



# THE STRIKER STATEMENT

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**CPT Ted M. Preister**

**BCT Rear-D Commander**

## HELLRAISERS

**Congratulations** go to SPC Adolfo and Angela Covarrubias on the birth of a baby girl! Anneliese Renee was born 6 Oct. Additionally CPT Johnathan and 1LT Beth Cornett have welcomed Isaac Nathaniel on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October.

## GHOST



It's three in the morning and everyone is asleep. There is no rumble of the Humvee's engines or chitchat between troopers. One could almost say that things are peaceful for Ghost Troop in Baghdad.

It only takes one word, however, to spring the Troop into action quicker than any alarm bell ever could; "showtime." At all times Ghost Troop maintains at least one platoon as the Brigade's QRF-quick reaction force. The hours are odd and missions unpredictable but it keeps Ghost troopers on their feet and introduces a little more excitement into their already adventurous day.

The Troop must roll out of the front gate of the Brigade Palace within ten minutes of receiving its mission. Necessarily, QRF is kept on a tight leash. When Troopers go to the internet café or the local

PX, they must maintain radio communication via Motorola radios at all times. Many a trooper has felt the sting when he finally made it to the front of the line at the internet café only to be snatched away for a QRF mission. As frustrating as that sometimes is, Ghost Troopers respond to the call with vigor and confidence: knowing they can handle whatever Baghdad can throw at them.

## CONQUERERS

### Conquerors Reconstruct Schools in Baghdad

CPT Charles H. Steward Jr., Task Force 1-35 AR, PAO

Reconstruction in Iraq encompasses a myriad of tasks, from providing power in homes and facilities to establishing governing agencies. One important issue, however, is the re-establishment of the school system for the children of Iraq. Task Force 1-35 Armor has been contributing to the re-construction of the school system in Central Baghdad by helping the Iraqi people to renovate many schools that had been neglected by the former regime. This project is focused on giving the "future of Iraq" the opportunity to get a quality education.



### **LTC Lane and MSG Woodland gets tour of Elem. School from the Headmistress**

Like most children around the world, the children of Baghdad are preparing to attend school in the fall. In support of this Task Force 1-35 has been working with local contractors, Neighborhood Advisory Councils, Non-governmental Organizations (NGO), and the Ministry of Education to ensure schools are prepared to start the school year. The unit is ensuring that contractors are fixing power, water, and



sewage issues within the schools. The unit is additionally ensuring that contractors are renovating the buildings, playgrounds and parking lots for most of the schools targeted for renovation.



### CPT Cundy conducts ribbon cutting ceremony at local kindergarten

Master Sergeant Darren K. Woodland, the task force Civil Military Operations officer, has been instrumental to the process of reconstructing the school system in the task force area of operations. MSG Woodland helped to make all coordination with each contractor to begin work on the schools. He also helped coordinate with NGOs and other agencies linked to the Ministry of Education to ensure new books, furniture, and school supplies would be available for the school year.



### LTC Lane is given tour of school by teachers

The Conqueror Battalion, 1-35 Armor, is overseeing the reconstruction of 20 schools in the task force area of responsibility. While there is plenty of work left to be done, the people of Central Baghdad are grateful for the efforts of coalition forces

to restore the education system in Iraq. It is one of the many parts of the reconstruction process that will shape the future for all of Iraq.

### GATORS



The 2-6 S3 Shop will be receiving a 'Party Box' for Halloween. Some of the families got together last Monday night to put it together. Left to right on the photo is Gloria Devos, Melanie Devos, Charlene Hormann, Cal Hormann, Tina Olson and Cyndia Wyatt.... all sporting their neon pink fangs for the occasion.

### The Support Platoon: Duty First

By: 2LT Joshua Page

Since the 2-6 Infantry Battalion first crossed the Kuwaiti border into Iraq it has played an important role in capturing high level officials in Saddam Hussein's regime, repairing destroyed neighborhoods and bringing stability to Baghdad. An often overlooked, but never the less vital part of the unit's success is the battalion's support platoon. Though they work behind the scenes and are rarely mentioned, these dedicated men have played an integral part in every mission TF 2-6 IN has undertaken.

