



THE STRIKER STATEMENT

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Editor

*****SPECIAL NOTE*****

This message will affect you. If you are a family member or soldier who has not registered in the IACS system you may soon become unable to access other military bases like Ramstein and Vogelweigh. After the 5th of September the extra personnel assigned to register Baumholder residents will go away and it will take significantly longer to inprocess in the system. You may currently register with ease in building 8743, DSN 485-6001 located vicinity Champion Village.

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

CPT Ted M. Preister
BCT Rear-D Commander

REGULARS

1/6 News Notes

According to Stephen Covey in his book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, one must balance production with production capability. Put another way, if you want to stay on the road you must do periodic maintenance. This week the common theme in the companies was maintenance.

Alpha company was involved in "barracks maintenance" as they completed the transition from their Forward Operations Base (FOB) Attack to FOB Regular. Like all the other units in FOB Regular, Alpha will be housed in private homes that used to belong to Ba'ath Party officials. As they moved into their new homes they needed to clean and arrange their equipment in a manner that suited them. They also had to clean their former home on the Baghdad University campus so it could be turned over to their new residents. The troops had a tinge of sadness in their hearts as they said "good bye," to FOB Attack, but they feel the new accommodations offer several advantages. The new buildings will provide more space for the soldiers; grant access to the battalion chow hall, a swimming pool, and soon an Internet Café. 1SG Anthony Petrone stated, "We're doing everything we can to improve the soldiers' quality of life."



1st platoon loads up to move. (SSG Galindo, SFC Huff, SGT Scott, PVT Linn, PV2 Miller)

Soldiers need to maintain their housing, their personal equipment, and their vehicles. Such was the case for Bravo this week. It was time for their Bradley Fighting Vehicles (BFV) to go into semiannual services. Weeks of patrolling on the dusty streets of Baghdad (and swimming in the lake of dust in the motor pool) made it necessary to clean the tracks before they could be serviced. The Warriors came up with a creative solution to this problem. They went to the local fire station and borrowed hoses to scrub off the months of dust and grime on the tracks. SGT Jack Ames pointed out, "After the ride back from the fire station (with more dust kicked up by the BFV's) the tracks looked just as dirty as they did before." Still it was an enjoyable opportunity to interact with the local fire fighters and chance to cool off in the scorching Baghdad heat.

Charlie Company was also involved in maintenance, but of yet another type. This week kicked off "Task Force Wisdom," hand in hand cooperation between our soldiers and the local Iraqi community to rebuild and maintain schools. Much of the work is being supervised by Army Engineers, but they needed security to accomplish their mission. SSG Esperidian Jaramillo and his squad provided this security while the 203th Engineers and local contractors worked to repair walls, install light fixtures and replace desks in the Al-Alwea school. This labor will undoubtedly help ensure that these children have a brighter future. It also shows the community that



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the Americans are serious about their commitment to rebuilding this country.

Even though the temperatures have started to fall a little (only rising to about 110 to 115 instead of 120 to 130) working under the hot Baghdad sun in the heat of the day can still be at least unpleasant if not down right dangerous. HHC's Charley Team maintenance section has developed a creative solution to this issue. They have elected to work on a reverse cycle, starting work at 1900 and ending at 0700 the next morning. Even working these odd hours, Charlie Team holds the best maintenance record in the battalion if not the brigade. SGT's Richard Finley and Joseph Fuller manage the schedule for these wrench-turning wizards balancing working off deadline maintenance and regular services for the Bradley Fighting vehicles of Charley Company (who just happened to have the largest number of operational Bradley's in the battalion). "It is a thankless job, sometimes, but without it we couldn't accomplish our mission," commended MAJ Brian McHugh as he finished giving accolades to Charlie Team after their outstanding showing during his inspection.



