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REUNION TIPS FROM DOWNRANGE

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.

Reunion Tip #3: You've changed...and so have they!

As we prepare for reunion after nearly a yearlong deployment, one of the things we may find ourselves doing is assessing how this experience has changed us. How the experiences of harsh living conditions, constant danger, and long hard work has shaped our character and matured our personalities. And while we reflect on our personal changes, we may be wondering how this experience has changed those whom we love at home, too. Change has happened, to be sure. But it may take time to completely assess what those changes look like and how they will affect relationships and marriages. Here are a few pointers to more effectively take account of personal changes:

First, accept that you have changed. Soldiers are excellent adaptors, able to make the best out of pretty difficult situations. But because we share that adversity, and everyone is adapting together, we don't immediately recognize the depth and scope of those personal changes. How has having to sit in a porta-potty when it's 120 degrees outside shaped your view of life? Or more seriously, how has your constant vigilance at checkpoints caused you to shape your views of life? Now is a time to begin doing a personal inventory of those changes as you prepare to reunite with loved ones.

Second, your loved ones have changed, too. Although the challenges may have been different, and less dangerous, the changes still may have been profound in many cases. For many spouses, they've never had the levels of responsibility to carry all by themselves. And where there was no immediate danger to them, imagine what it would be like to sit by the radio or watch TV and worry that when the announcer says "soldier from 1st Armored Division" or "soldiers hurt in Baghdad", worrying it may be the love of your life they're talking about. It can have an effect on a person's life in ways that may be difficult to describe.

Thirdly, the challenge of reuniting with our loved ones is synchronizing those changes and finding appropriate and meaningful ways of expressing how each partner has changed and discovering what it means for the relationship or marriage. A good technique to begin this process is to start communicating with your spouse now. Communicate with them how this time has made you stronger, better, and more mature. Communicate with them how this time has made you humble, how it has challenged you, and caused you to look inward. But the key is communicate.

If you find it difficult to find words to communicate, or once you begin, you find it difficult to communicate with your spouse, your Chaplain is ready to assist you and your loved ones in understanding and synchronizing these life changes.

HELLRAISERS



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HHC 2nd Brigade FRG working hard for the homecoming celebration!

REGULARS

We are seeing more sun than clouds, and daytime temperatures are getting a little warmer overall. However the best description of the weather here is irregular. Some days it can get up into the low 60's but by night it may drop into the low 40's or even high 30's. While we know that is nothing compared to Baumholder, remember that this summer we saw nighttime lows in the high 90's. The other factor is the wind. Even in the 50's it can cut like a knife (and if it picks up a little dust and sand that is not just figurative.

The mission continues to be status quo, though things are changing. In addition to our patrols and continued efforts to train the ICDC, we are starting to prepare for redeployment. This week HHC had several tasks related to getting ready to come home. Before we came to the desert we were issued chemical suits, sealed in the bag, and antidote so they would be ready if we encountered any chemical or biological weapons. This week SPC Sanchez collected and inventoried those suits so they could be packed away. We also turned in all out tents and camouflage nets. The S-1 section had a little outside help as the PSB came down and spent four days going through our records to ensure that they were up to date and ready for our trip home.

Alpha company enjoyed a change of pace the past couple of weeks. Since the terrorists don't exactly have armored vehicles and the locals do not

care for it if you level their homes in the process of trying to capture the troublemakers there have been few opportunities to fire the main gun on the Bradley. With all the changes in personnel over the last year this was the first time many of these vehicle crews had fired together (for some it was the first time they had fired at all). Even with such green crews, and with mission requirements leaving far less practice time than would normally be available to our troops, all crews achieved a first time "GO" on their qualification.

Every time we gather information that will allow the removal of another suspected terrorists from the streets of Baghdad, we take action. Both Bravo and Charlie Companies were called upon to carryout this mission. Bravo had word of a group of individuals suspected of supporting terrorism. They moved in to confront these individuals and as is often the case when faced with our overwhelming firepower and the professionalism of our soldiers, they surrendered without a fight. After participating in the raid, SPC Devonish of Headquarters said; "We're still out here to keep the streets safe. We've been here a while, but we're still mission focused, and we're still getting the job done."

