

# 221st BSB – Wiesbaden, Wackernheim, Dexheim

## Officials gear up for upcoming school year

By Karen Edge

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Building partnerships with parents and the community is a common goal this coming school year shared by the principals of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Wiesbaden.

The principals of Hainerberg, Aukamm and Dexheim Elementary Schools, Wiesbaden Middle School and General H.H. Arnold High School got together recently and shared ideas they hope to use to build an environment geared toward good teaching, learning and the shaping of young minds.

"It takes all of us coming together; parents, teachers and the community, to make a difference in the lives of our students," said Mark Benham, Aukamm Elementary principal. "It isn't just what happens in the classroom that molds children



Eric Goldman, General H.H. Arnold High School principal



Alexia Venglik, Wiesbaden Middle School principal

into the future adults they'll become."

Each of the principals are looking forward to a great school year and working together to ensure teachers receive the training they need to educate the children. But children aren't the sole focus. Ensuring parents are involved in their child's education is just as important as the education itself.

"Last year our community was really stressed with the deployment of so many of our Soldiers. This year they're back, and we want to renew our relationships with the community and bring these parents into the schools and welcome them in the classrooms," said Alexia Venglik, Wiesbaden Middle School principal.

"We need to come at education with a two-pronged approach. If parents reach out to the children at home and we reach out here at school, we'll be working to create a



Barbara Hickman, Hainerberg Elementary School principal

whole-person concept through the teaching of language, behavior and responsibility," said Eric Goldman, Gen. H.H. Arnold High School principal. "When we put these key elements together, we help shape a person who is ready to go out into the 'real' world. Education isn't just academics; it's also demeanor and character. These things have to be reinforced at home and in the community as well as at school to create a whole person."

When parents foster routines, review homework once it's completed and returned and become involved in their children's lives, a higher level of motivation will breed a higher level of achievement, according to the administrators.

"Our goal this year is to really make sure that the parents are involved in their student's achievements," said Ora Flippen-Casper, Dexheim Elementary principal.



Mark Benham, Aukamm Elementary School principal

"All of our schools here in the Wiesbaden area have an open-door policy. We encourage parents to come in and ask questions and get involved," said Barbara Hickman, Hainerberg Elementary principal.

When asked what single thing a parent could do to help children learn, the four administrators unanimously agreed it was reading to them. Reading to children introduces them to language and gives them an appreciation and motivation to continue reading.

"It is so important for parents to read to their children everyday, especially the elementary-aged children," said Hickman.

The first day of school for students is Sept. 7. Each of the schools will host an open house so that parents can meet their child's teachers and take a tour of the school. Aukamm Elementary School hosts a new student/parent orientation

Sept. 3 at 3 p.m. in the school's media center and open house from 1-2:30 p.m. Sept. 7. Dexheim Elementary School hosts an open house Sept. 7 from 9-11 a.m. followed by a Back To School Luncheon sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Association. Hainerberg Elementary School hosts a new student/parent orientation Sept. 2 at 3 p.m. Kindergarten orientation will be held Sept. 3 from 11 a.m. to noon. Parents can get a sampling of the new lunch menu Sept. 7 from noon to 1 p.m. and attend the school's open house from 1-2:30 p.m. Wiesbaden American Middle School hosts a Back to School Social Sept. 2 from 2-4 p.m. During this time, students may pick up their class schedules. The school's open house will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sept. 9. Gen. H.H. Arnold High School hosts an open house Sept. 8 from 5:30-7 p.m.



Ora Flippen-Casper, Dexheim Elementary School principal

## Partnership ensures healthy school start

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Almost 400 children took advantage of a free health physical offered by Wiesbaden Army Airfield Health Clinic.

Gearing up for fall sports and the return to school, the 221st Base Support Battalion hosted the free physicals at the Child and Youth Services Gym Aug. 17. Up to date immunizations are a requirement for students of Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and the clinic makes that a little easier for parents by hosting biannual physical clinics.

"This is an opportunity for Department of Defense family members and retirees to get free physicals for their children without waiting for appointments at the clinic," said Lt. Col. Ronald Keen, clinic commander.

