

# Independence Day events fun for all

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If you haven't already made plans for your Fourth of July celebration then be sure to add Wiesbaden to your list of fun. Complete with sports events, dancing, rides, music, fireworks and lots of food, Team 221st has made Wiesbaden Army Airfield a happening place to be to celebrate Independence Day.

"We've put a lot of work into making this year's celebration better than ever," said Jean Morrison, recreation chief for Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The fun begins at 10 a.m. at General H.H. Arnold High School in Hainerberg housing with a Paws and Pals five kilometer Fun Run/Walk. Registration begins at 9 a.m., bring your pet along and just have fun. "But be sure to get rested up for the festivities at the airfield," said Laura Waid, MWR special events coordinator. After a cool-off and a barbecue at home, head back to the airfield for the real celebration at 4

p.m. when the fest site opens.

Following the opening ceremonies with Uncle Sam, food booths, games and rides will open to the public. "One of our biggest attractions last year was the bungee jumping and bull riding rides. We will have those this year and will even top it off with a rock climbing wall," said Morrison. Although not suitable for the wee ones, there will still be plenty of activity for little ones with the Castle and Whopper Hoppers as well as a gigantic Titanic display for children to hop and slide on.

Returning again this year will be the sumo wrestling tent along with a sumo wrestling electric slide contest later in the evening. A static display of military equipment, fire trucks and aircraft will also be available. "The aircraft will be a nice addition to the static display. People will be allowed to explore and wander in and outside of the aircraft," said Waid.

Although limited parking will be available at the airfield, families are encouraged to take advantage of



Photos by Cassandra Kardeke

A spectator struggles to stay on a mechanical bull during last year's Fourth of July fest at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. The bull ride is one of many rides that will be featured at this year's fest.

the shuttle bus that is being provided. "The bus will stop in all the major housing areas in Wiesbaden, Mainz-Kastel, McCully and Dexheim as well as the American

Arms Hotel," said Lavon Peoples, Directorate of Logistics chief. For a complete timeline of events and the bus schedule check out [www.wiesbaden.army.mil](http://www.wiesbaden.army.mil) or on the

Community Information Network channel for TKS subscribers.

"All in all, we've pulled out all the stops to have a big Fourth of July fest," said Morrison.



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

## Congratulations Daddy

Joshua Franks congratulates his father, Lt. Col. Christopher Franks, after a change of command ceremony for the 221st Base Support Battalion June 18. Formerly the chemical officer for 3rd Corps Support Command, Franks assumed command from Lt. Col. Dennis Slaughter at Minue Field at Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

## Victory Point Lounge opens on airfield

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Months of renovation and hard work concluded with a new place to hang out at Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

The grand opening of the Victory Point Bar and Lounge was held June 13 at the Community Activity Center.

With new flooring, furniture, a paint job and renovation of the bar, workers created a cozy little hideaway.

"It's really quite a neat place to just come

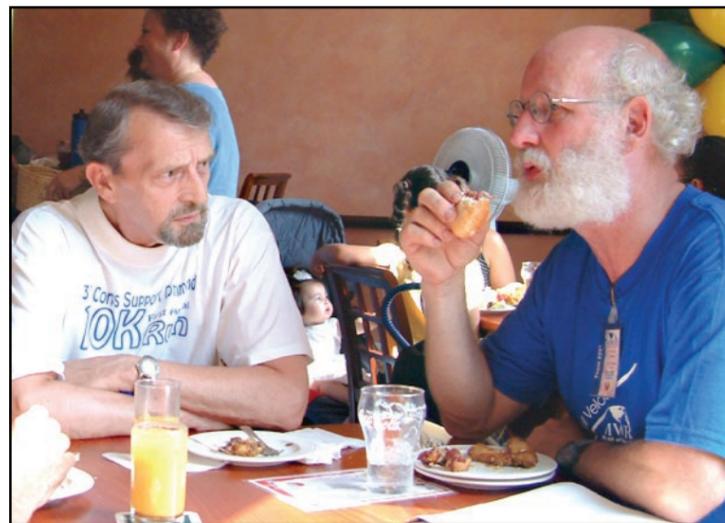
unwind and relax," said Jean Morrison, recreation chief for Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Complete with a full service bar and light snacks, Victory Point also has three electronic dart boards. "We also have on display original art work from a local artist, Brent Jones," Morrison said.

Open Thursday from 4-11 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to midnight, the two-floor lounge has plenty to offer. "There's a nice bar and social area on the main floor, but the Kellar is the place to be," said Morrison.

Morrison is referring to the basement located under the bar that was completely renovated by Jerry Gardener, MWR maintenance chief.

Keeping the original German style seating built into the walls, Gardener put in new flooring, a dance floor and repainted the basement.

"It's a place to get out, play cards, chess or just relax with friends," said Laura Waid, MWR special events coordinator.



