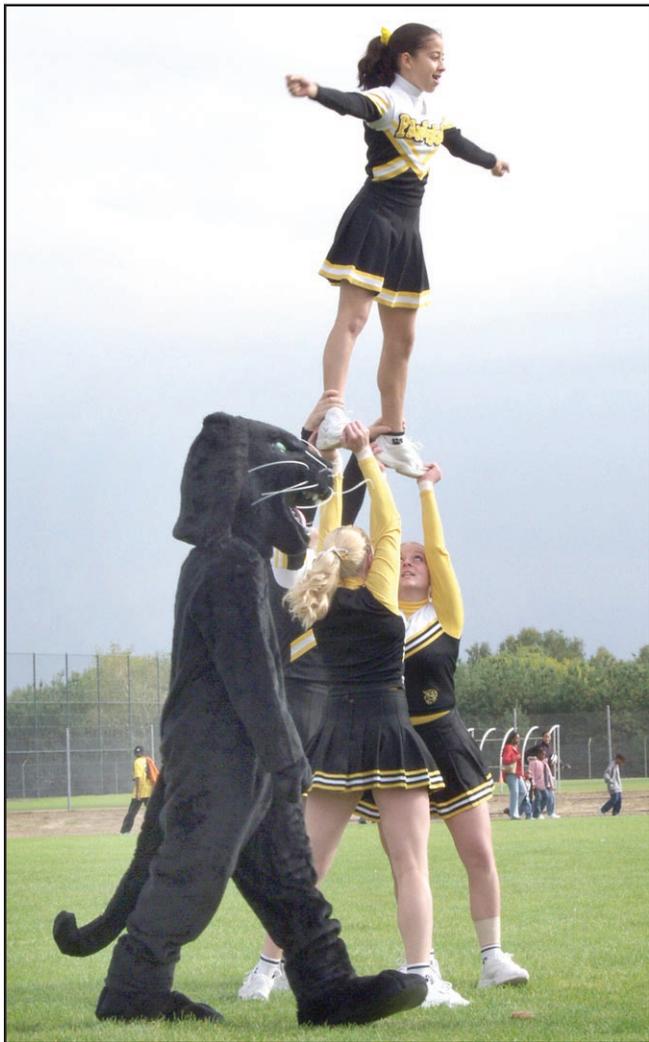


414th BSB – Büdingen, Hanau



Photos by Dennis Johnson

Hanau Homecoming

Above: Hanau cheerleaders create a human pyramid during halftime at the Hanau homecoming football game against Vilseck, Oct. 4. Above right: Quarterback Chris Kramer must decide to pass or run the ball himself. Right: Vilseck halfback Dominic Brown is pursued by Hanau defensemen. Far right: Homecoming King and Queen, Marc Benjamin and Vontrell Silas.



1st Armored Division inducts new NCOs

Story and photos by
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New sergeants from the 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, were honored in a non-commissioned officer induction ceremony at Victory Palace in Baghdad Sept. 14. Fifty-four new NCO inductees were recognized during the ceremony.

The official party included Col. Dyfied A. Harris, 4th Brigade commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth O. Preston, V Corps command sergeant major, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bush, 1st Armored Division command sergeant major, as well as command sergeants major from throughout 1st Armored Division.

The assembly, the first of its kind in Baghdad, focused on the origin and history of the noncommissioned officer corps. There was also a tribute to the late Master Sgt. Roy P. Benavidez, a Vietnam War veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, who exemplified all the qualities of an outstanding U.S. Army NCO.

"This ceremony marks these soldiers crossing over into the prestigious NCO Corps," said Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald E. Smith, 2nd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, 1st Armored Division. "We hope that they can now take the torch and carry it as they continue to do their jobs, now in leadership positions."

"This ceremony marks these soldiers crossing over into the prestigious NCO Corps."

NCOs, where they will refine their skills and learn the doctrine and standards that come with being a leader.

"We have all worked all of our tails off out here and we are all glad to have it be over with," said Sgt. Paul B. Moser, a new inductee from B Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division. "The ceremony really kept my interest with great talks from the sergeant majors. I will never forget it."

