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## 1st AD deploys to Gulf Units throughout 104th ASG get orders to go

By David Ruderman  
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

The 1st Armored Division received mobilization orders March 3, accelerating the flow of U.S. Army units from across the 104th Area Support Group toward an increasingly likely war with Iraq.

The orders dispatched 1st AD to deploy many of its 13,000 soldiers to the U.S. Central Command

area of responsibility in support of the global war on terrorism and to prepare for future contingencies as directed. Deploying units come from every community across the 104th ASG. They include the 1st Brigade in Friedberg, the 2nd Brigade in Baumholder, the 4th Brigade in Hanau, Division Artillery in Baumholder, Division Engineer Brigade in Giessen, the Division Support Command in Wiesbaden and a

variety of air defense, military intelligence, aviation support and Military Police units from Wackernheim and Wiesbaden.

For many soldiers the order to move made for a quick turnaround from training in the field to setting up shop in a likely war zone. Armor units of 1st AD's 1st Brigade, the 1- and 2-37th Armor based in Friedberg, were wrapping up gunnery qualification exercises in Grafenwöhr when the word came down to move out.

"So the brigade returns after a very intensive gunnery and maneuver period and receives a deployment order. It could not have happened at a better time in the brigade's training cycle," said Col. Michael Tucker, 1st Brigade commander. "We will continue to conduct maintenance and individual readiness and improve our deployment systems. We're going through deployment exercises all next week. They don't call us Ready First for nothing."

Tucker's gunners had just completed a battalion-wide clean sweep, an indication that training has prepared the 1-37th Bandits and 2-37th

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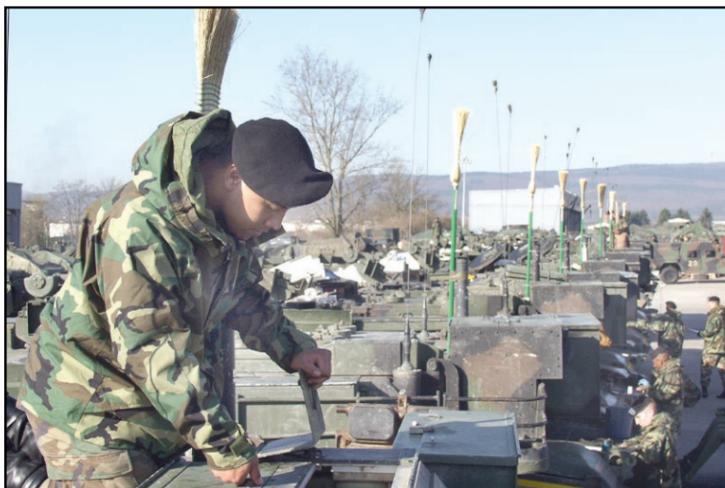


Photo by Melody Joy Fields

Spc. Jason Pea, Company C, 1-37th Armor, checks the oil of an M1 Abrams tank in Friedberg. Tank crews were presented with brooms commemorating their "clean sweep" during gunnery in Grafenwöhr.

### Kicks off April 1

## IACS registration to begin

Mass registration of soldiers, family members and civilians in the Installation Access Control System will begin next month, said 104th Area Support Group Provost Marshal officials.

IACS teams working through PMOs in the base support battalions will conduct registration.

"They're doing it their own way. Every BSB is doing it a little differently," said Allen K. Butler, physical security specialist with the 104th ASG Provost Marshal's Office.

Registration schedules and points of contact by BSB are as follows:

**414th Base Support Battalion** — Registration begins April 3. Department of Defense ID card holders register in Building 21 on Pioneer Kaserne. Installation pass holders register in Building 24 on Pioneer Kaserne. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Details of registration in Büdingen are still to be announced. For information call Staff Sgt. David Henson at mil 322-8434.

**221st Base Support Battalion**

— Registration begins April 14. Registration offices will operate in Building 1041 on Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Building 6317 in Dexheim, Building 6212 on McCully Barracks and in the Amelia Earhart Center. Hours will be from Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information call Staff Sgt. Keith Creighton or Kim Kendle at mil 337-6079.

**284th Base Support Battalion** — Registration will begin April 24.

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Photo by Karl Weisel

AFN's Staff Sgt. Lori Gilchrest talks with Cindy Stanbary, Hanau ACS outreach coordinator, and Lt. Col. Jerry Mraz, 414th BSB commander, during a morning show dedicated to answering deployment questions.