Families and friends gather during the Victory Point grand opening June 13. Located at the Community Activity Center (formerly the Catering Center) Victory Point is open Thursday from 4-11 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to midnight.

# Operation Capture the Moment brings parents, students together

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**E**motional outbursts. Pools of tears. Weeping mothers. Shock and awe. Were these reactions to the opening days of the war in Iraq? Maybe. But they were also responses to this year’s graduation ceremony for General H.H. Arnold High School seniors.

The graduation, held June 7 in Wiesbaden’s Kurhaus, included a feature that nobody expected. A large screen on the stage of the Kurhaus displayed a broadcast using video teleconferencing bringing the faces of deployed soldiers to the ceremony live from Baghdad.

As the ceremony opened and the live connection was made, tears of joy filled the historic hall as graduating seniors and their families were reunited with deployed moms and dads through the wonders of modern technology. The VTC connection between the historic Kurhaus in Wiesbaden and one of Saddam’s palaces, now occupied by V Corps in Baghdad, brought reactions of shock and awe from the crowd on both ends of the live feed.

School officials knew early on that this year’s graduation ceremony would be particularly difficult because of the deployment of many soldiers. Wiesbaden senior class sponsors Millie Harris and Chris Criley started to explore options and seek community assistance for bringing graduates and deployed parents together for this special occasion.

When they put out a call for help, Alan Dean answered. Dean, a contractor for General Dynamics and father of graduating senior Jon Dean, convinced his company to partner with school officials to operate the broadcast of the Wiesbaden graduation to downrange parents in Baghdad. Making contact downrange with Command Sgt. Maj.



Photos by Mike Smiley

Students and families jump from their seats and wave at deployed loved ones during a video teleconference at General H.H. Arnold High School’s graduation. With the help of school officials and parents of graduating seniors, the VTC was set up in one of Saddam Hussein’s palaces and at the Wiesbaden Kurhaus so that families could enjoy the big day of graduating students.

Arthur Adkins, 22nd Signal Brigade and parent of graduating senior Michelle Adkins, he helped arrange the Baghdad connection. Together the two worked magic, hence, Operation Capture the Moment had begun.

There was a large screen as the backdrop on the stage where the picture from Baghdad was shown. The connection was lost briefly twice during the ceremony. Family members

and seniors cried and waved as the camera focused in on a loved one. Moms and dads on the Baghdad end held notes up to the camera of love and support ranging from the classic “Congratulations” to “Where are you going to college?” While the sound was only one-way during the ceremony, those in Baghdad were able to hear the entire ceremony. After it was over, the connection stayed open so students could talk to their father or mother in Baghdad for a moment.

The graduation ceremony also had many other deployment-oriented touches besides the VTC. In place of a guest speaker during the ceremony, teachers read written messages from some deployed parents who couldn’t be at the palace for the broadcast. Courtesy of Sgt. Steven Roach at the American Forces Network, organizers were able to play prerecorded video messages from deployed parents that were taped a few days earlier in Iraq.

Lt. Col. Michelle Putko, mother of valedictorian Chris Putko, spoke briefly at the graduation after having recently returned from deployment in Iraq herself. She delivered a heartfelt message from her fellow soldiers downrange. Not only did her words empha-

size the difficulties placed on military families and the sacrifices made both by soldiers and their family members, but they also explained the significance of the war: the Iraqi people.

The help of Dean, General Dynamics, Adkins and school officials was greatly appreciated.

It was a real treat for graduating senior Lyris Johanson to see her dad, Sgt. 1st Class Jose Johanson, for the first time since he

deployed in March. “My dad missed my first Holy Communion and Confirmation due to other deployments, so I was happy that he could, in a sense, be at my graduation.”

The broadcast was also a pleasant surprise for other members of the audience. “It was the most moving graduation I have ever attended. I sat on the stage and watched the seniors crying when they saw their parents. It was awesome,” said Sharon O’Donnell, assistant principal.

With the roar of the crowd at the first sight of the troops in Baghdad, the soldiers on the screen waved simultaneously. While those in the Kurhaus couldn’t hear the troops from Baghdad, the soldiers’ proud smiles and tears spoke louder to their graduates than any sound connection could have ever done.

*Editor’s Note: Lauren O’Gara is a junior at Gen.H.H. Arnold High School.*



School officials and graduating seniors listen and watch as parents of deployed Gen. H. H. Arnold High School seniors send their wishes and congratulations to students via video teleconference during the school’s graduation ceremony at the Wiesbaden Kurhaus June 7.

# 221st BSB – Wiesbaden, Wackernheim, Dexheim



## Army Community Service news

### ACS celebration

Join Army Community Service during their birthday celebration July 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wiesbaden ACS, Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing. Enjoy games for the entire family, giveaways and food. Best of all, it's free.

