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Reunion Tips from Downrange

As the time winds down and the 2nd Brigade Combat Team prepares to redeploy, the Brigade Command team is working very diligently toward insuring a safe and smooth reintegration process for all members of the BCT. The chaplains and chaplain assistants of the Brigade will be providing reunion briefings for soldiers in Iraq based on the presentations that the 222nd BSB reintegration team will be using to prepare family members in Baumholder for reunion. At the same time, the Army Community Service office is providing reunion briefings for spouses in Baumholder.

For the next several issues of the *Striker Statement*, this column will provide some insights into what is being discussed about reunion with soldiers “downrange” with the hope that soldiers and family members might use it as a conversation starter in the weeks to come. Future “Reunion Tips from Downrange” topics will include the following:

- **Expect to have a few doubts and worries.**
- **Forget your fantasies.**
- **You’ve changed—so have they.**
- **Help the children to adjust, too.**
- **Accept and share your feelings.**
- **Put yourself in their shoes.**

Reunion Tip #1: “Expect to have a few doubts and worries.”

You’ve been marking the calendar, making all the special arrangements and preparations, and now the time has arrived. Your soldier is coming home! Back to the safety and comfort of home. It’s exciting and relieving to think that the end of your long journey is

almost complete. But like many experiences in life that involve expectations and anticipation, sometimes doubts and worries start to seep in. Questions like “how much has he/she changed” and “will he/she like how I’ve changed?” or “how will we pick up where we left off?” are all normal questions. So here are some things to consider while you may sense these doubts and worries:

- Anxiety is normal when you get back together. Remember your first date? Remember your wedding day? Remember when you brought your baby home for the first time? All of these times were exciting, but also filled with anxious moments. You are not falling apart if you feel a little worried about seeing each other for the first time after a long time. It just takes time to get reacquainted—for some it will take days, for others hours. Just give it time.
- After being away for so long, you have adapted to new routines and taken on responsibilities that your spouse may have been responsible for when together. Re-adapting to those responsibilities, routines, and patterns, and synchronizing them with each other will be the first priority to getting to new, mutual routines and patterns. Sometimes, spouses will feel unappreciated or out-of-place. The stay at home spouse may have a feeling of “I’m proud of your courage and sacrifice as a soldier, but did you notice that I’ve worked my fingers to the bone while you were gone?” The soldier may feel “she has done her chores and my chores—do you even need me now?” Both are normal feelings, and both requiring reassurance and encouragement.
- The doubts and fears that you have may be real, but often, our fears are mere exaggerations. Most often, discussing these doubts and fears with our spouses cause those fears to be eliminated. As your family approaches reunion, be intentional about



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communicating the feelings caused by your doubts and fears before you are reunited.

Doubts and worries are normal. But if your doubts and worries begin to affect your relationship to the point where trust is eroded or they become more than a few and you can't stop thinking about them, then you may want to discuss this with a counselor or your Chaplain.

HELLRAISERS

HHC 2BDE is continuing to Strike Hard! As we look into the near future we see many wonderful times ahead. All of the soldiers are looking forward to coming home and seeing our families and having some time off.



Sun setting at Striker FOB.

This week the Hellraisers updated their Soldier Readiness Packets and Deployment Checklist Records for redeployment. In addition to making sure our records are straight, the company also fired some bullets at the M16/M9 Range on 31 January 2004 with the BRT. Currently, all of the sections are inventorying their equipment and preparing certain items for redeployment. This week will begin seeing some of the 1st Cavalry Division senior leadership on the ground as they begin their initial recon. They will take back some valuable information about what is going on in the streets of Baghdad to Ft Hood. Striker FOB will double in size as the Gray wolves move in to assume the guidon! We, on the other

hand, will be wishing them good luck as we redeploy. See a reoccurring word here? Redeployment!

As the families back home prepare for our arrival back at home station I want to thank each of you for the continued support and love each of you have given our soldiers during OIF. We are truly blessed by having such wonderful families in our community. Each of you have made this deployment a little easier to bear. My words alone cannot extend enough gratitude and thanks to you.

