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BCT Rear-D Commander

STRIKER 6

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

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I realize those two wishes may seem a bit hollow this year to many of you, especially those separated from loved ones during a time of the year that is especially important to families. I would however, like to offer another perspective on it.

I recently talked with a group of 2nd Brigade Combat Team soldiers about their thoughts during this holiday season. Of course every soldier that I talked to missed their family, friends and loved ones – not surprising. Also not surprising, but reassuring none the less, was that all of these soldiers also recognized that the job we are doing over here is so important that the sacrifices we make as soldiers and families are absolutely necessary so that we can ensure the safety and freedom of our great nation for years to come. As Americans we learned a long time ago that the price of freedom is not cheap. No one knows this better than a soldier and his family, both of whom make sacrifices that most Americans will never know or understand. Today is no different for us than it was for our forefathers 227 years ago when we earned our freedom for the first time. If we are going to ensure that our generation and those that come after us continue to enjoy freedom, our most cherished gift, for the next 200 years, then hopefully we can accept the short term sacrifices we are experiencing now. The soldiers in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team know why we are fighting here in Iraq and Afghanistan this holiday season. Our soldiers know that they are giving their families something very special this year – the gift of freedom for Americans everywhere and peace on earth for everyone.

I wish all of our family members and friends of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your sacrifices and God bless you and your families.

STRIKE HARD!

COL Ralph O. Baker

HELLRAISERS

Happy Holidays from the soldiers of HHC.

Christmas-time is coming and the FRG has stocked us with gifts for the holidays. Here is a picture of our Christmas Tree (courtesy of the 222d Base Support Battalion in Baumholder). Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Santa (SFC Mundt) with The Griswold and Navarez children at the Christmas Party on 19 Dec, Chapel Annex.



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**A special message to the soldiers in Baghdad:
We want them to know that no Christmas Party is
a true Party unless they are in attendance!**



CONQUERORS

**Army Sergeant Becomes A Father-
Figure For Iraqi Children**

2LT Lucas Sparks, C CO, 1ST BN, 35TH AR

SGT Casey Wilkes is assigned to Charlie Company, 1-35 AR. As a member of Task Force 1-35, SGT Wilkes and his platoon has worked numerous hours providing security for the Iraqi people by conducting checkpoint and patrol operations. This fact alone may not distinguish him from many soldiers in the coalition who are "soldiering on" while deployed to Central Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. What makes SGT Wilkes stand apart, however, is his renowned appreciation for the children of Iraq.

SGT Wilkes is expecting the birth of his first child in October. Every father wants to be present for the birth of his child, but SGT Wilkes may or may not experience the birth of his firstborn due to his deployment. Although it is uncertain if he will, the fact that he will soon be a proud father has helped him better relate with the Iraqis he encounters, especially those with young children. SGT Wilkes states that, "Being a father gives you a new outlook. You see little kids and you just want to make them feel good. I look forward to seeing my own baby soon, but right now I just want these little Iraqi children to know that we care." His new love for

children through this experience has helped relax families that have entered checkpoints, and that have been encountered on patrols. Many young children have truly enjoyed the presence of the coalition soldiers, but there are always those who cannot seem to get over their fear of soldiers providing security. SGT Wilkes has done what he can to ease their fears, including offering candy. He has gotten down on one knee to speak with them. He has done just about everything one can do to make a young child feel welcome in an environment that is not so enticing for a scared little boy or girl.



**SGT Casey Wilkes poses with one of the
many children who come to his checkpoint.**

SGT Wilkes has been able to grasp the scope of his mission in Iraq. He knows that the more at ease coalition forces can make the citizens of Iraq, including the children, the easier the mission will become. Making a few kids smile at a checkpoint is a small piece of the mission, but it may in some way demonstrate the commitment of Coalition Forces to helping the Nation of Iraq. The expectation of his first





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child has allowed SGT Wilkes to accomplish his mission in Iraq through understanding the importance of communication with the Iraqi people, including the children.

