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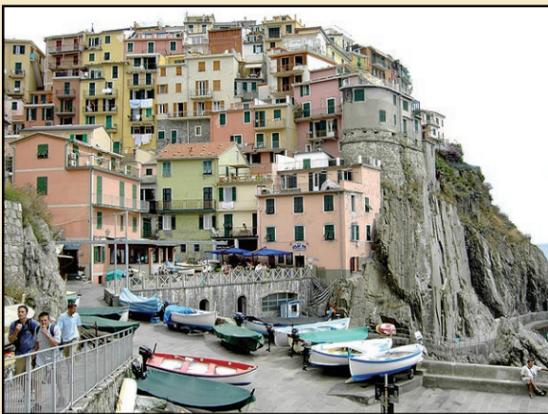
### Feedback

"Sixty years ago no one believed that Germany and Japan would be democratic countries, and look at them now. I believe that it will be the same with Iraq," said Giessen's Maj. Mikel Russell in this week's feedback on the future of Iraq. See page 2 for more reader response.



### Home at last

Families and friends have been celebrating homecomings from Iraq all over the 104th Area Support Group. See stories and photos throughout this issue for local coverage.



### A traveler's oasis in Italy

One of Italy's gems — the five, remote coastal villages known as Cinque Terre — are only a short drive from the U.S. recreational facilities at Camp Darby. The Army base, situated between Pisa and Livorno, is an ideal home base for exploring Tuscany and the Italian coastline.

### Summer Hire Training Program

Young workers in the 414th Base Support Battalion are getting a crash course in professional development during their summer employment. See page 21.



# Easing transition home

## Social support specialists shift focus from families to include Soldiers during reintegration training

By David Ruderman

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Social support professionals who have gone the extra mile to help families in the 104th Area Support Group over the past year are training their sights on Soldiers.

"We work with groups of anywhere from 20-200 depending on their flights and when they arrive," said Chaplain (Col.)

Michael Walker, a reservist with the 414th Base Support Battalion Chaplain's Office, as he waited to address Soldiers of the 1st Armored Division's 4th Brigade in Hanau July 22. "A lot of what I've been doing over the past year is family ministry and preparing for this."

Soldiers arrive home with questions, concerns and anxieties, and immediately begin a seven-day reintegration cycle that affords them and their families access to social welfare professionals and their expertise.

"We're holding them for seven days, so it's a kind of decompression thing," said Walker. "And they're working four-hour shifts, so they have some time. We're easing them back in a sense: The first sergeant or commander still has control over them, but their time is not completely dominated by the Army. They have some time to reconnect with their families or get back with their buddies."

### Sexual misconduct

## Offenses can follow one for life

By Spc. Kristopher Joseph

V Corps Public Affairs Office

The Army has a "zero tolerance" policy toward sexual misconduct, but many Soldiers are still not aware of the exact nature of criminal sexual misconduct or the severe penalties they can suffer for offenses.

Maj. Brad Huestis, chief of military justice in the V Corps Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, outlined the forms of criminal sexual misconduct and the maximum punishment outlined by the Uniform Code of Military Justice for conviction for those crimes:

- ✦ Rape and forcible sodomy (oral or anal sex) — confinement for life.
- ✦ Assault with intent to commit rape — 20 years confinement.
- ✦ Carnal knowledge (sexual intercourse with someone under 16 years of age) — 20 years confinement or life confinement if the victim is under 12 years of age.
- ✦ Assault with intent to commit sodomy — 10 years confinement.
- ✦ Indecent act or liberties with a child under 16 years of age — seven years confinement.
- ✦ Indecent assault and indecent acts with another — five years confinement.

A dishonorable discharge, reduction to the pay grade of E-1, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances is usually included with these convictions, Huestis said. If a combina-

Soldiers exhibit a range of concerns as they begin the complex readjustment to life away from the battlefield, said Donna Finney, Army Community Service director in Baumholder.

Married Soldiers tend to be apprehensive about rejoining their wives and children, resuming "normal" family life after

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Photo by Karl Weisel

Amy Cuebas, mobilization and deployment manager with the 414th Base Support Battalion's Army Community Service, discusses homecoming expectations with newly returned 4th Brigade Soldiers during a reintegration session.

tion of offenses occurs in single or multiple incidents, the accused will face the sum penalty of all the crimes for which he or she is found guilty, said Huestis. For example, if a Soldier is found guilty of indecent assault and assault with intent to commit sodomy, the maximum punishments could be combined for a total of 15 years confinement.