Until we see our families, or 1st CD, we will continue to promote peace in Iraq, instill vigilance in our soldiers, and provide a safe environment here in Baghdad.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week, until next time "**Hellraisers!**"

CPT Fowler
HHC XO

CONQUERORS

Wolf Platoon Executes Mortar Gunnery In Baghdad

By 1LT Adam Schulz

The mortar platoon of Task Force 1-35 deployed to the Central Command Region nine months ago, prepared to execute combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since the platoon's arrival in Central Baghdad, they have conducted operations ranging from checkpoint security to combat patrols. These tasks are different from the platoon's conventional wartime task of providing indirect fire support for the Task Force. In an effort to maintain essential combat skills in their military occupational specialty, the mortar platoon conducted a planned gunnery in January at the Butler Training Area (BTA) located about 40 kilometers (Km) east of Baghdad.

Conducting gunnery proved to be a challenge for the platoon. Movement to BTA was not a simple task as the mortar tracks had to be uploaded on heavy cargo vehicles to prevent the tracks from having to drive the 40 Km distance to the training area. One of the major threats along the route to BTA was Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), which had become a common occurrence on the route in the previous months. To counter the threats during



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movement the training area, the task force conducted a thorough risk assessment and developed a well thought out safety plan to ensure movement to and from the BTA was as safe as possible. The Mortar Platoon Leader, 1LT Adam Schulz, was convoy commander for the platoon movement to BTA, and he felt that things went according to plan and was executed with safety in mind.



Upon arrival at the training area, small changes in the original plan began to take place, however, soldiers in the mortar platoon were able to adapt and overcome. The soldiers were anxious to firing their weapon systems, a task that they have not executed since March of 2003. The first day on the range consisted of a reconnaissance of the firing point for the platoon and an observation point for the forward observation team. Once these tasks had been completed the platoon occupied the firing point and began to conduct rehearsals of simulated, or dry-fire, missions. The platoon fire direction center established communications with the forward observers (FO) and discussed protocol for execution of different missions. Since this was the platoon's first interaction with the FO team, it was essential for them to establish a clear line of communication and understanding of how to process indirect missions.

On the "gun line" the soldiers got a chance to manipulate the sights on their weapon systems and react to different missions being processed by the fire direction center. Once the platoon had proven that they were able to safely process and conduct dry-fire missions, they were now ready to begin the live-fire exercise.

On the following day, the platoon was up bright and early to begin the live-fire exercise. This was the day that the soldiers would show that they are still able to conduct conventional wartime tasks while operating in an urban environment. The platoon had a basic ammunition load consisting of 84 high explosive 120mm rounds, and 10 81mm illumination rounds. The mission for the day was to qualify in all essential indirect fire tasks while expending all ammunition rounds during the live-fire exercise. At 10:00 am on January 8, 2004, the platoon received a "wet status", permission to execute live mission, from the BTA range command post. The soldiers performed flawlessly, conducting all missions to standard in only three hours live-fire execution. All rounds had been expended, and all missions were fired safely.

When asked about his first gunnery in the gunner's position, PFC Brady said "At first I was nervous because I didn't have much experience manipulating the gun, but as we began to fire I got into a groove and became comfortable. I had a really good time and thought it was successful training." 1LT Schulz, platoon leader, stated that he was very impressed with the way the training was conducted.



Squad leader SSG Perron said "Despite the platoons high operational tempo, I felt training was conducted to a high standard, and it showed in the soldiers execution." Many of the soldiers were surprised at how quickly 84 mortar rounds could be fired, but all were extremely pleased with the training. In an unpredictable urban environment like Central Baghdad, the ability to conduct safe training while maintaining the many daily missions is a difficult task.





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The mortar platoon's successful deployment and gunnery at Butler Training Area is a direct reflection on the hard work and dedication of each individual soldier. The platoon continues to meet the standards daily as new missions arise, while always looking forward and remaining focus on the mission at hand.