These new NCOs, said Smith, are returning to their units highly motivated and ready to bring about positive changes within their respective units. "The difference between an NCO and just any soldier is that a soldier just sits back and follows instructions. NCOs give instructions and make things happen," said Smith. "We are here welcoming soldiers who have crossed over the threshold into taking responsibility for other soldiers."



Photo by Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson

The official party congratulates new NCO Corps inductees at the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, following the traditional "wetting of the stripes," where sergeant majors from the official party spray water on the rank insignia of the new sergeants.

Rest and Recuperation news

Withdrawing personal property for R&R

Communities across Europe are supporting the Rest and Recuperation program by assisting returning soldiers with access to their "ready boxes" or stored personal property.

The ready box is the container soldiers prepared before deploying that contains a limited supply of clothing and comfort items to cover a brief period of leave, such as emergency leave. Soldiers who did not prepare ready boxes before deployment can request a withdrawal of personal property directly at the contractor warehouse.

Specific steps for the retrieval of personal property items are:

- * Rear Detachment Commanders will provide the names, units and social security numbers of soldiers in need of personal property during R&R to the servicing Base Support Battalion Installation Transportation Office at least seven days before the soldier's return to home station.

- * The RDC will schedule ready box delivery through the BSB ITO and ensure the soldier or individual acting on his or her behalf is present for the delivery. If the RDC cannot provide advance notification to the BSB ITO, service may be faster for the soldier to arrange a direct pickup at the contractor warehouse by coordinating directly with the BSB ITO.

- * In cases where no ready box was prepared before deployment, the RDC will supply the BSB ITO with a list of the names, units, and social security numbers of soldiers who



Photo by Anemone Rueger

U.S. Army Europe soldiers returning for Rest and Recuperation in Germany are briefed at Rhein-Main Air Base before being bused to their home stations.

will withdraw personal property items at the contractor warehouse. The BSB ITO will schedule a group appointment with the warehouse before soldiers arrive at the facility. Transportation to the storage warehouse is to be arranged by the unit and may not be done using government vehicles.

- * The soldier will remove required items from storage. If a soldier cannot attend the appointment, he or she must provide the RDC a list of item numbers to be retrieved from the shipment and designate an individual to travel to the warehouse with the scheduled group, retrieve items and ensure that the absent

individual gets his or her property.

To return personal property items at the end of R&R, the procedures are:

- * Soldiers must arrange for the contractor to pick up personal property at their quarters or arrange to personally deliver property to the warehouse.

- * Service members are not entitled to return of personal property to storage at government expense. If a contractor pickup is requested, the soldier will be required to pay for the pickup, transport, handling charges and monthly storage charges for the remainder of the soldier's deployment.

- * Soldiers who choose to deliver their own property to the warehouse will still be charged a handling fee and monthly storage charges for the remainder of his or her deployment. Contractor services for either option must be coordinated through the BSB ITO.

- * Alternately, units may forgo returning property and opt to store and safeguard boxes in barracks or other secured buildings. The decision to do so and responsibility for local storage resides with each unit's chain of command.

- * Storage boxes for local storage can be obtained through the BSB ITO. Boxes must be sealed and clearly labeled with each soldier's name, unit and social security number. Unit RDCs should consult their local Directorate of Public Works regarding which facilities may be used for storage. (Courtesy of IMA-E Public Affairs)

Airfare deals

Soldiers and eligible Department of Defense civilians participating in the Rest and Recuperation leave program can purchase discounted, nonrestricted air tickets for travel home through the SatoTravel office set up in Camp Champlain, Kuwait.

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center has arranged ticketing services for R&R participants requesting further travel in the United States.

Individuals traveling on R&R leave orders automatically qualify for unrestricted tickets. The arrangement lets travelers change their itineraries with no re-booking or re-routing restrictions and additional charges, which cannot be done through commercial travel agents, said CFSC officials.

Further travel ticketing is available from either Frankfurt, Germany, or Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Md. (Courtesy of CFSC Public Affairs)

How to get POVs out of storage



Photo by Karl Welsel

Jessica Winters, 104th ASG Directorate of Logistics transportation specialist, directs traffic as soldiers on R&R travel find buses to their bases at Rhein-Main Air Base.