Charlie Company Birthdates

18 Dec Cody Frankenberg

24 Dec Shirley Linder

Anniversary Dates

19 Dec SGT Robert & Rebecca Chambers

GATORS

"THE MANY HATS OF COMMO"

To work in the 2-6 IN Commo Shop, you must be three things: adroit, resourceful, and nocturnal. For more than seven months, the commo section has played a vital, behind the scenes role in the everyday happenings of the Gator Task Force. Whether keeping communications throughout the 2-6 IN Task Force operational, providing internet and phone access for the soldiers, or maintaining a sufficient stockpile of spare parts and batteries, the commo shop is always busy, and on the move.

The primary and most basic job of the commo section is to keep communications operational 100% of the time. In order to accomplish this, the shop conducts monthly, quarterly, semi, and annual services on all commo equipment to ensure functionality, keeps up-to-date records of spare equipment on hand, and maintains a ten day stockpile of numerous battery types. In the event that commo goes down, the section reacts quickly and immediately begins troubleshooting the problem. Additionally, the commo section, specifically PVT Taylor in the S6 shop, is responsible for the sustenance of over sixty computers and the numerous follow on tasks such machines inevitably bring with them. To date, our resident computer expert has fixed over 150 computer-related problems and setup a complex computer network in the BN TOC.

After suffering the loss of a few personnel to Baumholder for PCSing and ETSing, things are hectic, but still under control largely because of direction of SFC Luis Soto and his experienced Team

Chief, three year 2-6 IN veteran, SGT Jarman. Together, they and PV2 Vancura are the backbone for communications in the Task Force. All equipment, spare parts, batteries, and answers on commo issues come from these three hard working, dedicated individuals.

On the MWR front, the addition of the Gator Internet/Phone Café in the BN headquarters is probably one of the most visible and high profile impacts commo has made for the soldiers of 2-6 IN.



Since August, soldiers have enjoyed the 30 computer/5 phone cyber café so much that it is a daily routine for roughly two hundred soldiers. It is often busy, and if you come at night, expect a wait.

The latest MWR project for commo is arranging video-conferences (VTCs) between Baghdad and Baumholder, Germany for soldiers and their families. So far, the program is in its infancy, but as it grows into a regularly scheduled event, more and more soldiers will be able to participate in the program.

With its involvement in things such as radios, computers, planning for missions, and MWR, the commo shop is there, working late hours behind the scenes to provide support to the soldiers of the Gator Task Force.

The Hoff in Iraq

There is one soldier that stands out among all other soldiers of this division. This soldier has shown us how to laugh, how to cry, and how to sacrifice for the greater good. His name is SPC Hoff and this is his story; a story of an American hero. SPC Hoff was





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born in St. Louis, Missouri and was handled James Michael Hoff. Through his youth, aging till the time just prior to his enlistment he enjoyed such things as ice hockey, the company of women, and socializing with friends. Then at the late age of 18 realized that he had a higher calling than delivering pizza's; he realized that it was his turn, even his obligation to serve his country, with honor and duty.

Since that day, SPC Hoff has been dedicated to the American Spirit with the most determined resolve that the strongest foe could never break it. He displayed high motivation during his basic training with B 2/54, and when he arrived to Germany at C 2/6. He was ready to make a name for himself, and show the unit; show the army that he was ready for anything. This is a trait, that nearly every soldier in Charlie Company has, and SPC Hoff felt very fortunate that he was in a unit that had such confidence in itself. This confidence was put to the test, in March, when Task Force Charlie departed from Kuwait. Its been 9 months since then, Charlie Company and SPC Hoff has seen every thing Iraq has to offer, from the southern border to as far north as Al Fallujah. He feels a sense of overwhelming pride and satisfactions, understanding that he served his country with a kind of determination know only by soldiers. Charlie Company's redeployment to Germany is right around the corner, and it's a break well deserved for all of them.

CHARLIE ROCK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

REGULARS

There is no snow on the ground and the evergreens are far and few between. Christmas in Baghdad is not what you might expect, unless maybe you are used to Christmas in Orlando. But the Regulars are making the best of things as they prepare for the holidays. And, just because the holidays are coming doesn't mean that there has been a let up in activity or training.

This week Alpha Company finished Squad Live Fire at Butler Range and spearheaded a raid on a Mosque.