PFC Brandon Fitzpatrick helps a local Iraqi fill a bucket as he washes B-11

It is seldom the most glamorous duty. Few enjoy it when it is time to do it. But, maintenance is the necessary part of every soldier's task list that keeps him at the front with all the equipment he needs to do his best. Basic Training impresses every soldier with the concept, "take care of your equipment and your equipment will take care of you." Here in this rigorous and unforgiving climate our lads have taken

on this heart and excelled as always. For we are ... *"Regulars...by God."*



Charlie team mechanics working on a Bradley Transmission around 0100 on 21 August 2003 (top right to left PFC Hunt, SGT Fuller, SPC Beasley, PFC PV2 Harvey)

CONQUEROR

2 September 2003

Dear Conqueror Families,

It has taken me a little longer to send another letter but we have been very busy. For example, information our soldiers have been gathering helped lead to the capture of #20 on the blacklist. He was one of two Vice Presidents under Saddam. He was actually one of the leaders who helped overthrow the government and put Saddam in power. We are working with others right now to help grab a few more people from the blacklist. Although we are stuck doing checkpoints it has been getting a little more interesting lately. Security and everyone's attention has been raised since the bombing of the UN Headquarters. All the TF 1-35 AR checkpoints have been at a much higher readiness than most for quite some time. Fortunately, we may never know just how many attacks were prevented from all of our soldiers being ready on the checkpoints. Everyone is a little jumpier however... Happens to the best of us but Headquarters Company called in that gunshots were being fired from 100m away from the checkpoint when it was actually a car that had backfired down the road.

Thought I would use this newsletter to describe the Iraqi Organizations that your husbands are forming here to ensure we can come home next spring. There are quite a few but here are the





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organizations: Neighborhood Advisory Councils (NAC) for every neighborhood; District Advisory Council (DAC) for the Al Karkh District (where we live and secure); Force Protection Services (FPS); and the Iraqi Civilian Defense Corps (ICDC).

Each company, with the exception of HHC, has a neighborhood they are responsible for: A/2-6 IN is responsible for Al Salihya; A/1-35 AR is responsible for Al Kindi; and C/1-35 AR is responsible for Al Tashree. Each one of these neighborhoods has a NAC, which we helped to form. All of these neighborhoods are in the Al Karkh District. The company commanders and I help to facilitate these NAC meetings and get them to determine the problems and help to solve their own issues. These meetings are kind of like a Foreign Town Hall meeting, but with no subtitles. The NAC members, who were elected from within their own neighborhoods, meet and discuss issues and projects to repair their neighborhood. These meetings happen once a week in the neighborhood council halls, which we are paying to get fixed up. The District Area Council (DAC) meetings also happen once a week and Col Baker and the TF Commanders facilitating that meeting. This is where all the NAC members come (usually 1-2 from each neighborhood) and discuss their issues. There is a chairman and a vice-chairman who are both Iraqi national citizens.

Up until now the companies have been doing a lot of things for the neighborhoods: coordinating and working money through Brigade and Division to repair windows blown out during the war, purchasing generators for back up power to run A/C and lights, coordinating to establish youth recreation centers; lining up abandoned homes for the homeless to use for a while. The Iraqi nationals in these neighborhoods, for the most part have been very grateful and helping with everything along the way. The challenge now is for the local people to assume ownership of the systems we have been working to allow them to start paying and coordinating for their own services and repairs. This will be a difficult time for them but essential to ensure they will be ready to survive when we leave.

It is with a heavy heart that we held a beautiful memorial service for PFC Michael Scott Adams from

Charlie Company, 1-35 AR. He passed away as a result of smoke inhalation during a fire at an indoor small arms range. The cause of the fire is still undetermined. PV2 Weber was also seriously burned during the fire. He is receiving treatment at Fort Sam Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. He received burns to his face, arm, and back that will require surgery. Our prayers go out to the families of both of these soldiers and all of their friends back in Baumholder and the US. Mr. Richard Adams, Michael's father, requested to be kept on the distribution mailing list of our newsletters as he was concerned for the safety of the rest of the Comanches and the Conqueror battalion. As I stated in my words at the service, the memory of his beloved son and his enduring friendship will remain with us always.

