



Schweinfurt remembers one of its own

By Mark Heeter

“Hey! Open your eyes, look up, and enjoy the good things life has to offer.”

Those words are the Spanish-to-English translation of lyrics in a popular song, used by Lt. Col. Steve Miska, Task Force 1-2 commander, to memorialize Sgt. Jose Escobedo Jr, who died in Iraq March 20.

Escobedo, of Albuquerque, N.M., died in Baghdad, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident the night before at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iskandariyah, Iraq, according to the Department of Defense.

“He lived life with a glass that was half-full, not half-empty,” Miska said in remarks relayed by Lt. Col. Eric Stetson, Task Force Shield commander, during a memorial service at the Ledward Chapel Tuesday.

Escobedo, who served 10 years in the Marines before joining the Army as a fire support specialist in February 2008, was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment.



Escobedo

Staff Sgt Shawn Johnson, a close friend who met Escobedo when they were training together at Fort Sill, Okla., in 2007, recalled a man who loved sports and enjoyed coaching youth teams.

“He was truly a smart, intelligent, hard-



An honor guard and bugler render final respects at the memorial ceremony for Sgt. Jose Escobedo III at the Ledward Chapel. Escobedo, from the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment and Task Force 1-2, died in Iraq March 20. (Photo by Mark Heeter)

working guy,” Johnson said. “He was always there when you needed help.”

With a bit of friendly inter-service rivalry, Escobedo and Johnson joked with each other about Escobedo’s prior service.

“He would say, ‘It wasn’t like that in the Marines,’” to which Johnson would remind him of the uniform he was now wearing.

“Once a Marine, always a Marine,” was Escobedo’s response.

“Life is too short. Live life to the fullest. I will miss him,” Johnson said.

Capt. Joshua Buchanan, Company D, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry, commander, conveyed remarks that Company B fire

support officer, 1st Lt. John Teschner, gave at the Baghdad memorial service.

“It was very well-known that he was a happy, caring, cheerful individual,” Buchanan said. “I only knew him briefly, but I knew him to be a good man.”

After addressing Escobedo’s widow, Angelica, with personal remarks, Stetson gave a final nod to Escobedo.

“Sgt. Escobedo, our eyes are open,” he said.

In addition to Angelica, Escobedo is survived by his daughter Elvira, and sons Jose and Miguel, his sister, Monica Adams, and extended family.

Customs warns against improper conversion of overseas-bought vehicles

By Robert Szostek, USEUCOM Customs PAO

MANNHEIM, Germany – Americans in Europe must beware of European car dealers who offer to convert cars or motorcycles to U.S. standards.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) only accept work done by licensed companies in the United States, not the work of individuals or overseas companies. However, vehicles rebuilt by the original manufacturer to U.S. specifications can be imported with the proper documents.

“It is tempting to save some money by doing work here in Eu-

rope,” said Bill Johnson, director of the U.S. European Command’s Customs and Border Clearance Agency. But overseas conversions are not licensed by U.S. agencies. “Shipping, paperwork and conversions cost between \$6,500 and \$25,000 per vehicle,” he added.

Under EPA regulations, nonconforming vehicles less than 21 years old may only enter the United States through an independent commercial importer. These vehicles must be tested and adapted to the emission standards in effect at the time of production.

Get the “Importing a Car” pamphlet from a military customs office for more information on shipping foreign vehicles. Or consult the military customs Web site at www.hqsareur.army.mil/opm/cars.htm.



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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

Saturday:

Puppet show at the Stadtgalerie (city mall) in Schweinfurt at noon, 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m. with other Easter activities, such as face painting. The Easter Bunny will be visiting handing out candy to the children.



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



Sunday and Monday:

Easter market and arts and crafts exhibition at Schlosshotel Steinburg in Würzburg, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. The exhibition includes all around Easter eggs as well as spring and garden pottery, decorative glass beads, flowers, hats and bags. Admission is FREE.



Monday:

Franconian dance fest with traditional music at the parish hall in Grafenrheinfeld, 7:30 p.m.



April 17-26:

“Vogelschuss” carnival at the “Volksfestplatz” (parking lot across the street from Askren Manor) in Schweinfurt.