When a Soldier who has been convicted of a sex crime transitions to the civilian world, the major added, laws in the area where he chooses to reside may require him to register as a sex offender.

"With each individual case, we try to craft a course of action that fits the crime," said Huestis. "Judges deal with sexual misconduct cases very seriously because of the lasting effect and damage to the victim."

A question that is often raised with regard to misconduct is, at what point does an act cross the line and become a crime punishable under the UCMJ?

Using rape as an example, Huestis said the definition for rape in the UCMJ is "sexual intercourse by force and without consent." But "force" and "consent" are two areas that are not as simple to define as they sound, he added. Actual physical force is not the only way force can be established. Sexual harassment, intimidation or threats alone may be considered constructive force, the major said. If the victim is asleep, unconscious or intoxicated, and incapable of consenting, the accused can still be found guilty.

Huestis recalled a case in which a drill sergeant was

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# Commentary

## Feedback: What do you foresee for the future of Iraq?



**Sgt. 1st Class Marlon Modeste**  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
Division Support Command, Wiesbaden

"It'll get squared away eventually, just as soon as the people stop fighting against those who are trying to help them."



**2nd Lt. Daniel Gregory**  
2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, Baumholder

"Involved U.S. commitment utilizing support in the forms of troops, infrastructure and money will help Iraq free itself from tyranny and create stability."



**Pfc. Ramona Thompson**  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
Division Support Command, Wiesbaden

"The country is a mess. The people are used to the way they've lived, and it's going to take a long time for them to change, if they ever change. I foresee us back there six years from now doing this all over again."



**Spc. Cole Von Roeder**  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
2nd Battalion, 37th Armor, Friedberg

"Things will improve, but it's going to take a few years. We saw a lot of improvement in the past 15 months. Our battalion has rebuilt schools and cleaned streets, and we hired many Iraqis so they were getting jobs. But I rather see big changes in 10 years, because it will take a younger generation to work on that. The current generation is still used to how things were done when Saddam was there."



**Sgt. Toynika Hall**  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
Division Support Command, Wiesbaden

"The country is unstable. It's going to take a lot of hard work, prayer and commitment in order for them to get back on their feet."

## Heroes come in all forms and families

**Commentary by Jessica Smith**  
104th Area Support Group Government  
Relations Office

How do you define hero?

According to the dictionary, hero is defined as any person admired for his or her courage.

To me, hero means my dad. He's been downrange for a year, two months and 12 days. He hasn't complained once about being down there or remaining for longer than his orders originally stated.

People say that when deployed family members come home, things change. Experts warn that eating, sleep patterns, attitudes and patience levels may all change. After sleeping through air raids and being separated from friends and family for more than a year that is to be expected.

But I don't think anything will change between me and Dad. When I talk with him on the phone, nothing seems to have changed, except for the fact that he still thinks I'm 7 years old when I'll actually be a 14-year-old freshman next year.

During the past year it was hard to get along sometimes with my dad absent because he was always the "easy medium" in our house. With Dad gone it was as if all of the children were lined up on one side and my mom was on the other side. My dad was missing to provide the middle ground and make everything "even."

When I was younger I remember never wanting to get in trouble with my dad, because when he found out and talked about it he would look at me and give me that look. He'd tell me how disappointed he was in me, and then, just leave it at that. That alone would kill me, knowing that he was disappointed in me. He always has a listening ear and pushes me to do my best.

This deployment has been not only difficult on me, but also my brother and sister and most definitely my mom. Besides taking care of us she has done so much for other people. She volunteers and listens to those who need a listening ear. She organizes events and is involved in so many vital programs. She volunteers for our battalion, our school and community activities.

She is the strongest woman I know, and I have the greatest respect for her.

Together my parents are the perfect team. I can't wait till my family is back together. My family has been strong this year, and we can't wait till my dad gets back. Though we really want to see him again, we all know he is fighting for what he believes in. I can't see him doing anything else than protecting his country.

The term hero, to me, means someone doing something to help others selflessly, not caring whether or not anyone notices.