Though Charlie's raid was not on as large a scale as Bravo's, the men of Second Platoon distinguished themselves by capturing their second suspect in as many weeks. SGT Richard Aduamah's squad led the way into the building. These men have worked together on many such missions in the past ten months and are becoming very proficient in their tasks. Team leaders, SGT Michael Easter and SPC Rico Rawls, helped set conditions and directed their troops in the room-to-room clearing needed to ensure the successful capture of the suspect. Good job Commandos.

As the weather warms and turns hot, as we pack up the gear we no longer need, as we prepare for our replacements, and as we continue to do all the paperwork so necessary in the Army (we all know that the mission is not done till the paperwork is done), we look longingly toward the final day when we will be back "home" in Germany with you our loved ones. Till then we continue to focus on the mission. There is still much work to be done and we are, "**Regulars...By God.**"





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CONQUERORS

The Conqueror battalion is collecting money for 1/35 homecoming t-shirts. They are only \$4.00 each and come in a variety of sizes and colors for adults and children. Please contact your FRG leader or 1-35 staff duty by end of day Friday Feb 27. The staff duty number is 485-7307 or 06783-67307.

1/35 would like to welcome 1SGT and Mrs. Wheeler to the battalion.

18 March C. Company will have a FRG meeting with a potluck and bingo from 18:00 – 20:00. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Sunny Graves at 06783-990842.

C. Company Birthdays

- 1 Mar Sgt Chambers
- 1 Mar Sunny Graves
- 2 Mar Micah & Malachi Chambers

C. Company Anniversaries

- 3 Mar 1SGT and Cheryl Wheeler

GATORS

Gator Staff Continues Their Mission

TF 2-6 is continuing to train and conduct missions into the month of February. All the men are working extremely hard to meet the challenges of the mission 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 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 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 the staff are sometimes underappreciated but are always a keystone to a unit conducting smooth and safe operations.



SFC Renner (foreground) and PFC Marrs (background) take a short break from their duties to pose for the camera.

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. SFC Renner, SGT Egetenmeir and PFC Marrs run the tactical operations center (TOC) during the day. CPT Swope, SSG Mangold, and PFC Warner run the TOC throughout the night. Many soldiers also work in the Gator TOC and their jobs range from manning radios, maintaining and manning vehicles, to composing briefings.

Being a staff officer or NCO is a job that can be sometimes described as thankless but it is no less important than other jobs. The men who work here will rotate down to “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. Currently the men who are on the staff will continue to put their best foot forward in order to continue guiding and re-sourcing the Gators through successful operations and to a safe and efficient redeployment.

FRG NEWS

- **How about a special Easter basket?** For \$10 the Easter Bunny will **hop** a gender specific basket to your house. \$20 for adult (ages 16 and up) baskets. Call Helen Williams at 06783-9992936 for more information!
- 2-6 is putting together a Yearbook with photos and information from our year long



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deployment down range. It will be approximately 125 pages and will have a hard cover. Approximate cost is \$25.00 If you're interested in one contact your company FRG Leader. Also anyone who is interested in submitting family photos for the yearbook can submit those to CPT.

Bromenschenkel at

Ryan.Bromenschenkel@us.army.mil. All photos submitted are subject to submission by the Editor.

- HHC & Alpha Co will be having their combined FRG meeting and Spouse Reunion Training at the Rheinlander on March 11th at 5:00pm. We'll be briefing the most up to date re deployment news & learning helpful coping tips for the reunion of your families. Dinner is on your own dime.
- We want to wish a warm welcome to our new HHC Co-Leaders Allison Payment & Cristine Holtgrewe, our new Alpha Co-Leader Lindy Kowalik, our new Bravo FRG Leader Heather Wall and our new Charlie Co-Leader Chrissy Barker. Welcome Aboard!
- With new leaders comes fond farewells. We farewell our HHC Leader Shelley Poole who has devoted numerous time and hours to our FRG and families. We send her on her way to Brigade to contribute her experience and devotion. Hope Campbell, Charlie Co-leader is leaving us as well. She and her family are on their way to another exciting assignment. We thank her for her tireless efforts with the FRG as well.
- Lisa Proctor is not only leaving her 2-6 Bravo Leadership position after 2 plus years but she & her family will be moving on to exciting new adventures. MSG Proctor is retiring and he & his family will be leaving Baumholder and the Army family here this Spring. Lisa's fantastic leadership abilities during the past couple years as FRG Leader are invaluable and will be sorely missed. She has helped many wives within Bravo and 2-6 before and after deployments and has continued to help with the redeployments right now; as she packs up and readies herself and her family

for their new life. Thank you Lisa for all that you have done for 2-6. We will miss the Proctor Family!