So, what exactly is it that the support platoon does? The short answer is a little bit of everything. If a vehicle needs fuel, the support platoon provides it. If the maintenance platoon needs spare parts, the support platoon drives to Baghdad International Airport and picks up the required component. When a soldier receives a letter or a package from home it is the support platoon that brings it to him. When





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unexploded bombs are found, and need to be disposed of, it is the support platoon that transports the explosives to the disposal site. In short, the support platoon does a little bit of everything.



**The men of the support platoon gather for a group photo**

This may sound like lofty praise, and perhaps it is, but it is recognition that men of the support platoon earn on a daily basis. What is most remarkable about these hardworking individuals is the quiet professionalism with which they undertake each and every mission. Whether it is pumping gasoline for a convoy of Humvee's or transporting someone else's mail, the job is always done with pride.

Were the support platoon to quit doing its job, or stop doing it well, the battalion as a whole would cease to function. If vehicles had difficulty filling their gas tanks, movement around Baghdad would come to sudden halt. If soldiers no longer received their mail on a regular basis, morale would plummet. If spare parts were not picked up, vehicles would cease to work, and if unexploded bombs were not collected and transported to secure locations, those individuals plotting attacks against American soldiers would have a virtually unlimited arsenal of weapons upon which to draw.

The fact of the matter is that while very little praise is ever given to the support platoon there is also very little criticism, proof enough that they do their job well. It is a testament unto itself that these selfless individuals contribute so much to the battalion's success while asking nothing in return. In an environment where a units worth is all too often measured by the accolades it receives, it is

refreshing meet a group of people who work hard so that others can take the spotlight.

Though it is certainly not said enough, the men of TF 2-6 IN, would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and sacrifice of the support platoon, without whom all our best efforts would be little more than wasted time.

## **THUNDER** **FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER**

LTC Brian J. McKiernan



### **Lieutenants taking the next step**

Life in the Thunder Battalion this month has been filled with ups and downs. First, we mourn the loss of one of our own, SSG Kevin C. Kimmerly. I thank all of you back in Baumholder for all of your much-needed support for Mrs. Inge Kimmerly and their son Christopher. We will always remember SSG Kimmerly for his dedicated service to the army and his nation.

On September 28, 2003, I had the distinct honor of reenlisting seventeen soldiers as they decided to extend their uniformed service to their Nation. I am proud of their decision to continue to serve our country in a uniformed capacity. They are America's finest.

I also had the distinct honor to promote five of our officers to the rank of Captain. CPT Justin Cole, CPT Cameron Edlefsen, CPT Michael Haywood, CPT Michael Messner, and CPT Nicholas Padgalskas have matured as Lieutenants under the mentorship of their commanders and NCOs. The Army has recognized their potential and they are truly deserving of their new rank.





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As all of you know, the mid-tour leave program started this month and we have already sent thirteen soldiers home to see their newborn children for the first time. I wish we were able to allow all of our soldiers the opportunity to take advantage of this program, but unfortunately due to manning restrictions and constrained resources, our first priority is to send those who have had a baby since the deployment began or will have one prior to our return. The next priority is those soldiers who have had a six-month or longer deployment or a dependent restricted tour in the 12 months prior to deployment. Everybody else who is eligible participated in a lottery based on the number of months they will be deployed for Iraq Freedom. Those soldiers who will redeploy prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> and who arrive after September 1<sup>st</sup> are not eligible for mid-tour leave.

We also continue to improve the public services for the Iraqi Citizens in our sector. We have assisted in repairs on 20 primary and secondary schools in our zone. The Battalion has also repaired a water pumping station, a sewage pumping station and repaired a sewage problem which has plagued the neighborhood for thirty years.

The Thunder Battalion continues its mission of providing security and stability to our sector of Baghdad. Everyday we collect more intelligence on the enemy, which enables us to capture more and more weapons caches to include 12 RPGs, 10 assault rifles, 15 SA-7 shoulder-fired missiles, 4 122mm mortar rounds, 30 pistols, and several thousand rounds of ammunition. The collection of these weapons improves our safety and also those of the Iraqi civilians.

Our soldiers continue to maintain their steadfast discipline; their performance has been stellar. They will continue to do so with the support you provide from the home front.