The free, day-long clinic screens children for vision, hearing, immunizations and other general health concerns. "We make sure the children are healthy and remind parents to talk to them about drugs," said Keen. He also reminds parents to register their children for school if they haven't already.

Students standing in line at the make-shift clinic were looking forward to getting

back to class.

"I want school to start back so I can meet friends, learn and have fun," said seventh-grader Mike Niccoll, age 13, from Wiesbaden Middle School, while waiting in line for an inoculation to update his shot record. "I had a busy summer. I went to Italy and a lot of sports camps, but I want to see all of my friends again."

After an eye exam, Mary Elizabeth Thomas, 6, who will start first grade at Hainerberg Elementary this year, said that despite this being her first year in Wiesbaden, she was looking forward to meeting new friends and was ready for school. "School is good because I get to learn, and I like eating lunch there, too."

Wiesbaden schools open doors to students Sept. 7. According to school officials, only 75 percent of the student population has registered. Even if your child attended DoDDS last year, they must be re-registered each school year. Contact your child's school if you are not sure whether or not the registration process is complete.

Mary Elizabeth Thomas, age 6, recites letters from an eye chart during a school and sports physical Aug. 17.



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Deer graze at the Fasanerie Zoo and Botanical Gardens just outside of Wiesbaden.

## Wildlife, scenic trails featured at Wiesbaden zoo

*Free admission to animal park*

**Story and photos by  
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Not far from the hustle and bustle of downtown Wiesbaden nature enthusiasts and animal lovers alike can enjoy a day of wandering through woods, picnicking in a park or just catching a glimpse of wild animals.

Hidden just outside the city of Wiesbaden lies the Fasanerie and Botanical Gardens, a zoo-like park

complete with nature trails and plenty of animals. Wandering on paved trails visitors can enjoy the wooded scenery and get close-up views of wild boar, deer, bears, wolves and several other types of wild and domesticated animals. Best of all, entrance to the park is free, but be sure to bring some extra euros if you wish



to purchase food to feed some of the more tamer animals. Several birds, ducks, chickens and even a peacock wander freely through the park.

Several picnic grounds can be found throughout the park for visitors. Not far from the children's petting zoo inside the Fasanerie visitors can make use of several

tables and chairs. A children's playground is also filled with several activities for those young ones who need to run off some more energy after seeing all the animals. Picnic grounds can also be found deeper in the park with scenic views.

The park also hosts several botanical gardens offering a variety of nature programs and guided tours. While wandering through the gardens visitors can learn about the different plant and animal life found at the park.

To get to the Fasanerie from Wiesbaden Army Airfield take B-455 into Wiesbaden in the direction of Stadtmitte. Pass the American Arms Hotel and take the mandatory left on to Rhein Strasse and continue to the top of Rhein Strasse. Go straight through the intersection at Ring 2 and stay in the far right hand lane. Follow along the priority road. As you leave the city limits turn right at the second stop light. You will see a sign pointing in the direction of the Fasanerie. Parking is available farther down the road (Klarenthaler) on the right side. The park entrance is located behind the Fasanerie Gasthaus and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Photo left: A peacock spreads its feathers while roaming freely through the park.



Mountain goats soak up the the sunshine at the Fasanerie Zoo. Photo below: When the animals are no longer interesting, children can play in a large playground located near a picnic area at the Fasanerie.





Photo by Matthew A. Gallion

## Vacation Bible School

Children enjoy Bible stories and other fun activities during Vacation Bible School at Hainerberg Chapel Aug. 16-20.

## Aid available for parents

By **Cassandra Kardeke**  
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The constant mobility of military life and the steady role of education can be tough on children, but the 221st Base Support Battalion and Child and Youth Services offer an avenue to help parents, children, teachers and the community to maintain the continuity in the ever changing lifestyles of a military child.

The school liaison officer works within the community and helps to mobilize and use community resources to reduce the impact of the military lifestyle on children.

“I try to provide practical assistance and resources to help parents become more effective advocates in their child’s education,” said Peter Witmer, Wiesbaden school liaison officer.

Serving as a bridge of communication between schools, the community and the military, Witmer plans to have interaction with all the school administrators, teachers, students, military commanders and parents to ensure children receive all they can from their education.