PIONEERS

The 47th Forward Support Battalion has a unique reputation amongst both its peers in the 1AD and the soldiers of the 2d BCT. Most Forward Support Battalions are commonly called "the ___ Anti-Tank Battalion" in the mechanized community. However, this battalion began to change that typical perception beginning in the summer of 2002. The culmination of the transformation can be seen in the picture above – SPC Smith of A/47th FSB conducting a patrol to Butler Range to support 2d BCT gunnery Operation

In the summer of 2002 the 2d Brigade Combat Team began to be challenged in a way that almost no other brigade, let alone, support battalion in the army has ever heard of. First it was required by USAREUR to provide a rapid response (8 hour) flyaway package of combat service support soldiers and equipment to support EUCOM's Immediate Reaction Force.

Next it engaged in a grueling 86 day Grafenwoer and Hohenfels rotation which highlighted both the 1st Armored Division's ability to command and control a tactical road march with the proper C4ISR resources as well as chemical decontamination training, movement of CSS echelons over extended distances and a challenging OPFOR which adapted to the Contemporary Operating Environment. Within 1 week of redeployment the 47th FSB was asked to conduct a complete reconstitution of the 2d Brigade Combat Team in order to get it's personnel and equipment ready for deployment. This lasted through March 03 and exhausted every nerve within the 47th Forward Support Battalion to the point of almost cruelty until the point it deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Once established in Baghdad during 47th Forward Support Battalion quickly became known as the unit: "Which will never say no." If it is not there we will get it, if we can't fix it we will tell you who can and help you get it there, if you are injured – we will keep you



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alive at the minimum and perform complex surgery if we can.

We get the supplies, we fix the equipment, and we take care of the wounded. We battle every day on the streets of Baghdad in order to provide the maintenance, medics, water, fuel and supplies that the soldiers of the 2d BCT need. If we can give you support before you ask for it – we will. No, we do not conduct raids and dismounted patrols daily but our soldiers have been trained to do so in addition to processing parts, turning wrenches and conducting convoys to supply the units. We are the fighting 47th and we are here to support our family, the 2d BCT, with whatever they ask for.

Assassin 6 KC Bradford

Gunnery

Soldiers from the 47TH Forward Support Battalion, serving in Baghdad, Iraq, rotated through support positions at Butler Range over a period of eighty days in support of Division Gunnery. Butler Range is located approximately thirty miles southeast of Baghdad in a remote desert location. The soldiers from the 47th FSB served as cooks, ammunition handlers, medics, fuelers and maintenance techs.

One such soldier, SPC Anthony Knox from Iowa, served as the NCOIC of the Ammunition Holding Area. His responsibilities included accounting for, safeguarding and distributing all ammunition. The 47th FSB sustained the force of over five hundred personnel by running numerous re-supply convoys to and from Butler Range. The convoys were run by mainly Alpha Company personnel and supplied the personnel at the range with fresh food and produce.

The support of the 47th FSB and its soldiers helped to sustain the life force of the personnel serving at the range.

47th Celebrates Mardi Gras

Who says that you can't celebrate Mardi Gras in Iraq? Although, we are still deployed in a combat zone somehow the 47th Forward Support Battalion managed to bring back a piece of American tradition to the Baghdad International Airport and give soldiers an opportunity to celebrate. The 47th FSB hosted a morning celebration with a Mardi Gras theme. The

47th FSB BOSS representatives coordinated the celebration a few weeks prior to the event.

Each company was tasked with decorating one vehicle for the short parade on the Modern Pioneer LSA. The end result was a few hours of fun and an explosion of creativity. With limited resources each company came up with something uniquely expressive. From castles, to bulldogs and street block graffiti there was a bit of everything present.

The home-made Mardi Gras celebration was a great opportunity for soldiers to relax, have fun and take their mind off of the daily grind. All-in-all, everyone had fun and thank God nothing was permanently attached to the vehicles.

RAMS

By PV2 Benjamin Hull
B Co 40th EN BN

Most people take for granted the luxuries of air conditioning, indoor plumbing, and the ability to call a friend or loved one at any time. For the soldiers of B Company, 40th Engineers those luxuries had disappeared when they deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Now, almost ten months later, the quality of life for these soldiers has increased 100 fold.