Thank you.

**Thunder 6**

## 4-27FA Puts Down Riot Without Violence

2LT Turner, John



**Soldiers from A Battery, 4-27 arrive on scene on October 15 to secure the area.**

**Baghdad, Iraq** – Early in the morning on 4 October 2003, the Platoon Leader of the Quick Reaction Force for 4-27 Field Artillery received word that a large crowd was forming at the Former Iraqi Army Pay Site. After paying former soldiers for 5 months, the last day to pay had arrived and many people showed up to receive their pay. The platoon was dispatched to the pay site in case the crowd got unruly. Shortly before the reinforcements arrived, disorder broke out, apparently a planned attack by local militants against the peace and stability of the already established secure area. When the first platoon arrived, they quickly began trying to calm the crowd down. It quickly escalated into a riot when the approximately 25,000 people began throwing rocks at the coalition soldiers, tearing things apart, and setting fire to a guard tower at the entrance to the pay site. The coalition soldiers were faced with the dilemma of trying to calm a riot without further escalating it. They separated the large crowd and pushed them down the street in order to get people away from the pay site. Although the crowd was still unruly and still throwing rocks and bricks at soldiers, the soldiers of 4-27 were able to keep the violence to a minimum.

The Iraqi Facility Protection Services and the Iraqi Police Force quickly arrived on scene. The soldiers were very pleased with the way the FPS and



"2<sup>nd</sup> BCT NEWSLETTER" For Previous editions go to  
[http://www.2bct.1ad.army.mil/2ndBCT/striker\\_newsletter.htm](http://www.2bct.1ad.army.mil/2ndBCT/striker_newsletter.htm)

IPF handled the situation in order to keep the residents of Baghdad safe. The soldiers of HHB 4-27 did not sustain any injuries or have to use extreme force the entire day and were able to help put an end to the looting and rioting. There were shots fired by the Iraqi FPS and the Ministry of Transportation Police as the crowd migrated to and began to loot the surrounding infrastructure. The riot caused the pay site to shut down for a short time in order to ensure the safety of everyone. "Today, I believe we showed the Iraqi people that we are not barbarians. We were able to put down this riot quickly and without extreme force by just remaining calm. Anytime you're in a situation like this, it is very stressful, and our soldiers showed how well trained they are today," said SSG(P) Marcus Carter, the Platoon Sergeant of one of the platoons dispatched to the pay site. Days later, the soldiers of 4-27 were able to prove their skills again on 15 October by stopping a pro-Saddam demonstration before it started and without incident. 4-27 was notified by local Iraqi citizens of a large demonstration moving along the main street in their sector and based on prior lessons; they were able to suppress the demonstration quickly. The only injuries were minor injuries to two young children who were watching the demonstration when a homemade grenade, thrown by one of the demonstrators, exploded in close proximity to them.

## REGULARS

The astronomical feat of introducing a New Iraqi Dinar has been accomplished within a span of six months after Coalition Forces dismantled the tyrannical regime of Saddam Hussein. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, the people of Iraq lined up at banks across the nation not to just exchange the Old Iraqi Dinar and the Swiss Dinar for the New Iraqi Dinar, but to put a nail in the coffin of a deceased regime. A feat that took three years to accomplish after the fall of the Nazi regime in Germany has been accomplished in three months after L. Paul Bremer announced on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2003 the creation of a new Iraqi Dinar.



### **A New Dinar for a New Iraq**

The main reason for removing old currency from circulation and replacing it with a new Dinar was not only to remove the portrait of Saddam Hussein from the public conscious, but for many other benefits as well. The old currency was made of very old and cheap materials, which lacked durability and could easily be counterfeited. The new currency is made of high quality paper with many modern anti-counterfeiting measures incorporated into it.



### **The Old Iraqi 250 Dinar Bill**

Under the old currency there was only a few denominations used, mainly the 250 and 10,000 Dinar bills, which made making accurate change nearly impossible. The New Dinar comes in 50, 250, 1,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 25,000 denominations, which will allow the carrying of cash and making change a lot more efficient. The New Iraqi



currency will also unify Iraq under one common currency, unlike the old system, where there were two separate currencies operating at the same time, the pre-1990 Swiss Dinar used by the Kurdish population in the north and the old Dinar used in south and central Iraq. The New Iraqi Dinar also has brought with it international backing from the world community, which will bring legitimacy to their currency combating rampant inflation and creating a stabilized exchange rate with the staple currency in a Post-Saddam Iraq the US Dollar.