REGULARS

It is now the beginning of February and the men of Task Force Regulars can almost see redeployment on the horizon. The planning is in full swing and the days and weeks continue to pass. We have come so far here in Baghdad and the city is much better off than when we first arrived. In the last year, the scope of the Iraqi populace has gone from wondering where or when they would be killed or tortured by Saddam to building their own democratic government and wanting holding elections. It is truly amazing how far this city has come in the last 9 months. Now to what our boys are doing:

This week in Attack Company, we saw the start of platoon leader transitions and framework operations within the zone. The men investigated numerous reports of mortar and rocket impacts within their zone and conducted heavy patrolling due to recent attacks on neighboring embassies as well as increased enemy activity during the "Hajj". The Hajj is the yearly pilgrimage to Mecca in which all Arabs are encouraged to do once in their lives if they are able to. Checkpoint operations were also on order for the week along the 14th of July Bridge as the men oversee fortification and alteration to the bridge checkpoint. All of this is done in order to increase the safety of our soldiers and the local Iraqi people.

This week in Warrior Company saw 1st Platoon as they conducted a combat patrol. 1SG Fierro and SPC Tate questioned two Iraqi Nationals who were caught with illegal weapons while traveling in their car. According to SPC Tate, "They were traveling in a BOLO vehicle and were acting very suspicious, and that's why we decided to check them out." According to 1SG Fierro, "I'm very proud of these soldiers.

Since arriving in Baghdad, they have gotten immensely better at catching individuals violating the law, all while respecting their culture...it has bought us a lot of respect for us over here and has avoided

the creation of newer threats." The men also continue to patrol their HVA (High Value Asset) areas and conduct their civil-military operations within their zone to continue to help the Iraqi populace make strides in becoming a democracy.

In Commando news this week, on the night of 6 February 1st PLT was tabbed for a surprise mission. On short notice 2nd SQD led by SGT Daniel Ketron traveled to the home of a known Iraqi insurgent and former Ba'ath Party member. The intelligence tip proved to be accurate as A TM led by CPL Joshua Sieck identified and captured the target almost immediately while B TM led by SPC Joseph Meeks provided security. Higher headquarters elements were greatly pleased with the overall success of the mission and were confident that 1st PLT's capture would provide greater information about insurgents operating in Baghdad.

As I close for this week, I am pleased to announce that we stood up our ICDC company and they are working well within the Battalion focus. Their company designation is A Company, 1st Battalion, 302nd infantry. These ladies and gentlemen are the future of Iraq and they are doing quite well for themselves. All of us here in TF Regulars look forward to April when we will have completed our mission and we are back in Baumholder, but until then, we will continue the mission and keep all those on the home-front in our hearts and minds.

Regulars, By God!

GATORS

TF 2-6 "Gators" is continuing to train and conduct missions into the month of February. All the men are working extremely hard to meet the challenges of real world missions as well as putting efforts into the early stages of redeployment operations. The officers and NCOs of the Gator Battalion Staff are an integral part of the upcoming operation to turn over responsibility of our sector while at the same time maintaining vigilance and ensuring safety and security for the Iraqi people. The staff coordinate many meetings and workgroups, sometimes back to back and sometimes late into the night, to ensure that everybody is able to meet their goals and redeploy without a hitch. There is much involved



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behind the scenes that those down “on the line” in companies as well as those at home do not hear about. The efforts made by a staff are sometimes underappreciated but are always a keystone to a unit conducting smooth and safe operations.

Major Bertinetti, who is the chief of the Gator Staff, is responsible for leading the staff in the right direction and making sure all goals are reached. CPT Swope, SSG Mangold, and PFC Warner run the tactical operations center (TOC) throughout the night. SFC Renner, SGT Egetenmeir and PFC Marrs run the TOC during the day. Many soldiers also work in the Gator TOC and their jobs range from manning radios, to composing briefings.

Being a staff officer or NCO is a job that can be sometimes described as “unsung hero” business but it is no less important than other jobs. The men who work here will rotate “on the line” and the leaders and men in the companies may one day be staff, it can be viewed as a sort of right of passage in an infantry battalion. Right now the men who are staff will continue to put their best foot forward in order to continue guiding Gators to successful real world operations and to a safe and efficient redeployment.