## Staying informed AFN ready to serve 24/7

By Karl Weisel  
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

As soldiers take up arms in the Persian Gulf, their families can count on the American Forces Network for staying informed back home in Germany.

"We're going to go 24 hours a day," said Sgt. 1st Class Tim Donohue, AFN-Hessen station manager, describing AFN operations in the event of a war with Iraq. "That doesn't mean we'll be on the air live for 24 hours a day, but we will be able to get your message on the air 24 hours a day."

Just as in times of emergency and during inclement weather, community members throughout the 104th Area Support Group should stay tuned to AFN radio for command information announcements and other vital news impacting their daily lives.

"We are a tool. We're your broadcast outlet," said Lon Blair, AFN Hessen operations director. "This is your television and radio news station."

While AFN television will present continuous news coverage in the early stages of a war

with little or no local news, soldiers and family members can get local updates by listening to the AFN AM and FM radio stations. "AFN expects both of its 24-hour radio services, ZFM and the Power Network, will run continuous live news," said Blair. "On the Power Network, you'll hear NPR. On ZFM you'll hear a mixture of CBS, AP and other news. Later in the war AFN will bring music shows back to ZFM and keep the continuous news on the Power Network."

As military and civilian officials went into overdrive to ensure families are supported while their loved ones deployed, AFN has been providing instant access for local commanders to get the "Home is Here" message out to community members. Members of Army Community Service, Housing Offices and Public Affairs Offices have joined their leaders on air to inform people about the wealth of information, referral assistance and family support available. Several base support battalion commanders have made it a point to make themselves avail-

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# Commentary

## Feedback: Are you willing to give up some civil liberties in the interest of security?



**2nd Lt. Caprice Vargas**  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
130th Engineer Brigade

"I have faith in what we're doing. Obviously I'm in the military so I wouldn't be worried about it."



**Sgt. Mark Jacobs**  
American Forces Network Hessen

"It doesn't really matter for me. It does, but it doesn't. The only reason having some rights taken away would affect you is if you're a criminal. If they want to take away some of my rights to make me safer, that's fine."



**Robert Scheider**  
Army Career and Alumni Program

"I would be willing to give up some. Things like surveillance cameras in public places would be fine. But I wouldn't give up my civil liberties, because I think some events are used to push the removal of some liberties."



**1st Lt. Michelle Riniker**  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
130th Engineer Brigade

"In the interest of security, yes. It depends on how stringent it is, I guess. I think the people who make the decisions will be justified for the most part."



**Michael Coker**  
Army Career and Alumni Program

"Some yes and some no. For the most part I'd have no problem with giving up some civil liberties, because I'm pretty conservative that way. I disagree with a lot of the civil liberties folks. I think they're too liberal. I think most people do the right thing, so if they do the right thing you wouldn't mind them scrutinizing you."

## Talking to children about war

*Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series produced by 1st Armored Division Mental Health Services on helping children understand the concept of war and adjust to the deployment of their parents and other loved ones.*

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the idea of going to war again has prompted feelings of apprehension and worry among soldiers and their family members, especially in children.

Keep in mind that if your child avoids talking about war, it doesn't mean that he or she isn't thinking about it. Sometimes when children are overwhelmed by something intangible they cannot express themselves verbally and may act out their feelings and thoughts in other ways. They may become short-tempered or anxious, experience nightmares or withdraw.

Keep in mind that every child is an individual. Even children the same age may have different ways of processing information and reacting to stress. Look for alternative ways of interacting and communicating with your child. This could mean joining them to play with toys, reading a book or watching a movie together. If the subject is raised, don't shy away from it.

Explain that war is a last resort. You might say, "No one wants to go to war, but sometimes it's the only way to make things better." Make sure to tell your child that war is very different from a fight between two people. Remind your child that most of the time countries can resolve their differences through discussion and peaceful negotiation.

Reassure your child that our government and armed forces are working very hard to end the war and are making every effort to avoid hurting civilians. Explain that we are not going to war for revenge, but to prevent further acts of terrorism.

Help your child deal with information overload. Friends, teachers, and the media have a powerful impact on a child's emotional reaction to war. Find out how much information your child is hearing everyday. You might ask, "Did your teachers talk about the war today at school?" "Did your friends talk about it?" "What are you thinking about it?"

