



Schweinfurt honors fallen Soldier



Schaefer

By Mark Heeter

Cpl. David Schaefer Jr. probably really wanted to be a landscaper or interior designer, one of his closest friends joked. But he chose to be a Soldier.

“Well, dang! We can do some great things with this!” was Schaefer’s reaction to his new living quarters when he and Spc. Brandon Goodell arrived at their living quarters at Forward Operating base Kalsu, Iraq, Goodell recalled in a memorial ceremony for Schaefer in Iraq Friday.

Schaefer, 27, was killed by an improvised explosive device while conducting a combat patrol near Najaf, Iraq, May 16. He was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion,

2nd Infantry Regiment.

“Schaefer was honest, everything you could ask for in a friend,” Goodell said in remarks relayed by Staff Sgt. Cole Thomas at a memorial ceremony for Schaefer at the Ledward Chapel today.

Goodell described Schaefer’s unflinching generosity and willingness to give to his friends, who might call on him for a favor. “He would give it to you without thinking twice,” Goodell said. “He had the largest heart I have ever seen in anyone,” Goodell said, referring to Schaefer as his wingman and explaining that Schaefer loved “getting dirty in the

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Single Soldier program boasts IMCOM-Europe award

Story and photo by Emily Athens

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (B.O.S.S.) is a social, recreational and educational program that is designed to enhance the well-being of a single Soldier. In Schweinfurt, the B.O.S.S. program has made long strides to better its program, and the effort was recognized by IMCOM-Europe with a second place award for best event for large garrison in Europe.

B.O.S.S. program representatives from around Europe attended a training event in Schwetzingen April 27-May 2 where awards were bestowed on those outstanding programs that demonstrated strength in event-planning, entertaining and more.

“They look at the content of the event, if it hits the pillars of B.O.S.S.—like well-being, recreation, quality of life and overall presentation,” said Silvia Joiner, Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation adviser for the Schweinfurt B.O.S.S. program, explaining that their award-winning event was the “meet-and-greet.”

“The meet-and-greet event makes sure that new Soldiers get to meet their B.O.S.S. representatives and helps Soldiers coming from downrange get reconnected,” Joiner said.

President of the Schweinfurt B.O.S.S. and mastermind of the meet-and-greet event, Spc. David Houser, said that not only did they bring home an award from the

training event but new skills, too.

“They taught us different aspects of B.O.S.S. such as financial areas, branding, marketing, and how to get participation of single Soldiers up,” Houser said.

The B.O.S.S. program works hard to promote a healthy lifestyle among single Soldiers endorsing individual development and aiming to enhance a Soldier’s experience while stationed in Germany, said someone.

“B.O.S.S. gives single Soldiers support,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee, senior military adviser for the program. They continually strive to make the program the best they can make it and that it’s important for every single Soldier to be aware of what the B.O.S.S. program has to offer, Lee said.

“Our goal is to ensure the single Soldiers in Schweinfurt can have a safe time out here, to see all the sights and go out away from Schweinfurt and the barracks,” Houser said.

Keep an eye out for weekly B.O.S.S. events and upcoming trips, including the Warner Brothers Movie World trip June 13 with a sign-up deadline of June 6. For more information about the program, or to sign up for upcoming events, call 09721-96-8476.

“For the Soldier, by the Soldier ... that’s the whole foundation of the B.O.S.S. program,” Joiner said.



From left, B.O.S.S. senior adviser, Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee, trip coordinator Pfc. Darci Jordan, President Spc. David Houser, member Pfc. Keith Brown, and DFMWR representative Silvia Joiner met for the B.O.S.S. council meeting Tuesday to discuss upcoming programs and events. Council meetings occur the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and are open to all single Soldiers.



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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:

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

Tomorrow - Sunday:

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

Tomorrow - Monday:

21st Africa Festival at Mainwiesen in Wuerzburg. Open tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon 10 a.m. to midnight. Entrance 5 euro per person, family tickets 15 euro, children under 12 free. Evening concerts 33 euro. Call 0931-15060 or see www.africafestival.org.

Saturday:

Farmers' market at the Schweinfurt market square 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Enjoy food, special demonstrations, music group, and live petting zoo.

