



Tech. Sgt. Warren Park

Best in the Air Force

Members of the 86th Supply Squadron Fuels Management Flight recently proved they were the best in the Air Force by winning the American Petroleum Institute Award. Not only has the award not been won by U.S. Air Forces in Europe in 20 years, they had to top 219 other fuels flights to bring it to its new home. Senior Airman Willie Calvert (above) does a fuel particle assessment in the fuel testing lab with the use of a microscope as Airman 1st Class Marco Navarro, does other tests on aircraft fuel here.

USAFE surpasses AFAF monetary goal

U.S. Air Forces in Europe exceeded its monetary goal by 33 percent for the command 2002 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign.

"It's wonderful that even though the Air Force increased the goal by almost \$100,000 from last year, our USAFE personnel stepped up to the challenge and far exceeded that goal," said Naomi Roupe, the Operations Project Officer for the 2002 AFAF Campaign.

According to Roupe, whose office manages the campaign for USAFE, the goal for 2002 was \$397,000. The command raised more than \$528,000.

To achieve this, every USAFE installation exceeded its specific installation goal. Roupe attributes the increase to the installation project officers, the unit key workers and all the people who believe in and contributed to the AFAF.

"Commitment to Caring" is the campaign's permanent theme. Air Force-wide, AFAF ran from Feb. 25 to Apr. 12.

The annual AFAF campaign supports four charitable service-oriented organizations benefiting active-duty, the Reserves, the Guard and retired Air Force members and their families, including surviving spouses and families. The organizations are the Air Force Aid Society (Air Force's official charity); the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc.; the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund; and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAFE commander, applauded the generosity of USAFE contributors and expressed his gratitude saying it was a "truly magnificent effort and very gratifying to see the sense of support our people provided for this very important cause."

The Air Force goal for this year's campaign is \$4.6 million. Last year's contributions totaled more than \$4.5 million.

For more information about AFAF or the AFAS, call 480-5100 or visit the web at <http://www.afas.org>. (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe)

Security forces ready for evaluation team visit

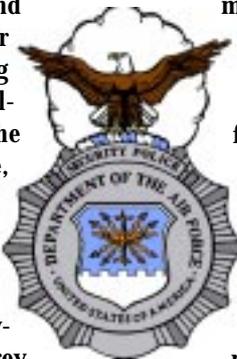
by Senior Airman Scott Ferguson
86th Security Forces Squadron

The 86th Security Forces Squadron here has a shot to prove they are the best during an inspection scheduled from Sunday through Wednesday. Hard work and determination may earn them the Air Force Outstanding Active-Duty Large Security Forces Unit Award.

The Security Force Inspection team made up of Col. John Passey, Security Forces Center Operations Division chief, and Chief Master Sgt. Charles Alfonso, Security Forces Center Security Forces manager, from the Air Force Security Forces Cen-

ter, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, will observe security forces' day-to-day security operations and daily support activities for the 86th Airlift Wing. Being one of two Air Force finalists, competing against the 18th SFS, Kadena Air Base, Japan, hasn't changed daily routines for some security forces members.

"I haven't changed anything — I do my best everyday," said Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Vallery, 86th SFS Resource Protection NCO in charge. "I try to do my job so I'm ready for an inspection at any given time."



Performing a large task, the 86th SFS, comprised of approximately 600 military and 90 civilian personnel, is responsible for force protection around the 1,150 square mile KMC and for more than 38,000 U.S. citizens residing in the area.

The unit is organized into four different flights; the 568th Security Forces Flight, responsible for all security and law enforcement duties on Ramstein; the 569th U.S. Forces Police Flight located at Vogelweh, conducts law enforcement patrolling and force protection for the rest of the KMC; while

the Security Forces Operations Flight and Security Forces Administration flight provide the full compliment of training and administration services to the community. Some of the services include, pass and identification for more than 10,000 contractor personnel, combat arms training for all 86th AW and tenant organizations, and vehicle registration for all military personnel and dependents assigned to the KMC.

"Even being in competition for the award shows the troops what they have achieved as a team," said Senior

Recognition discipline required for good morale ... *really*

by Senior Master Sgt. Lee Reedy
3rd Space Communications Squadron

There is an old one-line joke that goes, "The beatings will continue until morale improves." Many of us have seen or been in units that had very low morale and seemed to crush their people with even more work, arbitrary rules, and more punishments that seemed to make the adage sarcastic. However, there are certain amounts of truth to it that many leaders miss in the hectic pace of everyday duties. Let us explore how.

The root of discipline is not about punishment, though that is the primary meaning associated with the word. True, having to discipline someone usually involves punishment, but the real measure of the word is in its root meaning — teaching or learning. Some troops learn quickly and begin to discipline themselves early in their career. They are self-motivating and consistently do outstanding work. Others need more help and properly supervising these folks not only determines the overall morale of the unit, but its overall success as well.

Indeed, not supervising these folks properly can destroy the performance of your outstanding performers. Thus, discipline helps mold the learner whether their performance is *substandard*, *average*, *above average* or *outstanding*.

Outstanding performers depend on effective discipline to gauge where they are in relation to all others. Although their self-discipline and motivation keeps them striving to be better, discipline in the rest of the unit affects how hard they press forward. The awards and decorations programs are built for these people; it aids their motivation and presents goals for them to achieve. Yet, recognition without discipline is a recipe for mediocrity.

It is very difficult to bust your hump to earn the ratings and be the best, and then watch a coworker who is just above average get the same recognition and rewards.

