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BCT Rear-D Commander

STRIKER 6

Dear Family Members and Friends of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team,

I want to welcome back to Baumholder all of the spouses and family members who have recently returned from summer vacations and trips. I hope that you were all able to relax and enjoy yourselves to the greatest extent possible.

Our soldiers in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team continue to stay extremely busy as we execute our mission here in Baghdad. We have had numerous visits by congressional delegations and other distinguished visitors - all of whom leave 2BCT with absolute admiration for the superb job our soldiers are doing.

I would like to share with you what we are doing in terms of accomplishing our mission over here and to impress upon you how complex and diverse our mission really is. First of all, the security environment -- we continue to focus on the apprehension or elimination of the remaining paramilitary and terrorist forces still operating in our area. To that end we are having very good success. The number incidents where our soldiers have encountered bombs, been engaged by rockets or small arms fire, or by mortars has steadily decreased over the last two months. This is in direct proportion to the success we have had in collecting intelligence and targeting those responsible for these kinds of attacks. In spite of what you may read in the newspaper or see on television, from our perspective, we are winning the fight in Baghdad.

A positive trend these days is the increasing willingness of the Iraqi citizens in our area to share information with us about enemy forces. They are now starting to realize that the faster we can secure their neighborhoods, the faster we can influence their desire to improve the economic and political future of Iraq.

In addition to concentrating on our security related

tasks here in Baghdad, we are also heavily engaged in renovating and repairing critical infrastructure and public service facilities in our area. We are currently involved in renovating or repairing 134 out of 140 schools in our area as we aggressively attempt to have these schools ready by 1 October, the first day of school for the Iraqi school children. Other projects that we are heavily committed to include the following: 29 different projects to improve the sewer systems, 17 projects to improve the quality of the water and the distribution of water in our area, 17 different electrical projects ranging from improvements in the power distribution system to putting street lights up on poorly lit streets, 27 trash projects that range from repairing garbage trucks to removing rubble caused by the war, and 50 other miscellaneous projects that range from health clinic and orphanage renovations to hiring local Iraqis to pick up trash in their own neighborhoods.

Finally, our soldiers stay civically engaged with the Iraqi citizens in their neighborhoods, as we have helped them to form and operate local government councils. Each neighborhood, which is generally overseen by a company in the BCT, has formed a neighborhood council referred to as the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC). The NACs convene weekly meetings to discuss issues and concerns of the neighborhood. In turn, each of these NACs has elected representatives, based upon the population of their neighborhood, to a District Advisory Council (DAC) that also meets weekly. The purpose of these councils is to give Baghdad City residents a forum in which to participate in rebuilding their city's infrastructure and institutions. Through these councils, Baghdad City residents raise issues of concern, and recommend solutions, to Coalition authorities, Baghdad Municipal Managers, and National Ministry Representatives. These councils that our soldiers and leaders have been instrumental in forming and facilitating will establish the basis of a representative system that will ultimately develop into a full fledged democracy.





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In conclusion let me just say that I continue to be extremely proud to serve with the soldiers of the Iron Brigade. Their ability to adjust to the many complex and diverse tasks that they accomplish everyday is a testament to their professionalism, valor, state of training and most of all, the high caliber of soldiers that we all know they are.

STRIKE HARD!

COI Ralph O. Baker

PIONEERS

Dear Friends and Family of the 47th FSB,

It's been five months since our deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and I am happy to report that everyone is in good health and the battalion continues its tradition of excellent support to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. At this point in the deployment, many family members are beginning to wonder why their soldiers have been called upon to sacrifice so much. What is so important that it is worth separating families for a year? I will try to explain.