Service members supporting the war on terrorism who participate in the Rest and Recuperation program will be able to drive their Privately Owned Vehicles while they are in Europe.

Soldiers may withdraw their POVs from government-controlled storage facilities provided they have reinstated their insurance, have a valid U.S. Army Europe driver's license and have re-registered their vehicle to operational status. To get their vehicles soldiers must take the following steps:

- * Contact the insurance company and obtain new proof of insurance (double white insurance cards or their commercial equivalent).

- * Go to their local Vehicle Field Registration Station to re-activate their registration and obtain a new, no-fee registration document and expiration decal.

- * Bring the new registration document, valid USAREUR driver's license, a copy of R&R

Leave Form (DA Form 31) and a copy of the DD Form 788 that was used to inspect the POV when it was put into storage.

- * Soldiers who have lost their valid USAREUR driver's license can get a temporary license at their local Driver's Training and Testing Station.

- * Copies of DD Form 788 should be obtained from either the Rear Detachment Commander, the servicing Base Support Battalion Installation Transportation Office or the storage custodian.

- * Transportation to the POV storage sites at Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim, Miesau Army Depot or on-post storage facilities is to be coordinated by each unit. Government vehicles may not be used for this purpose.

- * Soldiers must conduct a joint inspection of the vehicle and a safety inspection with storage site representatives before the vehicle will be released.

- * Any damage to the POV while in government storage must be

noted and endorsed on DD Form 788 by both the soldier and the storage custodian before the POV can be released.

At the end of R&R soldiers will follow these procedures to return their vehicles to storage:

- * POVs must be generally clean, free of hazardous items and personal property.

- * POVs must have no more than one-quarter tank of fuel.

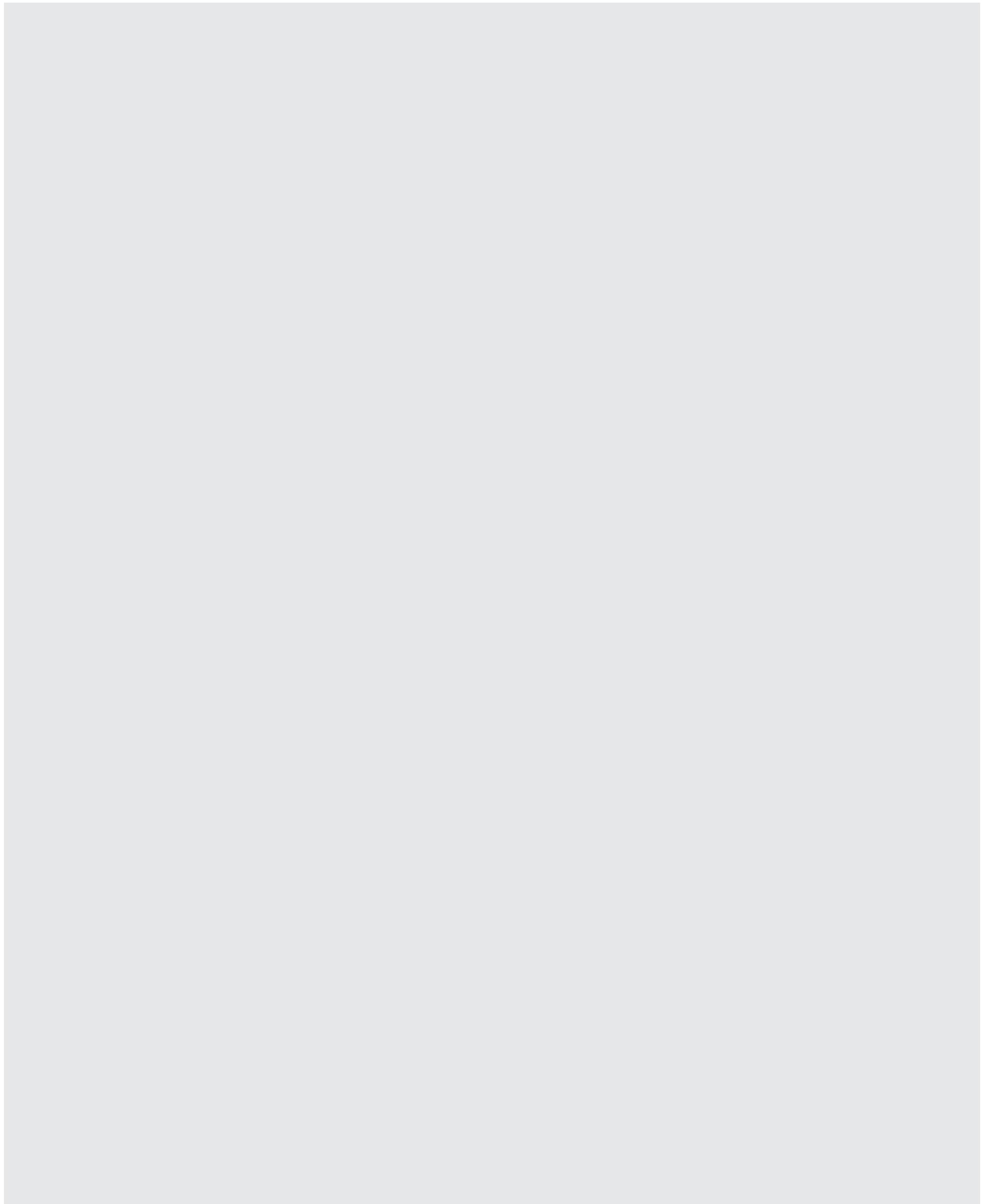
- * Soldiers must bring the new registration document to the POV storage site and conduct a joint inspection of the vehicle with site custodian using a new DD Form 788.