That someone is my dad. (*Jessica Smith is a Hanau Summer Hire employee*)

## Letter to the editor

**Thanks to 1st AD Soldiers**  
Ladies and gentlemen, greetings from the cradle of liberty:

I just wanted to write and express my heartfelt thanks for the great job the 1st Armored Division has done and to tell you I will never let the world forget the incredible sacrifices you and your brothers and sisters have made. America and the world owe you a debt of gratitude. Please keep in mind the historic facts of what you have done. Historically your victory in Iraq will be spoken of in the same breath used to discuss the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, a war of freedom. Freedom is what America stands for. It appears you have planted (and germinated) the seeds of freedom in the barren deserts of the Middle East. You are America at its very best, and world history will be very

proud of you. This may not fill the void left by your fallen, but consider that in the Civil War one man fell for every six men freed. By comparison this war appears to be one life lost for every 60,000 lives freed. The fallen are surely men and women of honor and greatness, and will rightly live on forever in history. We are all very proud of you, and in your heart of hearts you need to know this. The freeing of Baghdad will not be a footnote in history. When we watched those towers fall, deep inside we all reflected on the military. Would you be up to the task of protecting freedom? America's families sleep safe, well and free because of your hard work. Thank you. I salute the 1st Armored Division and your history-making courage.

**James R. Gardner**  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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# News and features

## News flash

### Self Service closing

The Self Service Supply Center in Baumholder will be closed Aug. 16-19 and in Hanau Aug. 23-26 for inventory. Call mil 343-2743 for more information.

### Incentive award winners

Several 104th Area Support Group Soldiers and civilians were among some 60 Soldiers and civilians recognized for their superior service during the annual Command General U.S. Army Europe Incentive Awards Ceremony in Heidelberg July 19. The 222nd Base Support Battalion's **Sean Lambur** was recognized as a non-Information Management Professional, the 284th BSB's **Peter J. Bosmajian** earned Outstanding Contribution to Civilian Professional and Leader Development, the Wiesbaden Contracting Office's **Maj. Marius Fara** was cited for Outstanding Contribution to Acquisition Excellence, Wiesbaden Contracting Office's **Maj. Lance Green** was recognized for Outstanding Contribution to Contingency Contracting Support and the 414th BSB's **Wolfgang Niebling** was singled out as the Outstanding Public Affairs Officer of the Year. (USAREUR Public Affairs)

### Udo Kraus dies

Longtime local national employee Udo Kraus, a well known figure in the Transportation Motor Pool and Driver's Instruction branches of the Hanau military community for 20 years, passed away July 24 after a long fight against cancer. He is survived by his wife Petra and their children, Stephanie and Alexandra.

### Upcoming religious events

The Hanau/Büdingen Catholic Women of the Chapel hold a "Women's Night Out" Aug. 22 featuring Thai food, fellowship and fun. Meet at Hanau's Pioneer Kaserne Shoppette at 6 p.m. to car pool to the event. Call Lisa Hixon at civ (06181) 507 9250.

All Soldiers (singles, married, active duty and reserve), spouses and civilians are invited to attend the "Troops Encounter Christ" weekend retreat Aug. 20-22 at the Schonstatt International Retreat Haus at Vallendar (near Koblenz) on the Rhein River. The first 30 registrations are free. The retreats starts Friday at 2 p.m. Participants must provide their own transportation, but car pooling can be arranged. Call mil 323-3224 or send an email to [gerri.merkel@us.army.mil](mailto:gerri.merkel@us.army.mil) by Aug. 9 to register.

### Voting assistance hotline

Never voted overseas before? Don't know when to mail your absentee ballot? Wondering if you can vote by fax? Answers are a phone call away with the new U.S. Army Europe Voting Assistance Hotline at mil 379-9712 or civ (06202) 80-9712. In addition to the hotline people can email specific questions to [USAREURVote@hq.Iperscom.army.mil](mailto:USAREURVote@hq.Iperscom.army.mil) or get help online at the Voting Assistance home page at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). (IMA-E Release)

### Extended commissary hours

In late June, Defense Commissary Agency-Europe officials notified commanders in Darmstadt, Wiesbaden, Giessen, Bad Nauheim and Dexheim that extended commissary hours established in April would end in late July. However DeCA-E officials have decided to continue offering the extended hours indefinitely as a quality-of-life initiative. (DeCA-E Release)

### Fall/winter catalog

The 2004 all-services fall/winter Army and Air Force Exchange Service catalog is now available. Prices in the over 600-page catalog are valid through Jan. 14, 2005. Orders can be placed by mail, fax or phone. Visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) online or stop by your local AAFES shopping center for more information. (AAFES Release)



### Thanks for support

Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, 1st Armored Division commander (left), hands out certificates and division coins to dozens of Soldiers and civilian employees of V Corps headquarters staff in a ceremony on Victory Park at Heidelberg's Campbell Barracks July 27. Brig. Gen. Daniel Keefe (at center shaking hands), V Corps chief of staff, joined Dempsey in personally thanking the corps staffers for their support of the "Old Ironsides" division during its recent 15-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "The Iron Soldiers will never forget what you did for them," Dempsey told the group.

