



# Schweinfurt Dispatch

Serving the military community of Schweinfurt

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## Training now mandatory for some Soldiers

Story and photo by Mark Heeter

A drivers' safety course, in the Army safety arsenal for about two years, became mandatory training for some Soldiers throughout Installation Management Command-Europe Jan. 1.

Part of the Army Traffic Safety Training Program (ATSTP) course catalog, the one-hour advanced drivers' course is now required training for Soldiers under 26 years of age.

"We created the ATSTP to teach Army warriors to assess driving hazards and to make smart driving decisions," said Maj. Gen. John A. Macdonald, deputy commander of IMCOM, in a statement released by IMCOM-Europe headquarters.

The IMCOM-E safety office recommends Soldiers attend the advanced training 12 to 18 months following completion of the intermediate course.

"The units are responsible to send their Soldiers there," to the in-and-out processing (IOP) center in building 40 on Conn Barracks for the training, said Eddi Sauer, USAG Schweinfurt safety officer.

Sauer and the training staff at the IOP are cooperating to ensure Soldiers meet this new requirement.

"It's our program, and it's done at building 40," he said. "I'm the local proponent, if somebody has a question."

While the course is new for IMCOM-Europe Soldiers, the material should not be, according to Sauer. "Advanced is very likely a refresher course," he said.

For more information about this training, Soldiers and supervisors can log onto the IMCOM-Europe Web site at <http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/local/> and follow the links on the left under "special staff" and "safety office" or call the USAG Schweinfurt safety office at 354-1670 or 09721 96-1670.



## Club Beyond escapes for a weekend of fun

Story and photo by Emily Athens

Youth ministries continue to have a profound impact on growing adolescents of the community, namely, Club Beyond (CB), which provides motivation and direction to many middle and high school students throughout the Schweinfurt community.

CB, sponsored by the Military Community Youth Ministries, has been in existence for more than 20 years and continues to play an integral part in many teenagers' lives, explained Elizabeth Cable, associate director of CB.

"It's a ministry for teenagers on post. We have weekly meetings where we hang out and play games and talk about God," Cable said.

Cable explained that the club is open to all students, regardless of

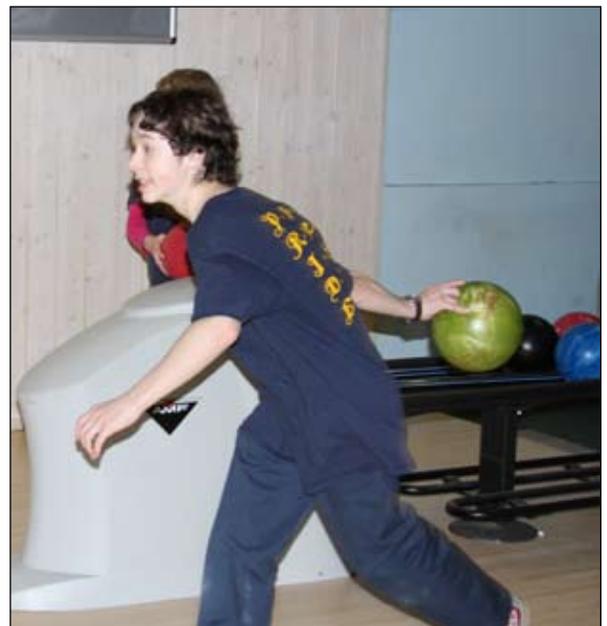
religious affiliation, and provides a relaxed environment for students to build relationships.

Spiritual and recreational events are carried out throughout the year and currently, members of CB anticipate the "escape" weekend to Bitburg, Germany, Feb. 13-16.

Sponsored by Malachi Ministries, an escape weekend is planned once a year for teens to unwind.

"It's supposed to be a getaway from the community for them to hear about God and not have to worry about what's going on in their lives," Cable said.

Youth from other military communities will also be a part of the escape enjoying a speaker, games, singing, and more. Everything from relay races to go-carts will be offered.



Seventh-grader Trent Mitchell bowls during a Club Beyond (CB) meeting. CB is held every Tuesday for middle school and every Thursday for high school. Each week, teens can enjoy food and fun with their peers.

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# 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)

### Tomorrow:

**Ensemble of the dance** theater from Brisbane, Australia performs CIRCA a dance-music-acrobatic show at the city theater, Rosstrunnstrasse 2, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. For tickets call 09721-51475.