"When we first got here, we lived at the Baghdad Zoo. We only had what we brought with us." said PFC Michael Hunton, a sapper with B Company, "Our building had no windows, electricity, or running water and everything had been looted. Dealing with the heat and mosquitoes just made things worse. But now things are much better."

After living at the zoo for two months, the unit found a new home in the "Green Zone". Their new buildings were larger, but not much better. After checking out the new area, they knew that a lot of work was needed before they could start moving in. Inside the buildings there was garbage stacked as high as some of the soldiers are tall. Some of the walls and ceiling were riddled with bullet holes. After several days of intense cleaning, the buildings were ready to be moved into.





Some of the workers hired to help with rebuilding the “Dawgpound”.

Over time, things such as air conditioners and computers for an internet café were bought and brought in. The plumbing and electrical systems were completely reworked. A day room with a television and satellite service was set up. Washing machines replaced wash boards and mop buckets. And refrigerators replaced blocks of ice that were purchased by the truck load.

Later, a local vendor was allowed to set up a shop inside of the internet café. A barber came and set up shop as well. Some soldiers made a basketball court in an abandoned parking area. The unit purchased a pool table and a ping pong table and other sporting goods.

Quality of life at the “Dawgpound” has certainly improved thanks to the soldiers, the unit, and all of the local contractors who helped out.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

The Holy Spirit Is Your Helper

JOHN 15:26

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me

Never forget that the Holy Spirit's desire and purpose is to help you -- not to hinder you. Also, remember that the Holy Spirit is a person, and should be treated with the utmost respect. Here are some ways the

Holy Spirit desires to help you, and will help you when you allow Him to.

Teaches Us All Things

JOHN 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things

Tells Us Things To Come

JOHN 16:13

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, . . . He will tell you things to come.

Abides With Us

We are not facing life all alone -- as an orphan would. The Holy Spirit is with us continually -- living with us. When we need help He is never far away, but always right with us, waiting for us to call on Him for His help.

Empowers Us To Be Witnesses

ACTS 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Brings Life And Healing To Us

ROMANS 8:11

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Encourages Us

ROMANS 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. . .

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

SAY THIS: Thank You Holy Spirit that You are my Helper! Thank You for helping me!





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BAUMHOLDER INFORMATION

FEBRUARY

27 Job Fair, Rheinlander, 9am-4pm
27-29 BCSC Spring Bazaar at HOC

MARCH

6 Trip to Amsterdam (open to US ID Card Holders)
7 Breakfast at Rheinlander
11 Volunteer Receptions
12 Job Fair, Rheinlander, 10am -3pm
15 USAREUR Training Holiday
27 Free Concert Contemporary Rock Group
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
23 Buccaneer Night, 5:30pm, Rheinlander
27 Town hall, 4pm, Rheinlander
28 Deployment Support Group, 9am
LINKS, 10am

MAY

9 Mother's Day, Brunch at Rheinlander
25 Town Hall meeting, 4pm
26 Deployment Support Group, 9am
LINKS, 10am
28 USAREUR Training Holiday
31 Memorial Day

DoDDS CALENDAR

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

1 Mar Market at Kirn 0900-1400
6 Mar Flea market at Homburg/Saar
13-14Mar Volksmarch at Wolfstein
13-14Mar Husky-Wildlife-Camp at Losheim lake
19Mar Musical Star life, Stadttheater I-O
20Mar Traditional Spring market at Berschweiler
20-21Mar Volksmarch at Kirn-Sulzbach
25-28Mar Easter market at St. Wendel
28Mar Flea market at Metz, France
28Mar Kusel Open Sunday, Shops are open
1AprPalm market at St. Wendel
2Apr Concert Vienna Blood, Stadttheater I-O

GIRL SCOUT WEEK

March 7-13, 2004

March 7 - Girl Scout Sunday; wear your uniform to Church and help usher or pass out programs. Be sure to let your leader know you went (save your program to give her, just in case).
March 13 - Flag ceremony-5 pm in front of the BSB. A snack and craft to follow at the Girl Scout hut. Wear your uniform/vest/sash.