Above average performers depend on effective discipline as a motivation for achievement. No matter what you do in your unit, people are watching you constantly and making comparisons. As a supervisor, you must make the cuts at your level rather than forwarding a recommendation on a "good troop" that is not outstanding. Your troops, and others in the unit, will see what you are doing and respond with better performance on their own. These are the troops that you mentor into outstanding performers. They are generally far more receptive to mentoring at this stage and they will see you are trying to "pull them up."

Average performers depend on effective discipline for motivation to a much larger degree. Mentoring these troops often fails because they may not have enough self-discipline yet to perform up to their potential. This forces their supervisor to supervise them and this is where many supervisors falters. What this really means is you must recognize and deal with all acts that stray into the substandard category. These are some of the toughest people to look in the eye and tell them they are not making the grade. They come to work, do a reasonable job most of the time, and go home. However, the pitfall for the supervisor is the small

acts of substandard performance, if left unchecked, can grow into bigger problems later. Clearly, we must motivate our troops positively whenever possible, but this is the crucible of leadership since you must begin documenting and dealing with even "small" problems. This includes informing your

supervisor and keeping them up-to-date. Doing so sets up the conditions under which you can later take action if the substandard performance worsens.

Substandard performers depend on effective discipline in obvious ways. By this point, it is usually clear (to everyone in the unit) the troop requires discipline and

the range of options will either be fully available, or severely limited, depending on whether the supervisor dealt with issues previously. Usually the first question the commander, first sergeant, or judge advocate is going to ask is, "What have you properly documented to justify the action you believe is needed?" Your answer will determine whether the discipline the individual receives is proper considering level of the problem. Recognition and discipline are required for a unit to have high morale. A fair and accurate accounting helps outstanding performers assess achievement, motivates above average performers, causes average performers to review their situation, and deals effectively with substandard performance overall. As supervisors, we must all strive to recognize our people properly, no matter where they rack and stack.

"No matter what you do in your unit, people are watching you constantly and making comparisons."

— Senior Master Sgt. Lee Reedy

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE



Brig. Gen. Mark A. Volcheff
86th Airlift Wing commander

Issue: It is hard enough to park in the KMC, so why in some areas do they start construction on more than one area of parking at a time?

For instance near the Food Court where Robin Hood is, two sections of

the parking lot is consumed by construction material while they are working on Harmon Street.

Response: Thank you for your concern regarding construction projects consuming parking spaces. Parking is a premium on Ramstein, and it is frustrating for all of us when we cannot find parking anywhere near our destination.

Some of the construction projects on Ramstein are quite complex, and the contractor must have all his materials, tools, and a variety of

equipment on hand to complete his task. This means that he needs a fairly large staging area for these items. Some of the areas that the contractors work in are cramped and constrained, and they are forced to temporarily use parking areas. Other areas, such as the sewer line work area near the southside mall area require multiple staging areas to keep the work moving as quickly as possible. We are sensitive to the parking limitations on base, and try to minimize the amount of parking spaces taken by our contractors.

However, to build better infrastructure and facilities, the short-term parking inconveniences are necessary to ensure major long-term quality of life improvements.

The Action Line is a way for community members, military or civilian, to receive answers to questions and express their own concerns about life in the KMC. Community members can reach the Action Line through e-mail at Action.Line@ramstein.af.mil.



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K M C Warriors of the Week



Airman 1st Class Ronald Pilling

Unit: Defense Finance and Accounting Service Europe

Time in Service: 3 years

Duty Title: Intergovernmental accounting technician

How do your day-to-day duties contribute to the mission success of the KMC? I ensure organizational funds are accounted for so units can carry out their mission requirements. No money, no mission.

Hometown: Kansas City, Kan.

Hobbies: Football, basketball, singing and video games.

If you could change one thing about the Air Force, what would it be? I would change the way some servicemembers look at the Air Force. No matter what the job, they should realize it is an honor to serve their country.

Why did you enlist in the Air Force? To serve my country and provide a better life for my family.

What has been your best experience in the Air Force? Experiencing different European countries and cultures.

Unit: Defense Courier Service

Time in Service: 3 years, 7 months

Duty Title: Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory journeyman

How do your day-to-day duties contribute to the mission successes of the KMC? I calibrate test, measurement and diagnostic equipment used throughout the KMC, Europe, Africa and South West Asia.

Hometown: Lancaster, Calif.

Hobbies: Playing the guitar and traveling.

If you could change one thing about the Air Force, what would it be?

I would allow all enlisted members to have full BAS.

Why did you enlist in the Air Force? To serve my country and learn a technical skill.

What has been your best experience in the Air Force? I really enjoyed having the opportunity to audition in a band for the MTV talent show this past December.

Servicemembers to receive National Defense Service Medal

The Department of Defense has announced that servicemembers on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible to receive the National Defense Service Medal.

"The sacrifices and contributions made by the Armed Forces in direct response to the terrorism attacks on the United States and to the long-term resolution of terrorism merit special recognition," said Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz.

The National Defense Service Medal may also be awarded to members of the Reserve components who are ordered to federal active duty, regardless of duration, except for certain categories.

While no closing date has been established, eligible servicemembers can receive the award immediately.

The National Defense Service Medal was first established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 and was subsequently awarded for honorable active service for any period between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954, between Jan. 1, 1961 and Aug. 14, 1974, and between Aug. 2, 1990 and Nov. 30, 1995.

(Courtesy of U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army)



Master Sgt. Sue Harper

Vehicle inspection

Pfc. Robert Vaccarino, a military police customs inspector with the 560th Military Police Company Customs, 95th MP Battalion, inspects dirt he found on the underside of a vehicle as the driver looks on at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. The 21st Theater Support Command provides logistical support to Hungarian Response.