This month we will remember the anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in history – the one that occurred in New York and Washington DC on September 11, 2001. I was in the pentagon on that fateful morning. Let me give you a first hand account of what happened. It was a peaceful, cool and sunny day. The military personnel and civilians had been at work for several hours and many were in meetings or tucked away in their rooms quietly working the morning away. When the plane hit, the entire building - the largest office building in the world – shook to its foundation. Smoke and fire immediately billowed through the halls. The destruction was absolute, killing everyone on the plane and killing scores and wounding even more inside the building. The killing was as random as it was thorough. Many military, and just as many civilians, lay dead exactly where they were when the plane hit. Innocent mothers, fathers, and children lay among the fallen. Many children in elementary school were left at neighboring schools because there was nobody left to pick them up. I could go on and describe the carnage I saw that day, but I won't. Let it suffice to

say that I saw enough death and sadness that day to last a lifetime.

Now you ask, what does this have to do with me, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. It means everything. Here's why. The objective in the global war on terror is to prevent another attack like September 11th before it happens. Operation Iraqi Freedom, like the military operations in Afghanistan before it, is a part of the continuing war on terrorism. We can say with confidence that the world is a safer place because the United States took action in Iraq. Although you may not see it on national TV or in the newspapers (they tend to focus on the negative news), we are making significant progress in the ongoing war on terrorism here. We continue to find and dispose of thousands of pieces of lethal weaponry, we are arresting some of the world's most evil men, and denying yet another staging ground for potential terrorists. This is why your husband or wife has been asked to sacrifice and their sacrifice is paying off for all of America.



Never forget the rage you felt on September 11, 2001 after America was attacked by cowardly, and evil men, whose sole aim was to kill innocent people to make a statement. Never forget that the 47th FSB in Iraq, and the families in Baumholder, are part of this historic effort to make the world a safer place and to prevent this from happening again. Thank you for your sacrifice, your dedication, and the support that you give to the soldiers each day. You are truly the best of America! Modern Pioneers!

LTC Hurley Pioneer 6



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HELLRAISERS

1 SEP 03 Organizational Day



HHC, 2BCT conducted an organizational day starting at 0600 with the LABOR DAY 5K run. This event was run along the Tigris River Reservoir behind the 1-6 IN and MP compounds. It was an out and back course. The winner was the 501st MI



executive officer, 1LT DeLeon in a time of 17:05. He was closely followed by LTC Coats, Commander, 40th EN BN, in a time of 17:24 and SPC LaFramboise, 141st Signal Battalion, in a time of 17:47. From 1000-1400 there was a Volleyball Tournament, Tug-of-War, HUMMV Pull, and HEMMT Tire Relay Race. These four events constituted the commander's cup. Competition was intense with the Brigade Reconnaissance Troop squeaking past the HELLRAISERS by one point. Next time they won't be so lucky! The day concluded with a steak and

near-beer dinner served by the commanders and first sergeants from 1730-1900 and a Watermelon-Eating Contest. Here are some pictures of the events.



The HELLRAISERS' SSG Holley leading the charge in the HUMMV pull



The HELLRAISERS' PV2 Woods powering away in the Tire Relay



The HELLRAISERS dominate the field during the Tug-of-War competition.



REGULARS

1-6 News Notes (13 SEP 03)

December 7th, 1941 was called a day that would live in Infamy. When the Japanese Navy launched that unprovoked attack more than a half century ago it awakened a sleeping giant and galvanized a generation. Two years ago, a similar unprovoked attack awakened a new generation. This week we remembered those events. The Regulars paused in their busy schedules to pay tribute to our fallen countrymen who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the War on Terror.



SPC Illich Galeasbonilla, SPC Anthony Woods and PFC William Montanez are awarded the Purple Heart during the Regular's 9-11 Commemoration Ceremony. On either side are LTC Peter Jones and CSM Wayne Andrews.

