

Editor

BG Hertling, our ADC-S, will be doing daily updates about 1AD from downrange on AFN radio. The broadcast times are: 0545, 0645, 0745, 0845, 1545, 1645, and 1745. AFN will still include some stories about 1AD in the news update broadcast at 30 minutes after the hour, but will focus exclusively on 1AD at 45 minutes after the hour.

If there is anyone who would like to receive this by email simply drop me a line and I will add you to the distribution list. ted.m.preister@us.army.mil

CPT Ted M. Preister
BCT Rear-D Commander

HELLRAISERS



This is SPC Tiffany Goff with her new Brigade in Kuwait. SPC Goff's husband is SGT Goff a driver in 2nd Brigade.

MEDEVAC Training

The company conducted CASEVAC and MEDEVAC Training on the 24-25 SEP 03. Our soldiers reviewed the nine-line MEDEVAC report, how to setup a Landing Zone (LZ), and the loading procedures for casualties. They also received a familiarization with the aircraft's equipment. This training is mandatory for all soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and gives our soldiers the know-how and ability to bring in life-saving support for their fellow soldiers.



Frontal View of a MEDEVAC UH-60 helicopter from the 753rd Air MEDEVAC Company "DUSTOFF" during HHC's CASEVAC/MEDEVAC training on the 25th of September.



Soldiers receive an aircraft orientation after the completion of the training

CONQUERERS

I guess everyone knows that the "Environmental Leave Program" is underway by now. General Bell has set it up so that families can go directly to the airport to pick up their loved ones. A liaison team from Division will brief the soldiers on the terms of the leave before they are allowed to depart from the airport. I am asking everyone to please check in with the Rear Detachment upon arrival and once more when you are within 24 – 36 hours of returning from





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leave. If your family is going directly to the states please call the rear detachment if there are any problems. This 14-day leave is not negotiable and the soldiers will be in trouble if they miss their flights back for any reason. Leave enough time to get back! This way the rear detachment staff can help track your movement.

TF 1-35 AR (including A/2-6 IN and C/2-124 IN Florida NG) has 6 slots each Friday. We are being told these numbers may go up slightly per week in about one to two weeks. We will have sent 8 soldiers back to either Germany or Baltimore by this weekend. Unfortunately, this volume will be the same throughout unless there are some significant changes. This simply means that only 1/3 of the eligible soldiers will get to come home from all the companies. I wish I was able to send everyone home but we will have to make due with what slots we are given. All leaves will be open to all ranks barring major operations that may interfere with the timing of potential leaves, necessary leadership required to conduct day-to-day operations, or pending UCMJ actions against any soldier. Here is the criterion the brigade is using. We have 4 categories for eligibility for leave:

Category I – someone who has received a RED CROSS message but was unable to go home because the Theater Emergency Leave Policy did not allow them to (i.e. Wife's mother passed away, Spouse's uncle or sister-in-law passed away, etc.).

Category II – Baby Leave. All families who have had a baby since we have been deployed or are about to are eligible. We are trying to send home very close deliveries first so that they can time it to be there but then we will work backwards from the earliest birth since we deployed. Example, a family whose baby was born on 15 May just after we got here will get leave before a family whose baby was born in July.

Category III – Are soldiers who were "fortunate enough" to PCS into Baumholder just after having been to Afghanistan, Kuwait, etc. and have spent the last 1 ½ years deployed.

Category IV – Are all others and we are running a lottery within each company. That way each company gets its slots but must draw from a hat those eligible. A soldier, NCO, or leader can give up his slot for someone else but will go to the bottom of the list. These individuals will need to sign a counseling form to show they know what they are giving up. The slots will be broken out according to a percentage that corresponds with the number of soldiers in each company.

Some soldiers will not get leave due to the fact they are PCSing before 1 Mar 03 or they arrived I theater after 1 Sep 03. Others may not get leave due to disciplinary actions they have received since being over here.



2nd Platoon, 1-35 C. Company taking a break under a palm tree.

Bravo Company is now officially part of TF 2-6 Infantry. Bravo company is also making the move up to the MULE SKINNER compound and finally start living a little better. We have officially brought on board A/2-6 IN (Assassin) and C/2-124 Infantry (Rifle) from the Florida National Guard. Rifle Company will depart in February but arrived here last February and took part in combat operations. Rifle Company guards the Convention Center where many of the big Press Conferences are held and where Drew Carey performed on 26 Sep 03. We sent over 100 soldiers to see him and take a little comedy break.