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are two different entitlements when not assigned to government quarters?
 - Basic allowance for housing-I is based on zip code in the United States. BAH-II is paid when not assigned to stateside base or not otherwise entitled to overseas housing allowance.
 - If on an unaccompanied tour and have dependents in the states, you receive BAH-I for zip code and dual OHA and family separation allowance Type I for here.
 - If on an accompanied tour and dependents do not travel you receive BAH-II and dual OHA, but do not receive FSA unless dependent restricted.
 - If assigned to government quarters you can receive no other housing entitlements regardless of situation or the location of dependents.

FIRST SERGEANTS TIP OF THE WEEK



Wear of uniform outergarments Outer garments must be zipped, snapped, or buttoned. Remove in an office environment. May be worn with civilian clothes if grade is removed. Reference: AFI 36-2903, Table 2.2 and 2.5.

National Police Week honors fallen peace officers

by Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Vallery
86th Security Forces Squadron
Resource Protection

The 86th Security Forces Squadron will host National Police Week Monday through May 17 with several community events in honor of the Peace Officers who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Police week stems from events leading to President John F. Kennedy's signing Public Law 87-726 Oct. 1, 1962. The law designated Wednesday as National

Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week containing Wednesday as National Police Week. The week honors peace officers. It also recognizes the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us all, through the enforcement of our laws and regulations.

The U.S. Congress also passed a law directing the U.S. flag to be flown at half-staff Wednesday, honoring all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. This year's memorial takes on a special meaning, as it is the first since the

Sept. 11th tragedy that claimed the lives of hundreds of emergency response personnel.

Several demonstrations and displays of equipment, vehicles and weapons will be provided Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ramstein Air Base Main Exchange courtyard. KMC members can meet McGruff the Crime Dog and participate in Operation Identification. A K-9 demonstration will be held at noon and again at 1:30 p.m. The U.S. Air Forces Europe Special Security Squadron Drill Team will perform

at 11 a.m. In addition, the Polizei Band will provide entertainment from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Another opportunity to visit the various displays will occur on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vogelweh Main Exchange courtyard.

Finally, a memorial ceremony will be held May 17 at 9 a.m. at the Berlin Wall Memorial near the Ramstein Officers' Club to honor the 71 security forces members who gave their lives in the line of duty. For more information, call 86th SFS at 480-5589.

Blotter

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Absent without leave—An E-4 was charged under Article 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for leaving the local area prior to scheduled leave. Punishment received was forfeiture of \$50.00 pay, 29 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Dereliction of duty—An E-3 was charged under Article 92 of the UCMJ for downloading pornographic materials to a government computer. Punishment received was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand.

Assault—An E-4 was detained for assault against another military member.

Possible consequences: The commander has a variety of options from taking no action to administrative action, to nonjudicial punishment to court-martial.

Assault consummated by a battery: The maximum punishment authorized in a court-martial for assault consummated by a battery is a bad-conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement for 6 months (Art

Road work!

Repair work is scheduled to begin next week on the Pulaski Barracks access road off B40 near McDonalds.



Motorists should expect varying traffic patterns and possibly longer delays for the next couple of weeks. As an alternative, drivers should use Gate 2 off B-270.

Chiefs' Corner

Why do chiefs stay?

One chief master sergeant answers the question

by Chief Master Sgt. Jay Snead
U.S. Air Forces Europe



Snead

I was speaking to an Airman Leadership School class when a senior airman asked me that very question. Specifically, "You are a chief, you can't go any further in your career. Why do you stay in?" I pondered the question for two seconds to give a "chiefly" response. Then I answered simply, "I love what I do." Result: blank stares throughout the room. To drive the point home I explained it in a parable so all 100 students could realize the wisdom, or dare I say how "chiefly," that statement was.

Here's what I said: *There were two laymen working on a railroad. Suddenly the president of the railroad walked up and started conversing with one of them. It was obvious they were old friends. The other worker was shocked.*

After the president departed, the other worker asked, "How do you know the railroad president?" He answered, "Well, 20 years ago we started working here on the same day doing this very job." The other worker looked perplexed. He probed, "Why is he the president and you still work here?" The layman put down his shovel and answered, "That's simple. Twenty years ago I came to work for \$2.50 an hour, but 20 years ago he came to work for the railroad!"

Several students' eyes lit up in recognition, so I dug deeper.

"The same thing occurs in the Air Force. We have some people who come to work for money, and some who come to work for the Air Force. I come to work for the Air Force — I love what I do. I am pursuing my passion! If you pursue your passion, rather than your pension — you can achieve anything."

All 100 students knowingly understood. I

had achieved 100 percent contact, the coup de grace.

The Air Force is my passion. It encompasses all the ideals of America. You can achieve anything if you work for it. Eighteen years ago, the Air Force took a chance on a 20-year-old kid from the New York projects. It didn't matter that my aunt raised me; that I wasn't rich; what school I attended or the neighborhood I was from. The Air Force only asked me to "Aim High." That's it. No strings attached.

Three years later, a chief first sergeant made me realize I was not bound by society's labels, I was only bound by myself. I made the commitment to pursue my passion, rather than my pension, and here I am — against the odds — a chief master sergeant in the United States Air Force. It is a privilege to serve and defend this country — a country with limitless opportunities, where the only limitations are what we place on ourselves.

When I look at today's airman and see the gleam in the eye, the willingness to learn, or someone who just needs a chance, I catch a glimpse of myself. I've been there. I know what it's like when all you need is a chance to prove yourself. Every day I try to repay what the Air Force has given me. I tell myself this might be the day I say or do something that will be the turning point for someone else. I have become the Air Force and it has become me. It's the people, camaraderie and sense of mission that has become my passion, and it's priceless. Ninety-nine point nine percent of other chiefs echo the same sentiments. Every morning when I look in the mirror the gleam and commitment is still there. When I look at my fellow chiefs I see the same thing — the gleam and commitment. I count my blessings to serve another day. Until that gleam goes away and the smile fades, I will continue to serve. So, to answer the question — that's why chief's stay. God Bless America.