**Flames of the Dance** Irish dance show performs Riverdance at the Stadthalle in Schweinfurt at 8 p.m. For tickets call (01805)570000 or go online to [www.star-concerts.de](http://www.star-concerts.de)



**Ice hockey game** - Schweinfurt Mighty Dogs vs. ESC Dorfen at the Schweinfurt Ice Dome at 8 p.m.



### Saturday:

**National Youth Orchestra** of Germany concert at the city theater, Rosstrunnstrasse 2 from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. For tickets or more information, call 09721-51475.



**Traditional fasching** event "Rathaus-turm" at the market square at 3 p.m.



**"Bridge to a Prayer"** gospel choir performs at the "Kulturhalle" in Grafenrheinfeld at 7:30 p.m.

**Country music and line-dance** with the band Country Blend at the TSV (Gym) in Schwebheim at 8 p.m.



### Sunday:

**Ice hockey game** – Schweinfurt Mighty Dogs vs. Waldkraiburg Lions at the Schweinfurt ice dome at 6 p.m.

### Jan. 16:

**Concert by the symphony orchestra** of Bamberg performing works by Joseph Haydn, Johannes Brahms and others at the city theater, Rosstrunnstrasse 2, 7:30 – 9:15 p.m. For tickets call 09721-51475.

**Fasching** performance including **carnival jester's** speeches and **show dances** of the "Black Eleven" at the "Stadthalle" city auditorium in Schweinfurt at 8 p.m.



### Jan. 17:

**"Fashion, Art, Music and culinary specialties"** at the Georg Schäfer Museum, Brückenstrasse 1 in Schweinfurt at 6 p.m.

**Oriental dance show** at the community center in Niederwerrn at 8 p.m.

**Flea market** at Wirsingstrasse 13 (near the train station), 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Meyers flea market** at TG Gym (located on the bottom of the hill from the Silvana swimming pool) at 7:15 a.m.

## Schweinfurt Dispatch



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This newsletter is a command information product that places emphasis on events and activities occurring throughout the Schweinfurt and Lower Franconia areas.

Information and photos included in this

newsletter are acquired from sources that highlight events, programs, and activities in Schweinfurt and Lower Franconia.

Dates, times, locations, and the events themselves might change or be cancelled without prior notice.

To be added to the Schweinfurt Dispatch distribution list, please e-mail: [mail.sft.pao@eur.army.mil](mailto: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.



# News Briefs

## Babysit for extra cash

Youth ages 12 to 18 can get themselves prepared by becoming a certified babysitter through Child, Youth, and School Services' three-day class scheduled to take place over the schools' spring break in April. Students will receive instruction on CPR, first aid, and more. Parents can pick up forms at central registration in the Commons. For more information, call 09721-96-6414.

## Women's Bible studies

Protestant Women of the Chapel welcomes all women of the community to join a small group Bible study beginning Wednesday and continuing each week at Ledward Chapel at 9 a.m. Free childcare is provided, as well as snacks, and rides are also available. For more information call, 0170-277-8980.

## King Jr. celebration

The USAG Schweinfurt Equal Opportunity office invites the community to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in the Conn Community Club Jan. 15 from noon to 2 p.m.

## Basketball registration

Register by Monday at Finney or Kessler Fitness Center for the women's recreation basketball league. Registration is open to all female ID cardholders 18 years of age and older and not in high school. For more information, call 353-8234.

## Child care available

Sign-ups are open for Child, Youth and School Services' (CYSS) Super Saturday respite care Jan. 24. Children ages 6 weeks to fifth-grade will be cared for from 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. for \$16, which includes a meal. Children must be registered with CYSS and also have current immunizations. Reservation deadline is Jan. 16. Call CYSS at 354-6517.

## Health clinic closed

The Schweinfurt Health Clinic will be closed Jan. 16 and Jan. 19 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. In case of an emergency, call Leopoldina at 09721-7200. The emergency room is open 24 hours and is well staffed to diagnose, treat, and admitted if need be. Leopoldina will be directed to follow up with your primary care manager.

## English classes

Army Community Service (ACS) offers English as a second language classes. Beginning Monday, level I classes will be Mon. and Wed. 5 to 7 p.m. and starting on Tuesday, level II classes will meet every Tues. and Thurs. 1 to 3 p.m. Classes meet at the Education Center in room 3. For information call 09721-96-6933.

