



Second Lady visits Bamberg, Schweinfurt



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Dr. Jill Biden, wife of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, visited Soldiers and family members in Franconia over the Independence Day weekend before traveling to Paris to deliver a keynote address at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) 2009 World Conference.

Biden visited Bamberg, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage city, July 3 and Schweinfurt the following day to show her appreciation for members of the military and their families.

“The Second Lady’s visit here shows me how supportive this administration is to the troops,” said Staff Sgt. Neil Montevirgen, a 54th Engineer Battalion Soldier stationed in Bamberg.

Biden said visiting troops and their families was a “logical step” before her speech.

“I wanted to say thank you to our troops for what they have done and to bring greetings from the administration,” she said.

Biden had lunch in Bamberg with Reserve Soldiers of the 7th

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Top left: Dr. Jill Biden, right, wife of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, talks to Schweinfurt Lord Mayor Gudrun Grieser during her visit to the U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt July 4 celebration at Kessler Field. Above: Biden poses with a family of the Schweinfurt community. She visited Soldiers and their families over the Independence Day weekend in Bamberg and Schweinfurt to show support to the military and thank them for their service. (Photos by Mark Heeter)



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

Now until July 19:



24th Kissinger Sommer in Bad Kissingen. For four and a half weeks the city turns into a center of the international music world. Stars of the present and of the future for “Culture throughout Europe”. This year’s theme is Italy and Greece. For more information visit the web at <http://www.kissingersommer.de/kissingersommer/index.html> or call 0971-807-1110. E-mail to kissingersommer@stadt.badkissingen.de.

Now until Aug. 2:

Special exhibition of the works of the famous artist “Edouard Manet” at the Museum Georg Schäfer, Brückenstrasse 20 in Schweinfurt. Open hours are Tuesday – Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.



Tomorrow:

Summer fest in Schweinfurt, am Bergl, at 6 p.m. Live music by the brass band, “Hambacher Nachtschicht”.

Concert “Singing at the Lake” performed by various choirs at the “Sennfelder Seestuben” in Sennfeld at 7 p.m.

Friday - Saturday:

Wine fest in Donnersdorf, various live bands on Friday night, “Rock’n Roll in Falkenberg”, and Saturday night, Latin American night. Vineyards will be illuminated both nights. Fire works on Saturday night around 12:30 a.m.



Saturday:

Nashville Night with “Rascal and McLane” at the “Goldenen Flasche” in Hambach at 7 p.m.

Big flea market at the “Volksfestplatz” in Schweinfurt, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Summer fest at Schweinfurt, am Bergl Oldies band “The Shades” at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday:

Band concert performed by “The Temptations” in Wuerzburg, GVO Event Hall, Nuernberger Strasse 128, at 9 p.m. For tickets go to <https://www.getgo.de/gtg-tickets/Event-Tickets-B/The-Temptations-Wuerzburg.html>.



LOOKING AHEAD...

July 18-20:

District Music festival – 40th anniversary of the Brass Band of Ebenhausen and traditional “Hammelfest” (mutton fest).

July 24-26:

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 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.

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.

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...

AAFES closures

Due to an AAFES organizational day, the PX, PXTRA, and Ledward shoppette will close at 4 p.m. Friday. The Conn shoppette will close at 6 p.m. and reopen at 10 p.m. Subway and Pizza Hut will operate under normal hours of 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Radiology office hours

Due to the flooding of the radiologist's office in the basement of the health clinic, bldg. 201, the radiology office will only be open from 8 a.m. to noon daily until further notice.

Security office moved

The Schweinfurt Security office has relocated to room 312 in Ledward bldg. 206. The use of cell phones, cameras and any other portable electronic device will not be allowed in the area. They must be turned off and turned in at the door, prior to entry, and will be returned upon leaving. For questions or concerns, call the safety office 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at 09721-96-1670.

Red Cross relocation

The American Red Cross office has moved from the basement of bldg. 206 to Ledward bldg. 289, located adjacent to the health clinic parking lot. Hours of operation remain 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 09721-96-1760.

Self Help hours

Due to manpower shortage, the self-help issue point is providing limited service until July 17 with new operating hours of noon to 3 p.m. For information, call 353-6853.