### Religious services

Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel holds Protestant services at 10 a.m., Gospel services at 12:45 p.m. and Catholic Services at 5 p.m. Sunday. Hainerberg Chapel features Catholic services at 9 a.m. and Protestant services at 11 a.m. Sunday. For more information call mil 337-1570 or civ (0611) 705-1570.

### Center closure

The Newcomer's Information Center in Room 240 at the American Arms Hotel will be closed for renovations through July 4.

### PWOC activities

Protestant Women of the Chapel are hosting a summer program starting July 3. Each week is something fun for you. July 3: Stars and Stripes Potluck Brunch 10-11:30 a.m.; July 10: Chapel/Park 10-11:30 a.m.; July 17: Swimming in Wiesbaden 10 a.m.; July 31: Opel Zoo 9 a.m.; Aug. 7: Dog Days of Summer Potluck Brunch 10-11:30 a.m. All events meet at the Hainerberg Chapel. For more information call mil 337-1570 or civ (0611) 705-1570.

### BOSS meeting

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in

the 221st Base Support Battalion conference room.

### Instructors needed

Share your special talents with the youth of the future by becoming an instructor at Wiesbaden Youth Services. Instructors are needed to teach ballet, dance, gymnastics, guitar, piano, tap, jazz and various skills. Positions are contract positions with YS. Call mil 338-7592 or civ (0611) 380-7592 for more information.

### Hearts Apart

Dexheim Army Community Service offers a "Hearts Apart" support group for spouses of deployed soldiers every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Free child care is provided if reserved in advance. Call mil 334-5716 or civ (06133) 69-716 for more information.

### FRG training

Army Community Service hosts a Family Readiness Group networking session July 23 from 10-11 a.m. and an FRG Basic Leader Training July 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. To sign up call mil 337-5754 or civ (0611) 705-5754.

### Child care sought

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.

### Dexheim bowling specials

The Dexheim Bowling Center offers daily specials. Bowl between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for only 50 cents a game or \$1 a game from 2-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Disco night is every Friday from 7-11 p.m. and Red Pin bowling is Saturday from 7-11 p.m.

### Summer reading program

Team 221st community libraries host a Kids Only Club beginning July 9. Registration is continuous throughout the program. Weekly events are held every Wednesday and may include a short camp-out or picnic accompanied by story time with the library staff. Stop by any of the community libraries at Wiesbaden, Dexheim or McCully Barracks to find out more.

### Golf scrambles

Friday night scrambles are back at Rheinblick Golf Course. The next scrambles will be held July 11 and 25 at 6 p.m. Experienced players will be paired with inexperienced players to form a team.

### Jobs available

Wiesbaden 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 web at [www.chrma.hqsareur.army.mil](http://www.chrma.hqsareur.army.mil). For more information call mil 337-5272 or civ (0611) 705-5272.

### Monthly barbecue

Held on the first Friday of every month, the Wiesbaden Youth Services offers a barbecue for all registered members after school. This is also a great opportunity for new youth in the community to get to know other children and what activities are available through Youth Services.

### YS hours

Wiesbaden Youth Services is open Monday through Thursday after school until 8 p.m. and from 3-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday for middle school students and until 11 p.m. for high school students.

Students can participate in team building and leadership clubs such as the Nike Swoosh, Torch and Keystone clubs. Other activities include cooking, fine arts, teen sports and power hour.

### Adoption support

An Adoption Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Wiesbaden. Topics include how to adopt overseas, choosing an agency, medical and developmental issues, post adoption support, home studies, immi-

gration and naturalization procedures and cross cultural issues. For more information call civ (06775) 960675 or (0178) 2962102.

### Babysitters needed

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

### Scouting in Wiesbaden

Bored? New in town? Make new friends and get together with old ones with Wiesbaden Scouts. Sign up today — Girl Scouts, call civ (06123) 899593; Boy Scouts, call civ (0611) 520532; Cub Scouts, call civ (01728) 0448247.

### Resume class

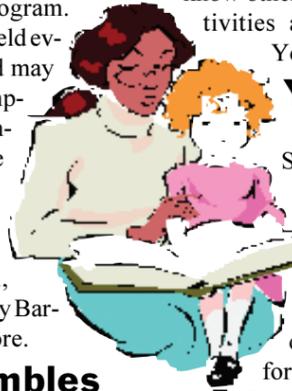
Army Community Service offers resume classes every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in Building 7790, Room 22, in Hainerberg Housing. For more information call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

### Anger management help

Social Work Services offers a four-week anger management group that teaches relaxation and self-calming skills that help you deal with adaptive responses when struggling with anger provoking situations. To sign up call mil 337-5297 or civ (0611) 705-5297.

### Planning a successful move

Know what to do when making a Permanent Change of Station move. Get free training and PCS tips at Army Community Service. Classes are held the last Tuesday of each month. Call ACS at mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.