Photo by Michael Hart

## Transition home

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a lengthy separation and a mega-dose of stress.

Single Soldiers are more inclined to perceive loneliness and isolation as their main concern, said Finney, noting that the familial bonds of the brothers in arms that developed during the deployment are no longer there to the same intense degree they were in Iraq.

"It's kind of like a loss," said Finney.

"It's not just the single guys. Sometimes the married guys come back and they've bonded with their buddies too. They've gone through some traumatic times together," said Walker.

Some Soldiers say they are worried about becoming alcoholics, going off the deep end after 15 months without a drink, said Finney.

"Those are the main concerns," said Michael Hamm, Hanau ACS officer. "People are stressed out. We're not seeing very massive cases. We are seeing isolation, because the camaraderie they had downrange isn't there anymore.

"Financial concerns are big ones. Some of the Soldiers have been saving money downrange, and some are coming back saying 'Hey, I made all that money this year — now I want to blow it.' And then some of the spouses are saying, 'Maybe you weren't spending it at the counter, but when you wanted electronic stuff or a box of beef jerky, it went right in the mail, and you've been spending money all year.'"

Reintegration training makes sure every Soldier is briefed on communication techniques and conflict resolution strategies to avoid the trap of blaming those around them for their emotional states.

"People are really angry," said Hamm.

"They're mad. They're mad about being downrange; they're mad about being extended; they're mad about being back. They're also sick of telling their story over and over and over again. It's the kind of thing that you see at the local bar, where somebody asks, 'How was your vacation in Iraq last year,' and some Soldier will say, 'Come on, step outside and I'll tell you about it.'"

Learning to back off and manage anger become essential skills in returning to life after deployment, he said. "The other thing is that they're out of practice. They've lost all their negotiating skills — that ladder of back and forth exchange."

When Soldiers downrange told civilians to move, they expected to be obeyed. When they needed something critical to the mission, it was delivered. Life in garrison isn't normally characterized by immediate compliance or gratification, and Soldiers often have to re-learn the basic give and take of social interaction, he said.

Chaplains and ACS specialists have drawn on the skills

of stateside psychologists and social workers to help Soldiers address personal issues during their reintegration. A third rotation of specialists arrived in Germany Aug. 1 to support the 1st AD reintegration.

"They're super," said Finney. "When the first group came it was right after the extension, and people were ... angry. We put a counselor in each school, one in each CDC [Child Development Center] to talk to children and to parents about handling anger and frustration."

The second group, which left Germany July 16, was more directly involved with Soldiers as they returned from Iraq. Counselors were available to every Soldier at some point during that week, said Finney.

"We bought them baseball caps that say 'Coach.' We wanted people to feel comfortable about talking, without thinking that 'this is going to get back to my commander.' They don't ask your last name or your unit; you can just talk."

Verbalizing and communicating are key elements of working out post-deployment stress, said those working with Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans.

"Some are feeling numb," said Hamm. "It's over stimulation. They're happy to be back, but it's too much. They're overwhelmed." Despite the length of the deployment and the high stress levels of the Iraq experience, Soldiers are doing well in the early stages of reintegration, he said. "We're not seeing too much backlash."

"We try to discuss stressors and tie that back to the anger, and get into communication issues," said Walker. "One of the things we want to do is help them with their communication skills. We talk about couples, about parent-child relationships, but translate that for single Soldiers so they can use the same skills to communicate, either in the motor pool or in the barracks."

"I think we're all carrying scars of some sort," said Walker. "It's how you handle that. We all handle that differently. At this point it's hard to say what percentages, what numbers

are going to need long-term professional help."

Once Soldiers transition through the seven-day reintegration phase, they will be released for up to 30 days of block leave. Some will take it all, others not. It's up to each individual, said Walker.