New TMP bulletin

According to the USAG Schweinfurt Directorate of Logistics, a new bulletin containing emergency-service contact information for fleet vehicles is available at the Transportation Motor Pool (TM) office. The bulletin will be distributed at dispatch renewal and should be kept in the glove compartment of TMP vehicles.

Free lunch for teens

The Ledward Chapel now offers free lunch for teens Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. For information, call 09721-96-1370.

No-show reminder

Sixty-four patients failed to show up for scheduled appointments at the Schweinfurt Health Clinic from June 1-30, according to the clinic staff. To cancel or reschedule an appointment, call 09721-96-7901.

Arts and crafts contest

The deadline for the Department of the Army arts and crafts contest has been extended to Wednesday. For information and submission details, visit <https://artscrafts.fmwrc.army.mil>.

Adult seminar, kids carnival

The Ledward Chapel invites the community to join in the festivities July 11. Beginning at 9 a.m. adults can participate in the "Strength though Separated" seminar with guest speakers Drs. Donald and Kathy Shorter while grade-school children participate in games and sports with Child, Youth, and School Services in the Ledward gym. Limited free watch care is available for kindergarten and younger. Please call in advance to reserve watch care. A community barbeque and kids carnival begins at noon. For information, call 09721-96-6860.



Tonight-	7 p.m.	High Voltage (R)
Tomorrow-	7 p.m.	Obsessed (PG-13)
Saturday-	4 p.m.	Earth (PG)
	7 p.m.	The Proposal (PG-13)
Sunday-	4 p.m.	Earth (PG)
	7 p.m.	The Proposal (PG-13)
Monday-	closed	
Tuesday-	closed	
Wednesday-	7 p.m.	Ghost of Girlfriends Past (PG-13)

Schweinfurt three-day weather forecast

A.M.	P.M.
 Friday Cloudy with rain Lows 13 C / 55 F	 Friday Cloudy with rain Highs 15 C / 59 F
 Saturday Cloudy with rain Lows 12 C / 54 F	 Saturday Mostly cloudy Highs 16 C / 61 F
 Sunday Mostly cloudy Lows 10 C / 50 F	 Sunday Cloudy with rain Highs 21 C / 70 F

Source: 21st Operational Weather Squadron



- 17 JULY** --Federal Resume 101 in the bldg. 206 computer lab, 1:30-4:30 p.m. To sign up, call 354-6933.
- 20 JULY** --Destination Schweinfurt day trip Volkach, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Transportation limited. 354-6933.
- 21 JULY** --Bulk trash pick-up from Askren, Yorktown, and gov't-leased housing at 7 a.m.
--"Lunch n' learn" at the Ledward Library, 12:15 p.m. Learn about the best European travel Web sites. For more information, call 09721-96-1740.
- 21 JULY** --Investing for future wealth training at Army Community Service, 3:30-4:30 p.m. 354-6933.
- 22 JULY** --Teen reading program at Ledward Library, 4-5:30 p.m. Open to all teens. Call 09721-96-1740.
--Teen newcomer orientation "GUTS," Army Community Service, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 354-6933.
--Summer reading program event ages 6-11, Ledward library, 8 a.m. Call 09721-96-1740.
--Point of Contact (POC) training in the Yellow Ribbon Room, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 354-6933.
- 22-25 JULY** --IMCOM-Europe flag football officials clinic, Schwetzingen. Call Finney gym 09721-96-8234.
- 26 JULY** --Street winefest in Stammheim with Outdoor Rec. Depart 1 p.m., return 5 p.m. Call 353-8080.
- 28 JULY** --Treasurer training in the Yellow Ribbon Room, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
- 29 JULY** --Summer reading program event ages 6-11, Ledward library, 1-2 p.m. Call 09721-96-1740.
- 30 JULY** --Teen summer stress buster at Kessler Field, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Call 09721-96-6933.
--Ledward library book club discusses "One Thousand Women" by Jim Fergus, 5:15 p.m.
--Lunch Bunch meets 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bring euro for lunch. For restaurant details, call 354-6933.
--Family Readiness Group (FRG) roundtable, Yellow Ribbon Room 6-8 p.m. 09721-96-6933.
- 31 JULY** --Club Beyond game or movie night, time to be announced, Conn Chapel. Call 0175-666-3339.
--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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 12 AUG** --Bamberg High School and community tour, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 09721-96-6517 for details.
- 14 AUG** --Operation Rising Star begins, Ledward Rohr's Diner, 7 p.m. Call 09721-96-6225.
- 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.
- 18-19 AUG** --Auditions for "The Way of All Fish," Abrams Center, 1 p.m. & 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.
- 31 AUG** --Kindergarten readiness camp begins at School Age Services, 9-11 a.m. Call 09721-96-6090.