- * Each unit will arrange transportation from the POV storage area. Government vehicles may not be used for transport.

All soldiers will receive briefings before leaving deployment locations and on arrival in Europe to review safe driving practices and the effects of alcohol. Never drink and drive. (Courtesy of IMA-E Public Affairs)

Movie listings for 104th ASG communities were not available from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in time for this issue of the Herald Union.

Herald Union classifieds



Sports and leisure

Take a hike

By Donald Seltzer
Special to the Herald Union

Enjoy the autumn colors before the onset of winter. A full list of volksmarch events in the 104th Area Support Group is on the web at 104thasg.hanau.army.mil. Readers are asked, whenever possible, to pick up an extra set of event brochures for this column and mail them to me via MPS to CMR 467 Box 5533, APO AE 09096.



Weekend of Oct. 18-19

Arbergen-Panrod — This event is in the Naturpark Rhein-Taunus south of Limburg and is known for its porcelain plate awards depicting German automobiles. This year the club commemorates its 75th year with a special cloth patch. Follow Autobahn 3 toward Limburg and exit at Bad Camberg to follow unnumbered roads through Beuerbach and Kettenschwalbach to reach Panrod.

Start: Palmbach Halle **Saturday and Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (6 km), 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (11 km), 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (21 km) and 7:30-8:30 a.m. (42 km) **Trail:** Very hilly, woods **Award:** Patch (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (marathon).

Magdlos — This volksmarch brings wanderers to the area south-east of Fulda, a nearby opportunity to enjoy the fall colors for readers in Hanau, Büdingen and Gelnhausen. Use Autobahn 66 and B-40 to Flieden where an unnumbered road will lead to the start.

Start: Bürgerhaus **Saturday:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (6 and 11 km) and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6, 11 and 20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** From previous events.

Morbach — This event is convenient to readers in Idar-Oberstein and Baumholder. Morbach is northeast of Idar-Oberstein on B-327 just north of the junction with B-269. Drivers should take B-422 to reach B-269. From Neubrücke and Baumholder connect with B-41/269 to head north on B-269 to reach Morbach.

Start: Baldenauhalle **Saturday and Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** IVV credit only.

Weekend of Oct. 25-26

Set your clock back one hour before going to bed Saturday.

Herborn-Burg — This event south of Dillenburg is nearby for Giessen's wanderers. Follow Autobahn 45 northwest toward Siegen and exit at Herborn-Süd. Pick up B-255 toward Marburg and follow IVV signs to the start in Burg.

Start: Bürgerhaus **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (6 and 11 km) and 1 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to noon (6, 11 and 20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, mostly woods **Award:** Model beer truck and trailer.