On Thursday afternoon the soldiers of Task Force 1-6 held a solemn ceremony of commemoration. The event was scheduled to coincide with the key events of the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 starting at 6:05 p.m. (10:05 a.m. NY time), the time the South Tower fell, and ending at 6:28 p.m. when the North Tower fell. All soldiers not actively on guard or patrol duty were part of the formation. 1LT Michael Peterson organized logistical support and provided a replay of President Bush's speech of two years ago. LTC Peter Jones and CH (CPT) Damon Onellion gave inspirational messages to the troops. 1SG Anthony Petrone read a narrative of the events of that fateful morning including eyewitness accounts.

The Regulars even had the honor of special guest participants. MAJ Martha Granger (Mrs. Anthony Turpin) of the Division Future Operations Section (and former member of the West Point Chorale) sang the National Anthem. SGT Jesse Roberts played Taps and SPC Mark Brown & SPC Shane McConnell preformed "The Angry American" (also known as "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue") by Toby Keith. These three gentlemen are all members of the 210th MP Company of the North Carolina National Guard, reservists whose mission has been to augment the patrols of our soldiers in sector. SGT Travis Martin (Charley Company) ran the sound system and SPC Joel Turbeville was official photographer, providing important technical support. Many soldiers commented after the event how moved they were. SPC James Sutton of the Medic Section said, "Wow, that was deep. That was really deep. I was touched."



A member of the responding EOD team holds a remote controlled detonator that was attached to an IED near the University of Baghdad.

Since terrorists are often much more concerned with the statement an attack will make than they are with how effective the attack may be; there was concern that the anniversary of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks would provide an opportunity for such a statement. Alpha Company managed to circumvent any plans by our foe in this arena. First and Second Platoon continued their patrols in sector, aided by somewhat milder temperatures, but with a twist; some of their patrols were on the Tigris River, by boat. Third Platoon was tasked out to help our sister battalion, 4-27 Field





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Artillery, in continued support to the pay site for the former Iraqi military.

While Alpha was taking boat rides, Bravo was learning what every good runner knows, the importance of good track shoes. If your shoes get worn, they will not protect your feet. Tracked armored vehicles are the same way. "Running" them on city streets is hard on their "shoes" as well. The boys of Bravo Company are reaping the "rewards" of their hard work patrolling the streets of Baghdad. Their shoes are getting too worn to use, and since replacement track is in short supply they are having to make do with what they have. SFC Kevin Watson and his crew spent much labor on the slow and tedious task of trying to piece together enough track to keep their Bradley on the road. SFC Watson's comment on the fruit of their labors, "This is only going to cut it for a couple more weeks. We have to get some new track soon." More and more of their patrols are being made in Hummers. The unit did get four new Hummers this week to help, but the boys still feel it is comforting to know that there is a Bradley backing them up if they get into trouble.

In addition to the September 11th activities, Charley Company's highlight this week was operation Big Apple. The Company planned an attack on the Special Republican Guard barracks after they received various tips of criminal activity from the local community. The operation was executed as a Company mission. Third Platoon acted as the main effort while First and HQs Platoons provided the cordon for the operation. SGT Christian Hart, SGT Jack Willis, PFC Juliano Vasquez, and the rest of third squad led the day confiscating various weapons and contraband in several buildings. With the aid of OH-58 helicopters CPT Joe Ewers was able to vector in SGT Carlos Palacios, SPC Christopher Langston, and 1LT Phillip Snyder to capture someone trying to escape the cordon with a couple of AK-47s. After completion of the mission the Commandos had confiscated four AK-47s, five pistols, four shotguns, six canisters of tear gas, a spear gun, a box of possible bomb making equipment, and several books on military tactics. Kudos to Charley in removing even more of the garbage from the streets.



SFC Kevin Watson, SGT Jack Ames, PFC Ryan McMillan, and PVT Kevin Moran work in the heat of the day piecing good track together to get their vehicles up.