Don't give your child too much information at once. Focus on imparting small bits of factual information at a time, and let him or her lead the conversation. Watch for signs that you've satisfied their questions and that they are ready to stop talking about it for the time being.

Listen and learn from your child. Often a child's simple questions can help bring perspective to adults who are dealing with many complicated issues and emotions.

There are many ways to talk, teach and learn about the concepts and realities of war. The key is to enhance free and supportive communication among parents and their children.

\* Encourage family discussions. Use the time to talk about your perspective and encourage your child to share his or her thoughts and viewpoints too.

\* Teach your child that people have different opinions and viewpoints. Your child might come home from school and say, "Tonya thinks we should drop a bomb on Baghdad, but I told her she was wrong." Discuss why your child feels it would be wrong. Encouraging children to discuss the reasons behind different opinions will teach them to think with an open mind.

\* Avoid placing blame on groups of people or organizations. Whether you're talking about events leading to war or answering the question "why are we at war?" use facts. Avoid stereotyping people or countries. Remind your child that in the United States you are innocent until proven guilty.

Teach him or her that not all members of a faith or ethnicity are guilty by association with a religion or nation.

\* Encourage creativity and play. Drawing, painting, making music and pretending can help children process their thoughts and emotions. For younger children who may not express themselves verbally, play can be particularly important. For example if your child is not comfortable talking about something directly, you might ask how the child's doll or pet toy feels about it.

\* Remember that today's events are likely the first introduction to war for many children. What they learn from this experience may help form their views on war for the rest of their lives.

\* Educate yourself and your child. Reading an atlas to discover the location of the countries involved in the war and reading books about different cultures and religions can have positive effects beyond the immediate crisis.

\* Discuss ways your child may be able to help people suffering from the war. Your child's school or class may wish to raise funds for a local charity. Discuss ways others are helping. Encourage your child to write a letter about how he or she feels to the president, to your senator or to your representative. Children who can't write can dictate a letter to you and sign their name.

\* Talk with your child's teacher. Find out how the class is dealing with the topic of war and discuss what your child learns in school at home.



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# News and features

## Army limits re-up options

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
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With the buildup of forces overseas, the Army is projected to exceed its end strength authorized by Congress this year, and re-enlistment options are being adjusted to keep the service within required limits.

The Army is authorized 480,000 troops, and Congress has mandated the Army stay within 1 percent of that number, said Sgt. Maj. James Vales, G1 retention sergeant major. Projections show that for fiscal year 2003, personnel strength may exceed that ceiling. By reducing options, no one will be prevented from re-enlisting, but the numbers will be moderated, he added.

Korea is the only option mid-term soldiers serving on a second or subsequent enlistment period will have if they want to re-enlist for an overseas assignment. Overseas and stateside assignments are the most popular options soldiers inquire about, said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Moss, a career counselor for the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

Another incentive that has been cut is the Selective Reen-

listment Bonuses — monetary incentives given to soldiers in jobs that are short and have inadequate retention levels.

A decrease in monetary incentives can be attributed to Congress cutting the SRB budget by \$26 million, Vales said.

Not only have incentives been taken away, some soldiers in over-strength military occupational specialties will be forced to reclassify into MOSs with shortages, especially those specialties with a shortage of soldiers in the ranks of sergeant and staff sergeant which have become known as STAR MOSs because they are typically marked with an asterisk or star on personnel lists.

In some cases, soldiers who don't want to re-classify will have to voluntarily separate from the Army, Vales said.

An early-out option is being considered and will be available to soldiers in over-strength MOSs this calendar year, Vales said. Once approved, soldiers will be able to separate from the Army 90 days before their end-of-service date, he said.

These new retention changes support keeping in soldiers whose main focus is to serve their nation and maintain high standards, officials said.