Koblenz-Karthause — The variety of distances offered at this new start location for the *Schnelle Füße Koblenz* club should satisfy both the casual wanderer and serious volksmarcher. Drivers have a choice of Autobahns — A-3 and A-48 to Limburg and Koblenz or A-60 and A-61 via Mainz, Bingen and Koblenz. From A-48 take the Montabaur exit, B-49 toward Koblenz and the Karthause exit; from A-61, take the Koblenz-Waldesch exit, B-327 to Koblenz and exit at

Karthause. Follow IVV signs from the Autobahn exits.

Start: Sporthalle **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km), 7-9 a.m. (42 km) and 7-8 a.m. (50 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, fields and woods **Award:** Doll (5, 10 and 20 km) or patch and certificate (42 and 50 km).

Weekend of Nov. 1-2

Mörlen — Giessen's wanderers are closest to this scenic walk in the Hoher Westerwald area west of Herborn. Follow Autobahn 45 from Giessen, take the Herborn-West exit and follow B-414 toward Bad Marienberg. An unnumbered road at Kirburg will lead to Mörlen.

Start: Bürgerhaus **Saturday and Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, woods **Award:** Christmas decoration.

Niederwörresbach — Volksmarchers in Idar-Oberstein won't have far to go to enjoy scenic trails at this event. The start is a short drive north. From Idar-Oberstein follow an unnumbered road through Gerach or, alternately, through Vollmersbach and Veitsrodt.

Start: Sportzentrum **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, mostly woods **Award:** From previous events.

Weekend of Nov. 8-9

Ehringshausen — This scenic event, midway between Wetzlar and Herborn, is relatively close to home for Giessen's wanderers. Take Autobahn 45 toward Herborn and exit at Ehringshausen. Follow IVV signs a short distance to the start.

Start: Volkshalle **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 11 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (16 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 11 and 16 km) **Trail:** Mostly hilly, fields and woods **Award:** From previous events.

Hahnstätten — This walk is south of Limburg and offers hilly trails with great views of the countryside. It can be muddy in wet weather and is definitely not stroller-friendly. Take Autobahn 3 toward Koblenz and exit at Bad Camberg. Follow unnumbered roads through Beuerbach, Ohren, Kirberg and Kaltenholzhausen to reach Hahnstätten.

Start: Bürgerhaus **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (7 and 13 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** Christmas ornament.

Mandel — Here's an event midway between Idar-Oberstein and Wiesbaden. From points east follow the Autobahns and B-41 toward Bad Kreuznach, continuing on B-41 for a short distance to Rüdesheim to pick up an unnumbered road to Mandel. From the west follow B-41 to reach Rüdesheim west of Bad Kreuznach, then turn onto an unnumbered road for the final four kilometers to Mandel.

Start: Schlossberghalle **Saturday and Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, fields and woods **Award:** Coin bank can with "Love is..." motif.

Speyer — The club is friendly, torch walks are fun and the host city is interesting and easy to reach — all good reasons to enjoy this event. Reach Speyer via Autobahns 67, 6 and 61. Exit at Kreuz Speyer heading toward Ludwigshafen-Speyer Nord and follow IVV signs to the start.

Start: Siedlungsschule Speyer-Nord on Birkenweg **Saturday:** 1-5 p.m. (6 and 11 km) and 5-8 p.m. (6 and 11 km torchwalk) **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6 and 11 km) **Trail:** Flat, stroller-friendly, fields and neighborhoods **Award:** From previous events **Note:** The American associate awards officer will be present both days.

Questions? Send inquiries via email to volksmarch@hotmail.com.

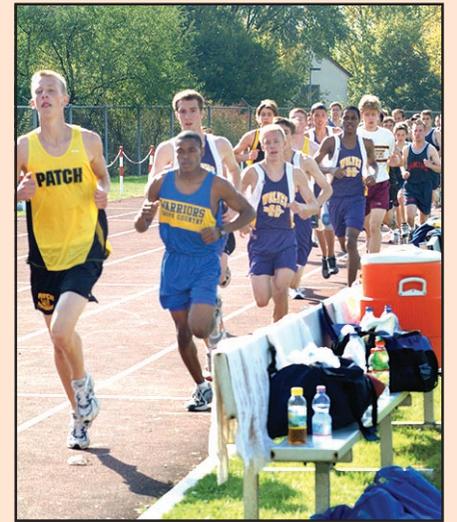


Photo by Karl Weisel

Boys cross country runners take off during Wiesbaden's Homecoming.