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Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

## Celebrating 228 years

Pfc. Candais Williams, newly assigned to Bravo Company, 123rd Main Support Battalion, Anderson Barracks, Dexheim, and Lt. Col. Dennis E. Slagter, 221st Base Support Battalion commander, slice into a birthday cake celebrating the Army's 228th birthday at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Traditionally, the BSB invites the youngest soldier assigned to help celebrate the Army's birthday.

## Newcomers information

### Newcomers tour

Army Community Service hosts a community orientation for soldiers, civilians and their family members the last Wednesday of every month. The tour begins at 9 a.m. at ACS and ends with lunch at the Wiesbaden Dining Facility. This tour allows newcomers to experience the community visually without trying to locate facilities. Reservations must be made by 1 p.m. the day before the tour. For more information call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

### IACS registration

Registration is ongoing for the new Installation Access Control System at Wiesbaden Army Airfield and Anderson Barracks in Dexheim. Dependents do not need to wait or be accompanied by their sponsor. Just bring their current military Identification Card. Registration is located in Building 1041 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield (the former location of CMR 430) and at the Military Police station on Anderson Barracks.

### Dexheim tour

Dexheim Army Community Service offers a new bus tour visiting interesting cities and locations to

help get acquainted with the community. For more information call mil 334-5716 or civ (06133) 69-622.

### Loan Closet

Household items are available for loan to you and your family at no charge through Army Community Service's Loan Closet. Basic living items include pots, pans, dishes, cooking and eating utensils, irons and ironing boards, coffee makers, toasters and microwave ovens. Children's items include booster seats, strollers, cribs, car seats, highchairs and sure gates. Call mil 337-5754 or civ (0611) 705-5754 for more information.

### Newcomers coffee

Dexheim Army Community Service holds a newcomers coffee every month. Learn more about the community, how to get around and shop in Germany. For more information call mil 334-5716.

### Stress classes

Anger and stress management classes are held through Social Work Services. For more information or to sign up call mil 337-5297 or civ (0611) 705-5297.

## Things to do

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver refreshments to troops on force protection duty. For more information call the USO at civ (0611) 721-010.

The Tony Bass Fitness Center needs volunteers for equipment issue, athletic events and enforcing facility rules. For more information call mil 337-5943 or civ (0611) 705-5943.

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers at both the community mailrooms and the Army Post Office. For more information call mil 337-1760 or civ (0611) 705-1760.

### Golf scrambles

Friday night scrambles are back at Rheinblick Golf Course. The next

scrambles will be held July 11 and 25 at 6 p.m. Experienced players will be paired with inexperienced players to form a team.

### Sponsorship training

The Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Program offers unit sponsorship training July 9 from 2-4 p.m. at ACS. Units wishing to schedule a different day can call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034 for assistance.

### Powerlifting meet

Tony Bass Sports and Fitness Center hosts the annual Power Lifting Meet July 19. Awards will be given to first and second place winners in each men's and women's

category. To register or for more information call mil 337-5943 or civ (0611) 705-5943.

### Birthday bowling

Team 221st bowling centers in Wiesbaden and Dexheim offer bowling center parties for \$4.25 per person which include one game of bowling, shoe rental and a menu choice of hot dogs, six piece chicken nuggets or three chicken wings (Dexheim center only) and a small drink. Stop by your local bowling center to find out more.



### 123rd MSB Run

The annual 123rd Main Support Battalion Run/Walk will be held at 10 a.m., July 19 at Anderson Barracks. Registration is from 8-9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$15.

## Rescue highlights need for caution

### Near drowning at Baumholder Lake

Summer is here and one Baumholder resident has already had a brush with disaster while swimming in Baumholder Lake. Eight-year-old Daniel Carrier was saved from drowning in the lake June 8 by German lifeguards who responded when they heard his cry for help. Carrier was attempting to swim from the bank of the lake to the trampoline in the middle of the lake and most likely underestimated his ability.

Carrier called out for help and Mareike Heinz, Patrick Geibel and Patrick Hansmann, all junior DLRG lifeguards on the trampoline, im-

mediately swam to the child, whose head was already submerged, and stabilized him above water until the rescue boat arrived and took the boy to safety. Carrier is reported to be in good condition.

Although Baumholder Lake is one of several authorized swimming areas in the local area, people looking to beat the heat by going for a swim are advised to exercise extreme caution and avoid plunging into disaster.

Other authorized swimming areas are available on the Baumholder website by clicking on Summer Safety.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Although the trampoline in the middle of Baumholder Lake is an ideal location to splash and cool off on a hot summer's day, reaching it from the shore can prove challenging for those who are not proficient swimmers.

## Buccaneer Night breaks fund-raising records

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

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Records were broken on Buccaneer Night May 16 when the Baumholder community raised \$17,878 in scholarship money for the graduating seniors of Baumholder American High School.