Congratulations to SPC Spradlin for being promoted this month.

RUMOR CONTROL ...

-We are getting some DCUs to replace those that need to be exchanged due to damages, grease, etc on 1 Sep 03.

-We are not getting a new set of DCUs for every soldier on 1 Sep 03, only replacements.

- Congress will be proposing that soldier in Iraq and Afghanistan keep the same imminent danger pay through 2004

- We are starting to get AFN Decoders to put in every company with their TVs. The elements should all have one by 14 Sep 03 ... just in time for football season.

-We are getting 12 slots for some of our soldiers to go to Qatar from 7-11 Sep and another 12 slots for soldiers to go from 22-26 Sep. The company commanders and 1SGs have the volunteers right now to fill their slots. We will get more in the future and possibly another 5 days because they wanted to take a pass and not leave.

-It is getting cooler here ... only 109 today with a low of 79 F.

-Nothing new on the Mid Tour Leave Program. If it happens soldiers will be flown to Frankfurt or Baltimore, Maryland and then transportation is at their own cost. It will be charged against them as leave. Anyone who is moving or getting out of the





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Army before we re-deploy or arrives in country after 1 Sep 03 is not eligible for this program. Two problems exist: no aircraft and no where to fly out of and we must keep above 90% at all times. This means we can only send home about 60 people at a time, which I can make happen all months except January 2004 when we shoot gunnery.

I apologize for the mess up on this end for the VTC that did not occur last week. We will continue to schedule these VTCs as often as we can get the support. Hope everything went well last night.

We have sent our scrubbed the Family Readiness Group Contact list from over here checking to ensure we have everyone's correct email, phone number, address, and where they can be contacted now. We will also be identifying additional Family Readiness Leaders to re-deploy and help out on Rear Detachment. This will be a long year for all involved and we want to make sure our families are taken care of by the soldiers within the battalion.

That is all until the next update...**Conqueror 6**

RAMS

24 August 2003

Dear Battering Rams:

It's been a busy and extremely hot two weeks. Temperatures have soared to over 140 degrees, but the Battering Rams seems to be taking it all in stride. All of the soldiers continue to do great things for the battalion and the Iraqi people.

The battalion has begun a new mission I'm calling "Iraqi Engagement". The 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander has put the Battering Rams in the spotlight, and asked us to take the lead with respect to getting the Iraqi people back on their feet. As a result, the Battering Rams will now be putting boots on the ground and helping the Iraqis where they live. Our districts within Baghdad are Karkh and Karadah, and all of the nearly 1.5 million people living within these two districts are happy to have us around.

HHC has continued to keep the battalion running. Putting hundreds of miles on their vehicles, soldiers of Head Hunter Company keep maintaining the battalion's equipment, providing meals for the battalion's soldiers, and providing support to all of the Battering Rams on a 24/7 basis. You name it, and HHC soldiers have their hands in it. Range qualifications have broken up the routine a bit, and

HHC has taken the lead in the battalion and managed to run the first of many of the battalion's ranges.

The Assassins have moved from paying the Iraqi veterans to manning a checkpoint. They are also providing one platoon each to support 1-6 IN and 4-27 FA in infrastructure assessment and repair. The platoons in the field are getting to the heart of each neighborhood's problems, assessing the best way to fix their problems, and then fixing them. Meanwhile, the Assassin soldiers continue to improve their living conditions in the Ba'ath Party museum, and they have recently purchased three "lawn mowers" to help with the insects that are infesting their grass...2 lambs and 1 goat. I'm keeping an eye on this project, but the commander promises me that they won't become pets, and rest assured that none of them will be returning home with any of your soldiers.

The Bulldogs are continuing to make improvements to their new accommodations in the Ba'ath Party dental clinic, next door to Alpha Company. The Internet café within their building space is really looking good. We're just waiting on the computers now. The Bulldogs are still manning a checkpoint outside of the Zawra Park area, and they are also doing all of the force protection work for the 2-6 Infantry Battalion. As 2-6 Infantry's force protection enhancements draw to a completion, the Bulldogs are sure to be getting pretty busy in the streets of Zafaraniya, Sindabad, and Diyalah as they engage in fixing many of the infrastructure problems the these neighborhoods are experiencing. We'll be hearing more about this work in the next edition...