SFS

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Master Sgt. Fitzgerald Hentz, 86th SFS Security Force manager. "The best in the Air Force nomination is a reflection of all their efforts of working together." In addition to visiting the unit at Ramstein, the evaluators will also spend time with the 786th SFS at Sembach Air Base. The 55-member unit, which provides force protection for the EAF and specialized EUCOM AOR Raven missions, were awarded the U.S. Air Forces in Europe as the best Active-Duty Small Security Forces Unit in the command. They are in competition with the 85th SFS, Keflavik Air Station, Iceland, for the best Active-Duty Small Security Forces Unit in the Air Force. The 86th SFS has a distinguished record for being known as the best in U.S. Air Forces Europe. The unit was selected as USAFE's best in 1981, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1992 and 1997. The unit also received Air Force Level awards in 1981, 1985, 1986, 1996 and 1997. According to most, both units look forward to representing both the 86th AW and the KMC at the Air Force level.

"Opportunities like these build camaraderie amongst troops and help make a better Air Force," said Staff Sgt. Robert Murdock, 86th SFS A-flight Area supervisor. In addition to the visit, Annual Police Week activities will be held from Monday through May 17 throughout the KMC. (See Page 4 for more details)

Contractor explains cable outages

What has become an annoyance to cable television subscribers in the Vogelweh family housing area is now a problem for Telepost Kabel Service. TKS owns the cable system and is contracted to provide service locally and at other U.S. Forces installations in Germany.

"The problem rests with the building renovation program and other projects in the Vogelweh housing area," said Axel Gruen, TKS' chief engineer. "TKS' cables are often cut or damaged to the extent they cannot carry television programming."

According to Gruen, damage to cables and other equipment required to support the TKS system has reached epidemic proportions.

"If we know where the break occurred we can restore service in a very short time, but occasionally it takes longer to locate and fix the affected cable or equipment," he added.

TKS customers know immediately when a cable is cut; however, damaged cables deteriorate underground and television viewers experience a steady loss in both picture and sound quality. When the latter occurs, technicians must follow the buried cable's path until they detect where the damage occurred.

"Our customers are frustrated and they are telling us about it. We're frustrated ... it's costing us money and our reputation in Vogelweh," said Gruen.

There are more than 2,300 family units in Vogelweh and approximately 800 of them are currently being renovated. Ongoing renovation and building projects will take several years to complete in the community.

TKS officials have met with Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Europe and 86th Airlift Wing civil engineers to determine what steps can be undertaken to protect the cable system.

Project managers in the Vogelweh housing area plan to place more emphasis on awareness of the underground cables and also in briefing and supervising everyone who works in this area.

"It won't be 100 percent fail-safe, but we're taking steps in the right direction," Gruen said.

For more information, call Doug Moore at 06374-914597. (Courtesy of TKS)

Hot dogs recalled

John Morrell and Company is voluntarily recalling a number of hot dog products. Of those being recalled, only one item is carried in DeCA Europe commissaries:

John Morell 16 oz. Bun Length Franks (with chicken and pork) UPC 070100016130, NSN 890501A391347 bearing P-2564 inside the USDA Mark of Inspection. A code date of May 14 is also displayed. This recall is based on the possibility of contamination with *Listeria Monocytogenes*.

Customers with this product may return it to any commissary for a full refund. (Courtesy of Defense Commissary Agency, European Region)

USAREUR announces soldier, NCO of year

by Michael Tolzmann
U.S. Army, Europe Public Affairs

The U.S. Army, Europe announced May 3 the USAREUR soldier and NCO of the year during the 11th annual Soldiers' Banquet here.

Spc. Alan J. Suskey, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Military Police Brigade is the Soldier of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Erick R. Macher, Alpha Battery, 1-7th Field Artillery is the NCO of the Year.

Suskey and Macher represented V Corps in each of their categories.

Command Sgt. Maj. David L. Lady, USAREUR command sergeant major, made the announcement before a large audience at the Village Pavilion Ballroom, Patrick Henry Village.

Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, USAREUR commanding general, presented the winners with Army

Commendation Medals followed by a rousing applause from the hundreds gathered there.

"It's important to recognize USAREUR's most talented, articulate, professional soldiers. And we have a great group here," Lady said.

Four soldiers and four NCOs attended as finalists, each representing their major subordinate command.

They were each introduced to the audience by their first-line leader along with a documentary-style video projected onto four large-screen displays throughout the ballroom.

Soldier of the year finalists:

- Pfc. Jeremy Arnold, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 21st Theater Support Command; first-line leader is Staff Sgt. Tessa Jones. Arnold represented the 21st TSC.

- Spec. Brian J. Pehrson, 13th Military Police Company, 22nd

Area Support Group; first-line supervisor is Cpl. Cory Ramirez. Pehrson represented the Southern European Task Force.

- Spec. Robert D. Woyak, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 266th Finance Command; first-line leader is 1st Sgt. Anthony Bowling. Woyak represented the Deputy Commanding General's Units category.

NCO of the year finalists:

- Staff Sgt. Fidelis Etim, 574th Supply Company; first-line leader is Sgt. 1st Class Mark Sims. Etim represented the 21st TSC.

- Sgt. Gregory B. Gray, 13th Military Police Company, 22nd ASG; first-line leader is Staff Sgt. Derek Gaines. Gray represented SETAF.