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We will be ramping up and getting ready to go shoot big bullets after the XMAS holidays. Everyone is pretty excited to go fire some main gun rounds again finally. This is more like a free gunnery for all our new gunners. Scores are not being recorded --- we are merely getting an opportunity to train crews, platoons, and companies.

RUMOR CONTROL ...

- Soldiers who have received punishment for actions while deployed will be considered for leave but they are being put near the bottom of the list due to their actions.
- They are working a third set of DCUs for everyone and some more boots. If you have some patches for your spouses at home send them to him so he can get them sewn on.
- KBR food is going to be a little late. We are not getting the new contract until 12 October. Not sure it will be much better chow but we are all up for a little change.
- Everyone going on leave will lose 14 days worth of the "save pay" or separation pay (= about \$50). That will be taken out after leave is complete and may not show up for a month.
- About 24 soldiers are going on Pass to Qatar each month. We may get a couple more passes for this in a month to bring our numbers up to 30 people per month.

We will be saying good-bye to a few of our senior NCOs this month. SGM Battle goes on to be a Command Sergeant Major for 1st Squadron, 2nd Light Cavalry Regiment. They are operating to our northeast. MSG Hadley will be PCSing to Fort Hood where he will get his company ready to deploy back over here as part of 1st Cavalry Division. MSG Woodland is PCSing to Fort Stewart where he will be a 1SG and probably getting ready to train up or deploy somewhere else as well. SFC Hewitt will depart for AC/RC job probably to help his National Guard or Reserve unit prepare to deploy to this region.

Many officer moves are taking place within the battalion. 2LT Gowel will go take 1st Platoon, Bravo Company and become part of an Infantry Team in TF 2-6 IN on 5 October. 2LT Forshier has already gone down to 3rd Platoon, Bravo Company and will

become the platoon leader on or about 2 October. We have welcomed 2LT Erickson into the S3 shop as the new Liaison Officer who has many additional duties (like the huge task of establishing the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) within our area). 1LT Kalicharan will move up and assume the XO role in B/1-35 AR. 1LT(P) Searcy will come to the battalion S3 shop from the XO position of B/1-35 AR on 6 October. 2LT Patashnik is giving up his platoon in Alpha Company, 1-35 AR to 2LT Hayward on 22 October and take the role as S5 and learn from MSG Woodland before he departs. We will also be losing 2LT Marvin to the TF 2-6 IN Scout Platoon in a couple of weeks. We may also be losing SFC Wetherington to C/2-6 IN but we are trying to keep him in the Conqueror Task Force. It is unknown yet as to who their replacements will be.

Congratulations to CPT Green, CPT Izzo, and CPT Fowler effective 1 October 2003. With all these brand new 2LTs coming in it is good to see a couple of CPTs emerging from the ranks.

We are all keeping safe and taking care of one another. Keep the packages and letters coming. That is great for all the soldier's morale as well as my own because I go around and try to sample everything as well!

That is all until the next update...

Conqueror 6
LTC Lane

CONGRATULATIONS to LT Jason Eason and wife Katie on the birth of a baby boy, Jason Michael Eason. He was born on September 24th 2003 at 5:02 pm EST. Weight: 8lbs and 6 oz. Length: 20 1/2 inches. Mom and baby are doing great! She is with family in the states, her mailing address there is:

1123 Oakensnaw Dr.
Lanesville, IN 47136
(812) 952-2943

THUNDER

Bravo Co. BEARS
By CPT Ryan Wood

The hottest days of summer are past us in Baghdad however the temperatures are far from being Germany-like. Despite, the environmental





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conditions, Bravo Battery soldiers' conviction remains resilient. Our daily neighborhood patrols have created a much more safe and secure environment for the people of Iraq. Many local programs are beginning to demonstrate positive future potential. The Iraqi police are constantly patrolling the streets of Baghdad. Our neighborhood council's proactive initiatives result in trash removal, building a youth center, and world food distribution without the US forces presence and little support.