Charlie Rock soldiers are doing a great job taking care of our community of Iraqis in Al Janain. The Rock soldiers are working hard to bring this vacation spot back to life, as coalition forces hit it pretty hard. The soldiers are finding time to consistently get beat by the Iraqis on the soccer field after each Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting that we hold with the members of the Janain council, but the company commander assures me that they are losing on purpose in order to maintain good relations with the community. And of course, Charlie Company soldiers continue to stand point on the 14th of July Bridge checkpoint.

I think that you'll see that these updates sound pretty familiar, as each week is fitting into somewhat of a routine. This routine, however, will change on September 22nd, as all of the companies will rotate in



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their duties - even to the point where they are moving into totally different areas within Baghdad. From what I understand the soldiers are looking forward to the change in work and scenery, so the updates will be changing as well.

Thanks, again, to all of you supporting us from your side of the ocean. Speaking on behalf of all of the Battering Ram soldiers, we wouldn't be able to do what we're doing if it wasn't for your untiring support. We all look forward to returning home to you, but until that time comes, we will continue to work to make you all as proud of us, as we are proud of you and what you're doing in our absence.

Until next time, please stay safe wherever your travels take you, continue to look after each other, and know that we're all going to make it through this just fine.

LTC Mark Coats and CSM Lawrence Miller

THUNDER

BAGHDAD HOME TEAM 8, VISITORS 1



LEN VAUGHN-LAHMAN - KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE PHOTOS

A U.S. Army team kept on the move but apparently couldn't outmaneuver a local Iraqi team during a friendship match in Baghdad on Thursday.

Iraqis win goodwill match

U.S. Army Lt. John Turner organized an impromptu soccer game Thursday night in Baghdad - a team from the U.S. 1st Armor Division against a local Iraqi squad. Tanks guarded the field, but otherwise, it could have passed for a soccer game anywhere in America. "It's our desire to make this place good again, for all of us," Turner said. The Iraqi team won 8-1, but both teams shook hands and chatted afterward. — KNIGHT RIDDER



135th Armored Division members who pulled guard duty during the match got a chance to talk with locals afterward.

Two notes from the Thunder Battalion this week, the first note was submitted by an avid reader from South Carolina, the preceding clip comes from the Charlotte Observer and the Battalion wishes to extend a Hearty Congratulations to PV2 Jason Okara of service battery and Nicolette Okara on their One-year anniversary on September 6th.

CHAPLAIN CORNER

Last week I occupied many of your digits, so I'll lighten your reading load this time. Soldiers down-range, please be assured that your friends in the faith who hold the ropes for you in Baumholder are remembering you in prayer.

Big events on the home front in the 222nd BSB include continuing FRG informational meetings, the onset of cooler weather here -almost record lows in some places, and the first days of school classes. You might be interested to know that Germans currently are watching a weekly TV series documenting "Amerika, Allmaechtige." That's a somewhat blasphemous use of the Lord's name, "The Almighty"; the producers want to draw attention to our superpower status in world politics. Last night's edition was a fair and objective report on how European nations are coming to grips with the reality of America's capabilities and apparent responsibilities. Map-charts showed how American troop levels have dropped from 300,000 in Germany ten years ago to 70,000 now, and where our forces are based. They also displayed all the places where German troops have been deployed, including Afghanistan, the Caucasus, the Balkans, and Africa. The producers interviewed Germans who live and work around Spangdahlem, site of USAF activities for more than a half-century. These people consistently reported friendly attitudes toward their American neighbors, despite some lingering disapproval of our policy toward Iraq. Viewers could see how people in Rumania and Poland are welcoming increased teamwork with American armed forces. British opinion about Iraq seemed to shift from approval of U.S. policy before the war, to a "never again" attitude since British difficulties in Basra became evident. The producers also showed France's ambition to be regarded as a major military power, and the complex jostlings of European nations for comfortable places.