“The school liaison office can provide parents of school-age children the tools they need to overcome obstacles in education that stem from the military lifestyle,” Witmer said.

Attendance at a Department of Defense Dependents School is not mandatory for assistance from the school liaison officer. Witmer also acts as a liaison for parents of home-schooled children. Whether it is overseeing and coordinating the community use of school facilities, ensuring medial coverage of school

athletics or working with unit/school partnerships the school liaison officer is here for all aspects of a child’s education.

“One of our most important programs is the free and reduced lunch program,” Witmer said.

According to Witmer, many families are eligible for the program, but hesitate to apply. As the Army and Air Force Exchange Service has now increased the price for school lunches, it is important for parents to find out if they are eligible for the reduced price or even free lunches for their children.

Parents can stop by Witmer’s office or call mil 337-7004, civ (0611) 705-7004 to learn more about any service his office provides. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located in Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing.

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## Community news notes

### Facility closures

Facilities and services of the 221st Base Support Battalion will be closed Sept. 3 for organization day. This closure includes all child development centers and Schoolage Services throughout Wiesbaden and Dexheim. The American Arms Hotel, Military Police desk and emergency services will remain open as well as minimal staffing at the community mailroom. The Central Processing Facility will only be open for outprocessing members only.

### Town forum set

The Wiesbaden Community Town Hall will be held Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the General H.H. Arnold High School auditorium. The town forum is open to all community residents.

### Positions available

The American Arms Hotel is now hiring front desk clerks and custodial workers for housekeeping. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and can apply at the Nonappropriated Fund Personnel Office in Building 1020 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. For more information call mil 338-7883 or civ (0611) 343 667.

Army Community Service seeks a Mobilization and Deployment Program educator. The part-time

position requires applicants to have sound knowledge of the mobilization and deployment process, flexible hours and the ability to travel throughout the 221st Base Support Battalion communities. Resumes can be submitted at ACS, Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing. For more information call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

### Balloon Shop open

An all occasion Balloon Shop is now open at the Community Activities Center with over 200 mylar and latex balloons to choose from. To order a balloon bouquet stop by the shop or call mil 337-5750, civ (0611) 705-5750.

### AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Community Counseling Center in Building 1526 every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For information on other AA meetings call the Army Substance Abuse Program coordinator at mil 337-1710 or civ (0611) 705-1710.

### Bazaar coming

The annual Wiesbaden Lamplighter's Bazaar will be held Oct. 1-3 at Hangars 1035 and 1036 on Wiesbaden Army Airfield just in time for you to get a head start on your holiday shopping. Vendors throughout Europe offer jewelry,

wine, oriental carpets, antiques, Polish pottery and lots more. For more information call mil 337-6111 or civ (0611) 705-6111.

### Singers wanted

The Sweet Adelines, Hearts of Hessen, women's barbershop group is looking for new members. Previous singing experience is recommended. Barbershop singing experience is not necessary. This German-American group rehearses Monday evenings in Wiesbaden. For more information call mil 322-8851, civ (06181) 500 8820 or (0611) 86748.

### R&R reimbursement

Military personnel who travelled while on Rest and Recuperation leave from Operation Enduring Freedom of Operation Iraqi Freedom may be eligible for reimbursement of airline costs incurred during onward commercial airline travel between Sept. 21 and Dec. 8, 2003. To find out if you are eligible call mil 337-5563 or civ (0611) 705-5563.

### Soldier's club meets

The Sgt. Morales Club meets the first Wednesday of the month in Room 210 of the Welcome Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield at 2 p.m. All Sgt. Morales and Sgt. Audie Murphy inductees are welcome to attend. For more information call civ (0160) 9211 2266.

### Emergency care providers needed

Army Community Service seeks

emergency placement and respite care providers. Emergency placement provides interim care for children removed from a home due to abuse, neglect or other family emergencies. Respite care provides a temporary rest period for family members responsible for regular care of children with disabilities. Anyone interested in volunteering their home and time to provide care should call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

### Breastfeeding support

La Leche League is an international organization dedicated to helping mothers with breastfeeding through mother-to-mother support and information. The Rhein Main area LLL meets the fourth Friday of the month at 10 a.m. at the USO Cottage in Hainerberg Housing. Mothers with nursing babies and mothers-to-be are always welcome. Call civ (06134) 188 825 for information.