EVENTS:

- HHC has a POC meeting Feb 24 6:30pm Red Cross Room. This is a Pot Luck dinner. Contact Lisa Jordan to find out what to bring indio-69@T-online.de or BC 903 682.
- Bravo will be having their Spouse Reunion Intergration Training on February 25 at 5:30pm at the Rheinlander. Come enjoy the fixin's at the Potato Bar while gaining useful information on redeployment & reintergration with your spouse. POC Lisa Proctor BC 999 602.
- Post-Wide Redeployment Brief Wagon Wheel Theatre 9:30-10:30am. Please make your childcare arrangements early. More information contact Helen Williams at helen.k.williams@us.army.mil.

By 1LT Jeffry Carlson, B Co 40th EN BN

For the past four months B Company, 40th Engineers has been patrolling, and providing community aide to the island of Janain in central Baghdad. Janain is a community that once was a getaway for honeymooners during Saddam's regime, but has since turned into a safe haven for the once homeless. Rented out motels are now permanent homes for those in need.

“We try to help everyone that we can,” said PFC Michael Murphy, a medic with B Company, “But sometimes we as troops cannot help in every situation.”

PFC Murphy has been providing the community of Janain with medical supplies and medical aide since B Company took over the mission in November 2003. In December, PFC Murphy was aiding a young woman named Nagam. Her diabetes had reached a critical point where hospitalization was required. But this once homeless family could not afford the medical attention that was needed.



PFC Murphy (B Co medic) with Muthana at his home in Janain.

“There was only so much I could do. Her condition was far to advanced for any medical aid that I could provide her with.” Murphy added. “I tried to get her priority medical care at the Iraqi hospital, but the doctors needed \$60 dollars for medication, which the family could not afford. So I gave the family \$60 dollars, but it was too late.” Nagam died about a week later. “If we had been in the United

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States her battle with diabetes would not have reached such a terminal stage.” says Murphy.

After Nagam’s death, her widowed husband Muthana approached B Company troops while on patrol. He wanted to thank us for our help. Muthana explained how he and his family were grateful for our attempt to aid his family. “We could never have imagined that the Coalition Forces would be so kind. My family has gained a greater respect of Coalition Forces through the loss of my wife.” Muthana added.

The loss of Nagam had created a huge financial burden for Muthana. Knowing this, B Company troops offered to provide a headstone in remembrance of Nagam. “We went out and searched for a piece of marble to serve as a symbol for Nagam.” said PFC Murphy. Knowing that Muthana could not afford an inscription on the headstone, B Company took up a collection to aide Nagam’s family.

The soldier’s of B Company hope their generosity will enable the rest of the community to come to them for help in the future. We as troops are here not only to protect ourselves but to heal a country that has been torn apart by a terrible regime over the past 30 years.

THUNDER

Another month has passed us and we are one step closer to coming back home to our loved ones. We can never say thank you enough for the packages and letters that we receive from you everyday. The support you have provided us has taken us through nine months and it will continue to take us through the remaining three. Again, thank you for all that you do.

The past month has brought some new challenges to the battery. From conducting gunnery training, providing oil to the Iraqi people for cooking and heat and placing an emphasis on the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) has had the soldiers working long days. Gunnery is coming upon us very quickly and the soldiers are training hard. Everyone is anxious to get back to the Field Artillery mode now that we have completed safety tests, sections evaluations and preparations for live firing. SFC

Forehand, SSG Hercules, SSG Stephens, SGT Soeull and many other A. Company Soldiers have been working diligently with the Iraqi soldiers for the last several weeks. They have trained them on an assortment of tasks, so that they will be prepared to take over in the next couple of months. In short, their dedication to training the ICDC soldiers has made the program a big success.

With the OPTEMPO of operations and training going on, it has been difficult to gather the soldiers together for promotions. However, we have made and found time to promote some hard working soldiers to the following ranks: Specialist (Juan Rodriguez, Joshua Dekam, Rony Raymond, and Cody Brashear) and two soldiers to Sergeant (Matthew Watson and Foday Turay). These soldiers have demonstrated potential for increased responsibility and have been a tremendous asset to the mission at hand. 1SG and I are extremely proud, of not just these individuals, but of all the soldiers in the battery.

