In order to protect the residents of the FOB, the preventive medicine team conducts a variety of tests and studies on things such as the mosquito population and water sampling.

“We keep a water log. To determine if the water is usable for humans, we look at the Military Exposure Guidelines for acceptable contamination levels,” Hintermaier said.

A bigger part of preventive medicine team’s job is to protect residents from insects and the possible diseases they carry.

“Here on this FOB, there are three different types of mosquitoes and one type of sand flea or sand fly, both can be dangerous to humans,” Hintermaier said.

To protect the people on the FOB, the

preventive medicine team sets up light traps that attract mosquitoes and sand flies, at 12 different sites, which have a high concentration of people. Set up at night and retrieved in the morning, the traps are then placed in a freezer for a few hours to be sorted 12 hours later.

“I use a microscope to sort through the insects that were collected in the traps. I look to see how many mosquitoes



Spc. Matthew Hintermaier, preventive medicine technician, Charlie Company, 172nd Support Battalion, assembles the light trap to demonstrate how the insects are attracted to the trap.

and how many sand flies there are,” said Hitermaier.

When the preventive medicine team finishes sorting and packaging, they send the samples up to be tested in Baghdad. The traps are set up and sorted three times a week to ensure the safety of the FOB residents.

If any threat is found from the sampling, then vector control uses a chemical pesticide at night to fog the area.

Residents can protect themselves from mosquitoes and sand flies by wearing the proper clothing and putting deet on exposed areas of skin.

Insects are not the only things taken care of on this FOB; preventive medicine also works with vector control to maintain the animal and vermin population here.

“Since the 25th of June, two stray cats and one dog have been caught on the FOB,” said Bill Patsch, vector control, Kellogg Brown and Root Company.

Other animals found on the FOB include porcupines, hedgehogs, snakes, jungle cats, foxes and rabbits.

Along with taking care of other FOBs and insect control, preventive medicine also conducts inspections in various areas of the FOB.

They look for possible health risks such as food contamination, safety hazards and the cleanliness of an area in areas like the dining facility, Greenbeans, Pizza Hut, the barbershop and the gym.

Europe AFAP issues forwarded for Army-level review in January

IMCOM-Europe press release

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Two issues originating from garrison Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conferences in Europe will be forwarded to the Department of the Army’s AFAP for inclusion into its annual conference January 2010 – and possible implementation servicewide.

Gen. Carter Ham, commander of U.S. Army in Europe, approved the issues for DA-level consideration as part of the Europe AFAP Steering Committee Meeting held here July 17, when 14 concerns were reviewed.

The recommendations going forward are:

*Allow discretionary use of military spouse preference (MSP) when applying for permanent federal jobs.

*Allow restricted reporting for military family members, Department of Defense civilian employees and other DoD identification card holders who are sexual assault victims.

Under the Army’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, only active-duty Soldiers retain the option of restricted reporting, which does not trigger an investigation or command involvement. It was noted during a U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, Italy, AFAP conference that others in community – family members and civilians – are not afforded the same opportunity.

In an information paper that went to all participants of the USAREUR steering committee, it was noted that “the risk of public knowledge and retaliation affects the number of reported cases, decreasing the number of those who seek treatment, thereby adversely affecting the Army’s overall mission.”

“The restricted reporting option,” the paper stated, “allows victims to come forward and seek medical treatment, a forensic exam and counseling services without triggering an investigation ... thus minimizing the stigma experienced by most victims of

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Bill offers servicemembers unprecedented education benefits

By Staff Sgt. Patricia Deal
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HEIDELBERG, Germany -- Soon pursuing their education goals will be easier for many U.S. Army Europe Soldiers, thanks to the new Post-9/11 GI Bill that applies to schooling on or after Aug. 1. The bill provides the most comprehensive educational benefits to servicemembers since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944.

Eligible servicemembers may receive full tuition and fees, a new monthly housing stipend and an annual stipend of up to \$1,000 for books and supplies for up to 36 months of education benefits, generally payable for 15 years following release from active duty.

To qualify for benefits individuals must receive an honorable discharge; must have at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after Sept. 11, 2001, or have been discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days, according to information on the Department of Veterans Affairs Web site. Reservists and National Guard members who have been activated for more than 90 days since 9/11 will have access to the same GI Bill benefits.