### Jewish services offered

Jewish religious services are now offered every Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Mainz-Kastel Housing. For more information call mil 337-5180 or civ (0611) 705-5180.

### EFMP support

Join the Exceptional Family Member Program Support Group the first Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 22 at Army Community Service, Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing. For more information call mil 337-

5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

### Victim support

If you are a victim of domestic violence, help is available. Contact the Victim Advocacy Program coordinator at mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

### Flea Market

The Community Activities Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield hosts an indoor flea market Sept. 25. Doors open at 11 a.m. Sellers can rent a table for \$10. Tables are limited. Call mil 337-5750 or civ (0611) 705-5750.

### FCC providers needed

Join the 221st Base Support Battalion Family Child Care program. Stay at home with your children while building a career. Providers receive free training and nationally recognized accreditation. For information call mil 338-7729 or civ (0611) 380-7729.

### Outdoor Rec tours

Join Wiesbaden and Dexheim's adventure experts at Outdoor Recreation for trips around Europe. For dates and to sign up call mil 337-5760 or civ (0611) 705-5760.

### BOSS meetings

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets every Thursday at 2 p.m. at the BOSS Center, Building 1052 on Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

### VA briefings

The Army Career and Alumni Program offers information on a wide variety of veteran's benefits available to Soldiers and their family members. Briefings will be held in Wiesbaden Sept. 9. Call mil 337-5709 or civ (0611) 705-5709 to sign up.

### Play duplicate bridge

Duplicate bridge players are invited to compete with the American Contract Bridge League every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Wiesbaden bridge club house, Marktplatz 13, across from the church. For information call mil 337-5190 or civ (0611) 307 834.

### Couples communication

Learn skills for effective communication, conflict resolution and anger management to help you and your partner build a more satisfying relationship. Couples Communication workshops are held at Army Community Service, Building 7790, Room 23, in Hainerberg Housing. For assistance call mil 337-5297 or civ (0611) 705-5297.

# 222nd BSB – Baumholder, Neubrücke, Strassburg

## BSB command changes hands



Command of the 222nd Base Support Battalion changed hands Aug. 20 when Lt. Col. James E. Larsen took the reins from Lt. Col. Todd A. Buchs. The change of command ceremony was held on the parade field next to the Rheinlander Convention Center.

After a little more than two years at the helm of the 222nd BSB, Buchs moves on to an assignment at U.S. Army Europe Headquarters in Heidelberg.

Larsen comes to Baumholder from his most recent assignment in Baghdad, Iraq, where he served as the executive officer for the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division Forward.

Larsen is an aviator by trade. His military carrier began in 1986 when he was commissioned an Army aviator upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

At the change of command ceremony Larsen told the guests, "My charter here is really pretty simple. A lot of great work has already started. A lot of great things have been done to continuously improve the infrastructure on the installation.

"Relationships with the local community are excellent, and all I want to do is continue that and allow Baumholder to maintain its rightful place as an Army Community of Excellence and a place where

people want to come live and serve."

Larsen's first military assignment was in the Republic of Korea, where he served as an aeroscout section leader for C Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, then as a platoon leader for C Troop, 5th Squadron, 17th Cavalry.

Larsen was then assigned to the 6th Cavalry Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the Brigade Headquarters Troop executive officer, the intelligence officer for 1st Squadron, and later commanded the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron.

Upon completion of the Aviation Officer's Advanced Course, Larsen served as an aviation observer/controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., followed by a tour as an adviser to the Hawaii Army National Guard.

The Larsens were then assigned to Fort Stewart, Ga., where he served as executive officer for 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry, deploying to Kuwait for Operation Intrinsic Action and to Bosnia-Herzegovina for Stabilization Force 8. He then served as the Army liaison officer to the commander, Amphibious Force, U.S. 7th Fleet, in Okinawa, Japan, before his recent assignment to Baghdad.

Larsen is accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth, and two children, Jake and Grace.