Athletes shine at Wiesbaden Homecoming

By Lauren O'Gara
Special to the Herald Union

During Homecoming weekend the spotlight is usually on the football team. However, during Wiesbaden's Homecoming, it was hard to overlook the other sports teams' numerous wins.

Among the other sports, cross country stood out the most. Both girls and boys teams took third place out of six teams. Wiesbaden senior John Slappy placed first overall for the boys. The victory may foreshadow future success at the divisional championships to be held Oct. 18.

Wiesbaden tennis players also performed well in a match against Ramstein. While the Ramstein Royals took home the gold in the end, several individual Wiesbaden players proved outstanding. Warrior first seed Dani Lohmer won his singles match and doubles match with Ryan Lewis. Second seed Kate Gerry won her singles match and first seed doubles match paired with Jenna Slagter. The Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe Division I Championships will be held Oct. 16 in Wiesbaden at the Nordenstadt tennis courts.

While Wiesbaden's volleyball teams experienced some losses, they redeemed themselves with a couple of wins. The teams took some hard blows from the Würzburg Wolves. However both the varsity and junior varsity teams managed to beat the Lakenheath Lancers.

Golf's divisional championships also proved a success. The girls and boys teams both took third place. Freshman Kevin Swisher, a golfer of six years, was the representative for the European Championships Oct. 8-9.

Overall Homecoming was a winning weekend for the Wiesbaden Warriors. Hopefully the Warrior luck will prevail and bring the fall season to a great finish at the upcoming Division I and European Championships. (Lauren O'Gara is a junior at Wiesbaden's Gen. H.H. Arnold High School)

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Gelnhausen goings-on

The Gelnhausen Elementary School Parent Teacher Association will host Polish pottery bingo Oct. 17 beginning at 6 p.m. Call Mary Crawford at civ (06058) 918 010 for details. There will be no kindergarten classes Oct. 24. There will be no school Oct. 31 when the school hosts its second annual community Fall Fest from 5-7 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited. Call Brandi Hunt at civ (06051) 475 896 to contribute and the volunteer coordinator at civ (06042) 975 902 to get involved.

Hainerberg happenings

The Parent Teacher Organization Book Fair continues through Oct. 17 and a PTO bingo night begins Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. Oct. 22 is a kindergarten planning day: no school for kindergartners or preschoolers. Family portraits are scheduled for Oct. 25. Call for de-

tails. Oct. 31 is a teacher record keeping day. There will be no classroom instruction.

WAMS notes

The Wiesbaden Installation Advisory Committee will meet Oct. 15 in the high school media center. The Wiesbaden American Middle School School Advisory Committee will meet Oct. 16. The school seeks substitute teachers. Stop by the school office during the day or call mil 337-6251 for details.

Presenters sought

Presenters are sought in a range of business related fields for the annual Future Business Leaders of America annual fall leadership training conference to be held Oct. 22 at Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village. For information send an email to bertha_manning@eu.odedodea.edu.

College Night in K-town

College bound students in Baumholder will want to attend the Kaiserslautern District College Night Oct. 23 from 5-8 p.m. at Kaiserslautern High School. See your school counselor for details.

Maryland applications

University of Maryland University College Term 2 registration continues through Oct. 24. Classes run from Oct. 27 through Dec. 19. Contact the field representative at your local Education Center. UMUC's Mannheim campus is accepting financial aid and admissions applications for the spring semester that begins Jan. 19. For information and assistance call mil 380-4877/4878, civ (0621) 33740 or go to the website at www.mc.umuc.edu. (UMUC Release)

Sports and leisure



The 104th ASG's Raymond Myers is declared the winner by decision over Hohenfels' Allen Ronnei. Right: a blow from Baumholder's Dylan Maycrink sends Ansbach's Noey Lucio soaring.