## Newcomer orientation

Are you new to the Schweinfurt community? If so, then the five-day Schweinfurt Newcomers Awareness Program is the fit for you from Monday to Jan. 16. Free childcare is available. Get acquainted with the military community as well as the German town of Schweinfurt. For more information call 09721-96-6933.

## Ski/snowboard in Austria

Outdoor Recreation is taking a ski/snowboard trip to Flachau, Austria Jan. 16-19. Cost is \$299 including transportation, three overnights with breakfast and dinner, equipment rental, and snowboard lessons. Children under 4 are free. The deadline to sign up is tomorrow. Call 353-8080 or 09721-96-8080.



Tonight-	7 p.m.	Pride and Glory (R)
Tomorrow-	7 p.m.	Saw V (R)
Saturday-	4 p.m.	Marley and Me (PG)
	7 p.m.	Yes Man (PG-13)
Sunday-	4 p.m.	Marley and Me (PG)
	7 p.m.	Yes Man (PG-13)
Monday-	closed	
Tuesday-	closed	
Wednesday-	7 p.m.	Saw V (R)

## Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.	P.M.
 <b>Friday</b> Partly cloudy Lows -12 C / 10 F	 <b>Friday</b> Partly cloudy Highs -5 C / 23 F
 <b>Saturday</b> Partly cloudy Lows -12 C / 10 F	 <b>Saturday</b> Sunny Highs -4 C / 25 F
 <b>Sunday</b> Sunny Lows -10 C / 14 F	 <b>Sunday</b> Partly cloudy Highs -6 C / 21 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 16 JAN --Daddy Basic Training for new dads, Army Community Service, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 354-6933.  
--Deadline to sign-up for CYSS Super Saturday child care on Jan. 24. Call 354-6517.
- 20 JAN --Inauguration Day. The library will have it live on television throughout the day.  
--Sponsorship training 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Education Center. To register, call 09721-96-6933.
- 21 JAN --Sign-up deadline for Czech Republic crystal shopping trip Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Call 353-8476.  
--Learn to write volunteer nominations, Ledward Yellow Ribbon Room 10-11 a.m. 354-6933.  
--Deadline to register for men's basketball tournament Jan. 25 at Finney gym, 11 a.m. 353-8234.
- 22 JAN --From 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. the library go through what downloadable audio books are available.  
--First Impressions class, Ledward Army Community Service, 2-4 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 23 JAN --Learn to lead effectively at "Take the lead on leadership" 10 to 11 a.m. at ACS. Call 354-6933.
- 25 JAN --B.O.S.S. pool tournament, Finney Recreation Center, 4 p.m. Call for more info. at 353-8476.  
--B.O.S.S. Texas Hold 'Em tournament, Finney Recreation Center, 6 p.m. \$30 includes dinner.
- 26 JAN --ADD & ADHD support group meets at ACS, 10 a.m. Call 09721-96-6933.  
--Treasurer training 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at ACS. For information or to sign up, call 354-6933  
--Basic MS Excel computer class, bldg. 206 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Call ACS at 354-6933.
- 27 JAN --Join movie nights at the Ledward Library. "Days and Clouds" begins 5 p.m.  
--B.O.S.S. council meeting in bldg. 46 on Conn barracks. For information call 09721-96-8476.  
--Financial planning 9 to 10 a.m. at ACS. Learn financial preparations for new baby. 354-6933.
- 28 JAN --PowerPoint computer class, bldg. 206 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Call ACS at 354-6933.
- 29 JAN --Preventive maintenance class, Conn Auto Skills Center, 2 p.m. Call 353-8224 for information.  
--Intro to MS Access computer class, bldg. 206 from 8:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Call ACS at 354-6933.  
--Library book club meets at 5:15 p.m. to discuss "The Cith of Fallen Angels" by John Berendt.  
To join the book club or for more information, call 354-6487.  
--FRG roundtable discussion 6 to 8 p.m. in the yellow ribbon room. Call ACS at 354-6933.
- 30 JAN --Asperger's & Autism support group meets at ACS, 10 a.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 1 FEB --Super Bowl & Texas Hold 'Em party, Finney Recreation Center begins at 6 p.m. 353-8476.
- 2 FEB --Deadline to register as delegate for Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference Feb. 24-26.  
For more information, or to register, call 354-6933.
- 6 FEB --Deadline to sign up for Outdoor Rec ski trip to Dolomites, Italy Feb. 13-16. Call 354-8080.  
--Deadline to sign up for B.O.S.S. trip to KisSalis Spa in Bad Kissingen Feb. 7. Call 354-8476.
- 12 FEB --Equipment orientation class at the Auto Skills Center, 2 p.m. Call 353-8224 for information.
- 13 FEB --Deadline to register for spring soccer. Open to youth ages three to 15. Call 09721-82181.
- 14 FEB --Deadline to register for B.O.S.S. trip to Dachau Feb. 28. Cost is \$35. Call 09721-96-8476.
- 19 FEB --Federal Resume Writing 101 class, Ledward bldg. 206, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call ACS 354-6933.