Community 6 week outlook calendar



Seminar held to encourage, strengthen community

By Emily Athens

Deployments may cause physical and mental strife to any Army community and it often requires the strength of Soldier and families to uphold morale.

Dr. Donald Shorter Sr., founder of a non-denominational church in Tacoma, Washington, who is visiting Schweinfurt tomorrow with his wife, Kathy, says it's important to keep Soldiers and families moving in a positive direction as they manage deployments and separation.

Donald and Kathy, both ministers raised in an Army home, will conduct a seminar Saturday at the Ledward chapel from 9:30 to noon to provide direction and support to adult members of the community.

"The goal is to equip attendees with defined lifestyle tools that help families who need assistance with the challenges of separation. We want to understand the differences some families

experience and rectify what those family members may be experiencing," Donald said.

The seminar, entitled "Strength though Separated", is open to the entire community and presents an opportunity to help strengthen and encourage Soldiers, families and civilians coping with the demands of a deployed community, said Donna Hilley, religious education coordinator.

"The chapel just wants to give something back to our community. We want to celebrate the contribution they've made for our country and give them a day of joy and spiritual nourishment," Hilley said.

The Shorters, who each obtained a doctorate in ministry and have remained active family counselors for several decades, prove to be credible sources for advice, assistance and guidance for military families and

remain extremely open, accessible, and approachable, Hilley explained.

"We simply are looking forward ... to interacting with the families that are supporting our freedoms, that are strengthening and supporting the military personnel that make that freedom possible," Donald said.

As adults attend the seminar, limited watch care is available for children five and under while kids first- through fifth-grade can enjoy activities in the Ledward gym provided by Child, Youth and School Services.

At noon, families will come together for a barbecue and mini carnival, appropriate for all ages.

"It will be a fun and safe environment. We want to build up the community spiritually as well as allow (participants) to have a fun and happy day together as a family and community," Hilley said.

For more information or to register for watch care, call 09721-96-6860.



Kathy Shorter



Donald Shorter

RENDERING HONORS

A flag detail from the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment renders honors to the national colors at the retreat ceremony during the Army Birthday celebration on June 11. Soldiers and civilians alike are reminded to pay the proper respect during the morning reveille and afternoon retreat of the colors. "They just need to do the right thing," said USAG Schweinfurt Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Lee. "It's about paying respect to the colors." Soldiers outside formation are expected to stop and salute when in uniform, while civilians are also expected to stop while the flag is raised or lowered, according to Lee.

For detailed instructions and scenarios about rendering honors, see Field Manual 7-21. (Photo by Johannes Herpich)



Askren Manor housing flood damage claims procedures

If you suffered damage to your personal property during the recent flooding, you may be entitled to receive compensation for your loss through the U.S. Army Claims System. For those interested in filing a claim, the following information will help ensure your claim is quickly and properly adjudicated and paid.

- Claimants must mitigate damages.
- Notify your insurance company if you have coverage.
- Substantiate your damage.
- Do not automatically throw items away that appear to be damaged.
- When you file claim, substantiate the amounts you are asking for.
- You have two years from the date of the incident to file your claim.

If you decide to file a claim, please contact the Schweinfurt Law Center at 353-8809/8801 or 09721-8809/8801.



172nd Brigade celebrates 4th of July, Blackhawk



Spc. Lielani M. Naigan, brigade flight operations specialist, lights off a firework during the 4th of July celebration in Kalsu.

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

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – Exploding fireworks, a huge slip and slide, near-beer pong games, arm wrestling, volleyball tournament, combatives tournament and video games projected onto the t-wall barriers are all the things that made up the 172nd Infantry Brigade’s (Separate) July 4 celebration in Kalsu, Iraq.