- Staff Sgt. Jennifer Smith, 415th Base Support Battalion; first-line leader is Sgt. 1st Class Claude Jones.

Smith represented the Deputy

Commanding General's Units category.

Suskey and Macher will represent USAREUR in the first ever Army-wide soldier and NCO of the year competition later this year.

"I know they've worked through a rigorous process to get here. In my book they are all winners. The difference between them is negotiable and subjective," Meigs said.

Soldier and NCO of the year candidates reached the USAREUR-level competition following a highly competitive process through their respective major subordinate commands. They were evaluated through a series of oral boards where senior NCOs quizzed the individuals on their Army knowledge.

They were also evaluated in areas such as their physical fitness and marksmanship abilities.

Only individuals recognized by the highest of Army standards are recommended to compete.

Air Force announces supply award winners

Air Force officials recently announced the 2001 American Petroleum Institute Awards and the 2001 Daedalian Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Supply Effectiveness Award.

The 86th Supply Squadron Fuels Management Flight here was recognized as the 2001 API Award as well as the U.S. Air Forces in Europe 2001 Golden Drum winner.

The 100th Supply Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, received the 2001 Daedalian award for their numerous facility upgrades and initiatives to improve both the working environments for squadron members and to support their many customers.

Detachment 1, 86th Operations Group/Logistics Group Fuels Management Flight, Chievres Air Base, Belgium, won the USAFE 2001 Outstanding Small Fuels Account Award. This award does not have an Air Force equivalent.

(USAFE News Service)



A STEP above the rest

General Gregory S. Martin, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, presents technical sergeant stripes to Staff Sgt. Diana Lebrun of the 86th Dental Squadron recently. Assisting with the presentation is Lebrun's spouse, 2nd Lt. Mark Lebrun.

Courtesy photo



U.S. AIR FORCE

Troops participate in Hungarian Response

HEIDELBERG, Germany — More than 2,500 soldiers and airmen from U.S. Army, Europe and U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Hungarian, Italian and Slovenian defense forces, will participate in Hungarian Response 2002, a multinational power projection exercise in Hungary, Monday through May 22.

Hungarian Response is a realistic opportunity for the Commander in Chief of the U.S. European Command to exercise the rapid deployment of Europe's forward based forces and to reinforce their robust capability to deploy quickly, sustain a theater-level non-combatant evacuation operation, respond to a developing crisis and to increase United States and NATO ally interoperability.

This exercise marks the first time all the components of USAREUR's Immediate Ready Force will deploy within 48 hours and operate in a simulated tactical environment. The IRF is a flexible force, capable of conducting a full range of missions from peacekeeping, to peace enforcement operations, to high intensity combat operations. Hungarian Response provides the U.S. Air Force the opportunity to conduct multi-phased air operations in support of Army ground actions, while coordinating various aspects of airspace command and control with NATO partner countries. They will also conduct a night heavy drop of equipment and paratroopers, air land heavy reinforcing com-

bat and combat support units, and manage the airspace for Air Force, Army and allied aircraft.

Hungarian Response training missions will include: the rapid deployment of airborne, armored and mechanized combat forces, conducting an evacuation of non-combatant personnel, heavy force maneuvers, live-fire exercises, air-to-ground gunnery and additional airborne operations.

Hungarian Response will involve Army units from the Southern European Task Force, V Corps, 1st Armored Division and 21st Theater Support Command. European and stateside assets of the U.S. Air Force, including the 3rd U.S. Air Force and 86th Airlift Wing, will provide a robust airlift capability to deploy and sustain the Army units during the exercise. The exercise, which involves more than 2,500 soldiers and airmen, 125 wheeled and armored vehicles, and more than 25 aircraft from

Germany and Italy, will be hosted by the Hungarian Ministry of Defense. (Courtesy of U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army)



Master Sgt. Sue Harper

Cpl. Randy Moore, a Task Force 51st Railhead team member from Mannheim, pulls the side rail of a rail car closed as Spc. Wendall Fields and Pvt. 2 Michael Butler push and secure the side rail in Hungary. The soldiers closed the side rails after they off loaded some of the vehicles that will be used in Hungarian Response. The 21st Theater Support Command will provide logistical support.

BRIEFS

Farewell party

86th Airlift Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Mark A. Volcheff's farwell party will be held May 17 at 6 p.m. at the Ramstein Officers Club. A Southern barbecue "cowboy menu" will be served. Dress is smart casual (no jeans.) Contact your unit point of contact for tickets.

Change of command ceremony

86th Airlift Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Mark A. Volcheff will relinquish command to Brig. Gen. (select) Erwin F. Lessel III at 10 a.m. May 23 during a change of command ceremony in Hangar 3 on Ramstein Air Base. All KMC members are invited to attend.

Scholarship ball

The Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. holds a Black and Gold Scholarship Ball at 6 p.m. May 18 at the Ramstein Officers Club. The ball will include dinner and dancing. Tickets cost \$25 and dress is semi-formal. For tickets, call Wil Hagggray at 484-7481, Lemar Burton at 489-6231, W. Whitacker at 061844240, Mike Perdue at 375-7708, John Stokes at 375-3269, Ron Bailey at 430-5005, Van Coots at 371-2677, Darrell Adams 480-2000 or Jamaal Myers at 480-5280.

Bingo and dinner

The Kaiserslautern-Landstuhl Spouses' Association holds a dinner and bindo night May 12 at the Landstuhl Combined Club. Installation of the 2002-2003 board will be conducted. To make reservations, call Jackie Bishop at 06371-534-4376 no later than May 19.