What makes the Post-9/11 GI Bill different from the other GI Bill programs is that tuition and fees are paid directly to the school. The maximum rates the Post-9/11 GI Bill can pay by law are based on the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition fees, and rates vary from state to state. Find the breakdown at the VA Web site.

Yet another way the new bill helps offset the financial burden of pursuing an education is by paying eligible full-time students a monthly housing allowance, which is currently based on the Basic Allowance for Housing for a Soldier in pay grade E-5 with dependents at the location of the school.

"It has been a long time since we've had an education initiative that includes tuition fees [and a] housing allowance [and] takes care of all of the requirements required to go to school," Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki said.

No doubt the most heralded and unprecedented feature of the new GI Bill is participants' ability to transfer unused educational benefits to their spouses or children. DoD announced the policy

earlier this year and established criteria for eligibility and transfer of benefits June 23. As long as they qualify for and meet specific service requirements, any enlisted or commissioned member of the armed forces serving on active duty or in the Selected Reserve on or after Aug. 1 will be eligible to transfer their benefits, according to officials.

Most servicemembers who have at least six years of military service as of Aug. 1 and agree to serve an additional four years qualify for the transferability option.



"I have not seen this much excitement before about education benefits programs. There are so many good aspects to this bill that truly appears to have addressed the issues facing servicemembers seeking to fulfill their education goals," said John Bush, director of education for the Army

Installation Management Command-Europe. "The transferability of benefits in itself is a fantastic feature for the Soldiers."

The full plan is detailed on the VA Web site, but some highlights of the transferability benefit include allowing eligible servicemembers to register the names of any immediate family member with whom they would like to share their benefits and designating how many months of benefits each person named can receive.

For detailed information on the program, visit www.gibill.va.gov, www.veteransbenefitgibill.com (which includes links to Facebook and YouTube channels), or www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409_gibill.

Eligible servicemembers can register their family members for benefits at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB>.

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sexual assault."

"Frankly, I was astounded when I heard about this difference in the reporting of a crime that is so devastating to victims," Ham said. "It needs to be changed."

As for spousal preference, military spouses currently are not permitted to choose when and if they invoke such status when applying for permanent federal employment. During the application process, spouses are automatically listed MSP eligible, and when the wife or husband of a servicemember accepts or declines their first job opportunity, MSP is lost.

This issue was brought up during an AFAP conference at USAG Schinnen,

Netherlands, where it was noted that the inability to selectively use MSP hampers the financial and professional goals of military spouses.

"Again, this is another family matter that deserves a review at the highest level," Ham said.

This is the 25th anniversary of AFAP, which in that time has brought about 107 legislative changes, 154 policy changes and 173 improved programs or services, including:

- *Increased military annual leave carryover;
- *Expanded Exceptional Family Member Program respite care;
- *Creating the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program;
- *Establishment of Military Thrift Savings Plan;

*Authorized dental and vision insurance coverage for federal employees.

The latest approved AFAP issue is the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, which goes into effect Aug. 1 and is the biggest military educational benefit since World War II. Under this bill, servicemembers' spouses and children may be eligible for education benefits.

"It is this type of result that makes the Army Family Action Plan such a worthwhile endeavor," said Jane Helfrich, chief of Installation Management Command-Europe Army Community Service. "The people involved with AFAP help to ensure the standards of living in the military keep pace with changing times."



Beware of flood warnings, take precautions

Flooding is the most common natural disaster and can occur anywhere. Flooding can be localized in a particular neighborhood or widespread, affecting entire cities or large portions of states and territories. Floods can develop over a period of days, giving you adequate time to prepare; however, flash floods can develop in a matter of minutes. Flash flood waters can be caused by heavy rain, levee breaches or dam failures. Rushing flood waters can be deeper and stronger than they look. These waters are also destructive and can carry debris, rocks and mud.