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I concluded that the political wranglings remain complex because of each European nation's internal challenges. It's certainly a worthwhile exercise for American soldiers to keep themselves informed, as German TV audiences seem to be doing. When the program ended, I found my prejudices more blurry and tattered and had a greater appreciation for those few serious, thoughtful statesmen who are trying to do what is best for their nation's interest, while taking responsibility for a future "world order." If any of them have adopted our frontier hero Davey Crockett's motto, "be sure you're right, and then go ahead", they had better be humble about the "be sure" part.

STRIKING SCRIPTURE

I'd like to revisit with you one verse I referred to last week: Nehemiah 8:10. There we read, in part, "Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." In that brief section you find much fuel for useful thinking. JOY is a word with good vibes; it's a word that associates with our deepest desires for satisfaction. Obviously the quality of joy goes deeper than mere feelings of happiness, which change with our circumstances. Ever wonder why Procter and Gamble dubbed their dish detergent "Joy"? I suppose they knew we desire "bright feelings" when faced with daily drudgery; evidently the connection proved itself profitable to them. It worked because the joy we desire and are created for must last longer and have more significance than the daily pile of dishes. Let's get serious about joy. Theologian J.I. Packer, writing years ago in a book called *Hot-Tub Religion*, identified joy as the permanent possession of a person who truly knows God. Joy, he says, has at least four characteristics. First, it flows from an assurance that we are loved. Nehemiah understood that God already had demonstrated his love for His people, and he realized that God would continue to accept, value, and care for all who looked to Him as God. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray to God in words beginning with "our heavenly Father", He identified God as the source of true joy. Secondly, joy arises from the proper sort of contentment with one's lot in life. Whiners and skeptics can know neither contentment nor joy. But those who believe that in all things God works for their good will experience a patient contentment and a joy that keeps flowing like a nourishing river no matter what the weather overhead. Third, Dr Packer

notices that our joy abounds when we know we possess something truly valuable. Our family relationships and especially the covenant whereby God binds us to Himself ("I will be your God and you will be My people") represent the most valued of possessions. Finally, joy comes from giving something that is worth giving. The countrymen who helped Nehemiah build up Jerusalem were giving effort as both commonwealth and worship. Their attention to God's Word and their desire to obey Him were gifts worth giving to God, and were within their power to give, so to speak. Let me add that joy comes from believing that you have a good future, no matter how bleak the present looks. When angels announced from heaven "tidings of comfort and joy" at the birth of Jesus, they declared that the future would be good and worth living in. May you be filled with true joy today!

Community Announcements

40th EN next FRG Meetings are
A CO 1800 Tuesday 9 Sep @ Bn
B CO/HHC 1600 Sat. 13 Sep BBQ at the Rheinlander
C CO 1830 Tuesday 9 Sep at Bn

47th FSB Next FRG Meeting. 22 Sep 03, at 1800 hr at the Wagon Wheel theater, 27 Sep 03, at 1300-1430 we will be making card for the kids to send to their parents downrange.

Commissary Hours

Construction has been postponed while they decide what additional improvements will be made. The hours starting 1 September will be 1000-1900 except Thursdays 1000-2000.

Oil Change

Baumholder Auto Skills Center is now offering oil change services after hours! On Tues-Fri after 5 pm and on the weekends from 10 am – 5 pm, you can get your oil changed! Standard oil change is \$19.95, synthetic is \$39.95 and both include oil and filters! To make your appointment call DSN 485-6344.

Personal Trainer

Want to make sure your workout is the best way to get results? Consult the Baumholder Personal Trainer! She will walk you thru the correct way to do





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the moves and what will work best for the results you wish to achieve! For more information call 06783-186426.