Sports shorts

Cheer on runners

If you're not planning on running in the Frankfurt Marathon Oct. 26, be sure to mark your calendars to come out to the race to cheer on members of Hanau's Laufen Crew — Beth Stegall, Jurgen Williams, Gail Gilderoy and Jessica Winter. Williams and Gilderoy were two 104th Area Support Group runners among some 35,000 distance runners to compete in the Berlin Marathon Sept. 28. Williams finished in three hours and 31 minutes, placing in the top 25 percent of his age group. Gilderoy crossed the Berlin finish line in 4:20:37, placing in the top half of her age group. The Laufen Crew was also slated to race in the Amsterdam Marathon Oct. 19. For more information about running with or working out with the Hanau-based Laufen Crew call 1st Sgt. Williams at mil 322-1450. Information about the Frankfurt Marathon is available online at www.frankfurt-marathon.com.

Giessen run

Giessen's Schifffenberg Castle will be the backdrop for a five-kilometer run and three-kilometer walk Oct. 25 starting at 11 a.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 with a commemorative T-shirt or \$10 without one. Call mil 343-7201 for details.

Wrestling event

Wiesbaden's Tony Bass Fitness Center hosts the 221st Base Support Battalion Wrestling Invitational Oct. 18. Registration is from 8-9:30 a.m. Entry is \$20. Call mil 337-5541.

Cosmos home

The Frankfurt Cosmos lacrosse teams host teams from Aachen and Köln Oct. 18 at the Sportclub 1880 in Frankfurt (behind AFN Headquarters). The day will feature the home debut of the Cosmos women's team. For more information about the Cosmos point your browser to www.frankfurt-cosmos.de.

Basketball tourney

The Wiesbaden Tony Bass Fitness Center holds its sixth annual Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament for men and women Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 28-30 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Register by Nov. 3 to participate. Cost is \$250 per team including commemorative T-shirts. Call mil 337-5541.

Coming to blows in Friedberg

Boxers heat up ring at Hispanic Heritage Invitational

Story and photos by Karl Weisel
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

While only two boxers repre-

sented the 104th Area Support Group Oct. 4 at Friedberg's Hispanic Heritage Boxing Invitational, the good news is — both claimed well-deserved victories. Despite

there being only six fights featured with so many potential fighters serving in Iraq, members of the small crowd who filled the Ray Barracks Fitness Center still got their fill of heated action in the ring and inspired musical entertainment by the Mariachi-Tropical Chihuahua band during intermission.

The first bout featured a matchup between two out-of-town boxers — Ansbach's Darnell Harrison and Heidelberg's Julian Wiggins.

Punches flying

Wiggins dominated the bout from the start knocking Harrison down in the second round and continuously pinning him to the ropes with a flurry of punches. The fight was stopped 36 seconds into the third round and Wiggins was declared the winner.

Baumholder's Dylan Maycrink was the first local boxer to enter the ring in a showdown with Ansbach's Noey Lucio. Maycrink came out strong landing several well-placed blows which sent Lucio reeling and

into a mandatory 10 count from the referee. Round two saw both boxers heading to their corners to be cleaned up after suffering facial wounds. The fight was finally stopped in the third round and Maycrink emerged victorious.

In the third bout of the evening Hohenfels' Nigel Brown scored a win over fellow Hohenfels pugilist Nicholas Aguirre.

Bout four saw Hanau boxer Raymond Myers face off against Hohenfels' Allen Ronnei. Myers was declared the winner after three extremely hard fought rounds. Afterwards Myers described his fighting technique, "I think I make them box instead of street fighting. It is more to my advantage."

Two other fights of the evening saw Katterbach's Charles Perry win in a decision over the German Club of Hanau's Imdat Tiryaki and Hohenfels' Benjamin Bradley defeat the German Club of Hanau's Sascha Wolf after the referee stopped the contest.



Members of the local Friedberg Mariachi-Tropical Chihuahua band perform for the boxing crowd during intermission.