Bear Maintenance NCOs take time for a picture at the Crossed Sabers in Baghdad

Looking back at the progress achieved, the Bears can be proud of the hard work, sweat, blood, and tears. Iraq is a better place today than when we arrived 16 May! The FOB is also a better place to live. The newest projects are the installation of an Internet café (\$1 per 30 minutes, 1 hour limit), building doors on soldier's rooms, and designating a mini shopette in the soldier's barracks. This month's farewells include the Buntings, who are moving to Fort Carson, Colorado, the Andersen's, who are moving to Fort Stewart to become part of the Ranger Regiment family, and the Dollars, who are leaving the military to pursue their dreams in the civilian sector. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the soldiers and the families for their support during this operation. New to the Battery is the Byrd family. SSG Byrd comes from 1AD DIVARTY. Assigned to Baumholder April 1995 as a Fire Control NCO, SSG George and Nicole Byrd and their children Tiffany (2) and George (5 months) are welcomed to the Bear family. **Bears!!!**

PIONEERS

The 47th FSB has embraced the definition of "multifunctional logistics". In addition to our daily mission of supporting the 2nd Brigade Combat Team the 47th has begun to fortify a foundation of friendship with the local Iraqi community that exists right in our backyard. It all began with two men that jumped our perimeter wall in search of roofing material for their farm animals. After we apprehended them we found out that they were simply in need of the basic necessities for survival that we generally take for granted. Food, water, clothing and simple resources were all they needed to maintain survival of their small village. Quickly we hired many of the men in the local village giving them much-needed jobs in order to support their families.

Since we have begun to build a foundation of trust with the people in this village we have encountered several very unfortunate situations. Several children were seriously injured as a result of remaining cluster bombs in their area. Trusting us implicitly, they gave us their children and begged for our help. Rushing them to the aid station the medics and doctors in the Forward Surgical Team quickly came to their aid and gave them the medical attention they needed to survive. Because of their quick response two children are still alive, and we have gained the trust and friendship of strangers that border our perimeter. Their gratitude even extends to our protection as they watch our perimeter wall at night and chase off unwelcome strangers.

We have brought a glimpse of hope to a saddened community rich with despair. Though we are far from home and our families we are thankful that ours are safe and well taken care of.

To everyone at home, thank you for your continued support.

CPT Schmick

GATORS

Few of us will ever forget what we were doing or where we were this morning two years ago. Many of you were with this unit at training, or in other units deployed around the world. Some of you were back home with family and friends. Some of you were at jobs or school, going about your daily lives.





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TF 2-6 IN standing in formation for the September 11 ceremony

I for one vividly remember being in my office, watching the news in disbelief as the second plane struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center. I remember being surprised by the way the entire Pentagon shook when the plane hit less than an hour later, and evacuating the building because of the smoke. I remember forming up in litter teams to evacuate the wounded, and watching as the dead were carried from the rubble. I remember remaining on site the entire day with thousands of others in the smallest hope that we would be able to get just one more person out. I remember the long walk and Metro ride home that evening, and of feeling utterly alone during that ride. I remember sitting on my front steps later that evening with my wife, my son, and brother after what seemed to me the longest day ever. And, I remember thinking that everything I understood about the world had changed.

Several of those who perished on September 11th were soldiers with whom I served at the Pentagon. They, along with those in the World Trade Center and on the hijacked planes paid the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom. Let us never forget their sacrifice or the heroism of the firemen and police who perished trying to rescue them. Let us never forget the unity we felt as a Nation in the aftermath of the attacks. And let us not forget the urgency and sense of purpose that the attacks gave the Global War of Terrorism and our current mission.



LTC Williams, Commander TF 2-6 IN addresses the battalion as his staff looks on

Every generation has a defining moment- September 11th was clearly yours and mine. At that moment we as a nation and as individuals had a choice to make. And that choice has led us here. Clearly we would not be here now had we not been attacked. And while we are here trying to help the Iraqi people make a safer, better life for themselves and their children, we are in fact here fighting for those very same things for ourselves and our children. If the events of September 11th showed us nothing else, it showed us that this fight was going to occur somewhere. I for one would much rather have this fight here in Iraq than at home amongst our families.



The United States Flag flying proudly in Baghdad

So, as we continue our mission in Baghdad, do not forget what brought us here or why we cannot afford to lose this fight. Let us ensure by our actions here and now that there are no more attacks like those of September 11th against our homes, our families and our friends during our lifetime. And



when looking back later in life, let us say "We spared no effort to accomplish this mission with honor and to bring everyman home when mission complete."

"Unity is Strength! Remember the Regiment! Gators!"

LTC T.C. Williams

REGULARS



Freshly promoted Captain Jim Hoffman, the 1-6 Rear-D commander, pins a Purple Heart on SSG Kelechi Madabuco of HHC 1-6 on 1 Oct 03.