"We made several thousand more dollars than they had made in the past several years, which is great with the soldiers gone, because we didn't know how well

we'd do," said Pamela Kesling, Buccaneer Night coordinator.

The hottest money-maker of the evening was the auction, and the hottest items were the numerous theme baskets community members and organizations donated.

The baskets covered such themes as travel, well-stocked bar, coffee, Italian pasta, romance, pamper yourself, Polish pottery, movie night out, stress relief and Americana.

Although the baskets were go-

ing like hotcakes at a lumberjack convention, the individual auction item that raked in the most coins was a handmade quilt that went for \$1,000.

"We also had an oriental rug that was donated and auctioned off," said Kesling.

Although the soldiers are deployed and attendance included mostly family members, Kesling was pleased with the results. "I think we had more quality items, and I think the women were ready to spend some extra money that they had," she said.

Kesling added, "The quilt went to a man, so it wasn't a woman who bid on that. But I'm sure he did it for his wife."

"I just want to say, for the community, it was wonderful. And I want to make sure to thank everyone in Baumholder who helped. We had German merchants who donated items and we also had a raffle that generated several thousands of dollars. We raffled off different things from TVs from the Power Zone to a CD player and a VCR. A Don Stivers print also really helped with the raffle," said

Kesling.

A thank-you also goes out to all who donated their personal time. "I really appreciate all the volunteers who helped, all the senior parents and the seniors who contributed with the decorations and all the kiddie games that they helped with," she said.

"The community was very generous and really helped to make it a success, because it was, like I said, quite a bit more than what it has been in the past. All around, every thing went very well," said Kesling.

### Cook international

ACS presents free international cooking classes with lots of fun, friends, cultural attractions and great food.

The first class is June 26 and will feature American Fourth of July holiday foods

Participants will learn how to prepare a traditional Fourth of July holiday feast. Foods featured include barbecue, fried chicken, southern green beans, sweet potatoes.

The second class is July 31 and features German sauerbraten day. A typical German meal of sauerbraten (marinated beef roast) will be prepared, along with rotkohl

(red cabbage) made from scratch and spätzle (Southern German pasta) and knödeln (dumplings).

The lunchtime classes are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ACS kitchen/lounge.

The evening classes are from 6-8 p.m. in the ACS kitchen/lounge.

Reservations are required and class size is limited to 12. Call ACS at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188 to reserve your slot.

Call ACS for dates and times of international cooking classes at Neubrücke and Strassburg.

## ACS at a glance

For safety reasons, children are not allowed. Day care is not provided.

### Bright Eyes close

In the past, if the service member's child/children qualified for the Free or Reduced School Lunch Program, the child/children automatically qualified for \$50 off their next pair of glasses. Each child in the household was allowed one free pair per year. Unfortunately, the Baumholder Community Spouses Club has had to put a hold on the Bright Eyes Program. If you have any questions call Army Community Service at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

### School lunches

Applications for the 2003-2004 school year school lunch program will be distributed and accepted for all kindergarten and school age children, including all Sure Start students starting July 1, Mondays

through Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon at ACS, Building 8746, Room 3. Applicants will be required to provide the appropriate paperwork in order for ACS to determine eligibility.

Call civ (06783) 6-8188.

### Spouse group

The next meeting of the International Spouses Club and International Spouses Support Group is July 1 and 15 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the ACS lounge in Building 8746. The topic will be "German holidays — valuable information for everyone." Learn about German customs and culture. You will receive a hand-out with dates so that you can avoid scheduling shopping or trips on days when Germany shuts down.

For more information call ACS at civ (06783) 6-8188.

### Hello newcomers

Newly arrived spouses learn about German customs and culture, the German and American communities in Baumholder, German shop-

ping and dining out in Idar-Oberstein, and the local public transportation system by attending the Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome. They are also introduced to the German language. The class concludes with a day of Army Family Team Building Level 1 class. NOW is a three day class from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free child care is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call civ (06783) 6-8188 for more information.

### Readiness

The Employment Readiness Program at Baumholder Army Community Service offers an employment orientation class July 1 and 15 in the ACS lounge from 9-10:30 a.m.

This class includes insights as to the employment opportunities in the Baumholder community and its surrounding area. Participants will receive information concerning military spouse preference, defining federal and private sector opportunities, application procedures, basic Resumix start-up information and volunteer opportunities. For more information call Camille Jackson at mil 485-8188.

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## Well-woman checks

The Baumholder Health Clinic now offers 45-minute well-woman appointments on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to noon. These longer appointments will allow more time for the health care provider to focus on each woman's individual needs and concerns. The clinic still has 20-minute well-woman appointments available on a daily basis but in light of the stress created by the deployment of soldiers to Iraq, the health clinic seeks to improve its service to the women remaining in the community. The clinic will schedule appointments up to three weeks out. To make an appointment call mil 485-8080/8070 and ask for a Friday morning well-woman visit.