Bravo Company had a full plate this week. In addition to continuing their normal patrol schedule they also started Squad Live Fire. The company has been rotating platoons through the training site out at

the range. The soldiers have welcomed the opportunity to train up on their building clearing skills. PFC Simpson of Third Platoon spoke about the training; "The hardest part is not knowing what's going to be on the other side of that door when you go through, but I know I can count on the other guys to back me up."



PFC Simpson, 3rd Platoon, leads his 4-man stack through a doorway while participating in Squad Live Fire at Butler Range.

Charlie Company is also looking forward to their turn at Squad Live Fire. In preparation this week each fire team had the opportunity to practice procedures for room clearing and entering. Recent loses due to PCS/ETS have required several young soldiers to step up to the plate and become team leaders sooner than they might have otherwise. SPC's Joseph Meeks and Anthony Chuchie from 1st Platoon Tyrel Disney from 2nd Platoon and CPL Mark Oida from 3rd Platoon all displayed skillful leadership as they took their fire teams through the application for lethal force against multiple targets.

Headquarters continues to do all it can to improve the lives of the soldiers living in FOB Regular. What began with a Barber cutting hair out on one of the patios and a local Iraqi selling cokes and cigarettes out the back of his pickup truck has grown into several permanent shops. We now have two general stores, two Barbers, one DVD shop, one computer accessories shop, a jeweler and now a new store selling leather coats and gifts. The residents of the



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FOB have also been busy setting up their Christmas directions. Several trees have been emplaced and lights and streamers have been hung up in all the living areas. It may not be home, but it reminds us of the season, and of home. At this time we remember our loved ones. The memories are warm and at moments fill us with longing. Still we focus on all that is still before us. Driving on toward the goal that will allow us to hear the words, "well done" and turn our tasks over to another. Till then we continue to be, **"Regulars...By God!"**

THUNDER

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER

LTC Brian J. McKiernan



LTC McKiernan, MAJ Patton, and MAJ Toney cut into Thanksgiving

On the operational side, the Thunder Battalion continues to take the fight to enemy forces in our zone. We captured twenty-six people, who included Former Regime Loyalists and para-military or religious extremists. These individuals were responsible for funding and recruiting personnel to attack Coalition Forces or attacking our forces directly. In addition to these captures, we seized four SA-7s, forty 60mm mortar rounds, eight hand grenades, numerous improvised explosive devices, and ten AK-47s.

The highlight of the month was a festive Thanksgiving Day with a wonderful feast set up by our outstanding Dining Facility soldiers. We had all the fixings of home, but it was not the same without our loved ones. Charlie Battery sponsored a Battalion boxing tournament, which was a great morale booster. Nearly the entire battalion turned out to watch our soldiers slug it out.

Over the past month, the Rest and Recuperation plan for the battalion has been changing for the better. Our slots for environmental leave increased once again, from fourteen slots to sixteen slots a week. We still continue to send soldiers on three days passes to Qatar and the Freedom Rest here in Baghdad for their well deserved rest.

I know it is especially difficult to be separated from your loved ones during this holiday season. Take heart in that we are another month closer to a joyful reunion. Stay strong and continue to provide the support for your Iron Thunder soldier. They are making us proud every day. I hope all of you have a great holiday season and know that we miss and love you all the way from Baghdad.

Happy Holidays.

Al-Ra'ad Secondary School By 2LT Flather

The people of Sheikh Junaid neighborhood, Al Karhk district, celebrated the re-opening of one of their most valued institutions, Al-Ra'ad secondary school for boys. During the old regime and the war, the school had fallen into a state of general disrepair. Most of the windows were broken and the electrical system was malfunctioning and hazardous. The water and sewage systems had been neglected for so long, that they were practically non-existent. Many of the desks, chairs, and teaching materials had been stolen or destroyed by looters. The infrastructure of the building itself had been only marginally damaged, but the years had caused many problems that had never been fixed; such as cracked and uneven courtyards, crumbling staircases, and a desperate need for repainting. It appeared that the only recent painting done was of Ba'athist propaganda scattered about the walls of the school.