As the units continue pouring back into Germany, counselors and specialists are there to talk with Soldiers, help smooth the transition and reap the intermittent joys of friends and families happily reuniting. "I've seen six- and eight-month-olds who've never seen their dads before," said Walker. "A few days later they're holding on to Dad's neck, and they don't want to let go. It's really amazing."

"Every day we're bringing Soldiers home," said Finney.

# News and features

## Sexual misconduct . . . . .

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accused of raping a basic trainee. Although there was no evidence of physical force and it appeared that consent was given, the accused was found guilty because he abused his position to force consent and commit the act.

“Constructive force really pushes the envelope of the definition of rape,” said Huestis. “If you are not 100 percent positive on the question of consent, you’ve left the door open to being charged.

“Most of the cases we receive usually occur between two people who know each other,” he said, adding that alcohol is almost always involved.

### **Intoxication no defense**

But intoxication cannot be used as a defense against sexual misconduct, he said, and it usually compounds the problems of an accused Soldier.

“Alcohol is actually a double-edged sword,” said Huestis, noting that voluntary intoxication almost always adds an extra strike against the accused during a court martial.

One thing about misconduct that might surprise those who are not familiar with the UCMJ is the fact that sexual harassment is not listed under any of its punitive or general articles.

Huestis said sexual harassment cases are normally handled at the company commander level with non-judicial punishment — an Article 15. But he was quick to add that sexual harassment can lead to or compound other charges.

“When an allegation of sexual harassment is made, we look at the case and decide whether we can charge the accused with other sections of the UCMJ that have been violated such as maltreatment, indecent language or indecent exposure.”

Huestis described a case where a unit charged a Soldier with sexual harassment for sending emails and messages containing sexual content to a fellow Soldier. The sender could not be convicted of sexual harassment, the major said, but because the messages were explicitly sexual, the Soldier was found guilty of indecent language under the UCMJ.

“Just because it flies under the UCMJ, you still put your career at risk,” said Huestis.

For more information Soldiers can contact their SJA, Equal Opportunity office or check out the website of the U.S. Army Europe’s “Sexual Misconduct: Not In Our Army” program by visiting either the V Corps or U.S. Army Europe home pages and clicking on the link for the program (see links on the 104th Area Support Group website at [www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil](http://www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil)).

## ACAP counseling

### **Stop Loss/Movement impacts program**

The Army’s implementation of the Active Army Unit Stop Loss/Stop Movement program will affect Army Career and Alumni Program participation for some Soldiers planning to leave the Army. Soldiers impacted by stop loss/movement and assigned to units selected for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan, will now receive mandatory pre-separation counseling before their departure from their home station.

The mandatory counseling allows Soldiers to receive an explanation of transition benefits and services 90 days before their separation date, said Jim Hoffman, ACAP program director. Many installations integrate ACAP pre-separation counseling into the pre-deployment process.

Early initiation of the ACAP process increases a Soldier’s opportunities to receive follow-on ACAP services. ACAP offers online services Soldiers can take advantage of while deployed. To access these resources, they must have already received the pre-separation counseling. “While we understand that preparing for military operations in a hostile environment is vitally

important, making the decision to leave the Army and preparing for that eventuality is also important,” Hoffman said.

The Reserve Component Unit Stop Loss Policy implemented in the fall of 2002 remains in effect. National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who have completed more than 180 days of continuous active duty are eligible for full ACAP services.

The Army recognizes that the vast majority of guardsmen and reservists may not need ACAP services upon their return; however, the services will be available for those who need them, Hoffman said.

ACAP provides transition and job assistance services to separating and retiring Soldiers and their family members. Separating Soldiers can enroll up to a year before separation date and retiring Soldiers can start the process as early as two years in advance of their retirement date.

Get additional information about ACAP by visiting your local ACAP center or the website at [www.acap.army.mil](http://www.acap.army.mil). (*Installation Management Agency-Europe Public Affairs Office Release*)

## Program offers activities for single Soldiers

Story and photo by  
Cassandra Kardeke

221st Base Support Battalion Public Affairs  
Office

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program is up and running and looking for new members. With the help of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, a BOSS Center was opened earlier this year specifically for single Soldiers. Equipped with a pool and pingpong table, large-screen television, DVD player, VCR and a Play Station 2, the center is located on the first floor of Building 1052 underneath Military Clothing Sales.