**Community 6 week outlook calendar**



# ACAP stands ready to help Soldiers transition

Story and photos by Mark Heeter

The Army does not let Soldiers walk away from its ranks without arming them with valuable job and career information and assistance, offered by the Army Career Alumni Program (ACAP).

“We have a lot of Soldiers who come in and say, ‘I have something lined up when I get out,’” said Shannon Gray, Schweinfurt ACAP manager.



Gray

The danger, she said, is that some of those Soldiers have not thought about “Plan B,” if that something falls through. Enter ACAP.

“We do have a library full of books,” which cover everything from resume writing to attire at the job interview, according to Gray.

“It gives them more options and help

with getting the process started,” said Vanessa Harper, ACAP counselor.



Gagne

Separating Soldiers may begin to use ACAP services one year prior to ending their service, while retirees-to-be may begin two years ahead of time. Both groups begin with attendance in a pre-separation briefing, which is mandatory.

“It is mandatory, and it’s too bad that’s the only thing that’s mandatory,” said Staff Sgt. Stephen Gagne, who will retire this year and is using ACAP for the third time in his military career.

“Soldiers need to know (ACAP) is available to them, and they need to take advantage of it, they really do,” he said. Gagne, a squad leader with the Warrior Transition Unit, encourages his Soldiers, many of whom are preparing to separate

from the Army, to use the Schweinfurt ACAP.

“I think the nice thing about ACAP is that they help to make that transition as smooth as possible,” he said.

The ACAP staff provides a host of other briefings, including a Veterans’ Administration (VA) briefing, open to all veterans, separating and retiring Soldiers, Gray said. The next VA briefing is offered in building 40 on Conn Barracks, Jan. 28, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Harper

The staff is prepared to assist Soldiers any way they can and offers many additional services, according to Renee Smith, another ACAP counselor.

“We really do love what we do, and we love working with the Soldiers,” Smith said.

For more information, call 353-8689/8687 or 09721-96-8689/8687.

## Blackhawk Brigade receives combat patch for OIF VI



Soldiers of the 172nd Support Battalion stand proud after receiving their combat patch in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom VI during an evening bonfire ceremony at the brigade headquarters common area Jan. 1. (Photo by Pfc. Bethany Little)

By Sgt. Michael J. Taylor  
172nd Infantry Brigade PAO

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – “The patch you receive tonight goes on your right sleeve because it is yours,” said Col. Jeffrey A. Sinclair, Commander of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate). “It is yours for the rest of your life, yours to give to your children, yours to show your friends, it is yours as a symbol of brotherhood and sisterhood inside of an organization that only you can make special.”

The 172nd Infantry Brigade, Blackhawks, don their combat patches in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom VI during an evening bonfire ceremony here Jan. 1.

“Just remember this is a welcoming into a brotherhood and sisterhood of great Soldiers who have come before you and will come after you,” said Sinclair, “Tonight you take the time and figure out in your own heart what this patch means to you.”

Members of the Blackhawk Brigade, based out of Grafenwoehr, Germany, deployed in November and are currently serving a 12 month tour.



# Sound off now on AFN Europe programming

**George A. Smith**  
**AFN Europe Operations Manager**

Experience what it feels like to have the ear of the network program director and the chance to change what you see and hear on AFN. Go to the American Forces Network Europe (AFNE) Web site to say what you think should be on the radio and how you prefer to get your military news on TV.

Go on line at [afneurope.net](http://afneurope.net), click on the link to the survey and sound off on the mix of music, types of information and shows airing on AFN radio. Your feedback will help AFN Europe decide when to have live hosted DJ shows and whether the network should change current programming.