**"My charter here is really pretty simple." – Lt. Col. James E. Larsen**



Photo left: Command Sgt. Major Ann MacDaniels and 222nd Base Support Battalion staff members await orders during the change of command ceremony. Above left: Lt. Col. James E. Larsen receives the 222nd BSB colors from Col. Herman "Tracy" Williams III, 104th Area Support Group commander. Above: Larsen addresses members of the battalion and guests during the ceremony.

Photos by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

## G-A events bring local leaders together

By **LeAnne MacAllister**  
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They may be the biggest events of the year in Baumholder. By the crowds of people, you would certainly think so. Germans and Americans spent the weekend of Aug. 20-22 celebrating together at the Old City Fest and World Championship Rally, formerly known as the Hunsrück Rally.

Having taken command at 2 p.m. on Aug. 20, Lt. Col. James E. Larsen, commander of the 222nd Base Support Battalion, joined by Col. Michael S. Tucker, 1st Armored Division Baumholder senior mission commander, celebrated with Soldiers and residents alike.

Originally created to coincide with the Hunsrück Rally, the Baumholder Old City Fest is now in its 16th year. The entire town gathered for three days of festivities. "These events are a part of our tradition, even though the Hunsrück has become a part of the World Championship Rally. This is the biggest celebration Baumholder holds each year, and it is very important to the city historically and economically," said Peter Lang, Baumholder city mayor.

The celebrations began with a keg tapping performed by guests of

honor — Tucker, Larsen, Lang and Fritz Körper, federal parliament member.

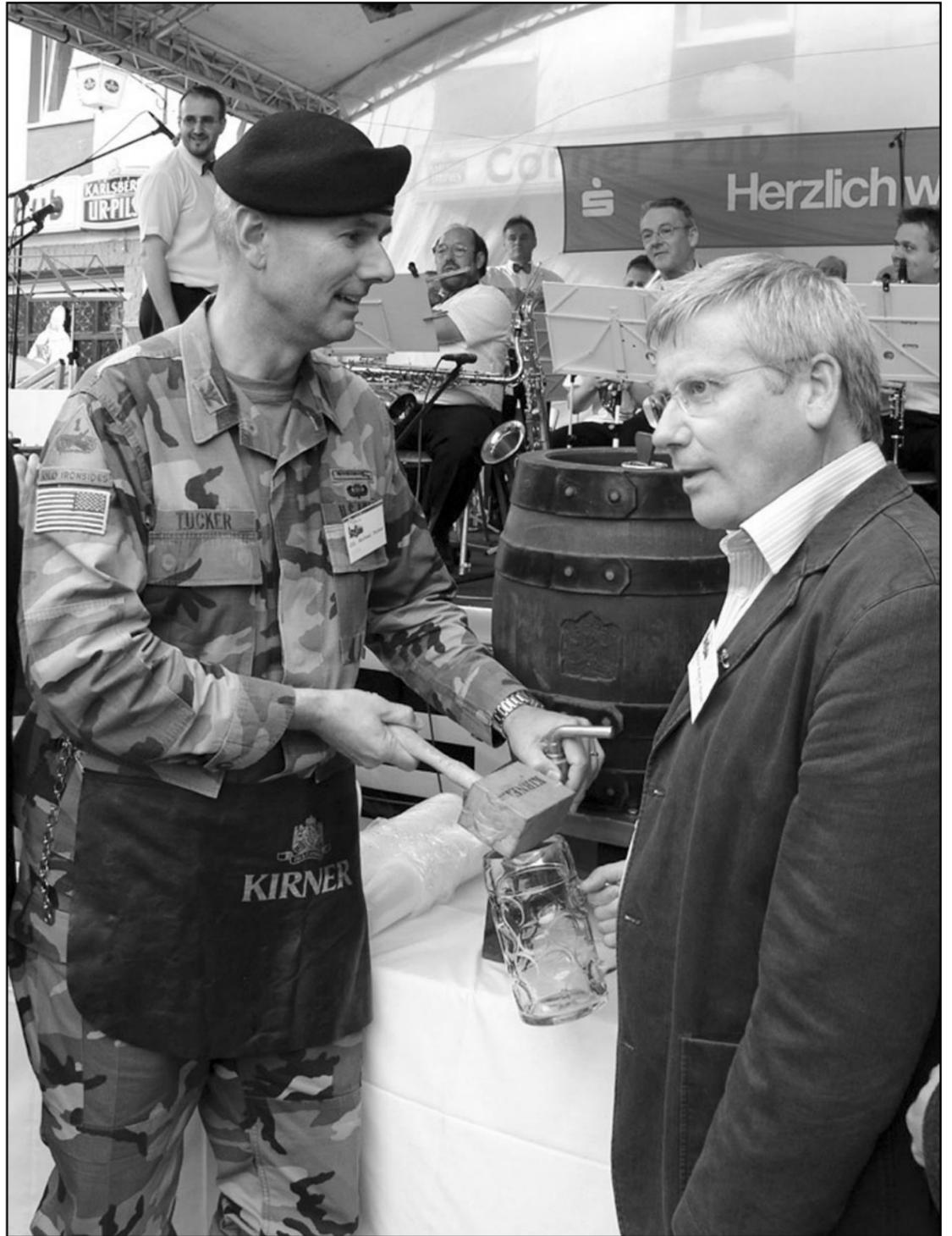
Festivities continued through late Sunday night; however, a highlight of the weekend raced through Baumholder on Saturday.