April 18:

Spring concert performed by the Bavarian Chamber orchestra at the “King Ludwig Hall” in Bad Brückenau, 7:30 p.m.

Flea market at Wirsingstrasse 13 in Schweinfurt, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Flea market at the TG (Turngemeinde) sportsclub (located on the bottom of the hill to the Silvano swimming pools) at 7:15 a.m.

April 18 continued:

Children clothes and toys market at Kindergarten St. Johannis, An den Schanzen 7 in Schweinfurt 2 – 4:30 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Jazz concert at the Disharmony Gutermann Promenade in Schweinfurt, 7:30 p.m.

April 23:

Concert performed by Los Angeles Guitar Quartet at the Schweinfurt city theater, Rosbrunnstrasse 2 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 09721-510 or 09721-51475.

April 24:

Concert by the Bamberg symphony orchestra at the Schweinfurt Theater, Rosbrunnstrasse 7:30 p.m.

May 8:

“Peter Pan” musical performed at the Congress Centrum in Würzburg, at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, go to www.ticketonline.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...

Donate to soup kitchen

Donate to the spring food drive for Elim Christian Mission's soup kitchen in Poland until May 10. Items requested are canned vegetables, rice, beans, pasta and dried peas. Drop off donations at the Ledward chapel foyer area, School Age Services, Youth Center, Schweinfurt Middle School or Andrews Federal Credit Union. For more information, call 09721-96-6860.

Easter egg hunt

Bring your children to the community Easter egg hunt Sunday at Ledward's Andrus Garden outside of building 206 at 2:15 p.m. There will be lots of goodies to find and children will get to meet the Easter bunny. For, call 09721-96-6186.

Adult softball

Community softball needs you to join a team. Registration runs Wednesday through April 16 and is open to all I.D. card holders age 18 and up. Season begins April 21. Weekend games travel to various installations to compete. For more information, call 09721-96-8234.

Easter sunrise service

The community is invited to attend the Ledward Chapel Easter sunrise service Sunday at 7 a.m. Child care will be available. For more information, call 09721-96-1370.

Bookmark ceremony

The Ledward library invites the community to the bookmark contest presentation and ceremony April 16 at 1:15 p.m. Bookmark winners will be announced and the ceremony will be accompanied by short briefs and skits from the fire department, military police, Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program, and more.

Sign up for a night off

Sign up now for the next Parent's Night Out event which takes place April 17 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Deadline to sign up is Friday. The cost is \$16. The program is available for children ages 6 weeks to fifth-grade. Children must be registered with Child, Youth, and School Services and also have current immunizations. For more information, call central registration at 09721-96-6414.

Pregnant?

Come to Army Community Service's class "OB orientation" Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon to learn about your pregnancy, nutrition, resources in the community and more. Mothers and fathers are encouraged to attend. Call 09721-96-6933.

Hip-hop concert

Come enjoy a concert by Earthworms at Finney Fitness Center Saturday at 7 p.m. Listen to high-energy rhyme with just enough 90s-style sampling for a totally fresh take on hip-hop.

Wuerzburg Easter egg market

The Ledward Crafts Studio invites the community to tag along on a little Easter Market trip in Wuerzburg Monday in the Schlosshotel Steinburg. Free transportation departs Ledward at 1 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Call the Crafts Studio to sign up at 09721-96-6903.

TMP office closed

The USAG Schweinfurt Transportation Motor Pool disptach office is closed Friday and Monday, due to the Easter holiday.

Schweinfurt



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| Tonight- | 7 p.m. | Hotel for Dogs (PG) |
| Tomorrow- | 7 p.m. | Notorious (R) |
| Saturday- | 4 p.m. | New in Town (PG) |
| | 7 p.m. | I Love You Man (R) |
| Sunday- | 4 p.m. | New in Town (PG) |
| | 7 p.m. | I Love You Man (R) |
| Monday- | closed | |
| Tuesday- | closed | |
| Wednesday- | 7 p.m. | Bride Wars (PG) |

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

| A.M. | P.M. |
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|  Friday Partly cloudy Lows 9 C / 48 F |  Friday Partly cloudy Highs 19 C / 66 F |
|  Saturday Mostly cloudy Lows 10 C / 50 F |  Saturday Partly cloudy Highs 18 C / 64 F |
|  Sunday Partly cloudy Lows 10 C / 50 F |  Sunday Mostly cloudy Highs 20 C / 68 F |