## Be a buddy

The Baumholder Buddies Program was established in conjunction with other community services to assist the families of the Baumholder community during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Army Community Service's goal for this program is to strengthen the Baumholder Community by incorporating the support of neighbors who are willing to become volunteers.

The program consists of two categories, community members willing to assist others and those who need assistance with certain tasks.

Participants must register with the 222nd Base Support Battalion volunteer coordinator's office and provide information such as where they live and how they can help or what they need help with.

Participants will be matched with a volunteer interested in providing assistance in the particular category indicated on the registration form. Those who wish to provide assistance will be asked if they are interested in providing assistance. If so, they will be placed with a volunteer who has requested assistance in the designated category.

For more details call mil 485-6565.

## New management

The thrift shop is currently holding an "under new management sale." It is located next to the Service Mart in Building 8544, across from the post exchange. Hours of operation are:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Consignment hours are:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m..

The thrift shop also pays cash for all transformers that are in good condition. While at the thrift shop, check out the new antique corner. For more information call Natasha LaRock, thrift shop manager, at civ (06783) 6-6653 or mil 485-6653.

## Gymnastic festival

The city of Baumholder's sports club, VfR Baumholder, holds a district children's gymnastic festival July 6. Competition begins at 9 a.m. at the Bruehlhalle, Westrichhalle, both gyms and at the soccer field. About 250 children are expected to participate. The festival provides an opportunity to see what a local sports club offers. Festival coordinators offer a special family fitness competition at 1 p.m. at the soccer field. Mothers or fathers

## Post notes

must accomplish several stations together with their children. Participants will receive certificates. Anyone interested may sign up the day of the event. For more information call Petra Heinz, gymnastics coach, at civ (06783) 3639.

## EFMP survey

In order to meet the needs of the community, interested individuals are encouraged to stop by Army Community Service and fill out a support group survey. This will let Exceptional Family Member Program officials know when, where and how often persons would like a support group to meet and what topics they would like covered. The Baumholder military community has more than 700 diagnoses for exceptional family members in a variety of categories. Caring for an individual with any type of special need puts an extra demand on the caregiver and the Exceptional Family Member Program wants to help. EFMP officials are in the process of forming EFMP support groups but need your help. Stop by and fill out a survey or contact Robert Sheely at mil 485-8188, civ (06783) 6-8188 for more information.

## Support sites

Numerous organizations supporting U.S. soldiers in Iraq have sprung up on the Internet since troops first starting deploying. Some send messages to the soldiers. Others send packages and some even correspond with individual soldiers.

One such organization based on the Internet made up of dozens of volunteers has sent hundreds of packages to soldiers and is looking for more addresses to send packages to soldiers. Although it is neither wise nor allowed to provide names and address of individual soldiers through cyber space or any other means without permission from the individual, it is not forbidden to jump on the website and see what they have to offer.

For those who want to learn more the grassroots support soldiers are receiving, go to [www.operationmilitarysupport.com](http://www.operationmilitarysupport.com). It is a public site and its appearance in this publication does not imply endorsement by the U.S. government.

For a more official view and to learn even more about deployment activities and other support agencies go to the Pentagon-based website [www.defendamerica.mil](http://www.defendamerica.mil).

## Baseball clinic

Youth Services offers a major league envoy program July 14-15 at Iron Soldier Field. The program is free and open to children ages 6-12 from 9 a.m. to noon and ages 13-18 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Children can learn baseball skills from former MLB coaches.

A coaches clinic will be offered July 14 from 6-7 p.m. at the Rheinlander in conjunction with the program.

Registration is limited to 60 youths so those interested are encouraged to sign up now. For more information call the youth sports office at mil 485-6968.

## Interviewing

The Employment Readiness Program at

Baumholder Army Community Service offers a class in Interviewing For Success July 18 from 9-11 a.m. at the ACS lounge. This class will assist job seekers prepare for an interview, discuss frequently asked and difficult to answer questions and how to dress. Participants are given possible interviewing scenarios and asked to discuss appropriate responses and reactions. For more information call Camille Jackson at mil 485-8188.

## Resume writing

The resume writing class will help job seekers prepare and write a winning resume, cover letter, thank-you letter and follow up letter. This class will be offered the last Friday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m.

To sign up or for more information contact ACS at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.



## Fourth of July

The 222nd Base Support Battalion American Pride celebration will be held July 4 from 2 p.m. to midnight. Bring the family for food, fun, sports, entertainment and fireworks. Events begin at 2 p.m. and are free. A live concert featuring Rhythm and Blues sensation, "All That," begins at 6 p.m. Fireworks start at 10:30 p.m. The location is the Hall of Champions complex in Baumholder.