AFRC R&R offer

The Armed Forces Recreation Center in Garmisch-Partenkirchen features a special package for service members and their families taking leave from service in Iraq. AFRC's Operation Iraqi Freedom R&R program includes two overnights at the General Von Steuben Hotel, two dinners and two breakfasts. The price for a service member and spouse starts at \$120. Single service member packages start at \$90. Children age 12 and under stay, dine and recreate for free. Youth ages 13-17 traveling with their parents are charged \$18. While staying at the resort, guests may participate in a scheduled day of recreation or tour for \$15. Complimentary items at the Garmisch hotel include family portraits, video games, a

welcome kit, movie nights and more. For more information browse to www.afrcurope.com or call the Vacation Planning Center at mil 440-2575, civ (08821) 72981. Be sure to mention that you are on R&R leave when making reservations. (AFRC Press Release)

Point Alpha museum

Learn more about the lives of American soldiers on duty at the "Fulda Gap" during the Cold War by visiting the Border Museum Rhön "Point Alpha," located near Rasdorf, which is east of Fulda near the former East German border. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November to April. Call civ (06651) 919 030 or visit the www.pointalpha.com website for more information.

Things to do

Sports and leisure



Photo by Karl Weisel

Wiesbaden senior Edmond Woods rules both off (above, pictured with Homecoming Queen Cheryl Rodriguez) and on the field (photo right, one of some 30 carries in the Warriors win against Würzburg).



Photo by Karl Weisel

High School Homecoming 2003

Wins, loss mark football showdowns

By Karl Weisel

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Three of the 104th Area Support Group's four high (or middle/high) schools celebrated homecoming Oct. 4 with a host of traditional school events to mark the occasion.

While Baumholder was away on that date facing Ansbach on their home turf, the Bucs

were slated to celebrate their homecoming Oct. 11 in a game against Hohenfels and held events including a hat day, pep rally and a dance during the week leading up to homecoming.

The Giessen Middle/High School Griffins celebrated their homecoming with a 28-2 win over the Hohenfels Tigers. Giessen bounced back from a 27-8 loss to Bamberg the week before. Giessen's win against Hohenfels guaranteed them a spot in the Division III playoffs Oct. 18. The Griffins were scheduled to close out their regular season Oct. 11 in Vicenza.

Giessen coaches praised the efforts of Mike Waters, Anthony Moore, Andregius Cooper and Kevin Collins for earning one touchdown each and preventing a fumble in the end zone from becoming a potential Hohenfels TD. They also lauded the Griffin defense, particularly Tim Battle and Tim Hill, which held Hohenfels to a mere two points and 73 yards of offense.

Besides a host of traditional homecoming week activities, Griffin fans were treated to a performance by Giessen's cheerleaders, the 2002 DoDDS-Europe cheerleading champions. During halftime Giessen Middle/High's homecoming king and queen were also crowned. This year Courtney Hernandez and Gilberto DeLeon claimed the honor. Their court included Princess Janis-Beth DeLeon and Prince Joseph Tims, Duke Tim Battle and Duchess Takerra Ellis, and Lord CJ Battle



Photo by Dennis Johnson

Vilseck halfback Dominic Brown continues to move forward while carrying a Hanau defender during Hanau's homecoming game Oct. 4. Vilseck won 7-6.

and Lady Vanity Cooper.

Wiesbaden, too, celebrated homecoming in royal fashion with a one-sided victory over the Würzburg Wolves, 27-0. Despite Würzburg's early control of the ball in the first quarter, the Warriors were quick to take charge — primarily behind the unstoppable offensive effort of running back Edmond Woods. Woods, the 104th ASG's 2003 Youth of the Year, scored twice and was a blur of motion throughout the winning effort.

Woods only slowed down long enough to take a short halftime break — joining fellow senior Cheryl Rodriguez at center field as they

were crowned this year's General H.H. Arnold High School homecoming king and queen.

The Division I Warriors were slated to face Lakenheath, a team they defeated Oct. 11, and then close out the season Oct. 18 in Kaiserslautern.

Vilseck spoiled the Hanau Panthers homecoming party by clipping them 7-6 in the final two minutes. But that didn't stop the student body from enjoying a host of Spirit Week activities including crowning their homecoming king and queen, Marc Benjamin and Vontrell Silas (see page 23 for more Hanau High School homecoming coverage).



Photo by Petra Roberts

Giessen Griffin cheerleaders enjoy the traditional bonfire during Spirit Week.