All in all, September 11th came and went without major incident. The troops had a moment to reflect on why we are here. The heat is not pleasant. The difficulty in getting supplies in a timely fashion can be frustrating. And, especially being away from home and you, our loved ones can be a real drain on morale. Sometimes, in the daily routine of patrols and maintenance we can forget that we are part of a bigger picture. But, when we pause and think about those who would attack our way of life, we recognize our need to be here. We also thank God for your support. Knowing that you are supporting us and waiting for us is the inspiration that keeps us going. Until we meet again, we are "**Regulars...By God!**"

GATORS

REENLISTMENT BAGHDAD STYLE

By 2LT Joshua Page

The Martyrs Memorial stands, stark and imposing against the light blue of the early morning Baghdad sky. Elegance emanating from graceful curves and smooth lines, the monument is so completely non-Western in design as to offer U.S. soldiers, visiting for the first time, a momentary shock to the senses. It was against this backdrop that General Sanchez, CJTF-7 commander, administered the oath of reenlistment to SGT Francisco Mejia and SSG





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Ronald Lee. The Thursday morning ceremony, though brief in duration, captivated the audience and instilled in each soldier present a sense of purpose for the ongoing military operations in Iraq. Speaking on the necessity to reenlist quality NCO's and of the importance of families to the ongoing operations in Iraq, General Sanchez made clear that his presence at the ceremony was a demonstration of his commitment to the retention of young soldiers.

For SGT Mejia of New Orleans, the sentiment on family support rang particularly true. As a father, whose wife gave birth to their third child less than a month ago, SGT Mejia fully understands the pains of family separation as well as the strength that comes from the support of a strong family unit. When asked he said, "I would like to congratulate my wife Deidra Mejia on the birth of our third child."

SSG Lee, who calls Durango, Colorado home, focused more on the people who helped with his reenlistment than he did on the importance of family life. The necessity of support and the value of friendship ranked foremost in the the mind of SSG Lee. "I would like to particularly thank 1 LT Thompson, SFC Navarro, SSG Rosa and especially General Sanchez for making my reenlistment possible" said an obviously touched Lee.

SSG Lee and SGT Mejia fit perfectly into the mold of selfless service and devotion to the soldiers they work with, extolled by General Sanchez. Both men agree that the people they work with are the most important aspect of their mission. SSG Lee's primary thought during the time I spent with him was not on his recent reenlistment, but rather on the people in his unit. Following the same line of reasoning SGT Mejia insisted that his primary motivation for reenlisting was to support the soldiers he works with.

SSG Lee and SGT Mejia have answered the call of their nation, but in the end it is not the nation or the individual unit who have received the greatest benefit from the sacrifice of these two selfless individuals. It is the soldier, the men and women who come into contact with these two men on a daily basis that are the true beneficiaries. So it is with the most profound sense of gratitude that the 2-6 Infantry battalion offers its congratulations to SSG Ronald Lee and SGT Francisco Mejia for a job well done.

THE FECC: A FEC BY ANY OTHER NAME

By 2LT Joshua Page At the heart of every successful military operation is a solid foundation based on the effective coordination of competing efforts. 2-6 Infantry has found the key to success. That key is the Fires Effects Coordination Cell known as the FECC. Located at the heart of the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) CPT Collins, SFC Porter and SSG Johnson work tirelessly in a continuous effort to mold the battalion's assets into a cohesive unit. In the words of SFC Porter the FECC's senior NCO their mission is to "plan, coordinate and synchronize all available assets in support of the battalion's mission."

What sets the soldiers of the FECC apart from the rest of the TOC is the fact that they are artillerymen. Because artillery support has taken a back seat to



From left to right: SFC Porter, SPC Sims, PFC Schultz and SSG Johnson

peace keeping operations they have had to create a new niche for themselves. For the FECC this has meant learning a new job. Ordinarily the Fire Support Element (FSE), responsible for planning fire missions they are now the FECC responsible for planning peacekeeping operations.