When the soldiers of the 1st Armored Division came to Baghdad, one of the first things they noticed





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were the joyous children; but they were distressed by the poor conditions of their schools and play areas. As the first steps towards democracy were taken, in the form of Advisory Councils, Coalition Forces saw a great opportunity for cooperation and renewal in a school repair initiative. In the spirit of cooperation the command team (CPT James Hickman and 1SG Taylor Poindexter) of Charlie Battery, 4-27 Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, presented the idea to the Neighborhood Advisory Council of Sheikh Junaid. The Council members, Mr. Hazim Abid Al Hameed, Mr. Rasheed Mahmood Abid, and Mr. Azhar Ahmed Awad, were all very excited by the idea and immediately recommended Al Ra'ad be one of the schools. Mr. Rasheed in particular worked closely with the 4-27 FA civil affairs officer, CPT Scott Sinclair, on getting Al Ra'ad and the other schools in the neighborhood processed for refurbishment. By October 9th the school had undergone a dramatic transformation, and the reconstruction was complete.

All of the windows, plumbing, and electrical fixtures had been replaced; new desks, chairs and teaching supplies had been provided; and the entire school had been repainted. The principal, Esam Salman, expressed the view of the entire staff and community when he called the refurbished school "a source of pride and inspiration for the community, and a new hope for things to come." 2LT Thomas Hasara, action officer for the NAC, said "the school was just one example of the potential of cooperation amongst forward-looking leaders. It demonstrates that the people of Iraq, represented by the NAC, working with coalition forces, represented by C/4-27 FA, can achieve anything by working together."

On the agenda for the near future are several more re-openings in the Sheikh Junaid area. The open fields where children play soccer had long been used as a dumping area for trash and rubble; they have now been cleared and leveled and are awaiting only the final touches to transform them into parks, fields, and playgrounds. Al Hager middle school for girls should be the next example of the shared goals of American-Iraqi cooperation. The Baghdad school of Music and Dance, which was recently severely damaged, has been sponsored by the Ministry of Culture to be completely redone, including all new musical instruments. These are only the initial steps in the bright future for Iraq. The new Iraqi

government, through continued work with coalition forces, will see a new Baghdad and a new Iraq grow to the benefit of all Iraqi people.

RAMS

WAR

***WE ARE SOLDIERS IN THIS WAR,
SO MANY BATTLESHIPS SAILING OFF SHORE.
FIGHTER PILOTS IN THE SKY,
THE AMERICAN FLAG FLYING HIGH.
A BOLD EAGLE UP ABOVE,
SERVING OUR NATION THAT WE LOVE.
GETTING ATTACKED DAY AND NIGHT,
WE'LL NEVER QUIT WITH OUT A FIGHT.
MANY FAMILIES PRAY IN FEAR,
HOPING THAT THE END IS NEAR.
EXPLOSIONS THAT SHAKE THE GROUND,
SO MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE ALL AROUND.
HEARING SHOTS FROM THE CROWD,
WOMEN AND CHILDREN CRY OUT LOUD.
SWEAT AND TEARS WE HAVE SHED,
HEART AND SOUL WE HAVE BLED.
PAIN AND SUFFERING IS WHAT THEY KNOW,
FEAR AND HATRED IN THAT THEY GROW.
WE ARE HERE TO SET YOU FREE,
A NEW LIFE, THIS COUNTRY SHALL SEE.***

BY: PFC ADAN SERNA

PIONEERS

On 16 December 2003, Charlie Co. Battalion Aid Station had quite an exciting day. While performing everyday medical operations, an unexpected group of individuals decided to stop in for a visit. Charlie Co. Aid Station has definitely seen its share of patients here on Baghdad International Airport for the past nine months.

Actor/Comedian/Producer Robin Williams and Mrs. Meyers, wife of General Richard Meyers, who is the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, made a surprise visit at the aid station. The Aid Station was filled with numerous healthy soldiers waiting patiently to meet the special guest. Many were smiling and excited as they greeted them. While being taken away to take pictures and signing autographs, Mr. Williams and Mrs. Meyers stopped by patient hold to talk with patients who were recovering from injuries.