Flea Market

The Kaiserslautern-Landstuhl Spouses' Association sponsors a flea market on Pulaski Barracks from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 18 at Pulaski Barracks. To reserve a table in advance, send the \$10 rental fee via check or money order payable to KLSA, to Kelly Gerardi, CMR 402 Box 1470, APO, AE 09180, or email KellyKgerari@hotmail.com



Tech. Sgt. Warren Park

Breaking ground

(From left) Karl-Heinz Herrman, Lt. Col. Brenda Bobbitt, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Contracting commander, Brig. Gen. Mark A. Volcheff, 86th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Jeffrey Leptrone, 86th Civil Engineer Group commander, Col. Janice Long, 86th Services Squadron commander, and Col. Rosemary Norman, 86th Support Group commander, participate in the Ramstein Skatepark ground-breaking ceremony held Tuesday. 86th CEG, along with USAFE Contracting, 86th SVS, 86th SG and other KMC organizations worked together to plan for the park. Built by Bilfinger/Berger contractors, it will give skaters a safe, skater-friendly location on base.

KMC Top 3

The next meeting of the KMC Top 3 is today at 7:30 a.m. in the Ramstein Enlisted Club. New members are always welcome.

Change of responsibility

The 1st Sgt. Donald Sewell took over responsibilities as the Warrior Preparation Center's new first sergeant in a unique ceremony April 29 in Einsiedlerhof. He assumed responsibilities from Master Sgt. Jerry Vanlue, who is leaving for Fort Stewart, Ga. Sewell comes to WPC from the G3, Operations and Emergency Operations Center, 21st Theater Support Command, Kaiserslautern.

Food vendor lottery

There will be a food vendor lottery held at 10 a.m. June 3 at Ramstein's Officers Club. All organizations interested in having a food booth at this year's Ramstein Officers Spouses' Club Welfare Bazaar must attend.

Come to the meeting with two food choices for your organization and two separate checks for the space fee and deposit. For more information, call 06371-491397 or send a e-mail at foodvendor@hotmail.com

Volunteering

The Service Credit Union is looking for volunteers to learn the SCU way of "serving" the community. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact 489-6001 or 0631-351-2010, or contact your local SCU branch office.

English classes begin

Army Community Services offers an "English as a Second Language" class 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Building 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. The next six-week session begins Tuesday. Instructional materials such as workbooks and audiotapes are included in the program. Registration is required. Call 489-6476 or 0631-546-6476 to sign up.

Coupon Corner

Those interested in saving on their grocery bill should check out the coupon corner at the Loan Locker in Ramstein Building 2162. Organizations from the states donate several hundred coupons a month.

TOPS meet

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly assists those who would like to lose weight and live a healthier lifestyle. The Ramstein TOPS charter meets at 6:05 p.m.

Thursdays at the Ramstein Health and Wellness Center. Weigh-ins begin at 5:30 p.m. For details, call 06371-4653 or 06301-716155.

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Tech. Sgt. David Underwood

Focus award

Brig. Gen. Mark A. Volcheff, 86th Airlift Wing commander, presents Master Sgt. Murray Steiner, Master Sgt. Kelly Howard, Master Sgt. Paul Walker and Airman 1st Class William Mello, all of 786th Civil Engineer Squadron, the May Focus award. The monthly award is given to recognize outstanding customer service and community support.

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Volunteers needed

The Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses Association is looking for volunteers to help in the Landstuhl Craft Boutique at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and in Ramstein Crafts and Treasures located at the Ramstein Community Center.

Call 0631-536-6476 or contact the Ramstein Crafts and Treasures at 06371-944307.

Players needed

Air Force Entertainment is currently seeking a guitar and bass player for the 2002 Tops in Blue Tour. Interested candidates must be active duty or reserve U.S. Air Force members able to tour for nine months. For more information, call Carol Sudy at 487-6566.

Youth sponsorship training

Army Community Service offers a class for youth 10 to 18 years old who would like to help incoming youth get information on the Kaiserslautern area.

Sessions are 6 to 7:30 p.m. May 28 at the Landstuhl Teen Center and May 29 at the ACS building on Pulaski Barracks.

Parents permission is requested. To sign up, call 0631-536-6476.

Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon is a family group of relatives and friends of alcoholics who meet to solve their common problems. The group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Faith Baptist Church in Kaiserslautern-Einseidlerhof. Call 06302-923558 or 0631-3710208.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Do you want to stop drinking? Call the AA hotline at 0160-91864265. There are AA meetings daily in the Kaiserslautern area.

Talent search

U.S. Army, Europe Entertainment will conduct the Battle of the Bands and Talent Competition in Hanau Aug. 17. Entry into the competition must be through the KMC Music and Theater program director. This competition is open to all adult U.S. identification card holders. Bands must include 50 percent active duty military members.

The Talent Competition is open to small groups, solo performers, actors, singers and entertainers in all areas of the performing arts. If you are a musician or singer seeking to organize or join a group for this competition, contact the Music and Theater director at 483-6512. Deadline for entry is June 28.

Extreme summer open to everyone in USAFE

This year's USAFE Services Extreme Summer is now open to everyone.

All active duty military, DoD civilians, and their family members 8 and older can now participate in Extreme Summer. There will be three competition categories; one for teens, one for E1 to E5 and their family members, and a category for E6 to E9, all officers, civilians and their family members. The program will launch in May with early enrollment, and will officially open in June where points can be earned for participation in positive and fun summer activities.

There will be monthly contests in June, July and August – and only 200 points are needed each month in order to qualify for the monthly random prize drawings.

At the end of the program, those participants with the most points in the top 15 percent will qualify for the grand prize drawing and runner-up prizes. Each month, there will be one winner per category that will travel as a VIP to Radio Disney and Disneyland in California.