NEW AEROBICS CLASSES

Baumholder Sports and Fitness will be offering NEW aerobic classes on Smith, Neubruecke and Wetzel Kasernes. Classes are 12 for \$25 and all fees must be paid to the instructor. The class schedule is as follows:

Straussburg Gym MWF 0900
Mountaineer Gym TWTH 1145
Hall of Champions MWF 1645
Neubruecke Gym TTH 1800 SAT 0900

Water Aerobics

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 1800 – 1900
Location: Rec Emporium

Youth Services Trips

05 Sep – Dining-Out Korean in Kaiserslautern Cost:
Order off the menu
12 Sep – Back to School Dance at the Underground
Cost: \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members
20 Sep – High School Dance at the Teen Cafe Cost:
\$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members
Signed permission slips and fees due 1 week before event. Events without minimum sign-up will be canceled.
Steve Ferguson at DSN 485-8249

CYS

Saturday, 20 Sep 03, 1800 – 2200
Smith CDC (Infants – Kindergarten).....\$10/child
Smith SAS (1st – 6th grade).....\$6/child
Payment due when reserving a spot
Must be registered with CYS
Reserve by 11 Sep 03 (spaces limited)
Smith CDC 485-6461 Smith SAS 485-6641
Carlotta James at DSN 485-6852

Youth Services Events

12 Sep 03 – Back to School Dance at the Underground
Cost: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

20 Sep 03 – High School Dance at the Teen Cafe
Cost: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

Check our Web site:

www.baumholder.army.mil/youthsite/html/ys.htm

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

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE PRACTICES

Dates: Tue & Thu
Time: 1800 – 2000
Location: Soldier Field

Outdoor Rec Tours

Introduction to Paragliding 06 – 07 Sep
Paris City Express 06 Sep
Legoland Germany 07 Sep
Sea Kayaking – Bosenlake 09 Sep
Six Flags – Belgium 13 Sep
Bad Duerkheim Weinfest 13 & 20 Sep
Six Flags – Holland 20 Sep
White Water Kayaking 27 Sep
Oktoberfest Munich 04 Oct
Werner Graf at DSN 485-7182

Rheinlander Events

Monday Night Movie Night
Tuesday night kids' night with
– kids' movies in the restaurant
Wednesday Night Buffet
Saturday Night Schnitzel Night
Sunday Brunch with family and friends on Sept 7
Saturday Market on Sept 20
Free Concert, HOT MOLINA (a Latin Band) 2
October 1900
Amy Gee at DSN 485-7507

September events

7 Effective this day, old installation passes
AE 190-13a & AE 190-13c will no longer be
accepted.
Sunday Brunch, 10am-1:30pm





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- 24 LINKS
- 27 Care Fair, Hall of Champions, 10am-4pm
- 30 Town Hall Meeting

Care Fair

Date: Saturday, 27 Sep 03
 Time: 1000 – 1600
 Location: Hall of Champions

Community Level Basketball

The Baumholder Sports Office is looking for a few good men and women! If you are 18 years of age or older, no longer in high school, and would like to be a proud member of the Baumholder Bears or Lady Bears basketball teams, call DSN 485-7176 for more information.

Host Nation Sponsored Events

- 5-7 Sep 03 Saarland Days at St. Wendel
- 5-9 Sep 03 Kusel Fall Fair
- 5-9 Sep 03 Praemienmarkt at Birkenfeld
- 6 Sep 03 Fleamarket at Homburg/Saar
- 12-16 Sep 03 Bad Dürkheimer Wurstmarkt
- 14 Sep 03 Farmers & Art Market at Berglangenbach
- 19-22 Sep 03 Bad Dürkheimer Wurstmarkt
- 20-22 Sep 03 Baumholder City Fair Market on Monday (22)
- 26-28 Sep 03 City Fest at Oberstein
- 4 Oct 03 Flea market at Homburg/Saar
- 6 Oct 03 Market at Kirn
- 11-12 Oct 03 Environmental exhibition at Kusel
- 11 Oct 03 Team Duathlon at Kusel
- 12 Oct 03 Crafts & Farmers market at Kirn
- 12 Oct 03 Birkenfeld City Fest
- 18-19 Oct 03 Hobby artist exhibition, Brühlhalle Baumholder
- 25 Oct 03 Flea market at Metz, France
Madeleine Dwoiakowski, 485-1600

Post Wide Yard Sale

The 222d BSB Semi-Annual Post-Wide Yard Sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 13 Sept 2003 in all of Baumholder's government housing areas. All sales are for U.S. ID card holders only and all property must be removed by 6 p.m.