Sunday:

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



Wine fests:

Tomorrow - Sunday:

Wine fest at the Weindorf on the market square in Wuerzburg

Wine fest in Oberschwarzach

Tomorrow - Monday:

Wine fest in Donnersdorf

Monday:

Wine fest at the Besenwirtschaft in Kitzingen

“Hofschoppenfest“ (wine fest) in Oberschwarzach

Wine fest in Sommerach

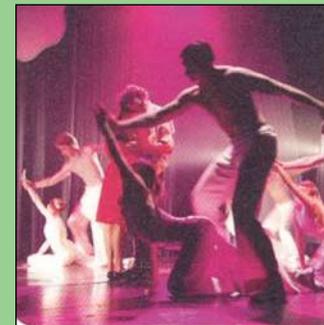
Monday - Wednesday:

Wine fest at the Weindorf in Wuerzburg

LOOKING AHEAD...

June 16:

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



June 21:

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



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.

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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...

German language class

Learn conversational German at the Army Community Service (ACS) class beginning Wednesday at the Yellow Ribbon Room. Class meets Mon, Wed, and Fri until June 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call ACS to sign up at 09721-96-6933.

Schaefer estate claims

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Cpl. David Allen Schaefer Jr., 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry, Charlie Company, Schweinfurt, Germany, should contact summary court officer, 1st Lt. Mark Stanard, 354-6300 or 09721-96-6300.

Class of 2010

To prepare the graduating class of 2010 for the future, students and parents are invited to attend one of two meetings offering information and direction. Bamberg Middle High School will host a meeting Wednesday at 5 p.m. and a meeting will be held at Schweinfurt Elementary School multi-purpose room June 8 at 6 p.m. as well. Call 0951-300-8254.

Memorial Day run

Kessler Fitness Center will host a Memorial Day family run Saturday at 9 a.m. Distances vary depending on age group. Register between 7:30-8:30 a.m. the day of the event. For more information, call 09721-96-6735.

Women's wellness conference

The Ledward Chapel offers a women's health and wellness conference beginning Friday at the chapel 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and continuing Saturday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Women will learn about skin care, make-up, massage techniques, exercise and nutrition to enhance physical and spiritual well-being. The conference is free of charge and offers limited spaces for watch care. For more information or to sign up, call 09721-96-1370.

Recycle centers closed

All USAG Schweinfurt recycle centers will be closed tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for mandatory training. The centers will re-open and normal operating hours will resume at 12:30 p.m.

Case lot sale

Come find great deals in large quantities at the Schweinfurt commissary's case lot sale during regular business hours Saturday and Sunday.

Parenting skills class

The Child Development Center offers a free support and education group for parents Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Child care is available. Call 09721-96-6281.

Trip to Africa festival

The Ledward Crafts Studio travels to Wuerzburg's international Africa festival Monday. Transportation departs at 10 a.m. Reserve a free seat, 09721-96-6903.

Road to close

Beginning Tuesday, Churchill Road, the street in front of the entrance to the Finney Fitness and Recreation Centers on Conn Barracks, will be closed for the next several months to accommodate renovations and improvements to the fitness center. The parking lot will remain available, and the walk-in entrance remains unchanged; the street simply will not be available to vehicle traffic.



Tonight-	7 p.m.	Duplicity (PG-13)
Tomorrow-	7 p.m.	Star Trek (PG-13)
Saturday-	4 p.m.	Race to Witch Mountain (PG)
	7 p.m.	Star Trek (PG-13)
Sunday-	4 p.m.	Race to Witch Mountain (PG)
	7 p.m.	Star Trek (PG-13)
Monday-	closed	
Tuesday-	closed	
Wednesday-	7 p.m.	Star Trek (PG-13)