SPC Sims, the Radio Telephone Operator (RTO) and PFC Schultz, the primary driver and data update specialist have both found new callings. Sims, working the night shift, and Schultz, working the day shift, create, catalogue and track the badges for every Iraqi worker that comes onto the Muleskinner Compound. This job is not nearly as easy as it sounds. With hundreds of of Iraqis entering and exiting the compound on a daily basis the update



process is a time consuming but vital part of the battalion mission.



2LT Schwartz, Charley Co. FSO and CPT Collins

For the FECC's senior leadership the change in mission means extra work. In addition to their job of coordinating the battalion's assets in Baghdad they are also responsible for ensuring that their subordinates remain proficient in their training as artillerymen. This is a challenge the FECC has met without hesitation. Drawing on past experience, individual leaders have created training programs designed specifically to address the unique challenges faced by their sections. SSG Johnson has developed a battery of tests and practice drills focusing on plotting and tracking unit locations and conducting fire missions. Along a similar line, the three FSO's under CPT Collins charge conduct a weekly OPD to hone their skills and learn the tasks they will need as they progress in the Army.



1LT Cohen (left) and 2LT Adams (right) styling in front of their HMMW-V

For CPT Collins the challenge is to maintain a balance between retaining his skills as an artilleryman while conducting the peace keeping mission he is currently charged with.

For the soldiers of 2-6 Infantry FECC life has reached a steady state. As the ups and downs of peacekeeping operations balance out a sense of normality pervades the Fires Effects Coordination Cell. News from the home front, like the recent birth of SSG Johnson's daughter Alisha, adds a spark of joy to the day to day operations, but life for now, as it should, retains its even keel.

THUNDER

From the Desk of the Commander

LTC Brian J. McKiernan



LTC McKiernan awards the Bronze Star to 1LT Rich Wable

Greetings from Baghdad. The "Iron Thunder" soldiers continue to set the pace for 2d BCT Operations. In the past month we have accomplished much in all areas; Quality of Life Improvements, Security Operations and Support Operations.

Quality of Life improvements include the establishment of an Internet Café with 20 computers, increased access to telephones, three AFN decoders and we began regular rotations for soldiers to the Rest and Recuperation facility in nearby Qatar. All of these improvements are part of our efforts to keep





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our soldiers fit to fight and important to management of the fighting force.

Even so, we cannot lose sight of our mission and every soldier and leader in the Iron Thunder Battalion remains focused on the task at hand. Our main effort continues to be providing security for the citizens of Baghdad. We enjoyed many successes this month to include the apprehension of several key figures that financed and organized attacks against coalition forces and leaders of organized crime. We also captured one of the largest operational weapons caches found in recent months. All this brings us closer and closer to our goal of eventually turning the responsibility for security over to the Iraqi Police, the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps, the Facility Protection and Security Forces and eventually the New Iraqi Army.

I also want to thank each of you for your continued support; your sacrifices are not forgotten and your encouragement means the world to all the soldiers here in Baghdad. Keep your spirits up and continue to send your love and support. Iron Thunder!

Thunder Six

THUNDER BASE

By 1LT Cameron Edlefsen, Battalion Adjutant
CHARGE! 4-27 FA is doing exactly that, taking charge in the Second Brigade Combat Team's sector of central Baghdad. Many positive highlights took place this past month. The Thunder Battalion is doing its part to provide a safe and secure environment in Baghdad.

First, in early August, your battalion detained a man named "Ali Momma." This man was a close personal friend to Saddam Hussein and was responsible for drug trafficking, prostitution and performing assassinations for Saddam. "Ali Momma" was a target sent to us from Division and now this menace to Iraqi society is no longer able to commit crimes against Coalition Forces or innocent Iraqi citizens.

The second highlight for the Thunder Battalion that most of you may know already, is the huge cache of weapons found next to our base. We found

4xAK-47s, 1x7.62mm Machine gun, 49xRPG rounds, 123 pounds of plastic explosives, 16xhand grenade fuzes, 150x14.5 mm rounds, 20 lbs of gunpowder and 3000x7.62 mm rounds. These weapons were well hid and were to be used against Coalition Forces. Thanks to the Hunter Platoon's discovery, these weapons will not serve their intended purpose.