Three quarters of the way home. Redeployment is inching closer and closer and everyone is getting anxious to be with their loved ones. The replacement unit is inbound and the countdown has begun. The 1SG and myself appreciate the sacrifices you and your loved ones have made throughout this entire year. We look forward to our reintegration with you all. God Bless You All!

CPT Harris
A. Company CDR

PIONEERS

A week in the life of the Cobra Med Team...

Greetings from the Cobra Liar at Baghdad International Airport (BIAP), Iraq. It has been an eventful week for the Cobra Med Team. As usual, the Cobra Med Team continues to be busy providing the best possible care to 2BCT and BIAP. In addition, we continue to provide female soldiers experiencing unique situations at checkpoints and train to sustain our skills. As far as quality of life, the internet is still going and the phones are operational.



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Cobra slingload operations.

R&R environmental leave is finally at a close, but no heartaches...it means we are closer to coming home to our loved ones, family and friends. Upcoming events include Mardi Gras and Black History Observance Day. Lastly, I would like to say to the friends and families of the Cobra Med Team that the soldiers here appreciate and thank you for all the support and love all of you have given. We will see all of you soon!

CPT Joselito Lim
Cobra 6

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Many of you have met Chaplain (MAJ) Steve Horning, the 2nd Brigade Rear Detachment Chaplain. But very few family members in Baumholder have met the deployed Brigade Chaplain, Chaplain (MAJ) Matt Woodbery. Chaplain Woodbery arrived in Germany and reported to the 2nd Brigade in July 2003, and then deployed to Iraq shortly thereafter.

Chaplain Woodbery is from Georgia and is a United Methodist chaplain with 16 years of active duty experience. He has been assigned to Ft Leonard Wood, MO, Korea, Ft Gordon, GA, Mannheim, GE, Washington D.C., and Ft Jackson, SC. While assigned on his last tour in Germany (95-97) he spent a year deployed with the 1st Armored Division in Operation Joint Endeavor with the Implementation Force (IFOR) in Bosnia.



Chaplain Woodbery

Chaplain Woodbery is married to the former Carol English of Cochran, GA. They celebrated their 20th anniversary this past December. Their daughter Callie is 16 and a sophomore in high school. Carol and Callie currently reside in Camden, SC and will be joining Chaplain Woodbery in Baumholder after redeployment.

The Lord Is Good

PSALM 145:8-9

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

The greatest deception is making people think God is bad. God is not guilty -- of anything bad! The devil wants us to believe God is bad, that He is uncaring, that He does bad things to us, and that He is holding out on us -- keeping us from enjoying good. But it isn't true. God loves you more than you can imagine.

The devil is a liar; he works by deception. The devil tries to make us believe God is like him, and he is like God, which is, of course, not true. Because of satan's efforts to distort the truth, many people's idea of God is actually what the devil is like.

PSALM 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!





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We must, as Scripture admonishes, taste and see that the Lord is good. Unless you have a relationship with God, you won't know how good He is.

1 JOHN 4:8

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God is a God of love. He puts the interests of others first. He is not selfish. He desires the best for everyone.

BAUMHOLDER INFORMATION

FEBRUARY

- 13 USAREUR Training Holiday
- 14 Valentines Day
- 16 Presidents Day (holiday)
LN Employee Shop Day
- 23 Rose Parade, downtown Baumholder, 2pm
- 24 Town Hall, 4pm, Rheinlander
- 25 Deployment Support Group, 9am
LINKS, 10am
- 27 Job Fair, Rheinlander, 9am-4pm

MARCH

- 7 Breakfast at Rheinlander
- 11 Volunteer Reception
- 15 USAREUR Training Holiday
- 30 Town Hall, 4pm
- 31 Deployment Support Group, 9am
LINKS, 10am

APRIL

- 2 USAREUR Training Holiday
No DODDS School
- 4 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 5-9 DODDS Spring Break
- 9 Good Friday, German Holiday
- 11 Easter Sunday
Brunch at Rheinlander
- 12 Easter (Ostermontag), German Holiday
- 27 Town Hall
- 28 Deployment Support Group, 9am
LINKS, 10am