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.		P.M.	
	Friday Partly cloudy Lows 10 C / 50 F		Friday Partly cloudy Highs 16 C / 61 F
	Saturday Partly cloudy Lows 9 C / 48 F		Saturday Mostly cloudy Highs 16 C / 61 F
	Sunday Partly cloudy Lows 12 C / 54 F		Sunday Mostly cloudy Highs 20 C / 68 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 6 JUNE** --Deadline to sign up for Warner Brothers Movie World trip with B.O.S.S. June 13. 353-8476.
- 7 JUNE** --Movie matinee "The Pope's Toilet," Ledward Library, 1 p.m. Call 09721-96-1740.
- 8 JUNE** --Long distance couples communication class at School Age Services 6:30-7:30 p.m. 354-6933.
- 9 JUNE** --BOSS Halo 3 tournament, Finney Rec Center, 6 p.m.
- 10 JUNE** --Summer Bible study "Patriarchs" begins sponsored by PWOC, Ledward Chapel, 9 a.m. Free watch care for up to age 12. Email pwoc.schweinfurt@gmail.com.
 --Club Beyond hosts middle school water wars at the Conn chapel field 3-4:30 p.m.
 --Pre-transition/separation briefing, building 40 Conn Barracks, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 353-8683.
 --CSB & redux retirement briefing building 40 Conn Barracks, 1-2 p.m. Call 353-8693.
 --The relationship cure class at Army Community Service 9-11 a.m. To register, call 354-6933.
- 11 JUNE** --MS Publisher & photo editing class, Ledward bldg. 206, 8:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 13 JUNE** --Trip to military museum & classic car show with Outdoor Rec, \$10 for transport. 353-8080.
- 14 JUNE** --Folk fest in Ziegenhain trip with Crafts Studio, departs 8 a.m. Call 09721-96-6903.
 --Movie matinee "Ben X," Ledward Library, 1 p.m. Call 09721-96-1740 for details.
 --Registration ends for adult community soccer season June 27-July 6. Call 09721-96-8234.
- 15 JUNE** --CYSS summer camps begin for youth and teens. Call SAS 354-6974 or Teen Center 354-6732.
- 15-19 JUNE** --Orientation for newcomers, Army Community Service, child care available. Call 354-6933.
- 16 JUNE** --Registration ends for community softball tourney June 20-21. Call 09721-96-8234.
- 17 JUNE** --Pre-retirement briefing, 40 Conn Barracks, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 353-8693/8683.
 --Club Beyond takes a trip to the Silvana pool 2-4 p.m. For more information, call 354-8620.
 --Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) movie and popcorn night, Finney Rec. 6 p.m.
- 18 JUNE** --Strawberry picking at a local patch sponsored by PWOC, meet at Ledward Chapel 10 a.m.
 --Club Beyond hosts high school water wars at the Conn chapel field 3-4:30 p.m.
- 19 JUNE** --234th Army birthday celebration: Child Development Center cake & storybook 9:30 a.m., Teen Center barbecue & cake 4 p.m., School Age Services cake & storybook 4:30 p.m.
- 20 JUNE** --Outdoor Rec trip to the Rhoe (rollercoaster, museum, & Kreuzberg beer). Call 353-8080.
- 24 JUNE** --Individual Credit Report class, Army Community Service, 9-10 a.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 26 JUNE** --Comedian Bernie McGrenahan performs at Ledward Theater at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
- 26-28 JUNE** --Fishing license certification course, Conn Outdoor Rec, \$65. Call 09721-96-8080.
- 4 JULY** --Independence Day celebration, Kessler field, 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Call 354-6762 for details.
- 7 JULY** --Registration ends for men's & women's community softball tourney. Call 09721-96-8234.
- 8 JULY** --Bamberg High School and community tour. For more information, call 354-6090.
- 14 JULY** --Better opportunities for single Soldiers (BOSS) meeting at Finney Recreation Center, 2 p.m.
- 15 JULY** --Summer reading program event, Ledward library, 1-2 p.m. Call 09721-96-1740 for details.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Customer first at award-winning commissary

Story and photo by Mark Heeter

In the wee hours of most mornings, while the Askren Manor Housing Area around them and the rest of Schweinfurt are asleep, a small crew toils in the aisles, and on the docks and shelves in the Schweinfurt commissary, preparing for the doors to open.

They are part of a 46-person team that was recognized with an honorable mention for the best commissary worldwide in the last fiscal year, the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) announced May 20.

“That’s what makes this a store. You have people who are interwoven and have become a team,” said Larry Weathers, store director.

Holding the plaque for the award and peering out from the office of his store administrator, Michael Pride, Weathers gestures toward two of his team members “on the floor.”

“It’s about those people out there, wearing those red coats, those red smocks,” Weathers said of the award.

“It’s not just me and Mr. Weathers. It’s them out there,” Pride said.

The award is the fruit of determination to understand and accommodate the people whom they serve – about 700 to 800 per day – the customers, according to Weathers.

“We take care of the war fighter. We take care of the customer,” he said.

Sales numbers are up – consistently and

substantially, Weathers said.

“The more dollars we run, the happier the customers are,” he said. “They seem to be able to find what they are looking for.”

The workers in the commissary do their best to keep each other informed and up-to-date on their areas of expertise, therefore providing consistent information to the customers who shop there, according to Ashley Stepp, lead sales store technician.

“We put the customer first. We make sure they’re taken care of,” Stepp said. “They won’t leave here without a smile.”

And they probably won’t leave without what they came looking for.



Employee Ellen Glaser rotates the steaks and meats in the Schweinfurt commissary yesterday.

Music classes may increase children’s academic success

By Sandra Wilson

Modern studies have shown that music education can help children develop and succeed in various academic studies as well as other avenues of life, according to Peter Potter, Schweinfurt director of Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES).