Conditions for the Thunder Battalion's home are constantly improving as well. We now have an Internet Café and AFN decoders so the soldiers can email home and watch some familiar T.V. like football and the World Series!

Thank you for all of the support in the rear, the soldiers cannot thank you enough.

CHAPLAIN CORNER

A once-distant grief again has come home to us in the loss this week of DIVARTY soldier SSG Christopher K. Kimmerly. A terrorist-fired RPG struck SSG Kimmerly while he manned a Humvee-mounted gun on Sunday. Medics immediately rushed the badly wounded soldier to the nearest hospital, where American surgeons worked heroically to stabilize him. In Baumholder on Monday morning, only hours after the attack, a notification team including DIVARTY Rear-Det Chaplain Bob Francis had to tell Mrs. Inge Kimmerly and son Christopher that her husband had succumbed to his injuries. Friends and helpers from the 4-27 FA BN promptly began to assist the shocked family. Chaplains conducted memorial services Wednesday in Baghdad, and on Friday in Baumholder.

This sad incident reminds us of the ugliness of sin in our world, but also of real services provided to military families. Our fellow citizens in the civilian setting often feel even more unprepared and unsupported in their bereavement. Nonetheless, our whole community feels the shock, and we lift up the grieving family in our prayers to the God of All-Comfort.

FRG leaders are requested to gather volunteers for the *Hometown Care Downrange* care packaging project to take place Saturday, October 4. Volunteers should please phone Chaplain Francis, 485-7100, to let him know of your commitment. Help is needed to pack up care packages consisting of food treats, useful items, and religious support literature. Volunteers can report anytime between



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1000 and 1400 on Saturday at the Rheinlander auditorium. A pitch-in lunch will be available.

An energetic young couple, Rich and Melissa Short, will begin this week taking on new duties as youth specialists in the Chapel communities. They have four years' experience with Malachi Ministries in Yokosoka, Japan, and have presented good plans for working under Chaplain Grossruck here.

STRIKING SCRIPTURE -

An old spiritual song sounds at first a bit sad until it reminds us of a wonderful truth in the last words of its refrain: "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, nobody knows -but Jesus!" Perhaps those words were inspired by the life of the Apostle Paul. This man knew much testing and suffering: read the horrendous catalog of his experiences in *2 Corinthians 11: 23-30*. He relied upon God to comfort him in all of his too-frequent sorrows. He did not let his sufferings quench his determination, however, to "*rejoice in the Lord always*" (*Philippians 4:4*). Therefore we must accept it as characteristic and perfectly fitting that this disciple of *the Man of Sorrows* (*Isaiah 53:3*, which is fulfilled in Christ Jesus) should begin his letters often with the words, *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*. In his second letter to the Corinthian Christians, Paul immediately follows that greeting by launching into a doxology which is our **Striking Scripture** for today: "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.*" (*2 Corinthians 1: 3-5*) No matter what your religious tradition, you will find in these words good food for thought and grist for your serious discussions with others. Comfort one another with these words.

Community Announcements

B 1-6 FRG is having a meeting on Monday, 22 SEP at 1830 at the FRG room at Wetzel

47th FSB Next FRG Meeting. 22 Sep 03, at 1800 hr at the Wagon Wheel theater, 27 Sep 03, at 1300-1430 we will be making card for the kids to send to their parents downrange.

September events

- 24 LINKS
- 27 Care Fair, Hall of Champions, 10am-4pm
- 30 Town Hall Meeting

Financial note for families in the Baumholder area.

There have recently been several family members who have paid their phone bill at the Dutche Post near the health clinic in Baumholder. Those payments have been credited to the wrong account and the families had their phone service disconnected. When asked to correct the problem Dutche Post said that for a 40 Euro fee they could research it and it may take as much as a year to figure it out. To avoid this challenge you may pay your bills at the Community bank where it is cheaper and resolution of these kind of issues is much easier.