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The patients were so delighted to see them. Robin Williams and Mrs. Meyers signed pictures and gave encouraging words to lift their spirits. Even though Christmas is several days away, the aid station was filled with holiday cheer as Robin Williams and Mrs. Meyers graced us with their presence. This day will go down in Aid Station history as the "Healthy Mass Casualty" not caused by IED's, RPG's or combative warfare, but by American citizens, who appreciate the hard work of American soldiers.

CHAPLAINS' CORNER

Christmas Message From Baghdad, Iraq
Chaplain Horton, 40th EN

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was none to give room for them in the inns. (KJ Luke 2:9)

I have often pondered the setting and scene anciently when Joseph, worrying about his expecting wife, desperately sought room in an inn for her comfort. Imagine the discouragement and dismay when all that was available was the dark and mangy room in the stable, nothing more than a hole cut from rock large enough to house the various animals of burden. Cattle and perhaps a sheep or two, the Christ child would be laid in a manger, with straw and hay for his bed. Yet, how fitting it is that He, the Master shepherd would be introduced into this world in that humble setting.

But, what of the keepers of the inns? Were they not aware of the prophecies given concerning the birth of the Christ child? Did they not know that it would be in their small and humble town that this glorious event would take place? And what of their minds and hearts...? Where did they lie? What was more important to them during that season of celebration? Surely they had to have recognized the new star, and pondered the significance of it as it was written.

And behold, there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you. (Helaman 14:5.)

One thoughtful description in the account of events in Bethlehem, that first Christmas, is found in these brief words: "**...there was no room for them in the inn.**" This one statement given by Luke, has weighed heavily on my mind this Christmas season,

The concern with everyone is whether Christ has room in our personal life today; whether indeed, in our scale of values, we put first things first; or whether to the best books, the best music, the best art, to new ideas, the best friendship, to worship-to all the highest of these we are forced by our cluttered lives to say, "no room." As Christians we must put Christ first, with faith and trust that He lives as our great leader of the way. There is a very real and contemporary measure to these words: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3:20) It is in deep humility that we each are aware of the name given under heaven in these latter days by which we look forward with an eye of hope, even the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Somewhere I came across a poem but never found the author. This poem I believe speaks to the statement, "no room in the inns."

***Let not our hearts be busy inns,
That have no room for Thee,
But cradles for the living Christ
And His nativity.
Still driven by a thousand cares
The pilgrims come and go;
he hurried caravans press on;
The inns are crowded so!
Oh, lest we starve, and lest we die,
In our stupidity,
Come, Holy Child, within and share
Our hospitality.***

***Let not our hearts be busy inns,
That have no room for thee,
But cradles for the living Christ
And His nativity. fn***

I invite you to join me this Christmas Season to take the time to ponder What Really Matters Most in your lives. If it is not our personal relationship with





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the Savior of all mankind, even that Holy and Lowly Shepherd who beckons us each to follow Him, then what is it?

I cannot think of Christmas without also remembering the Garden setting where He, the Son of God had precious blood pressed from every pore, or where mocked and beaten was forced to carry his own cross up that hill called Golgotha. Christmas to me would be incomplete without also remembering that great event testified of by angels to those visiting the tomb, **“why search ye for the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen.”**

Christmas then is a season in which we should each reflect our progress towards Him during the course of the preceding year. Did we accomplish our heart’s desire, and become a bit more like Him, or have we allowed more of His Great Spirit to find home within our hearts and minds?

May the Spirit of the Christ be with each of you this season. May He bless you in your efforts to serve those in your families, and those around you. I leave with you my personal testimony that He indeed is the Christ, who was born stable and laid in a manger, and did drink out of that bitter cup which His Father in Heaven gave Him, so you and I could pass. How great are the promises, and how wonderful the blessings, if we but find room in our hearts and minds for Him to reside. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

BAUMHOLDER INFORMATION

December

- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 USAREUR Training Holiday
- 26 German Holiday
- 30 No Town hall
- 31 No Links

January

- 1 New Years Day, German Holiday
- 2 USAREUR Training Holiday
- 4 Sunday Brunch
- 16 USAREUR Training Holiday
- 19 Martin Luther King Federal Holiday
LN Agreement Day
- 27 Town Hall
- 28 Deployment Support Group, 9am LINKS, 10am