## Summer sledding

Bobsled in Braunshausen with Baumholder Youth Services. You'll get five trips uphill on a modern chairlift and speed down 1,000 meters on a twisting slide. The bus departs the Underground, July 26 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10. This trip is for students age 12-18. Reserve your seat by July 18. Call Youth Services at mil 485-7276 for details.

## Youth swimming

Baumholder Child and Youth Services offers the following classes: Parent/Child Water Orientation for ages six months to 3 years; Preschool Swim Lessons for ages 3-5; and Level I, II, III, IV for ages 6 and up.

Your child can participate in synchronized swimming, water polo, stroke improvement and water safety. The cost is \$45 for eight classes. Classes will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Baumholder indoor

swimming pool. The registration fee includes a skill level certificate.

## YS trips

Baumholder Child and Youth Services has planned a trip to Europa Park, the biggest amusement park in Germany. The bus departs the Underground July 19 at 6 a.m. The cost is \$25 plus spending money. This trip is for students in grades six through 12. Reserve your child's seat by July 11. Call Youth Services at mil 485-7276 for details.

## Goju karate

Learn Chinese goju karate from the best — master instructor, Thomas Felder, a sixth degree black belt. Youth lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. at the Baumholder American High School and on Mondays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at the Neubrücke Gym. Adult lessons are also available. Call mil 485-7003 for details.

## July YS activities

Baumholder Child and Youth Services has planned several activities in July such as a trip to the Main Taunus Zentrum in Frankfurt-Höchst July 12, Europa Park July 19 and bobsledding in Braunshausen on July 26.

## Youth classes

Baumholder Child and Youth Services offers several classes for youths every month. Dance classes are available for children age 3-8 for \$30 per month. Chinese goju classes are every Monday and Thursday from 6-7 p.m. at the Neubrücke Gym for \$30 per month. Swimming lessons are held for infants to 18 years and cost \$45 for eight sessions.

## Rudy's

For more information visit Rudy's in Building 9032 on Strassburg Kaserne in Idar-Oberstein or call mil 485-8602

## Lunch break

Rudy's serves lunch Wednesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by and try their lunch menu. Call mil 485-8602 for details.

## White elephant bingo

Remember one person's trash is another's treasure. On July 16 bring items to the Rod and Gun Club to enter into bingo. What you bring is used as prizes. Call mil 485-6345 for details.

## Just for kids

The Baumholder Rod and Gun Club opens its doors to youth. A teen dance will be held July 12 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Kiddie bingo for ages 5-12 offers toys as prizes July 13 from 3-5 p.m. Parents, your child can earn extra cash or trade their toys, clothes and other items at the kids' flea market July 19 from noon to 4 p.m. Cinema Night for children brings a classic or new release, free popcorn and Kool-aid every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. These events are happening in Building 8167 on Smith Barracks.

## Gone country

If you love country and western, you'll feel right at home at Baumholder's Rod and Gun Club. Round up your friends for free country and western dance lessons every Thursday night and stop in for country music on Fridays and Saturdays until 4 a.m.

## Out with old stuff, in with new

### Stables to house iron horses

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It was out with the old to make room for the new as German soldiers from the 1st Panzergrenadierbataillon in Aalen rolled in a German version of an M-88 wrecker into an old horse stall on Smith Kaserne to haul away dozens of 1st Armored Division Museum pieces that had been stored there.

"This area is going to be remodeled into a motor pool," said Eiko Holzinger, 222nd Base Support Battalion director of logistics. Holzinger's logistics personnel and the German soldiers were working together to clear the old horse stable that apparently did serve as a makeshift motor pool at one time. In the middle of one stable is a typical grease pit that would have served no practical purpose for the original occupants of the building.

A walk through the old stables reveals an interesting collection of historical debris. In addition to the tanks, anti-aircraft guns, howitzers and even an old helicopter sitting in the stalls waiting to be hauled away, ironically and for some unknown reason, someone actually managed to dig up an old horse made of papier mache and store it amongst the old military hardware. It might have served as part of a cavalry display at one time. A "wound" in the horse's paper frame reveals newspaper text that dates it back only seven or eight years, making it one of the younger items in the aging collection.

Some 40 historical items that had been stored in the old horse stables are being shipped to a holding area in Germersheim, Germany. About 10 additional items will be stored at the airfield because they are part of the history of the units stationed in Baumholder.

"For example, the operational Sherman, we're not going to give that to Germersheim," said Daniel Peterson, 1st Armored Division Museum curator. "That's a valuable vehicle and the unit responsible for maintaining it (1-35th Armor) wants to continue maintaining it when they come back," he said.