The grand prize winners (one from each category) will travel to Florida for a trip to Walt Disney World where they'll go to all four Disney

theme parks to include: Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom and Disney/MGM Studios. Winners will also receive tickets to the only virtual reality theme park in the world – Disney Quest.

Each winner for the monthly and grand prize trip can take up to three family members or friends with them. USAFE Services Extreme Summer program began Thursday. For more information on Extreme Summer please contact Mandy Smith-Nethercott at 496-7929 or Renata Jones at 496-7934.

(USAFE Service Press Release)

Outprocessing made easier with new processes

Moving during a permanent change of station is a stressful time in our careers and places a tremendous toll on our families.

PCSing from Ramstein has even more challenges with long lines everywhere and no parking. The Military Personnel Flight, in conjunction with other base agencies, has made every effort to streamline and automate the process.

As a result of this "First Look" initiative, the flights has streamlined outprocessing, which has reduced a lot of the running-around required in the past.

Below are some frequently-asked questions and answers to help you understand some of the issues you will face as you prepare to outprocess Ramstein.

• When will I get my assignment?

All enlisted assignments are based upon your assignment window. You can take a look at your specific window by clicking on the Air Force Personnel Center webpage under enlisted assignments. Once you are selected for an assignment, AFPC will load it into the Military Personnel Data System.

Within approximately two to three days, your Commander's Support Staff will receive an assignment RIP from the MPF. Once you have received your assignment RIP, you will be scheduled to attend an initial assignment briefing (Session I.)

• What is Session I all about and when will I get my orders?

Session I is your initial assignment briefing. At Session I, everything that's required in order to accomplish your orders and what you'll need to final-outprocess Ramstein will be explained. You'll also submit your requested port call date. Depend-

ing on your pending assignment's specific requirements, referred to as Personnel Processing Codes, you may need to accomplish additional requirements before we can cut your orders. Once those requirements are turned into Outbound Assignments in the MPF, we will cut your orders within three duty days.

• When do I setup my TMO household goods shipping?

The same day you pickup your orders, you can schedule your household goods shipment. We recommend you pick-up your orders between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays from the Outbound Office in the MPF. Once you've picked up your orders, you can take them directly to the TMO office, just downstairs from us, where a HHG shipment briefing is held at 8:30 a.m. on Monday through Thursdays.

• What can I expect from Session II and what is this automation all about?

Once you've received your orders and your confirmed port call from TMO Passenger Travel, we'll schedule you for Session II. At Session II, we bring several base agencies together at one place, the Enlisted Club, to provide you "one-stop shopping" outprocessing. Here's a description of what each base agency will assist you with at Session II:

Security Forces - provide information to deregister your vehicles and/or weapon

Finance - Final-outprocess and provide entitlement information

Supply - Final-outprocess and collect your chemical warfare gear

TRICARE - Final-outprocess and provide TRICARE options during PCS

Housing Office - Provide clearing instructions for houses on the local economy and schedule

government housing inspections, discuss entitlements, and complete advanced housing applications

Furnishings Management - Schedule loaner furniture delivery and pickup date.

We are continually reducing the number of stops you have to make. Through automation on the Ramstein homepage and outprocessing by phone, fax, or email, we have eliminated the need to go several offices. If you would rather not wait until your Session II, you can get a jump start on outprocessing as soon as you receive your orders. Listen to what's available on the web or by phone/fax/email!

You can now close your post office box, schedule your pre- and final-housing inspections from government quarters, schedule delivery/pick-up of FMO furniture, and outprocess TRICARE. There are some locations that you are still required to visit, such as immunizations; SATO — to pick-up tickets; medical and dental clinic — to pick-up records; SFS — to deregister your vehicle; and to outprocess your unit.

• When do I set up my vehicle shipping?

You can call TRANSCAR at 489-7750 or 489-7384 anytime to schedule an appointment to ship your vehicle. You do not have to have orders when you schedule the appointment; however, you must have orders in hand when you drop your car off.

Call TMO at 480-5509 for additional forms and customs requirements prior to dropping off your car.

• What if I have questions about shipping my pet?

A TMO passenger travel representative will be present at your initial assignment brief (Session I) to answer any ques-

tions concerning your pet flying via AMC flights. It is important to note that there are many pet restrictions you should be aware of as you get close to your PCS. For example, AMC's weight restrictions allow up to 150 pounds including the kennel, compared to commercial flights, which allow up to 100 pounds including the kennel. Summer heat temperatures can also hamper travel. Call TMO Passenger Travel at 480-5373 or 480-5374 with any questions.

• What if I want my dependents to travel at a different time than myself?

Once you have orders, you can work with TMO Passenger Travel to arrange for your dependents to depart earlier than you. If you require your dependents to depart after you, you must contact Outbound Assignments to initiate a Dependents Remain Overseas package.

• How do I final-outprocess Ramstein?

You will be scheduled for Session III, a mandatory final-outprocessing briefing, one to two duty days prior to your port call. At this briefing, you will turn in all required documents, i.e. medical and dental records, base and squadron checklists, etc.

These forms will be packaged and sealed by the Outbound Assignments personnel. You will hand-carry this sealed package to your next duty station to be turned in to your new MPF.

Visit the Ramstein homepage under "Leaving Here." Our goal is to make your PCS as smooth as possible for you and your family. Call 480-5539 or 480-2034 or send an email to 86mss.dpamar@ramstien.af.mil.

(86th Mission Support Squadron press release)

Battalion honors volunteers at recognition banquet

by **Barbara Toner**
415th Base Support Battalion

A 12-year-old girl, a spouse, an Army specialist and civilian employee have one thing in common – they saved the Army more than \$1 million last year.