### **Iraqis carrying out sacks full of New Iraqi Dinar**

The New Dinar was printed in six countries across the world, flown in over twenty-five 747s and shipped across the country in over 100 convoys. The convoys utilized a fleet of aging Russian helicopters and tractor-trailers to deliver three billion Dinars, 22 tons of bills to three hubs, and 250 distribution centers across the country. Coalition Forces, the Iraqi Police and private security personnel risked their lives to bring the money to banks and shared the security responsibility for the deliveries.

The Dinar will be exchanged at most larger Iraqi banks from 15 October 2003 thru 15 January 2004, at a one Old Iraqi Dinar for one New Iraqi Dinar and 150 Swiss Dinars for one New Iraqi Dinar exchange rate. The money already in existing bank accounts, will be automatically exchanged out for the New Iraqi Dinar at the current exchange rate. When turned in, the old currency will be tested for counterfeiting using ultraviolet light and then marked with a permanent

marking solution and burned. For remote populations such as the nomadic Bedouins in the deserts and the Kurdish living in the northern mountains, exchange service will be available from mobile vans.

At 0600 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2003, B CO 1-6 IN BN setup a security perimeter consisting of barbwire, concrete barriers and strategically placed guards in the front of the Al Baraka Bank in Zone 14, expecting protest from Pro-Saddam supporters. What actually occurred was less than newsworthy: Iraqis peacefully standing in line with large bags of Old Dinars quietly exchanging their currency without any riots or demonstrations. When Hussin Mohammed, a Baghdad taxi driver who was standing in line at the bank was asked what his feelings were towards a new Iraqi currency he stated, "A new currency is a good thing. It will hopefully bring inflation under control, and bring buying power to the Dinar. The old Iraqi Dinar represented a brutal regime, that brutalized my people the Shias, leaving millions dead from years of war and oppression."



### **Hussin Mohammed, a Baghdad taxi driver, exchanging his Old Dinar**

As you look across Baghdad, you see stores packed with imported merchandise from across the world. You see displays of freedom of speech in the form of newspapers and peaceful demonstrations. You see things unheard of under Saddam's rule such as Kurdish and Shia Political Parties vying for





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political power in a new democratic Iraq. The New Iraqi Dinar represents this new Iraq with unlimited economic, social and political potential.

-1LT Carey Morrow

- Haunted House 24, 30, 31 Oct from 18:00-20:00 in the 1/6 Conference Room
- **\*\*\*CHANGE\*\*\*** Pizza and Piñata Party 31 Oct from 16:00-17:30 in the 1/6 is in the Wetzel FRG room
- Dessert Night 27 Nov 18:00-19:00 in Conference Room

## **PIONEERS**

### **47<sup>th</sup> FSB Successfully Completes Combat Mission**

For the first time in the 47<sup>th</sup> FSB history the battalion tasked it's Quick Reaction Force (QRF) with a patrol mission outside of the defensive perimeter, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2003. It was left in the hands of the battalion operations officer and SSG Funk (QRF, NCOIC). LTC Hurley, the 47<sup>th</sup> FSB battalion commander felt confident that the mission would be successful.

The QRF team is made of two squads, each consisting of four soldiers. -The QRF has been training since we've touched down in Baghdad, Iraq on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2003. The training we've endured from the start has been painful. We are a support unit. We don't get the chance to train like our brothers in combat arms. We all get weekly training from what we call "SGT's time", but mainly that's a refresher course of basic soldering skills.

While I've been on QRF my eyes have been opened to a whole new world of military training. Several things have made my experience challenging. I'm a SAW gunner. Which means I carry the M249, squad automatic weapon. The weapon weighs 17 lbs, not including the rest of my gear and basic load. A SAW gunner basic load is 800 rounds, each drum weighing 7lbs. With all this I've struggled with the sore pulled muscles, while my body adjusted to the weight. I have managed to maintain the standard.