Commissary Hours

Construction has been postponed while they decide what additional improvements will be made. The hours starting 1 September will be 1000-1900 except Thursdays 1000-2000.

Most USAREUR Commissaries, including Baumholder are having a case lot sale on the 19th, 20th, and 21st of September.

Oil Change

Baumholder Auto Skills Center is now offering oil change services after hours! On Tues-Fri after 5 pm and on the weekends from 10 am – 5 pm, you can get your oil changed! Standard oil change is \$19.95, synthetic is \$39.95 and both include oil and filters! To make your appointment call DSN 485-6344.

Personal Trainer

Want to make sure your workout is the best way to get results? Consult the Baumholder Personal Trainer! She will walk you thru the correct way to do the moves and what will work best for the results you wish to achieve! For more information call 06783-186426.

Care Fair

Date: Saturday, 27 Sep 03
Time: 1000 – 1600
Location: Hall of Champions





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NEW AEROBICS CLASSES

Baumholder Sports and Fitness will be offering NEW aerobic classes on Smith, Neubruecke and Wetzel Kasernes. Classes are 12 for \$25 and all fees must be paid to the instructor. The class schedule is as follows:

Straussburg Gym MWF 0900
Mountaineer Gym TWTH 1145
Hall of Champions MWF 1645
Neubruecke Gym TTH 1800 SAT 0900

CYS

Saturday, 20 Sep 03, 1800 – 2200
Smith CDC (Infants – Kindergarten).....\$10/child
Smith SAS (1st – 6th grade).....\$6/child
Payment due when reserving a spot
Must be registered with CYS
Reserve by 11 Sep 03 (spaces limited)
Smith CDC 485-6461 Smith SAS 485-6641
Carlotta James at DSN 485-6852

Youth Services Events

20 Sep 03 – High School Dance at the Teen Cafe
Cost: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

Check our Web site:

www.baumholder.army.mil/youthsite/html/ys.htm

Youth Winter Sports

Basketball – \$30 for first child, \$27 for second
Cheerleading – \$20 for first child, \$18 for second
Registration ends 5 Dec 03
Minimum 5 years old
Winter sports season: Practice starts in December
Games begin in January

Rheinlander Events

Monday Night Movie Night
Tuesday night kids' night with
– kids' movies in the restaurant
Wednesday Night Buffet
Saturday Night Schnitzel Night
Saturday Market on Sept 20
Free Concert, HOT MOLINA (a Latin Band) 2
October 1900
Amy Gee at DSN 485-7507

Water Aerobics

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 1800 – 1900
Location: Rec Emporium

Community Level Basketball

The Baumholder Sports Office is looking for a few good men and women! If you are 18 years of age or older, no longer in high school, and would like to be a proud member of the Baumholder Bears or Lady Bears basketball teams, call DSN 485-7176 for more information.

Baumholder Education Center

August brings in a variety of educational opportunities for the *Baumholder* community. Adult Ed class dates through October 10, 2003

Conversational German I \$40
Monday & Wednesday **0900-1100**
Or Monday & Wednesday **1800-2000**
English as a Second Language **NO CHARGE**
Wednesday & Friday **1130-1230**
Sign Language \$40
Tuesday & Thursday **1800-2000**
Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST)
08-22 Sept 03
Automotive Service Exams (ASE)
November 2003

Reminder Army Emergency Relief (AER) Spouse Education Assistance Program Term 2 deadline – 29 Sept 03 AER will pay up to 50% of an active duty spouse's tuition at local colleges.

Application Deadlines: New financial aid forms for 2003-04 now available.

Visit the Education Center in building 8332

Education Center is open from 0800-1700 HRS. Financial aid applications are available for the 2003-2004 school year. For more information, call 485-7557.