AFN Europe broadcasts two radio services to concentrations of military personnel and families in Germany, Italy and Belgium: AFN The Eagle and the Power Network. AFN The Eagle is a family-friendly blend of music and entertainment airing on FM 106 in Italy and a mix of mostly FM frequencies in Germany and Belgium. The Power Network airs on FM 107 in Italy and mostly AM frequencies in Germany and Belgium. It features news and information shows such as *Morning Newswatch*, *National Public Radio* and *Rush Limbaugh*, as well as shows such as *Connections*, a blend of oldies



and news.

The survey questions on AFN television focus on when you watch TV, which channels you watch and how you want to see your European and base military news. The network also wants to know if you prefer getting your military TV news in a 30-minute AFN Europe Report, 2-minute newsbreaks, the Web, a Podcast, or another way.

AFN Europe is not asking any questions about television programming other than what is produced here in theater. The American Forces Network Broadcast Center in California negotiates with producers to get entertainment shows such as American Idol and CSI on AFN TV.

From January through mid-February, AFN stations will be live at post and base exchanges, commissaries and other high-traffic areas encouraging people to take five-to-ten minutes to go on line and fill out the survey. Stop by and fill out the survey there, or just wait until you get home or have a few minutes at the office.

There's an added incentive to fill out a survey. The Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, is giving away a three-night stay for two adults at the resort, as well as a one-day ski or snowboard lesson, rental equipment and lift passes for the appropriate slope.

## ESCAPE

"This is a chance to get away and experience how awesome it is to have fun and meet kids from all over who are also military students and also hopefully get a passion for the (Bible) too," added Sara Doughty, CB community director.

Cable and Doughty hope the weekend will provide kids with a non-threatening place to get to know others throughout Germany while strengthening their faith and serving others.

Being surrounded by positive and negative influences everyday, these trips and activities prove to be a great way to teach and make them curious about God, Doughty stated.

"I go for fellowship and fun. It's fun and gives me something to do," said seventh-grader Trent Mitchell. Mitchell enjoys CB because of the many people he meets, and he hopes to attend the escape weekend in February.

For more information about Club Beyond's weekly meetings for middle school and high school, or to register for the escape weekend, call Doughty at 01511-052-5836 or Cable at 0175-666-3339. Registration for the escape weekend ends Jan. 16.



2nd Lt. William Atwell and Sgt. Steve Torres from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 172 Infantry Brigade (Separate), respectively, investigate a hole during a route clearance mission outside Forward Operating Base Kalsu, Iraq, Jan. 3. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Wendy Wyman)

Kessler Fitness Center

New Year,  
New You!

# Fitness Classes



**Tuesdays: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**PILATES** Build great muscle tone, strengthen your core and increase body awareness.

**Wednesdays: 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

**YOGALATES** Tones a great body and helps you gain coordination, balance and flexibility.

**Thursdays: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**POWER YOGA** Improves strength and health, clears the mind of unorganized thoughts and helps the self to concentrate on a single task.



For more information, call  
09721-96-6735 or DSN 354-6735.

# SUPER SATURDAY

**JANUARY 24**  
9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

**Child Care for ages six weeks through fifth grade.**  
**Cost: \$16 per child**

Sign up at any CYS Services facility at least one week prior to event.  
Questions? Call Central Registration  
CIV. 09721-96-6517  
DSN: 354-6517

Children must be registered through CYS Services with current immunizations at time of reservation.

## Movie Night at the Library

**January 13, 5 p.m.**

In association with Film Movement, the library presents  
*The Grocer's Son.*



**edward Library**  
Ledward Barracks, Bldg. 242  
DSN 354-1740 or  
CIV 09721-96-1740

## WINTER 2009 TRIPS

**OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTER**  
Conn Barracks, Bldg. 50  
CIV: 09721-96-8080  
DSN: 353-8080

**January 16-19**  
Ski and Snowboard Trip  
Flachau, Austria

**January - February**  
Night Skiing  
Wasserkuppe, Rhoen  
ODR goes Night Skiing every Thursday depending on snow conditions.

**February 13-16**  
Ski and Snowboard Trip  
Dolomites, Italy

**FINNEY REC CENTER/ BOSS TRIPS**  
Conn Barracks, Bldg. 64  
CIV: 09721-96-8476  
DSN: 354-8476

**TRIP 'N BOSS**

**January 17-18**  
Prague

**January 31 - February 1**  
Czech Republic Crystal Shopping Trip  
(express trip, no overnight)

**March 14**  
Lego Land

**March 28**  
Neuschwanstein

**January 7**  
KisSalis Spa, Bad Kissingen

**February 28**  
Dachau