## News flash

### German guards use U.S. facilities

The German guards watching over roughly 60 U.S. Army installations in Germany have been allowed limited use of U.S. commissary, PX, dining and Morale Welfare and Recreation facilities, said officials. The German soldiers are authorized to purchase items of daily consumption including groceries for domestic use, detergents and cleaning agents, toiletry items (no perfume), other low value items (no more than €25 a day), tobacco products (one pack per day), coffee and alcoholic beverages (for normal, daily use). (IMA-Europe Public Affairs)

### Journalism scholarships

High school seniors planning to enter a four-year college offering a journalism/mass communications major may want to apply for one of three European *Stars and Stripes* \$1,000 scholarships. Applications are available at [www.estripes.com](http://www.estripes.com), through high school counselors or by calling Sandra Jones at mil 349-8214. Application deadline is April 20. (Stars and Stripes release)

### Project Partnership awards

U.S. partnership units have until March 31 to submit award packages to the U.S. Army Europe Partnership Office to be considered for an award in this year's Project Partnership Program commemorating U.S. and allied unity. For detailed information contact Ulysses Harris at mil 475-6792 or send an email to [Ulysses.Harris@hq.7atc.army.mil](mailto:Ulysses.Harris@hq.7atc.army.mil). (USAREUR Public Affairs)

### MWR manager honored

Congratulations to Mark Smith, Wiesbaden Golf Course manager, for receiving the Excellence in Management Award for an Army large golf center. Smith was honored at the Professional Golf Association Trade Show in Orlando, Fla. The award recognizes outstanding Morale Welfare and Recreation managers of golf, bowling, leisure travel, recycling operations and the most improved facilities in the Army.



### Stay Alert, Stay Safe

Force protection managers remind community members of the importance of being vigilant and keeping a watchful eye. They recommend being on the lookout for reporting the following behavior immediately to the Military Police: ☉ Multiple sightings of the same suspicious person, vehicle or activity separated by time, distance or direction; ☉ Individuals who stay at bus or train stops for extended periods while buses and trains come and go; Individuals who order food at a restaurant and leave before the food arrives or who order without eating; ☉ Individuals who carry on long conversations on pay or cell phones; ☉ Joggers who stand and stretch for inordinate amount of time; ☉ Individuals sitting in a parked car for an extended period of time; ☉ Individuals who don't fit into the surrounding environment because they are wearing improper attire for the location or season; ☉ Individuals drawing pictures or taking notes in an area not normally of interest to a tourist or showing unusual interest in or photographing security cameras, guard locations or watching security reaction drills and procedures. People are also advised to avoid demonstrations whenever possible. Visit the U.S. Army Europe website at [www.hqusareur.army.mil](http://www.hqusareur.army.mil), click on the "Force Protection" link and then "Upcoming Demonstrations" for details. (IMA-Europe Public Affairs)

### Well-being website

"Hooah 4 Health" is a self-help, web-based health promotion and wellness program for members of the Army family. The website, [www.hooah4health.com](http://www.hooah4health.com), provides links to numerous other related military and civilian sites, educational material, nutritional information and interactive tools.

## 1st AD

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Dukes for any mission that lies ahead.

"It's when every tank in the battalion qualifies on Table VIII during the first round," said Sgt. Timothy L. Hayslett of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-37th Armor, explaining the term "clean sweep." Tank Table VIII is our primary qualifying table, where we qualify our crews. We did that with all our tanks for two gunneries straight. I've seen a company sweep, but never a whole battalion, so it's pretty impressive. I've never heard of two battalions."

"It's extremely rare," said Tucker. "I've probably seen less than five battalion sweeps in over 30 years of tanking. In fact we only dropped one vehicle out of the whole brigade. We shot less ammo than has ever been done and under the worst of conditions. The Division G-1 said we had the safest rotation in 19 years — and under blizzard conditions. We had three feet of snow up there."

Weather conditions are likely to be different wherever they are heading, but the Iron Soldiers are ready to go.

Units across the 104th ASG have undergone predeployment briefings since last fall, and the base support battalions have processed deploying units through Installation Staging Areas as they move toward missions downrange.

At the same time Deployment Readiness University workshops have brought together leaders from rear detachment commands, Family Readiness Groups and social service agencies to coordinate communication and family support while soldiers are on duty elsewhere.

As political events unfold and units continue to deploy, tactical and support leaders made sure that everything is being done to prepare soldiers for their missions and service agencies to support the families in the 104th ASG. (Melody Joy Fields contributed to this story.)

## AFN



Photo by Karl Weisel

Lt. Col. Jerry L. Mraz addresses deployment concerns during a special American Forces Network morning show.

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able on air to answer questions and to help reassure community members that services will continue to be provided during soldiers' absence.

AFN also has a new website, [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net), which features a wide range of information for local listeners. "It's got road conditions, school closures and more on there," said Donohue. "It's going to be a great asset for us."