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 17 APR** --Schweinfurt day trip to The Residence in Wuerzburg, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meet at ACS. 354-6933.
- 20-23 APR** --Unit-level volleyball, Kessler Fitness Center, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Call 354-6735.
- 20-24 APR** --Newcomers awareness program, SNAPS, child care available. Call ACS at 09721-96-6933.
- 21 APR**
 - Bulk trash pick-up in Askren, Yorktown, gov't-leased housing. Put items out prior to 7 a.m.
 - Teen advisory group at Ledward Library beginning at 6 p.m. For information, call 354-1740.
 - Deadline to sign up for FRG volleyball tournament April 25, Kessler gym. Call 354-6735.
 - Financial planning for college class at Army Community Service, 9-10 a.m. 09721-96-6933.
- 22 APR**
 - New PWOC small group Bible study begins, Ledward Chapel, 9 a.m. Call 0170-277-8980.
 - Ledward Community Bank closes for cleaning. Normal hours will resume the following day.
 - Ping Pong tournament at Finney Fitness Center, 7 p.m. For information, call 353-8476.
- 23 APR**
 - Spaghetti lunch, Child Development Center, 11:30 a.m. Pre-register at 09721-96-6822.
 - Volunteer recognition ceremony, Kessler Bowling Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 354-6933.
 - Deadline to sign up for women's softball league. Games begin April 30 at 6 p.m. Call 353-8234.
 - Auto preventative maintenance class, Conn Auto Skills Center, 6 p.m. Call 09721-96-8224.
- 24 APR** --Family movie day at School Age Services. For details, call 09721-96-6974.
- 25 APR**
 - Kinderfest for Month of the Military Child, School Age Services 1:30-4:30 p.m.
 - B.O.S.S. Europa-Park trip departs 4 a.m., returns 6 p.m. 42 euro per person. Call 353-8476.
- 29 APR** --PowerPoint 2007 class in the computer lab, bldg. 206, 8:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Call 354-6933.
- 30 APR**
 - "Lunch Bunch" 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at ACS. For more information, call 09721-96-6933.
 - Character Counts Workshops for parents, School Age Services, 5-6 p.m.
 - Library book club meets at the Ledward Library at 5:15 p.m. "In Defense of Food" by Michael Pollan will be discussed. To join, call 09721-96-1740.
 - Child Development Center parade through Askren Manor, 3:45 p.m. Call 354-6822.
- 1 MAY** --Deadline to sign up for high ropes course with Outdoor Rec May 9 from 12 to 4 p.m. 353-8080.
- 2 MAY** --Annual middle school spring flea market, rent a table at diane.schmidt@eu.dodea.edu.
- 6 MAY** --Daybreak Quartet performs at the Schweinfurt Elementary School 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- 7-9 MAY** --Community theater "Steel Magnolias," Abrams Entertainment Center, 7 p.m.
- 10 MAY**
 - Mother's Day brunch at Conn Community Club, 10:30 a.m. For reservations, call 354-6186.
 - Traditional handcraft & farmers market trip to Rueckersfeld with Crafts Studio, 354-6903.
- 11 MAY** --Deadline to sign up for winefest with Outdoor Rec May 17 from 12 to 5 p.m. Call 353-8080.
- 12 MAY** --Community Update Forum, Schweinfurt Elementary School, 6 p.m. Community invited.
- 14-16 MAY** --Community theater "Steel Magnolias," Abrams Entertainment Center, 7 p.m.
- 22 MAY** --Deadline to sign up for Zeilitzheim vineyard hike with Outdoor Rec May 31. Call 353-8080.
- 27 May** --Entertainment night Bunco at Finney Fitness Center, 6 p.m. For information, call 353-8476.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Spin those calories away at fitness centers

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Ready for an intense workout to get prepared for the spring and summer months? Boot-camp spinning just began and it welcomes beginners as well as the advanced to start conditioning the hips, legs, and back-side.