Popov

“(Music) helps them later with their math skills because you find similar pattern structures ... and it helps them to organize themselves. It’s a very valuable quality,” Potter said.

“Music helps (children) to develop in different ways,” said Elena Popov, instructor of the new SKIES class Music

Awareness. “My goal (is) to help to develop their strengths.”

Weekly classes are slated to begin June 4 and are broken into two age groups: 3 to 6 years old meets from 3 to 3:45 p.m. and 7 to 9 years old meets 4 to 4:45 p.m.

The class for the younger group will focus on learning music through activity.

“We will learn rhythm ... we will develop ear for music,”

Popov said, explaining how the children will have the opportunity to sing, dance, and play with music. She will accompany the learning by playing the piano, violin, or domra.

The 7 to 9 year olds will learn similar material but also with additional history, theory, and composer information.

“We are going to use the same thing ... I will just a little bit make it difficult. Not so hard but harder than previous age,” she said.

Throughout the classes, Popov will incorporate many familiar melodies as well as introduce some new tunes.

“I will help them to open their talent. To help them to develop their ear,” she said.

Parents can sign up their children a month at a time for only \$35 for one lesson each Thursday.

“I think it will be a good quality class and it will be fun,” Potter said.

“Music helps (children) to develop in different ways.”

**Elena Popov
SKIES instructor**

For more details, or to sign up, call SKIES at 09721-96-6460 or central registration at 09721-96-6414.



Honor society welcomes new members

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Schweinfurt Middle School (SMS) National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) welcomed 22 new members to the society for the upcoming school year in a ceremony at the school multipurpose room May 21.

"This is one of the best chapters I've led," said AnnMarie Daniele, NJHS adviser, about the 2008-09 members.

"Our new members are exemplary as well and they have enormous potential," she said.

The 22 new members were selected out of 33 applicants throughout the school. The students were required to maintain above a 3.0 grade point average and asked to site their involvement in the community and leadership in the school. Current NJHS members offered their opinions on

the applicants, and then a faculty council reviewed each application before they made their final decisions.

"It basically helps you to make yourself a better person. NJHS isn't perfect people. You can have good grades, but that's not why we choose you," said NJHS President Frances Negron-Miranda, eighth-grade. Her position will be handed off after she graduates and moves onto high school.

The four tenets of a NJHS stress scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and service, the current members explained during the assembly. The most recent project consisted of making care packages to send to the deployed Soldiers.

"(I like) being able to help people by getting things for them to help them in their daily lives," said member Caleb Stivers, seventh-grade.

"You can actually hang out with your friends and have fun while doing something productive," said member Elaine Tagaloguin, eighth-grade.

The inductees filed into the multipurpose room, signed their names in the membership book, received a certificate and spoke the NJHS pledge while holding their lit candles.

"Today we have seen a lot of evidence of success," said Dr. George Carpenter, SMS principal.

"We gain the strength of our vision ... the power to change the future," he said, as he encouraged the new members to aspire to the highest of heights.



Sixth-grader Victoria Gilman, left, receives a lit candle from outgoing National Junior Honor Society President, Frances Negron-Miranda during the Schweinfurt Middle School ceremony May 21.

Singer jams on Askren



Derek Sholl jams out while playing the cover song "Sweet Home Alabama" at the live outdoor concert on Askren Manor Saturday. Members of the community put on their cowboy hats and brought along lawn chairs to enjoy over an hour of southern country while mingling with friends and enjoying food and drinks available for purchase.

Sholl, a Texas-based newcomer to the country music scene, thanked the audience for their service and made a tribute to those currently serving overseas. He has spent most of May touring around Europe with Armed Forces Entertainment giving Soldiers and their families an opportunity to relax for the evening and be entertained. (Photo by Emily Athens)

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motor pool at 1900 on a Friday."

But Schaefer loved something even more, according to those who remembered him: his family.

About a week before his death, in a crowded room where the Soldiers of "Charlie Rock" stood one-by-one and shared an interesting fact about themselves with their new commander, Capt. Nicholas Seidel, Schaefer followed a comrade who said he loved to party.

Schaefer stood.

"Well, sir, I like to party, too," he said, according to Capt. Joshua Buchanan, who conveyed Seidel's remarks at the ceremony today. "But I love my wife and I love my kids."

"More than anything, he loved his family," Goodell said.

Schaefer is survived by his wife, Shelly, and his three children, Jason, Logan and Savannah.

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Sign up at Finney Fitness Center,
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For more information, call William
Comeford at 09721-96-8234,
DSN 353-8234.

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