The history of the rusty old relics is not limited to their operational days. Some continue to make history well after their heydays. A cigarette smolders between Holzinger's fingers as he motions to a World War II vintage half track. In a gravelly voice familiar to all in the 222nd BSB, he points out, "See, each one of these vehicles has a history, like this one here. This vehicle right here belonged to the 1-6th. They used it during changes of command not long ago. It still runs. Before it ended up here it was sitting in front of their motor pool."

Because much of the equipment that could have been used to haul the old vehicles away is currently deployed with the soldiers in Iraq, the logistics crew used what they have on hand to help the German soldiers move the equipment out and what they have on hand



Employees from Baumholder's Directorate of Logistics position an old anti-aircraft gun into position for transport out of the old horse stalls holding area.



Stabsunteroffizier Martin Plonus and Hauptgefreiter Philipp Bormann from the 1st Panzergrenadierbataillon in Aalen, remove a tow bar from an old tank to help with towing the old vehicles to the airfield.

are some old vehicles that are still operational. So the engine of a massive old truck was turned over and the old relic was used to haul some of the other old-timer machines.

"We've been at it for five days. It will take another two days before we can take all of this out," said Holzinger.

"This will either be part of the new expanded motor pools for 1-6th or 2-6th Infantry," said Peterson. When complete, the site of the old military horse stalls will still be housing horses, but of a newer more lethal breed. The new occupants will be the iron horses of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team.



The instrumentation of an old Army helicopter is surprisingly in good condition after sitting in storage for years. Another surprise was an old Opel Blitz ambulance that's wooden interior still had a shine.

## July has summer events for all

**By Heather Ybarra**  
*Morale Welfare and Recreation Marketing*

School is out, summer is officially here and Baumholder's Morale Welfare and Recreation has many events planned to help you enjoy your summer to the fullest.

### Independence Day celebration

Begin the month of July with the American Pride Celebration on July 4. Sporting competitions, game booths, food, a live band, fireworks and more will be available. The fun will take place at the Hall of Champions Complex and will begin at 2 p.m. with the fireworks at approximately 10:30 p.m. Get your friends together and come out for an Independence Day celebration.

### Go golfing

Rolling Hills Golf Course is offering many junior programs

this summer. On July 11, juniors age 7-17 can participate for free in a junior putting tournament. There is no registration required, just show up at 5 p.m. and play to win prizes. The German American Junior Golf Clinic will be held June 24 to July 29. The clinic is open to youth 7-18 and will take place every Tuesday from 4:30-6 p.m. Sign up today for instruction in all elements of golf.

### Outdoor Rec trips

Explore Europe this summer with Outdoor Recreation. They are going to Legoland, Six Flags Belgium, Holland, Paris and Metz and will have adventures in white water kayaking, sea kayaking, paragliding and more. Not sure if they offer the trip you want? Just give them a call. They will work with you — you get the people together and they will help you plan the trip.

### Rod and Gun

Baumholder Rod and Gun Club

has many new activities for children and parents alike. Every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. the club staff will show a children's movie and serve free popcorn and Kool-aid. Come watch a children's classic or new release for free and enjoy the evening. On July 13 children age 5-12 can come play Kiddie Bingo and have the chance to win toys as the prizes. The games begin at 3 p.m. On July 16 parents can come out for White Elephant Bingo. "One woman's trash is another's treasure." Bring items from home to be used as prizes. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. Don't forget Baumholder Rod and Gun Club offers food delivery in Baumholder. Call mil 485-6345 or civ (06783) 6 6345 if you don't feel like cooking.

### Auto Crafts

Baumholder Auto Crafts can help you with car detailing, car maintenance and more. They offer auto detailing and customizing by

appointment. Do you need to learn the basics of car maintenance? Every Monday Auto Crafts offers a basic car maintenance class. If you are interested in having this class presented at your next family readiness group meeting, they can help you with that as well. Call mil 485-6344.

### Get in shape

Baumholder Fitness is offering a new aerobics schedule. All classes are held at the Rec Emporium on Wetzel Kaserne. Water Aerobics is held at the Baumholder Indoor Swimming Pool located in the Rec Emporium. Call mil 485-6156 for more information. If you need child care during the aerobics classes — Wetzel CDC offers child care from 8:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. Call mil 485-7133 for more information.

### Personal training

Baumholder Sports and Fitness will soon begin offering personal

training services as well as aerobic classes on Smith, Neubrücke and Strassburg Kasernes. Watch for more information.

### Youth Services

Baumholder Youth Services is going to Europa Park on July 19. The cost is only \$35 plus spending money. Feeling the need for speed? On July 26 YS will go bobsledding in Braunshausen for \$10 plus spending money. Get signed up now. Call mil 485-7276 for more information.

### Free concert

The month of July will conclude with a free live concert July 30 when Amy-Jayne McCabe will perform at a location to be determined.

Fourth of July celebration, golf, trips, bingo, car detailing, fitness, youth activities and a free concert — Baumholder MWR has something for everyone this month. Enjoy your summer.