Known to locals as the Hunsrück Rally for more than 25 years, the race was made a part of the World Rally Championship in 2002. It is a part of the OMV ADAC Rally Deutschland, and is the 10th of 16 WRC events this fall that include competition as far away as Australia.

Tucker and Larsen gathered with the community at Range 35 to watch the rally cars race around the curves of the Baumholder tank trails. A better view was available from the air, so Tucker and Larsen took to flight on a helicopter provided by rally officials.

Despite rain falling throughout the weekend, the festivities proved successful.

"This was a great opportunity to get to know some of the leadership of the local community and spend some time with them. I met a lot of great folks and I'm looking forward to establishing relationships. I'm extremely glad to be here," said Larsen.



Photos by LeAnne MacAllister



A rally competitor makes his way through a staging area before entering the track. Photo above right: Col. Michael S. Tucker, 1st Armored Division Baumholder senior mission commander, taps a beer keg while Fritz Rudolf Körper, a state secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Interior, hoists his glass. Photo right: hundreds of spectators brave the weather and line the race course at Baumholder's military training area.



## Equipment, vehicles arrive back from Iraq

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

222nd Base Support Battalion  
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The Soldiers are all back and the last of their vehicles and equipment have trickled in through Baumholder's renovated railhead.

"It's been super, especially with the teamwork that we have with the Soldiers," said Iko Holzinger, 222nd Base Support Battalion director of logistics. The Soldiers are motivated. It's just different than it was before I think. They're very motivated. I don't know whether it has something to do with them coming back," he said.

The journey back was a long one for all the vehicles, equipment and the handful of Soldiers who accompanied the equipment on the ships. The trek began in Baghdad where all the equipment was packed up and road marched to Kuwait. There the vehicles were cleaned up and underwent agricultural inspections before being loaded on ships.

Holzinger explained that when the ships arrive in Belgium, the equipment is placed on trains and railed to Aachen, where the German rail system takes over. Their trip through Germany is scheduled so as not to interfere with commercial rail. They arrive in Neunkirchen where the electrical trains are unhooked and diesel locomotives pull them on the final leg of their journey to Baumholder.

Once here the new railhead system kicks in. "This new railhead is making it easier to conduct business. We have lights and everything for night operations," said Holzinger.

Night operations were possible before renovation, but "we had these portable lights, and they were just a pain," said Holzinger.

Capacity has also increased. Whereas before, the railhead had the capability to offload two trains at once, three can now be offloaded within the railhead compound.

"If we break the train, we can do three trains inside the compound, and we don't have to go outside. That helps with the security. This all depends on the length of the trains. Normally they're 25 to 30 cars with anywhere from 60 to 80

pieces of equipment."

It takes approximately three hours to unload a train. "The first thing we do is conduct a daily safety briefing and then we check the train out. We make sure everything was secured downrange and we make sure that everything starts. If not, we crane it off."

Safety is a high priority during railhead operations. No one gets in without a helmet or a hard hat. "As I said, the first thing we do is conduct a safety briefing every day. We have deployment specialists from V Corps helping us, giving us guidance and also checking the trains out so we have a high safety standard," said Holzinger.