The great thing about spinning is you can have the beginners and the advanced people because, you as a participant, you control how hard or how much resistance that you're putting on there. You control your intensity," said Paul Stubbs, director of the Kessler Fitness Center and instructor for the boot-camp spinning.

"I used to do it before back in the day. It's, like, the best workout to shape up real quick and lose weight," said participant Christine Blow.

According to Stubbs, spinning is one of the only true calorie burners on a machine indoors. Others machines like the treadmill or elliptical offer estimated burned calories as motivation for those who use them to work out. These machines also pull or propel the person exercising along a path in some fashion, which is not the case for spin

bike workouts.

"You're the motor on that spin bike, and that's why it's real calories," Stubbs said. Kessler Fitness Center offers spinning classes Monday through Thursday every week at various times during the day. Some choose Tuesday's workout because it fits their work schedule.

"It's a great workout for the short amount of time that I have. It's convenient at lunch time, and then ... I feel refreshed and I have a lot of time after work that I can go home and relax," said Selena Ala.

In 30 minutes, spinning may burn from 400 to 600 calories, depending upon the level of resistance that the participant uses by a simple turn of a knob, Stubbs said.



Spinning is a true calorie-burning workout, according to fitness center director and instructor Paul Stubbs.

"Each time you turn it, it's like brake power. The more you turn it, the harder it gets," Stubbs said.

Part of the 30-minute workout also includes about 10 minutes off the bike working with weights and core strengthening.

"It's like a total body workout," Stubbs said. "It's designed ... to get you in shape a lot faster."

Bowling center has something for everyone

Story and photo by Sandra Wilson

Coffee and pastries may be considered a pleasant start to a morning, but why not throw a little bowling in there, too? Kessler Bowling Center offers just that: coffee, pastries, and three games of bowling Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 a.m.

"It's something for the wives after the kids go to school," said Bobby Boggs, operations assistant at the bowling alley.

"It's nice to get out. It's peaceful. They are very accommodating. They know our shoe sizes," said Jenn Overway, about the center staff. She and two friends come in weekly for the Coffee Bowl.

"We're quite thankful that they offer this," said Kirsten Scott. The women also bring their preschool-aged children in and the kids enjoy their own game of bowling at the same time.

"It gives us a chance to get to know each other," said Nicole Butler, explaining how they participate as a team in the family readiness group (FRG) league as well on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Though the name may be misleading, the FRG league is ac-



Nicole Butler prepares to strike at the Kessler Bowling Center during the Tuesday Coffee Bowl.

tually open to all adults, and the same goes for the mixed bowling league which meets Thursdays at 6 p.m.

"They are open to anyone that cares to join up," Boggs said.

Apart from the leagues, the bowling center helps to change up the regular game of bowling by offering various theme days. Community members can also participate in the Penny Bowl Tuesdays from 5 to 11 p.m., paying for shoes and a penny for each pin knocked over.

"We try to keep our prices low because the community is so small and our target is the Soldiers and the families," Boggs said. Regular price Cosmic Bowling begins the weekends on Friday nights at 8 p.m.

"It's basically disco bowling," Boggs said. The bowling center turns out the lights and black lights illuminate the alleys with disco music playing.

Saturdays invite youth from 8 to 18 years old to participate in the Yaba bowling club at 10 a.m. Sundays offer discounted family bowling at only \$1.50 per game with free shoes.



Sky Soldiers!

Thirty-one teams of four Soldiers, from every company-sized unit in the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, competed in the Sky Soldier competition yesterday at the Camp Robertson training area. The teams were required to complete several tasks, including treating a casualty, marksmanship, weapons-and-communications equipment familiarity, litter-carrying, land navigation, and a surprise "commander's challenge."

Clockwise from below: Anvil Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment marches between events. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, treats a mock casualty. Capt. Matthew Booth, Forward Support Team, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, re-assembles an M249 squad automatic weapon. Company B, Brigade Support Special Troops Battalion, carries a 185-pound litter before taking to the firing line, in the "stress shoot." Finally, Spc. Joey Manchego rigs his individual equipment -- the task designated as the surprise "commander's challenge."

A complete story is available at <http://www.army.mil/-news/2009/04/09/19439-teams-of-sky-soldiers-fill-schweinfurt-training-area/> (Photos by Mark Heeter)





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