DoDDS CALENDAR

- 05 Jan School Resume
- 19 Jan No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 22 Jan End of Second Quarter
- 23 Jan Teacher Work Day (No School!)
- 16 Feb No School, Presidents’ Day

RHEINLANDER EVENTS

- Family Night- Pizza, pasta, and salad buffet Wednesdays, 18-2100, ONLY \$4 for kids under 12!
 - Internet only 9 cents/minute in the Cyber Zone!!
- POC:** Amy Gee at DSN 485-7507

OUTDOOR REC TOURS

- 27 Dec 03 – Feldberg Black Forest Ski Trip
- POC:** Jeffrey Milkes at DSN 485-6352

HOST NATION SPONSORED EVENTS

- 10Jan New Year’s Ball, Baumholder Bruehlhalle

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

- POC:** Joanne Hernandez at 485-7198
- 03 Jan – Open House at the Teen Café for 9th-12th graders, Time: 1600 - 2200
 - 17 Jan – Service Project for 9th-12th graders: CDC outside clean-up, Time: 1400
- Hourly care will not available at Dispensary CDC on 26 Dec & 2 Jan

COMMUNITY RECREATION DIVISION

- POC:** Jeffrey Milkes at DSN 485-6352
- The Rec Emporium will soon have a new name – the Rolling Hills Athletic Club. Membership fees will also change – one price will cover the entire facility.
- **Recreation Emporium Open House!** With FREE Pool and Fitness Center! Jan 11 from: 1200 – 1700
 - **Pool will be closed 20 Dec 03 to 4 Jan 04** for annual pool maintenance.
 - **Water Aerobics at the Rec Emporium**
MWF at 12:00; T Th at 18:30

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!





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BAUMHOLDER HOLIDAY RELEGIOUS SERVICES

Community - 25 Dec, Helping Hand Christmas Dinner and Vouchers

Roman Catholic (St. Michael Chapel #2)

- 24 Dec, 1800, Children's Mass
- 25 Dec, 1100, Christmas Mass
- 1 Jan, 1100, Maternity of Mary Holy Day Mass

Christian, All (Chapel #1)

- Wed's in Advent – 3, 10, & 17 Dec, 1800, Christian Advent Evening Prayer Service, followed by Light Advent Supper
- 24 Dec, 1700, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 24 Dec, 1800, Christmas Eve Fellowship – Drinks, Finger Food

Lutheran (Chapel #1)

- 24 Dec, 1800, Christmas Eve Fellowship – Drinks, Finger Food
- 24 Dec, 1830, Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Gospel Service (Chapel #1)

- 31 Dec, 2200, Watch Night Service

Chapels #1 and #2 are located on Smith Barracks, Baumholder. Contact the 222d BSB Ministry Team at DSN 485-1570, or commercial (06783) 6-1570.

OTHER SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE BAUMHOLDER AREA

Eastern Orthodox

- Chaplain Sahady, DSN 480-5753

Jewish

- Rabbi Cohen DSN 480-6149

Islamic

- Chaplain Al-Mubarak, DSN 489-6859

Special Services days and times to be determined. Please call the Chaplain's office for more information.

BAUMHOLDER EDUCATION CENTER

- **Term 3 College and Adult Education Courses**
Registration Starts for Distance Education (DE) classes is 24 Nov – 16 Jan.
- Central Texas College & UMUC courses now available
- **ASEP Class for NCO's**
Preparing the NCO-ER 12-16 January 04
- **REMINDER: Army Emergency Relief (AER)**
Spouse Education Assistance Program
AER will pay up to 50% of an active duty spouse's tuition at local colleges!
- New financial aid forms for 2003-04 now available.

Visit the Education Center in building 8332 or call 485-7557

www.baumholder.army.mil/education

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

The **Toy and Book Exchange** program gives families the opportunity to come to ACS and get "new-to-you" toys and books for kids who have been playing with the same old toys since their household goods were shipped. We need a lot of toys and books to get this program off the ground! **Donations of toys and books in good condition are welcome. Call 485-8188 for more information!**



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