How to prepare for a flood

- Determine whether your home or work place is in a predetermined flood plain.
- Stay informed and know flood terminology:
 - Flood Watch—Flooding is possible. Stay tuned to radio or TV for more information.
 - Flash Flood Watch—Flash flooding is possible. Stay tuned to radio or TV for more information. Be prepared to move to higher ground.
 - Flood Warning—Flooding is currently occurring or will occur soon. Listen for further instructions. If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
 - Flash Flood Warning—Flash flooding is currently occurring or will occur soon. Seek higher ground on foot immediately.
- Get an emergency supply kit, and store it where it can be accessed by all family members.
- Know your installation’s plan, and develop an evacuation procedure as a family.
- Develop a communication plan in case you are not together during evacuation.
- Identify where you can go if you need to reach higher ground quickly and on foot.
- Keep enough fuel in your car’s tank to evacuate. Expect a high volume of slow traffic.

What to do if there is a flood

- Stay tuned to the radio or TV for further information and instructions.
- If you are ordered to evacuate:
 - Take only essential items.
 - Turn off gas, electricity and water.
 - Disconnect appliances.
 - Do not walk in moving water.
 - Do not drive in flood water. As little as six inches of water can cause loss of control and stalling of a vehicle.
 - Follow the designated evacuation procedure.
- If you are NOT ordered to evacuate:
 - Stay tuned to emergency stations on radio or TV.
 - Listen for further instructions.
 - Prepare to evacuate to a shelter or a neighbor’s home if

your home is damaged.

- Once you are in a safe place, report to your command if you are military or government civilian personnel or a member of the selective reserves.

What to do after a flood

- Listen to news reports to make sure water supplies are not contaminated.
 - Stay clear of flood waters, standing and moving, as they may be contaminated or deeper than expected.
 - Beware of downed power lines.
 - Avoid any roads where flood waters have receded as they may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
 - Be extremely cautious when entering buildings and homes, as there may be unseen damage.
 - Clean and disinfect everything that

was touched by flood water, as it can contain sewage and other contaminants.

Where to find additional information

- American Red Cross— www.redcross.org/static/file_cont180_lang0_80.pdf
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)— www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/readiness.asp
- Department of Homeland Security (Ready.gov)— www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/floods.html
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)— www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/index.shtm

It’s up to you. Prepare strong. Get an emergency supply kit with enough supplies for at least three days, make an emergency plan with your family and be informed about what might happen.





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USAG Schweinfurt Flag Football Clinic
 August 19-22, 6-8 p.m.
 Finney Fitness Center. Mandatory for officials and down keepers. Tournament August 22.

Unit Level Dodgeball League
 Register August 20-September 2
 Season starts September 16

Unit Level Flag Football Program
 Register August 1-17,
 Season starts August 22.

Dodgeball Exhibition Tournament
 August 27, 6 p.m. Register August 19-25.

Community Basketball Players Needed
 Register September 2-22.
 Season starts October 1.
 Coaches Meeting September 22, 6 p.m.

Unit Level sports only open to Unit Level teams. All other events open to ID cardholders 18 years or older not in high school.
 For more information, call 09721-96-8234/DSN 353-8234 or email william.comelord@usar.army.mil or david.coldwell@usar.army.mil

FINNEY FITNESS CENTER
 CONN BARRACKS, BLDG. 64

KESSLER FITNESS CENTER
 YORKTOWN VILLAGE, BLDG. 451

NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY



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Kicked off in 2007, the Army Family Covenant represents a \$1.4 billion commitment to improve quality of life for Army Families.

- Renovated/Upgraded Facilities: Ledward Library; Kessler Fitness Center; Finney Rec Center (Voted Best in the Army in its size category); Bradley Inn Lobby/Attic Rooms; ACS interior/exterior; and new carpet/kitchen equipment at Conn Community Club.
- Future Plans: Bowling Center upgrade; ARMP Game Room; Rental Storage Garages; \$1.84M New Teen Center; \$875K Finney Fitness Center Renovation.
- BOSS Program: Named Best in Europe; "This One's For You" event named best programming in the Army; and "Trip'N with BOSS" day excursions.
- CYS Services: Fees reduced & some waived in CYS Services programs and expanded operations.
- Funding Initiatives: \$120K for Warrior Adventure Quest (activities for redeploying Soldiers) and \$116K in new fitness equipment.

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