RHEINLANDER EVENTS

- 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.
- 6 Mar Black Forest – Feldberg, Germany
- 6 Mar Frankfurt Zoo – Frankfurt, Germany
- 11-14 Mar Kaprun, Austria



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- 19-20 Mar Crystal shopping – Karlovy Vary, Czech
 - 26-27 Mar Pottery shopping trip to Poland
- Seats are limited – so call today to reserve your space! DSN 485-7182.**

CYS

POC: Joanne Hernandez, 485-7198

High School Dining Out

Date: Sat, 28 Feb, Mexican in Kaiserslautern
Time: 1600-2100 (Depart from the Teen Café)
Cost: Order off the menu

Spring Break Activities for Teens

Roller-skating and shopping at Vogelweh Holiday Park in Hassloch
Bitburg Air Base and swimming
Cookout at the Underground for middle school students.

Pick up activity schedule at local youth center. Participants must be registered with Child & Youth Services.

Kids' Night Out

1st-6th grade @ Smith SAS, 485-6641
Sat, 13 Mar 1800 – 2200
Must be registered with CYS
Pay at time of sign-up, \$6/child
Spaces limited

Parents' Night Out

Infant-Kindergarten @ Dispensary CDC, 485-7203/7328
Sat, 13 Mar 1800 – 2200
Must be registered with CYS
Pay at time of sign-up, \$10/child
Spaces limited.

Youth Sports

POC: Michael Richey 485-7276
Registration ends 27 Feb
Ages 5-18
Baseball and softball
Skills assessment, 6 Mar
Practice begins 15 Mar
Volunteer coaches needed. Call 485-7276

Easter Egg Hunt

POC: Steve Ferguson, 485-8249
Date: Sun, 11 Apr
Time: to be announced
Rheinlander lawn and Iron Soldier Park

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.

EMPLOYMENT ORIENTATION CLASS

POC: CAMILLE JACKSON, 485-6046
12 March 04, 10:00am-3:00pm, at the Rheinlander Important Information regarding military spouse preference. Defining federal and private sector opportunities. Application procedures. Basic Resumix start-up information. Volunteer opportunities

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.

FRG training scheduled thus far:

HHB DIVARTY03 Mar0830 – 1200
8th Finance03 Mar1815 – 2030
C/40th ENG09 Mar1800 – 2000
HHB 4-2710 Mar1830 – 2000
HHB 2-611 Mar1700 – 2030
C/4-2724 Mar0800 – 1100

Schedule current as of 10 Feb 04.

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION AND WELCOME

8-10 Mar 04 , 0830 – 1430 ACS, Bldg. #8746
Learn more about your new community and German culture.





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Activities include:

Community information
Idar-Oberstein visit
AFTB Level I

BAUMHOLDER EDUCATION CENTER

- 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
- 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>

COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SUPPORT

WORSHIP SERVICES

- Catholic Masses
 - 1100, Sunday, St. Michael Chapel
#2 (Smith)
 - 1800, First Saturday of the month *En
Español*, Chapel #2 (Smith)
 - 1200, Daily duty day Mass, St.
Michael Chapel #2 (Smith)
- Collective Protestant Worship Services
 - 0930, Sunday, Good Samaritan
Chapel #1 (Smith)
 - 1100, Sunday, St. George Chapel
(Strassburg)
- Lutheran Holy Communion Service
 - 0800, Sunday, Good Samaritan
Chapel #1 (Smith)
- Gospel Worship Service
 - 1230, Sunday, Good Samaritan
Chapel #1 (Smith)
- Korean Assembly of God Worship Service
 - 1600, Sunday, Good Samaritan
Chapel #1 (Smith)

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

HOURS: Mon-Thurs 0900-1700 Fri 0900-1500

BAUMHOLDER COMMUNITY SPOUSES CLUB

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.

**Come join us at the March luncheon on March 17
at 1130 in the Rheinlander.** The theme is "Welcome
Home Heroes". The speaker will be from ACS to help
us welcome home our own hero in the best way
possible. Childcare will be provided on site if you
contact Cher Lim by March 3 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.

Changes Are Coming!

Due to the re-deployment of troops to Baumholder,
our May luncheon will be held on May 5, instead of
May 19. Childcare reservations are due to Cher Lim
no later than April 21 at cher.lim@us.army.mil



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INFORMATION CHANNEL MOVES

The Baumholder Information Channel has moved from cable channel 3 or 4 to cable channel A2. The channel should appear automatically on the cable service. If not, viewers must tune in the channel by conducting a search on their television set or tune their television to frequency 55.25.

TKS added programming to the cable service and therefore the channel was moved to a different frequency.



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