DoDDS CALENDAR

- 1st Tuesday of the month SAC Meeting, Baumholder High at 1630
- 3rd Thursday of the month SAC Meeting, Wetzel Elementary at 1430
- 16 Feb No School, Presidents' Day
- 02 April No School, Teachers Work Day
- 05 April Spring Recess Begins
- 12 April Instruction Resumes
- 30 April 1700 Buccaneer Night
- 13 May Acceleration Date
- 31 May No School, Memorial Day
- 04 June High Graduation
- 09 June Last Day of School

Public Affairs Host Nation Events

Madeleine Dwoiakowski, 485-1600

- 19Feb Old Women Fasching (tie cutting)
- 24Feb Fasching market at Kusel

Fasching Parades:

- 21Feb Street Fasching at Kusel, 1000
- 22Feb Fasching Parade at Kirchenbollenbach, 1400
- 22Feb Fasching Parade at St. Wendel, 1400
- 23Feb Fasching Parade at Idar-Oberstein, 1410
- 23Feb Fasching Parade at Fischbach, 1400
- 23Feb Fasching Parade at Baumholder, 1410
- 23Feb Fasching Parade at Kirn, 1411

Children Fasching events:

- 15Feb Costume ball at Kirn, Hellbergturnhalle, 1411
- 22Feb Fasching party at Berschweiler, Dr. Darge Gym
- 22Feb Costume ball at Kusel, Lehnstrasse, 1400
- 22Feb Fasching party at Rohrbach, 1400
- 22Feb Fasching party at Leitzweiler
- 22Feb Fasching party at Hahnweiler
- 23Feb Fasching party at Baumholder, 1500
- 23Feb Fasching party at Fohren-Linden, 1400
- 23Feb Costume ball at Heimbach, 1411
- 24Feb Fasching party at Thallichtenberg



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RHEINLANDER EVENTS

- Let your voice be heard at the Army Family Action Plan Conference. Conference runs 19-20 February at the Rheinlander Convention Center. Call DSN 485-6985 for more information or to volunteer.
- Job Fair Friday, 27 February at the Rheinlander from 900-1600. Call DSN 485-6046.
- 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!!

OUTDOOR REC TRIPS

- Frankfurt Zoo, 28 February. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Includes transportation and admission.
- Skiing and Snowboarding in the Black Forrest on 24 February \$35.
- Ski-Snowboarding to Austria 13-16 February \$265.
- **Seats are limited – so call today to reserve your space! DSN 485-7182.**

CYS

Joanne Hernandez, 485-7198

Torch Club Valentine's Day Dance

Date: Friday, 13 Feb at the Underground

Time: 1900-2300

Cost: \$3

Middle School Program

Must be registered with Youth Services

Sweetheart Dance

Date: Sat, 14 Feb, at the Teen Café

Time: 2000-2400

Cost: \$3

High school youths, 9th – 12th grade

Must be registered with Youth Services

High School Dining Out

Date: Sat, 28 Feb, Mexican in Kaiserslautern

Time: 1600-2100 (Depart from the Teen Café)

Cost: Order off the menu

Kids' Night Out

1st-6th grade @ Wetzel SAS 485-7475/8792

Sat, 21 Feb

1800 – 2200

Must be registered with CYS

Pay at time of sign-up, \$6/child

Spaces limited.

Parents' Night Out

Infant-Kindergarten @ Wetzel CDC 485-7133/7284

Sat, 21 Feb 1800 – 2200

Must be registered with CYS

Pay at time of sign-up, \$10/child

Spaces limited.

Spring Youth Sports

Registration 2-27 February, ages 5-18.

Baseball and Softball. Volunteer coaches needed.

Skills assessment 6 March and practice begins 15

March. Call DSN 485-7276.

ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING (AFTB)

Next Class: March 10 from 8:30-1400, **Level 1**

All classes are held at the AFTB Classroom. Health Clinic Complex Building 8745 Room 11 2nd Floor.