CHAPLAIN CORNER

Operation Downhome Support Downrange had to be rescheduled. Instead of happening this coming Saturday, the troop support project now takes place on Saturday, October 18, from 1000 until 1400 in the Champion Hall gymnasium. Picture merry volunteers by the dozen arrayed in front of about 500 shipping boxes. Around them are mountains of useful supplies including faith-building literature, all ready to be packed into the boxes. With eagerness the volunteers set their hands to work and soon pallets of CARE-giving packages, calculated to boost morale, are being trundled out to the MPS postal trucks. Everybody takes a break for lunch, which is conveniently spread out on nearby tables. Time for conversation, catching up with one another: this is caring for one another BOTH in Baumholder and in Baghdad. If you want to be a part of this happy scene, phone Chaplain Bob Francis, 485-7100.

One paragraph in this column last week gave rise to an unfortunate misunderstanding. Let me (Chaplain Horning) have another go at it in hope of improving the level of conversation in "the public square". The paragraph touched on the unhappy case of Chaplain Yee, who was arrested as he left the Guantanamo EPW camp, carrying classified documents. Charges being considered against him include spying and collusion with the enemy. I stated that this case prompts us -as fellow citizens- to consider some serious questions about what we expected a Muslim chaplain to accomplish among suspected terrorists who say their deeds were motivated by their religion. Having articulated several questions in such a barebones context, I moved on to another topic.

As a chaplain, I anticipated that the case of Chaplain Yee would be exploited by political foes of the chaplaincy in general, and also by religious foes of Islam. Neither of those outcomes is desirable. The best way to prevent polarization and stick to the real issues of policy and strategy would be, I thought, would be to discuss objectively how religious motivations can be tested for sincerity: "*by their fruit you shall know them*" (Matthew 7:16). In other words, I've shared friendship with "good Muslims" who never would betray their countrymen, who always seem full of good will, hospitality, and genuine friendliness. I've admonished "bad Christians" who dishonor their Lord by their ungodly behavior. I've enjoyed the company of "good Hindus" who offered home hospitality. And so forth. Certainly I do not mean to impugn the patriotism of Muslim Americans in general, nor specifically that of the excellent volunteers who are interpreting for us in Iraq. Rather, the question is, when a person says he has converted to a certain religion, are we willing to judge his understanding of what he has done? Are we courageous enough to ask him, "What do you believe? And, why do you believe it? And, what difference does that make in what you do?" If not, we might be surprised by the gap between his profession and his actual practice.

As Soldiers and Americans, we can get along comfortably with all sorts of people who believe all sorts of things. Generally, what we hold in common is enough basis for community. Let's practice an open and accepting attitude toward all people. But let's not treat religious differences as if they mean nothing or are trivial. Rather, let these differences





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lead us into peaceful discussions for mutual edification and for building understanding among minds that differ.

Striking Scripture

Our verse for this week is *Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then all these things (that you worry about) will be given to you."* This truth combines a command and a promise that God binds Himself to fulfill. If we make knowing Him our first priority, and if we trust Him to be God to us, then He undertakes to supply what we need in this life. By contrast, our worrying or fretting is a way of assuming ultimate control of ourselves. When we worry, it's as if we say to God, "You neither understand my situation, nor are you doing anything about it, so I will take charge - and do all the worrying." That solution leaves us with the entire problem, but none of its solution! Let's set our affections and minds heavenward. God, better than we, is able to take care both of us and of our families. Once we entrust our ultimate concerns to Him, He gives us plenty of useful things to do, and we find Him supplying whatever we need most at that moment.

BAUMHOLDER INFORMATION

Baumholder Chaplains are preparing care packages for single soldiers and **Need Your Help** to pack the boxes. **18 October from 10:00-14:00 at the Rheinlander**

BSB COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 5 Sunday Brunch, Rheinlander, 10:00am – 1:30pm
- 10 USAREUER Training Holiday
- 13 Columbus Day
- 25 Mass Casualty Exercise – expect long waits at the gate!
- 26 Daylight Saving Ends, set time back 1 hour
- 26 Town Hall meeting, Rheinlander, 4pm
- 29 LINKS, Rheinlander, 10:00am

DoDDS CALENDAR

- 1st Tuesday of the month SAC Meeting, Baumholder High at 1630
- 3rd Thursday of the month SAC Meeting, Wetzel Elementary at 1430
- 11 Oct 1300 High School Football @ Minnick Field