AFN Hessen managers reminded all listeners that to get an announcement on the air or to arrange local coverage of an event they should call their local Public Affairs Office at xxx-1600.

Editor's note: See page 27 for information about a special exhibition in Frankfurt's Historisches Museum highlighting "Sixty Years of the American Forces Network." The exhibition opens March 27 and runs through June 1

## IACS

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Offices will operate daily in Building 5, Rooms 104 and 109, on Giessen Depot from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration stations will close May 27-28 while moving to Friedberg. They will resume operation from May 29 to July 3 in Building 3635 on Ray Barracks from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call Staff Sgt. Kevin Goodwin at mil 343-8363.

222nd Base Support Battalion — Registration will begin May 8 in Building 8783 in Champion Village from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call Bianca Bowen at mil 485-7141.

Times and dates of IACS registration are subject to change, said Butler. "There's a little heartburn, but that's to be expected with anything new like this. They'll do fine," he said.

# News and features

## Retaining health care during deployment

### Tricare Service Centers help family members decide

As soldiers deploy for missions, family members must make a host of decisions, including their options for health care services. Health care will remain available for eligible beneficiaries who choose to remain overseas or decide to temporarily return home; however, the type of benefit that may be available will vary for those who choose to return home, said Tricare Europe officials.

Tricare Europe Prime active duty family members who remain in Germany will continue to enjoy benefits as usual. Increased deployments may affect the availability of appointments at some Military Treatment Facilities in Europe, but beneficiaries will continue to be seen to the maximum extent possible.

"Our priority is to make sure we take care of our beneficiaries at all times, regardless of deployments and contingencies," said Air Force Master Sgt. Ron Peoples, Tricare Europe senior enlisted adviser. "If you're an active duty family member whose spouse is deployed, we guarantee you and your family will continue to have access to great health care wherever you live, whether from your local MTF or our top-notch host nation providers."

Regardless of deployment activity the procedure for making appointments will remain the same. Contact your MTF for an appointment as usual. If there is no space available at that time, your servicing Tricare Service Center, in coordination with your primary care manager, if you have one, will work with you to refer you to a member of Tricare Europe's Preferred Provider Network.

Beneficiaries referred to host nation providers can count on quality, competent medical care through the Tricare Europe PPN. It represents the best available host nation providers in Europe, said Peoples.

Tricare Prime members will need to get a referral authorization before seeking care outside their MTF. If you are not



a Prime member, you should contact your servicing MTF to see if there is currently space available to see you.

Prime family member beneficiaries who live near Dental Treatment Facilities can typically expect dental care from their local military providers; however, it is possible that some may have limited appointment availability. Family members may be asked to seek dental care from host nation providers, and the costs of such care may be high. The Tricare Dental Program is available to help defray these costs. Beneficiaries may enroll in TDP at any time. For more information visit [www.ucci.com](http://www.ucci.com).

### 'Home is Here'

The simplest choice for active duty family members in terms of medical and dental coverage is to remain in Germany. Tricare Service Centers are located across Europe to help beneficiaries get the care they need. More information is available at [www.europe.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.europe.tricare.osd.mil).

Members who return to the United States should follow these guidelines:

Family members should first contact their local TSC for assistance. TSC staff will help with enrollment transfers and answer any questions that arise.

Family members who return to the United States have 60 days from their date of departure to enroll in a stateside Tricare Prime program, if it is available. On the 61st day their enrollment will revert to Tricare Standard if no action is taken. Call your local TSC here for detailed instructions tailored to specific stateside locations.

Beneficiaries who voluntarily return to a stateside location where Prime is not offered (more than 50 miles from an MTF) will automatically revert to Tricare Standard, the military's fee-for-service medical plan. Standard includes fiscal year deductibles and cost shares. Tricare Prime will not be available for these beneficiaries after 60 days.

Beneficiaries who remain in the United States for less than 60 days do not need to transfer their enrollments. Tricare Europe Prime coverage will continue provided they return to Germany within 60 days.

Tricare Europe beneficiaries who remain stateside for more than 60 days should enroll in their gaining region as soon as they arrive to avoid any enrollment and claims problems. Beneficiaries have 60 days to transfer their enrollments.