The training that I really enjoyed was CQM (close quarters marksmanship). We would use this training for clearing buildings and houses. My job during

CQM is as the fourth man, rear security. As the fourth man I search doorways for bombs or trip wire, so the rest of the team can move in as safely as possible. Once in side the building I recheck all doors and kick them down, which is the best part. The adrenaline rush you get from not knowing what's on the other side is amazing. We've also learned the procedure for searching EPW'S (enemy prisoner of war) we used the 5-S method, which consist of search, silence, speed and safeguard.

Another part of our training was to construct and operate a hasty checkpoint. This checkpoint would search vehicles and personnel who seemed suspicious. During the mounted part of training all personnel stay in our vehicles. We use the clock method to tell us which way our weapons need to be pointed. The front vehicle's weapon is always pointing at the 12 o'clock position. As for me being the SAW gunner. I'm in the last vehicle for rear security at the six o'clock position. This is to ensure we have a 360-degree perimeter of protection around us. This was definitely the easy part of training. The dismount on the other hand was more physical. During this part my job was to dismount the vehicle as the last man, again as rear security, and walk towards our objective or what the mission called for.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2003, the QRF was tasked to conduct a patrol in the village one kilometer outside of our perimeter. The mission was 50% mounted and the other 50% dismounted. We rolled into our objective, with everyone's face glistening with sweat from the Iraqi sun. All soldiers involved were trying to embrace this task in their way. Some were anxious and excited, while others were clam, replaying their responsibilities in their minds, hoping they don't forget their part. Overall everyone was scared of the unknown. As for myself, I was a ball of emotion. Trying not to let it show. With a team full of men, being one of two females. You have to play tough, even when your not.

We entered the Iraqi town and circled their perimeter a couple of times. Gathering intelligence with our digital cameras and videotapes. We were looking for cachè points, survivability pits (which are placed under the ground for them to hide), and at the same time looking for anything that could be used for a boat. Intelligence had told us that they were





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planning an attack on Bagdad International Airport by using the waterways that run through the area, including a canal that runs along the wall dividing our perimeter with the Iraqi town. While riding through the small Iraqi town my feelings were mixed, one minute I felt sorry for them, because of their living conditions. The Iraqi people seemed frightened, but yet they were curious at the same time. Some of the people stood on the roads waving at us with smiles and others ran into their homes trying to hide. Then on the hand I felt anger towards them. They smile at you during the day and become your enemy at night.

For the past couple of weeks we've watched flares go up over the wall and the Iraqi civilians shoot their weapons at helicopters. They are allowed an AK-47 for home protection, but with this kind of behavior it caught our attention and needed to be dealt with. When it came time to dismount, my vehicle slowed enough for us to jump off. As soon as my foot hit the ground I knew it would be the longest walk of my life. All of my senses were on a heighten state of alert. My adrenaline pumping so fast it made it easy for me to forget about the weight I was carrying. We walked about a 1000 meters, stopping at different points checking the depth of the water and the width of the canal. I was so happy to get back in the truck, I felt safe. We even established a hasty checkpoint and searched a truck and it's occupant with little resistance.

After four hours of sweltering in the unforgiving Iraqi sun, the mission was complete. The QRF team came back with large amounts of information and one slightly used, successfully negotiated canoe. All personnel were accounted for and returned unharmed. All the training and qualifications we endured over the past months lead to our success in this mission.

The team consisted the QRF NCOIC SSG Funk, the team leaders SGT Nguyen, CPL Barry, and SGT Link, and the team members SPC Kronberg, SPC Malave, SPC Odom, PFC Artis, PFC Whitney and last but not least PV2 Davis. The 47<sup>th</sup> medics, intel personnel SSG Elm, SSG Rodrique, and SPC Shenouda. The Gun Trucks were manned by SSG Newborn, SSG Thomas, SGT Jones, SGT Donnelly, SGT Knoop, SPC Fairconeture, and SPC Cooke.