Outdoor Rec Tours

Bad Duerkheim Weinfest 20 Sep
Six Flags – Holland 20 Sep
White Water Kayaking 27 Sep
Oktoberfest Munich 04 Oct
Werner Graf at DSN 485-7182





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Host Nation Sponsored Events

19-22 Sep 03 Bad Dürkheimer Wurstmarkt
 20-22 Sep 03 Baumholder City Fair Market
 26-28 Sep 03 City Fest at Oberstein
 4 Oct 03 Flea market at Homburg/Saar
 6 Oct 03 Market at Kirn
 11-12 Oct 03 Environmental exhibition at Kusel
 11 Oct 03 Team Duathlon at Kusel
 12 Oct 03 Crafts & Farmers market at Kirn
 12 Oct 03 Birkenfeld City Fest
 18-19 Oct Hobby arts exhibit, Brühlhalle Baumholder
 25 Oct 03 Flea market at Metz, France
Madeleine Dwoiakowski, 485-1600

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM

For information concerning applications for the program, please contact Army Community Service (ACS), Bldg 8746 at DSN 485-8188 or CIV 06783-6-8188. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700, with the shortest waiting times between 0800 and 1200. This year you **will be required** to show proof of income (latest end of the month LES/pay stubs for spouse's income), kindergeld amounts, child support, **any** additional income, etc. **THEREFORE, ALL EXTRA DEPLOYMENT INCOME WILL BE COUNTED.** We will, **also**, need to see concurrent travel orders to the Baumholder community (showing the student's name) in order for us to determine eligibility. Only one application per family is required. For questions or for more information contact: Donna Vielma, Financial Readiness Specialist at 06783-6-8188

ACAP Services

Open House Job Fair – 28 September in Heidelberg
 The Village Pavilion – Patrick Henry Village
www.morejobs.net

Relocation Assistance for Spouses

If your spouse is currently deployed but has received orders to relocate, don't delay planning and organizing your move! You can take care of many move-related tasks before your spouse returns to Baumholder. The more you get done now, the less stressful your move will be: an added bonus, the more quality time your family gets to spend together when the soldier returns from the deployment.

The Baumholder ACS invites all spouses to schedule individualized relocation planning consultations. Whether the service member is currently deployed or in Baumholder, spouses can obtain the same quality assistance as the service member. We will provide you with a comprehensive packet about your new location, as well as information to help you organize a smooth move. Relocation assistance is available whether the move is a PCS move or the service member is retiring or separating from the Army.

Please call ACS at 485-8188 or 06783-68188 for information and to schedule an appointment.

FORCE PROTECTION

Security awareness

After the commemoration of 9-11 events, we must continue to re-commit ourselves in being active participants in anti-terrorism and force protection. We all need to keep our ears and eyes open and report immediately the following:

- Suspicious individuals or suspicious behavior.
 - Photographing or videotaping of U.S. installations or facilities.
 - Individuals who appear to surveil gates, FP operations, etc.
 - Attempts to obtain information about U.S. military activities or related information.
 - Suspicious vehicles or objects "out of place".
- While you are not asked to put yourself in harm's way, pay attention to details that law enforcement authorities will need to track down the offender:**
- Description of the vehicle (license plate if possible, color, make, etc.)
 - Description of individuals (race, color, built, clothing, # of passengers, activities, etc)
 - Description of activities (photographing, taping, taking notes, parked and observing, etc.)
 - Direction of travel

Be patient and cooperative at gates. Random antiterrorist measures are needed.

You are reminded that we all play a vital part in anti-terrorism and force protection, and with help, we may be able to detect and prevent possible terrorist attacks. There is no reason to panic, all we need to do as a whole, is to: deter, detect, and protect, in the most effective way.

Report all suspicious activities to: BHR MP desk, DSN 485-7546/7547 or civilian 06783-6-7546/7547.