Tricare Dental Program beneficiaries will be able to use the program stateside but will have co-payments for all services except routine annual checkups and cleanings. Beneficiaries may enroll in TDP at any time. It may help avoid high dental service costs stateside. For details go online to [www.ucci.com](http://www.ucci.com).

Family members who return to the States without their sponsor must update their address in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System with the nearest uniformed services personnel office. Call civ 1-800-538-9552 or visit [www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress) on the Internet. Addresses must be updated again when beneficiaries return to Germany.

Questions about health care procedures in the United States can be addressed to the Tricare Europe Centralized TSC. From the States call civ (011) 49-302-677 433/434 or toll free civ 1 (888) 777-8343. The Tricare Health Care Finder can be reached at (800) 242-6788. (Courtesy of Tricare Europe)

## News flash ... News flash

### Free Army Times

The Army Times Publishing Company will send free copies of the *Army Times* to soldiers and units deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Those interested in receiving free issues need only send the publication an address of a unit or individual (by name or position title) that meets the theater postal routing requirements. No "any service member" addresses may be used. Send an email to [egalbra@atpco.com](mailto:egalbra@atpco.com) or [bonnie@atpco.com](mailto:bonnie@atpco.com). (V Corps Public Affairs)

### Surviving spouses

A new law will reinstate health care benefits for some surviving spouses covered by the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veteran Affairs if they apply by Feb. 4, 2004. The surviving husband or wife who lost access to CHAMPVA benefits by remarrying before Feb. 4, 2003, can be reinstated into the program if the marriage occurred before he or she turned age 55. To be eligible for CHAMPVA people must be family members of veterans who have a permanent and

total service-connected disability, who died of a service-connected condition or who were totally disabled from a service-connected condition at the time of death. Surviving spouses who remarry at a younger age and lose their CHAMPVA benefits can have these benefits restored if their later marriage is annulled or ends due to death or divorce. Call the VA's Health Administration Center at (800) 733 8387 for more information on this benefit. (VA News Release)

### Germany seminars

U.S. forces service members and civilians have a range of opportunities to learn more about Germany, German politics, European relations and German-American partnership at various seminars. These include multinational seminars at the Atlantic Academy May 19-22 and Oct. 20-24; German-American partnership seminars at Berlin-Strausberg Oct. 20-24 and Nov. 17-21; Haus Rissen seminars in Hamburg May 4-9, June 1-6 and 22-27, Aug. 17-22, Sept. 7-12 and Dec. 7-12. Call the 104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office at mil 322-1400 or your local base support battalion PAO.

## USAREUR cracks down on telephone misuse

By Arthur McQueen  
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

Your relatives may be pleased when they receive a call from overseas, but if you use a government line or government cell phone for personal calls, be prepared to pay.

Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians can face embarrassment, reprimand, repayment, and UCMJ or administrative actions for misuse of government telephones, according to Eric Melton, telecommunications specialist for U.S. Army Europe G6 (Information).

What defines reasonable use, not overuse, is at the discretion of the commander and the telephone control officer, Melton said. It is understood that soldiers and civilians need to make brief local calls for appointments, call a school, garage, landlord or their home to convey information.

"Abuse has increased over the past year, mostly due to cell phones," said Melton. "Personal calls that generate charges on government-issued cell phones are completely prohibited."

Cell phone users must therefore be aware

of the charges applied to out-of-country calls received. Personal international calls are in violation of USAREUR regulations and subject to action. Also cell phones using prepaid cards (for example, a 50-Euro card) are not authorized by federal regulation.

TCOs are charged with monitoring calls made from all government phones, and they have the tools to do it. The telephone oversight has already begun having an effect. Recently, a deployed lieutenant colonel was required to reimburse the government \$10,000 for personal use of his government cell phone.

"Area support groups pay for the '99' civilian access from tenant units, and they are starting to bill them more often to recover costs," said Melton. "Any reduction in telephone abuse will save the taxpayers money."

When the potential to save money is so high, and the penalties for misuse include jeopardizing a career, it pays to know the rules about using government phones. "Appendix Q of Army Europe Supplement 1 to AR 25-1 spells out the potential penalties," said Melton. For more information call Melton at DSN 370-8602.