- **PV2 Amanda Davis**

## Greetings Hellfighters!!

Another months has passed us by and it seems even as though the days are long the deployment



continues to progress rather quickly. For the passed month 2LT Freedman and the soldiers of HHD have been working diligently on coordination for Baghdad's first annual 10-Miler / 10-Kilometer race, sponsored by the 47<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion. It was an effort to bring the Army Ten-Miler from Washington DC to Baghdad, Iraq for those avid runners who would not be able to attend due to the deployment. Although we had planned for 200 participants we catered to almost 800 runners, and the race was still a success. Many units on BIAP helped supply vehicles for static displays, the 1AD Band hosted the entertainment during the start and finish of the race and the Division Public Affairs Office supported us with photos and video coverage. It was quite an event and we received quite a few compliments. My greatest compliments go to all the members of the company and battalion that participated and helped with coordination.





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Unfortunately, the Hellfighters will be saying goodbye to a few extremely dedicated and hardworking soldiers. This month SPC Medina, SGT Sanders and 1LT Blake will be leaving the 47<sup>th</sup> FSB. Thanks to all the soldiers and family members for your constant support and dedication to the battalion, the company, and for your military service. Your constant support continues to help raise the morale of every soldier during this enduring deployment.

### **This months Awards & Promotions**

Army Achievement Medal:

SGT Barlow, SPC Clark, and SPC Guzman.

Recent Promotions:

SPC Minus

CPT Butler

**CPT Schmick HELLFIGHTER 6**

**FRG Notice** --- Fall Festival for Kids Tentatively Scheduled for Rhinelander Park on 26 Oct

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

THE CHAPLAINS CORNER

By: Chaplain Mitchel A. Tulloss

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

One of the most beautiful times of the year is the fall season. You can tell that fall is in the air by the different changes around you. You can hear and feel the wind blowing. There is the beauty of the changing colors of the trees. There seems to be a slowing down of the rapid pace of summer. All of these changes appear to suggest that we have entered a new season.

There is something special about a new season. It represents new beginnings. It offers a time and opportunity to start afresh. The new season offers the golden opportunity to refocus and to reshape visions and dreams. The truth is that our lives are compiled of phases and seasons. And to everything there is a season. What season is it in your life today? What newness do you long to experience? What dreams would you love to see come to fruition in this season of your life? If you could write the book about your life, how would you like this chapter- this season to unfold? Is there anything that you

could do to determine how it would turn out? Chances are, if you think about it, there probably is. I want to encourage you today to take advantage of the opportunities and golden moments that this season in your life offers you. There are two types of people in this world. There is the category that waits for good things to happen to them and then there is the category that makes good things happen for them. I challenge you to be in the latter group. This will enable you to make this season one to remember.

## **BAUMHOLDER INFORMATION**

### **BCSC**

Congratulations to Marisa McConville, Nancy Barr and for receiving a BCSC continuing Education Scholarship

### **BSB COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- 25 Mass Casualty Exercise – there may be waiting at all housing area gates!
- 26 Daylight Saving Ends, set time back 1 hour
- 26 Town Hall meeting, Rheinlander, 4pm
- 29 LINKS, Rheinlander, 10:00am

### **DoDDS CALENDAR**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month SAC Meeting, Baumholder High at 1630
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month SAC Meeting, Wetzel Elementary at 1430
- 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





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## CYS

### **Halloween Carnival**

25 October, 12:00-16:00 in the Rhinelander Ballroom for ages 3-10  
*Volunteers are needed for this event! Contact Cindy Shelley at 485-7003*

Parents Night Out is November 15. Childcare will be provided by Smith dispensary or Smith SAS.

## YOUTH EVENTS

**25 Oct High School/Middle School Dance** and 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at the Hall of Champions for 6<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> graders, Time: 2000-2400. These free events are in support of Red Ribbon Week.

## RHEINLANDER EVENTS

- 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!!**

## OUTDOOR REC TOURS

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

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 Andreas market 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 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

## 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

## BAUMHOLDER EDUCATION CENTER

Register for TERM 2 classes with UMUC or CTC!  
Remember to bring your financial aid forms!  
**Last day to register is 24 Oct** (under special circumstances late registration can be arranged as late as 28 Oct). Please 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





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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

## 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.
- ❖ 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**

ACS is offering a class on Wednesdays that focuses on issues after the deployment. Free child care is available, and lunch is provided. Please call 485-8188 or 06783-68188 to reserve your seat!