- 31 Oct No School for Students, Teacher work Day
- 1 Nov Super Six High School Football Championships
- 5 Nov 1430 SAC Meeting, Neubruecke Elementary
- 6 & 7 Nov All Elementary will have Parent Teacher Conferences
- 7 Nov Baumholder High School will have Parent Teacher Conferences
- 17 Nov 1515 IAC Meeting, BSB Conference Room
- 18 Nov 1430 SAC Meeting, Smith Elementary
- 27 & 28 No School, Thanksgiving Recess

CYS

Halloween Carnival

25 October, 14:00-18:00 in the Rheinlander Ballroom for ages 3-10
Volunteers are needed for this event! Contact Cindy Shelley at 485-7003

Baumholder CYS has positions open for Child and Youth Program Assistants. Work with infants through teens! Starting salary is \$8.20 per hour and is based on experience. We offer FREE training and advancement opportunities! If you are interested in applying, please call DSN 485-6566.

YOUTH EVENTS

- 18 Oct Middle School Costume Ball** at the Underground for 6th – 8th graders, Time: 1900-2300, Cost: \$3
- 25 Oct High School/Middle School Dance** and 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at the Hall of Champions for 6th – 12th graders, Time: 2000-2400. These free events are in support of Red Ribbon Week.

RHEINLANDER EVENTS

- Sunday Brunch, 5 Oct, 1000 – 1330
 - Tuesday night KIDS' NIGHT with movies, board games, and a \$3.50-per-child menu!
 - Indoor Garage Sale, 18 Oct, 0900-1600
Amy Gee at DSN 485-7507
- Internet Access only 9 cents/minute in the Cyber Zone!!**





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OUTDOOR REC TOURS

- 4 Oct Oktoberfest
- 4 Oct Metz Flea Market
- 4-5 Oct Polish Pottery Shopping
- 10-13 Oct Columbus Day Ski Trip to Austria
- 11 Oct Frankfurt Zoo
- 16 Oct IKEA Shopping
- 18 Oct CentrO Mall
- 24-25 Oct Czech Crystal Shopping
- 25 Oct Metz Flea Market

POC: *Werner Graf at DSN 485-7182*

Staff are recruiting for volunteer trip leaders at Outdoor Recreation. Training and free admission on trips included!

HOST NATION SPONSORED EVENTS

- 3-6 Oct Winzerfest at Offenbach-Hundheim
- 3-13 Oct Winefest at Neustadt (parade on 12th)
- 4 Oct Flea market at Homburg/Saar
- 6 Oct Market at Kirn
- 11-12 Oct Environmental exhibition at Kusel
- 11 Oct Team Duathlon at Kusel
- 12 Oct Crafts & Farmers market at Kirn
- 12 Oct Birkenfeld City Fest
- 13 Oct Glory-Gospel sing Concert at Reichenbach protestant church, 1900 hrs
- 17-27 Oct October market at Kaiserslautern
- 18-19 Oct Hobby artist exhibition, Brühlhalle Baumholder
- 21 Oct Wendel's market at St. Wendel
- 25 Oct Flea market at Metz, France
- 3 Nov Market at Kirn
- 8 Nov Flea market at Homburg/Saar
- 15 & 29 Nov Flea market at Metz, France
- 28 Nov Christmas market at Oberstein
- 29 Nov Christmas market at Reichenbach
- 29 Nov Christmas market at Berglangenbach
- 29 Nov Andreasmarket at Kirn

St. Martin Parades

- 09 November 2003: Kirn 1800
 - 10 November 2003: Baumholder 1700; Berglangenbach 1800; Leitzweiler 1730; Hahnweiler 1815; Hoppstaedten 1730;
 - 11 November 2003: Heimbach 1730; Rueckweiler 1700; Mettweiler 1800; Birkenfeld 1730
- POC:** *Madeleine Dwoiakowski, 485-1600*

BAUMHOLDER COMMUNITY SPOUSES CLUB

Come join us at the October luncheon on the 15th at 11:30 in the Rheinlander ballroom. There will be a pumpkin carving contest and 1/6 Infantry will be decorating! Childcare will be available if you make reservations by 1 October. Contact Cher Lim at cher.lim@us.army.mil or BC/189 302.

RSVP is required.

We're still looking for a few good spouses! The following positions are still open: Treasurer, Historian, and Tours & Activities Chair. If interested contact Melissa Schaffner at melissa.a.schaffner@us.army.mil or BC/990 969.