For any questions please call Mari Haley, AFTB

Program Coordinator at 485 - 8542 or 06783 - 6 - 8542.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Instructional Classes

-14 February, Valentines Day children's ceramic party \$5

-21 February, Kids Play Day "Making Fasching Masks" \$5

Call DSN 485-6687 for more information or to register.

AUTO SKILLS CENTER

Instructional Classes

--Basic Auto Maintenance 26 February

--Introduction to Brake Systems 17 February.

All classes begin at 1400 and are free with bay rental. Call DSN 485-6117



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RE-INTEGRATION AFTER DEPLOYMENT

ACS Spouses Reunion Training. Training can help reduce reunion stress, improve marital communication and teach signals that may indicate a need for help. Training is every Wednesday. Child care is available provided your reserve with ACS in advance. **We can even come to your FRG meeting for group training sessions (day or evening).** Call DSN 485-8188.

BAUMHOLDER EDUCATION CENTER

- Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) 09-25 Feb 2004
- Term 3 College and Adult Education Courses 19 Jan – 12 March 2004
- Adult Education English as a Second Language (ESL) Course Wed/Fri 1100-1300 Hrs
- Effective Military Writing I (ASEP class for NCO's) Feb 23-27 1300-1700 Hrs
- Army Emergency Relief Spouse Education Assistance Application Deadline: 01 Mar 04 For Term 4
- New financial aid forms for 2003-04 now available.

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

<http://www.baumholder.army.mil/education>

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST INFORMATION

- Absentee ballots may be requested from your state of residence. Please follow instructions below:
- Go to www.fvap.gov
- In left menu bar, click on " On-line Federal Post Card Application".
- Go to bottom of this page and click on " Click Here To Get Form".
- Click on your respective state of residence for "OFPCA". (The state VAG will give you more detailed information for individual state guidelines.)
- Read ALL instructions before downloading the form.
- Fill out the absentee ballot request form and mail per directions of your state.

- (Generally, this is mailed to the Supervisor of Elections in your state capital.)

Stop by the Main PX and meet your Community Voting Assistance Officers. They will be there on Feb 5th from 11am-2pm to hand out flyers and answer questions.

222nd BSB Community Voting Officer: MSG Lester Reed: 485-7138

222nd BSB Community Alternate Voting Assistance Officer: Ms. Tyler at DSN : 485-8892 Civilian: 06783-6-8892

MEDICAL CARE DURING REINTEGRATION PERIOD

- **Priority of resources will go to returning soldiers**
- Acute Care only for six week period
- Well Baby and OB Care will continue as usual
- Access to Pediatric Care should not be impacted
- Wellness visits and other routine services postponed
- Medical Refills and CYS Physicals will be done on walk-in basis on Thursday evenings
- Physical Therapy will be AD Only
- **Use of Krankenhause during clinic hours will be authorized**
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TAX CENTER

FREE Income Tax Assistance!
Federal & State Returns
Electronic Filing

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Free IRS tax training will be provided
Call 485-6506 now!

LOCATION: Building 8670, next to Community Bank
DSN: 485-8644

OPENING DAY: 31 January 2004

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BAUMHOLDER COMMUNITY SPOUSES CLUB

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Come join us at the February luncheon on February 18 at 1130 in the Rheinlander. The theme is "Heart to Heart Tea". There will be an English bone china vendor and our own CPT Frizelle will be speaking on "Heart Healthy Tips". Childcare will be provided on site if you contact Cher Lim by February 4 at cher.lim@us.army.mil or BC/189 302

It's Not Too Late to Join!

Memberships are available for \$8.00 for the rest of the year (ending in May 2004). Applications are available at the Thrift Shop and the Welcome Center or contact the Membership Secretary, Jill.Watson@us.army.mil for further information.

BCSC Spring Bazaar - The Place to Shop!

The BCSC Spring Bazaar is coming to town! The bazaar will be held February 27 - February 29 in the Hall of Champions from 1000 - 2000 on Friday and Saturday and 1000 - 1800 on Sunday. Admission is free to all valid ID card holders and their guests. If you would like to volunteer at the bazaar, please contact the Bazaar Chairperson at ginalyn.cowles@us.army.mil.



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