"It's all going quite well, and that's because we're using the same teams. Before, different units unloaded the trains, but now these guys are briefed by me. They are briefed by V Corps and they always know what's going on. It's always the same crew," said Holzinger.

"So it's like an airline. They know exactly the maintenance they've pulled. They load the baggage, they make sure the plane is refueled. But if you've got different crews all the time you've got to start all over with every crew," he said.

Whether the trains are laden with containers, wheeled vehicles, Bradleys or tanks, the renovated railhead is making life a lot easier for crews, cranes and coordinators.

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A medical vehicle is carefully loaded onto a flatbed truck under the watchful eyes of contract transporters and 222nd Base Support Battalion safety officials. Safety is a high priority during railhead operations. Photo left: a Bradley Fighting Vehicle is guided into position for refueling after being unloaded from the train. The last train loaded with equipment returning from downrange arrived in Baumholder Aug. 31.

Photos by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

## Schools ready for new academic year

By LeAnne MacAllister  
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Students head back to school on Sept. 7 and the Baumholder communities are busy preparing for their return. Registration is ongoing. Sports teams are forming and practicing. Schedules are set for fall.

Schools officer Gene Winfrey estimated that the schools' registrations under his watchful eye — Smith, Wetzel and Neubrücke Elementary Schools and Baumholder High School — are at 92 percent for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Preregistration — registration for students who attended a school in this community in the previous academic year — begins each April; however, there are always families that wait to pre-register until the last minute. The schools constantly accept these applications, although they encourage families to submit their forms early.



Photo by LeAnne MacAllister  
Principal Dom Calabria

"It would help if everyone would register as soon as possible in order to staff the appropriate number of teachers needed for the pupil-teacher ratio," said Winfrey. Registration applications determine how many teachers each school is allocated.

Teachers returned the week of Aug. 23 and an official Welcome Back reception was held Aug. 27.

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools emphasis on "Math Matters" will be continued

and expanded during the 2004-2005 academic year. Thirteen lab support classes will be held this school year at the high school.

"The initiative is working," said Baumholder High School principal Dom Calabria. "Fifty to 60 percent of kids have improved based on SAT/Terra Nova test scores," he said.

Fall sports are already in gear. Football practice began on Aug. 23 and other fall sports Baumholder students can look forward to include women's volleyball, golf, tennis and cross country.

Baumholder American High School's open house is scheduled for Sept. 16 at 3:15 p.m. All elementary schools in the Baumholder community will hold their open houses Sept. 9.

All schools in the 222nd Base Support Battalion will be closed Sept. 10 for Baumholder's official welcome home ceremony and festivities for all Soldiers who were deployed for the past 15 months.

## News briefs

### Baumholder sports

Basketball coaches, players and officials are needed for the upcoming season.

Officials are needed for boxing, wrestling and powerlifting.

Players, coaches, officials and teams are needed for the upcoming flag football season.

Combat cross country teams are being solicited for the championships that will take place in Darmstadt Oct. 23.

Coaches are needed for the boxing and wrestling teams.

Varsity basketball tryouts will be held Sept. 13 at the Hall of Champions for men and women teams. Civilians may participate. Coaches are needed for both teams.

Varsity flag football practice is conducted at Iron Soldier Field daily from 6-8 p.m.

For more information or to register for these activities call David Jefferson at Baumholder Sports, mil 485-7176.

### Job opportunity

Choctaw Management Services Enterprise is looking for applicants for the position of home visitor plus in Baumholder. Experience beyond graduation working with expectant mothers, new parents, families, infants and children is required. For details call Sara Milbourne at mil 370-7840, civ (06221) 57-7840, or email resume and cover letter to [Sara.Milbourne@ima-e.army.mil](mailto:Sara.Milbourne@ima-e.army.mil).

### APO closes

The Baumholder and Strassburg APOs will be closed Sept. 4 and 6 in observance of Labor Day. The APOs will resume normal working hours on Sept. 7. Questions or concerns may be addressed to 2nd Lt. Erika Stevenson at mil 485-6429 or civ (06783) 6-6429.