BAUMHOLDER SPORTS & FITNESS

We are seeking certified (or willing to become certified) instructors for the following contractor positions:

Aerobics

Yoga

Pilates

Marshall Arts

POC: Warren Latham, 485-6575 or David Jefferson, 4857176

Baumholder Sports and Fitness will be offering 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:

Strassburg Gym MWF 0900

Mountaineer Gym TWTH 1145

Hall of Champions MWF 1645

Neubruecke Gym TTH 1800 SAT 0900

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





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BAUMHOLDER EDUCATION CENTER

Register for TERM 2 classes with UMUC or CTC!
Remember to bring your financial aid forms!

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.

COLLEGE FAIR

The annual Kaiserslautern College Information Night will be held at the Kaiserslautern American High School on **Thursday, 23 October, from 6 until 8:30 pm**. Around 70 colleges and universities will be on hand at this event. Representatives will include both college staff members and European-based alumni. There will also be representatives at tables with information on some scholarship programs and other vocational interests.

This event is designed for and open to all high school aged students and their parents. It is an excellent opportunity to obtain first hand information on colleges and universities. If you are a parent of a high school student, please encourage him/her to put this event on their calendars. Also, please share this information as might be appropriate so that the event may benefit as many students and others who are considering college careers as possible.

CAR CARE

GERMAN AUTOMOBILE GARAGES, AFFES GARAGES, AND POV INSPECTION POINT OFFER A **FREE INSPECTION** DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER!

POV's are checked for safe tires, lights, wipers, and exhaust system. A sticker will be posted at the windshield, which shows that your car has successfully passed the inspection.

Are you getting ready to PCS or ETS? Do you need to ship your car back to the states? If so, we have the service for you! Baumholder Auto Skills Center PCS Car Cleaning will take care of cleaning your car and preparing it for shipping – one less thing for you to worry about! Just give us a call to set up your appointment! DSN 485-6344

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM

For information concerning applications for the program, please visit Army Community Service (ACS), Bldg 8746 or call DSN 485-8188 or CIV 06783-6-8188. Office hours are Monday - 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, or **any** additional income. **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

Holiday Mailing Dates

These are the recommended dates to have Christmas cards, letters, and parcels placed in the mail to ensure proper delivery by Christmas Day.

FROM GERMANY TO CONUS

SAM PARCELS 20 November 2003, Thursday

PAL PARCELS 04 December 2003, Thursday

PRIORITY PARCELS 11 December 2003, Thursday

FIRST CLASS LETTERS AND CARDS 11 December 2003, Thursday

EXPRESS MAIL 18 December 2003, Thursday

FROM GERMANY TO CENTCOM AOR

MPS PARCELS 20 November 2003, Thursday

SAM PARCELS 6 November 2003, Thursday

Mailing Guidance to CENTCOM AOR

While there is no specific limit to number of MPS packages mailed to CENTCOM AOR, patrons should take into consideration time, space availability, and resources to transport the mail. Helpful hints include:

- ❖ Recommend mailing 5 MPS packages per visit to ensure quicker processing of the mail at the finance windows.
- ❖ Appointments can be made at the local APO between the hours of 0800 - 0900 hours for personnel with more than 5 packages.





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- ❖ Smaller parcels generally move quicker due to space availability as opposed to larger parcels, which has more space requirements.

Keep the mailing deadlines in mind when sending packages. Earlier is better.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR SPOUSES

If your spouse is currently deployed, but has received orders to relocate, then 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. And, as an added bonus, you will have more quality time 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.

RE-INTEGRATION AFTER DEPLOYMENT

Re-integration with family members after a deployment can be stressful. To help ease some of those tensions there will be a weekly workshop that can help you prepare for it.

Baumholder Hero Day

*Reuniting Families after
Operation Iraqi Freedom*

Our community would like to thank all of our returning soldiers who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and contributed to making Baumholder a truly outstanding place to *Live, Work and Serve*.

Wednesdays

08:30 – 13:45

**An appreciation lunch will be served
Free child care available with reservation**

Highlights:

- ◆ Coping with reunion tension
- ◆ Recognizing post traumatic stress
- ◆ Preparing children for parent's return
- ◆ Facing changes in family members
- ◆ Establishing realistic reunion expectations

Proudly serving our Heroes:
**Army Community Service
Building 8746, 2nd floor**

Reservations required to hold your space at Baumholder Hero Days. Call ACS at 06783-68188 to make your reservation.

Arrange your free child care in advance with the Dispensary CDC at 06783-67203.