“We want the single Soldiers to know what BOSS is and what we can do for them,” said Wiesbaden Army Airfield BOSS president, Spc. Ashley Patrick, from the 19th Support Center. “The program instills good management skills for the lower enlisted ranks and helps build character. Being a member of BOSS can also be a step to becoming a more responsible Soldier and better noncommissioned officer.”

The BOSS program began in 1989 and was mainly focused on determining recreation and leisure needs for single or unaccompanied Soldiers. As Soldiers began giving feed-

back the program evolved and began providing quality of life improvements as well as leisure activities to get Soldiers more involved in their communities.

“The BOSS program can’t be a success without good leadership,” said 221st BSB Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Smith. “Non-commissioned officers and first sergeants need to use the BOSS program more and refer their Soldiers to the program.”

Patrick said he hoped to raise BOSS awareness and establish more representatives within the 221st Base Support Battalion communities.

Each unit is designated a BOSS representative. There are currently only 10 representatives in the 221st BSB, leaving 27 vacancies to fill. Patrick said it is critical to set up a BOSS representative right away to ensure the single Soldiers are taken care of, especially now as units are returning from Iraq.

To become a BOSS representative eligible Soldiers must request to be designated through their chain of command. Eligibility includes single or unaccompanied Soldiers

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Soldiers gather around for a game of pool at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

and single parents. Soldiers don’t have to be a representative to be a member or to participate in BOSS events.

BOSS representatives meet at the center every Thursday at 2 p.m. to discuss quality of life issues facing single Soldiers today; plan and coordinate events and activities; and develop ways for Soldiers to be more active within the community.

The center is open for all single Soldiers Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. and Thursday from 4:30-6 p.m.

“Soldiers can come over, watch a movie or

just play games or cards,” Patrick said.

As greater interest develops in the program, Patrick wants to open the center more often to provide Soldiers with something productive to do in their free time.

In the meantime BOSS representatives are busy scheduling activities, including a Play Station 2 and pool tournament, a Halloween carnival and a talent show.

To find out more about the BOSS program call Patrick at mil 337-7206, civ (0611) 705-7206 or send email to [Ashley.patrick@us.army.mil](mailto:Ashley.patrick@us.army.mil).

### New trash schedule

Housing area	Black bin	Cardboard/paper	Yellow bag
Crestview	Friday	Every two weeks on Wednesday (odd calendar weeks)	Every two weeks on Wednesday (even calendar weeks)
Aukamm (Westfalen-, Schleswig-, Hessen-, Wuerttembergstr.)	Tuesday	Every four weeks on Monday	Every four weeks on Monday
Aukamm (Hamburg-, Bremen-, Rheinlandstr.)	Friday	Every four weeks on Monday	Every four weeks on Monday
Hainerberg	Tuesday	Every two weeks on Wednesday (odd calendar weeks)	Every two weeks on Wednesday (even calendar weeks)

## Registration deadline nears

By Junel Jeffrey

221st Base Support Battalion  
Public Affairs Office

Registration to enroll residents in the Installation Access Control System is ongoing in Wiesbaden.

The new technology will greatly improve force protection across U.S. Army Europe, officials said.

“The system will be able to compare the fingerprints and digital photographs of people registered with those presented at gates for an extra level of security,” said an Installation Management Agency-Europe IACS official.

“IACS fielding involves two

phases: Phase one is the registration stage,” he said.

The registration office at Wiesbaden Army Airfield opened its doors last April to prepare the community for the new system. Officials are urging community members to enroll now to avoid delays getting onto installations later this summer.

“It usually takes about five minutes or less to register. Registering now will prevent later inconvenience at the gate [when the system is installed],” said Cheryl Martin, IACS registrar.

Registration for Department of

Defense ID card holders consists of scanning the bar code on the ID card and completing an information sheet. In addition to local national and installation pass holders, all Soldiers, family members and DoD employees must register with their local IACS office.

“We’ve had a number of ID card holders who are under the impression that they don’t have to register,” Martin said. “If you have an ID card and are 10-years-old or older, you need to individually register in IACS.”

Phase two of the program is the installation of the hardware and software at entry control points which began at 221st BSB communities late July.

“IACS is important. If your ID card is not registered in the system, you will not be given unescorted access to the base,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Franks, 221st BSB commander. “There will be a short grace period, but later you’ll have to call someone to be signed on base. That’s the bottom line.”

The Wiesbaden IACS registration office, located in Room 4, Building 1023W, is open from 7 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

Call mil 337-7259/6770 for more information.