“I can’t believe this,” smiled Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Steven McClaffin. “To think we are deployed, celebrating the 4th of July here, it’s just unbelievable.”

Activities began shortly after a small speech by the Brigade Commander, Lt. Col. Jeffery Sinclair.

The dining facility provided a wide spread of food including hot dogs, hamburgers, steaks, chicken, potato salad,

pasta salads, miniature ears of corn, and baked beans.

“I really enjoyed the celebration because of the barbeque, the fireworks and being able to mingle around,” said Sgt. Xoimi Z. Sutton, joint visitors’ bureau noncommissioned officer, “It almost felt like a 4th of July back home.”

The signature bonfire lit up the night sky followed by Soldiers setting off fireworks.

The night didn’t officially end until Brigade Sinclair and McClaffin joined the Soldiers on the huge slip-and-slide, by the 9th Engineer Battalion.

“We wanted to bring the formation together,” said 1st Lt. Andrew J. Minoski, information operations working group officer, HHC, 172 Inf. Bde. “We hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves even though they weren’t home for the holiday.”

BIDEN

Civil Support Command and visited with Soldiers in the 54th Engineer Battalion and their family members during their reintegration training.

“I’m here as a military mom, an Army military mom,” Biden told family members and Soldiers of the engineer battalion.

The battalion returned from Iraq two days before Biden’s visit, and some Soldiers said they had met her son while they were deployed. Capt. Beau Biden is a member of the Delaware National Guard who is currently deployed in Iraq.

“Knowing she has a son in the military lets me know they will give us a higher level of support,” said Montevirgen, who met Capt. Biden while downrange.

Being a member of the military family is something very personal to the her, she said.

“I know how hard it is for me, as a mom, to have my son deployed,” Biden said.

Sharing this Army family bond can give others comfort

in knowing the administration understands difficulties and issues Soldiers and their families face, according to Biden.

Biden spoke with, and listened to, many Soldiers and their family members. If someone had an issue, Biden directed them to people who recorded their dilemma, so it can be examined later in further detail.

“It helps military families to know how hard we are working on their behalf,” she said. “We’re working hard so they get the benefits they deserve.”

The administration of President Barack Obama is trying to raise awareness about improving educational and health care benefits for veterans, service members and military family members, Biden said.

On July 4, Biden traveled to Kessler Field in Schweinfurt where she spent Independence Day with the troops and their families. Four Schweinfurt-based battalions are currently deployed to Iraq.



Above: Dr. Jill Biden, wife of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, talks to members of the media during her visit to the U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt. Left: Biden talks to Renee Smith, left, whose husband is deployed to Iraq, while Nena Stetson looks on.



MWR ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST

Compete for cash prizes against the best artists and artisans in the U.S. Army! Enter your best 2D and 3D artwork.

Enter online. Call the Crafts Studio for more information at 09721-96-6903/DSN 354-6903.

Deadline Extended: 15 July 2009
Contest Website: <https://artscrafts.fmwr.army.mil>

OUTDOOR RECREATION TRIPS

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

July 12
Romantic Winefest in Sommerach
Depart ODR at 12 p.m. and return at 5 p.m. We'll whisk you away for a relaxing afternoon full of culinary delights. Cost is \$10 for transportation.

July 26
Street Winefest in Stammheim
Depart ODR at 1 p.m. and return at 5 p.m. Gather up your friends and let us do the driving while you enjoy the sampling! Cost is \$10 for transportation.

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PAINTBALL TOURNAMENT

JULY 18 10 A.M.
CONN PAINTBALL FIELD

BOSS pays for field/equipment fees for first 10 teams. Trophies awarded to the top 3 teams. Open to single/unaccompanied soldiers.

Register by July 14 at the Finney Recreation Center/Single Soldier Lounge, Bldg. 64, Conn Barracks. For more information, call 09721-96-8476 or DSN 353-8476.

MWR

SUPER SATURDAY
JULY 25
9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

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

Sign up by July 17.

Sign up at any CYS Services facility.
Questions? Call Central Registration
CIV: 09721-96-6414/DSN: 354-6517.