# 221st BSB – Wiesbaden, Wackernheim, Dexheim



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

## Giving back to soldiers

Sgt. 1st Class Jake Ames, 221st Base Support Battalion Equal Opportunity officer, shows Spc. Jeremy Antill how to complete an Army Emergency Relief contribution form during AER's campaign kick-off March 11 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Last year the Wiesbaden community contributed more than \$52,000 to the financial aid program. (See the April 1 issue of the *Herald Union* for a feature article on AER benefits.)

## Employment

### Manager needed

The Treasure Trove Thrift Shop seeks a manager. For more information call civ (0611) 742 61.

### Jobs available

Wiesbaden's Nonappropriated Fund Civilian Personnel Office has open and continuous announcements for the following positions: Child Development Center program assistant, operations assistant, custodial workers, cooks (Dexheim), food service workers, recreation aids, food and beverage attendants, materials handler, bar assistant and waiters (Dexheim). Announcements are also listed on the Internet at [www.chrma.hqusareur.army.mil](http://www.chrma.hqusareur.army.mil). For more information call mil 337-5272 or civ (0611) 705-5272.

### Job fair

Army Community Service and the Army Career Alumni Program sponsor a job fair March 20 from 2-5 p.m. at the ACS cafeteria in Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing. For more information call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

### Positions available

Choctaw Management Services Enterprise has a full-time position for a registered dietitian/nutritionist and an administrative assistant at the Wiesbaden Women, Infant

and Children program office. Both positions require a U.S. Army Europe driver's license and travel. Resumes can be sent to [wieswicnurse@yahoo.com](mailto:wieswicnurse@yahoo.com), faxed to civ (0611) 380-7836 or dropped off at the WIC office in Building 7005 in Crestview Housing.

### Job available

The 221st Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program needs a full-time program educator. This position requires a bachelor of science degree in social science with two years of experience dealing with domestic violence. For more information and to apply contact ACS in Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing or call mil 337-5034 or civ

(0611) 705-5034.

### Child care needed

Do you like children? Want to earn a paycheck while working from home? Become a Family Child Care provider. Stay home with your children, work from your home, develop professionally with free training and get paid at the same time. Call the FCC office at civ (0611) 380-7729 for more information.

### Sitters needed

Babysitters are needed to provide child care in the home of a family. Sign up at the 221st BSB Central Enrollment Office. For more information call mil 338-5383 or civ (0611) 380-5383.

## WANTED

### \$250 reward

For information leading to the recovery of a stolen U.S. government Dell Latitude computer stolen from an office on the ground floor of Building 1543 on Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

### \$500 reward

For information leading to the recovery of a stolen U.S. government Dell Laptop computer stolen from the basement of Building 1007 on Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

If you have information on any of these thefts, call mil 336-2481/2485 or the Wiesbaden Military Police at mil 337-5096 or civ (0611) 705-5096.

## Commander's corner

# Change in the air

Commentary by Lt. Col. Dennis E. Slagter  
221st Base Support Battalion commander

new state-of-the-art main entry for WAAF should be in full use by the time you read this. In/out traffic lanes will make a big difference.

Spring is coming. It is a time for new life and new things to grow. Your community is growing and some new "things" are coming too. Here's a sample listing.

- **Bowling centers** — Dexheim and Wiesbaden Army Airfield bowling centers are being completely upgraded right now. Look for grand reopenings in early May.

- **Housing areas** — Lots and lots of buildings are slated for the Bathroom and Laundry Incentive Cooperative and will have towers added on to them. Many of these are in Hainerberg and Crestview housing areas. Aukamm renovation projects will begin soon. And more "garbage condos" will be installed throughout the communities.

- **WAAF Child Development Center** — We begin clearing trees behind the Community Activity Center next week. This will be the start of our new 303 capacity CDC and School Age Services center.

- **WAAF South Gate entry** — The

- **Playground/court maintenance**

— After years of neglect, community playgrounds will get a complete maintenance and fix-it check by mid-April. Our two new playgrounds will be completed as well.

How about you? Ready to get involved? You can help by:

- √ Patrolling and cleaning up our recycle islands and refuse collection sites.

- √ Recycling, recycling, recycling.

- √ Supervising our children; teen misbehavior is very high in our communities. Our Pond's guards are helping a lot by finding/reporting misbehavior. Parents — we need your help.

- √ Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer. Who will become a housing area mayor? Call me and I'll provide all the support I can if you'll help us in the housing areas.

Together, everyone makes a difference.

## Team 221st



Lt. Col. Dennis E. Slagter

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