Baumholder Education Center

- August brings in a variety of educational opportunities for the *Baumholder* community.
- Adult Ed class dates through October 10, 2003
- Conversational German I \$40
 - Monday & Wednesday 0900-1100
 - Or Monday & Wednesday 1800-2000
- English as a Second Language **NO CHARGE**
 - Wednesday & Friday 1130-1230
- Sign Language \$40
 - Tuesday & Thursday 1800-2000
- Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST)
 - 08-22 Sept 03
- Automotive Service Exams (ASE)
 - November 2003

Reminder Army Emergency Relief (AER) Spouse Education Assistance Program Term 2 deadline – 29 Sept 03 AER will pay up to 50% of an active duty spouse's tuition at local colleges.

Application Deadlines: New financial aid forms for 2003-04 now available.

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

Register by September 4, 2003 UMUC and Central Texas College (CTC) begin registration for Term I August 1, 2003 Now offering classes in Criminal Justice, Automotive Technology, and Early Childhood Education

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.

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM

For information concerning applications for the program, please contact Army Community Service (ACS), Bldg 8746 at DSN 485-8188 or CIV 06783-6-8188. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700, with the shortest waiting times between 0800 and 1200.

This year you **will be required** to show proof of income (latest end of the month LES/pay stubs for spouse's income), kindergeld amounts, child support, **any** additional income, etc. **THEREFORE, ALL EXTRA DEPLOYMENT INCOME WILL BE COUNTED.** We will, **also**, need to see concurrent travel orders to the Baumholder community (showing





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the student's name) in order for us to determine eligibility. Only one application per family is required. For questions or for more information contact: Donna Vielma, Financial Readiness Specialist at 06783-6-8188

ACAP Services

VA Benefits Briefing - 8 September
Pre-registration required - #485-6330
Open House Job Fair – 28 September in Heidelberg
The Village Pavilion – Patrick Henry Village
www.morejobs.net

Relocation Assistance for Spouses

If your spouse is currently deployed but has received orders to relocate, 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: an added bonus, the more quality time your family gets 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.

FORCE PROTECTION

Recently there have been reports of U.S ID cards, U.S. passports, and USAREUR license plates ON SALE at German Flea Markets. This presents a very serious concern that, for little as 10 Euros, terrorist organizations will come in possession of the tools essential to gain access on post.

Request everyone's assistance in helping identifying where these type of sales are being conducted. Flea markets are normally held on

Saturdays and Sundays. If you happen to go to a German (or even French) flea market, and you see that U.S. ID cards, U.S. passports, or USAREUR license plates are on sale, contact the Baumholder MP Desk immediately, 06783-6-7546 or 7547, with the location and description of the salesperson. The salesperson normally has a vehicle next to his/her goods. Annotate the make of the vehicle, but most importantly, the license plate, so that the MPs may be able to track him/her, should he/she leave before the arrival of the authorities.

Don't alert or attempt to question the salesperson, just report it to the nearest Law Enforcement desk. If unsure, call the Baumholder MP Desk and they will take the appropriate action.

Security awareness

Recently there has been a rash of violations of security around the Baumholder Community. Please remember that your awareness helps us stay safe. Report suspicious activities to your BN or to the BSB S2 at 485-7141. Remember to lock you home and car when not in use and never leave your ID in the car or unsecured anywhere. Finally it is not only the right thing to do but a regulation, that children not be left unattended in cars anywhere, shoppette, Mail room etc..