The 415th Base Support Battalion honored those who work with no expectation of payment during its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner April 25 at Vogelweh's Armstrong Club.

Command Sgt. Major Dedria Porterfield, in her keynote address to the group, said volunteers worked a total of 78,824 hours for a savings to the battalion of about \$1 million.

"We care about our volunteers. There isn't a way to repay them for everything they do," said Chad Lucy, 415th BSB event coordinator.

"Look at where they volunteer. The Special Olympics. They work

as coaches. In Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, they function as role models. It's the 415th's way of saying thank you for everything they do," said Lucy.

From a group of 12 nominees, four were chosen as volunteers of the year: Jamilah Bailey in the youth category; Kelli Gerardi, family member; Rick Wood, civilian; and Spc. Paul Pierce, active-duty military.

The other nominees were: Tech. Sgt. Ronald Allen, Kelli Anthony, Army Maj. Hans Hunt, Tressa

Lloyd, Cheryl Ludwick, Rosi Santillo, Lynn Sumpter and Leslie Templin.

Bailey helps in the art section of the School Age Services Center, plays and reads to children staying at the Fisher House and helps with community service projects in the Torch Club.

"I like getting to volunteer, helping someone and giving my time," said Bailey.

Her mother, Shernett Bailey, said Bailey enjoys volunteering.

"It was all her idea," she said. "Jamilah came to me, and I supported her with it. She enjoys helping people; that's the way she is."

Kelli Gerardi writes the Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses Association's newsletter and works with the newborn photograph program at Landstuhl

Regional Medical Center.

The newborn photograph program helps fund the Bright Eyes program that provides eyeglasses to children in the KMC, which she chairs.

"I was shocked," said Gerardi on her award. "Honestly I didn't expect it at all. I consider it an honor to be recognized for volunteering. There are a lot of volunteers who aren't recognized."



Kelly Gerardi speaks with a friend at the banquet.



Photos by Barbara Toner

The volunteer nominees were, from top left, Kelli Anthony, Jamilah Bailey, Kelly Gerardi, Army Maj. Hans Hunt and Tressa Lloyd. From bottom left, Rosi Santillo, Spc. Paul Pierce, Lynn Sumpter and Vicki Fisher, who accepted the award for Rick Wood.

Mrs. Germany International

Tina Hogan, the wife of Staff Sgt. Nathan Hogan of 786th Security Forces Squadron at Sembach, was recently named as Mrs. Germany International 2002. The Mrs. International system was developed to promote today's married women, their accomplishments and commitment to family and marriage. Hogan's platform is about the medical condition Fibromyalgia.



KMC members receive scholarship funds

The KMC Scholarship Committee raised more than \$40,000 in scholarship funds to award to graduating high school seniors and continuing education military spouses.

The tradition of awarding scholarships to KMC students dates back to 1974. Over the past 25 years, funds in excess of \$1,120,000 have been donated for this worthy cause. This year, 26 local high school students will share \$32,000 in scholarship funds and nine military spouses share in nearly \$11,000. Applicants were asked to write an essay on "How the events of September 11th have affected your sense of patriotism to the United States of America." Volunteer judges from the KMC read and objectively scored these essays. The scholarship awards are made possible through the generous annual donations from the Ramstein Officers Spouses' Club, the Kaiserslautern-Landstuhl Spouses' Association, the Ramstein Enlisted Spouses' Association, and the Sembach Officers Spouses' Club. The KMC Scholarship Committee is comprised of volunteers from each of these spouse organizations. Contributions were also received this year from the Heidelberg Spouses Club, the American Society of Military Comptrollers, Girl Scouts-Cadette Troop 629, the Sembach Enlisted Spouses' Association, and individual contributors. The award ceremony was held May 1 at the Ramstein Officers' Club, 1830-2030. The guest speaker was Lt. Gen. Glen Moorehead, vice commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

(KMC Scholarship Committee press release)

KMC students win scholarship funds

Department of Defense Dependent Schools students are college-bound with the help of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The brothers of Theta Rho Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated are awarding more than \$12,500 to DODDS students headed to college this fall.

This year's scholarship recipients represent many of the DODDS-Europe communities.

For the first time, however, the Theta Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity extended its range of support and is pleased to announce that the scholarship recipients this year include one student from Japan and one student who plans to attend college in Poland.

Each of these students will be honored for their achievement during the Omega Psi Phi Annual Scholarship Ball Saturday at the Sembach Community Club beginning at 6 p.m.

This year's ball will feature the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity talent hunt finals competition, a sampling of the great essays, and live music and entertainment featuring Pops Wilson and his Posse.

Congratulations to the following KMC students:

Brigitta Freeman of Kaiserslautern,
Samantha Kennard of Kaiserslautern
Gala Thompson of Ramstein.

For further information on the Scholarship Ball call Lt. Col. Jonathan Griffin at DSN 430-8343 or MRT 0170-1463521.

(Omega Psi Phi Fraternity press release)

AFSA takes conference trip to London

Recently the Air Force Sergeants Association, Division 16, held their 25th Annual Convention at RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

During the convention, attended by over 60 representatives from all over Europe, the host chapters hosted a tour of the local area and invited their guests to see some of the historical sights.

First stop was the market town of Bury Saint Edmunds, where the group of 30 airmen toured through the cathedral, Abbey Gardens, and Abbey ruins dating back to 633 AD. In a small corner of the ancient Abbey Gardens, enclosed by evergreen hedges, there is a place dear to any American who knows of its existence and its history.

The American Rose Garden was dedicated in memory of the 26,000 U.S. airmen who lost their lives while serving in Great Britain during World War II.

In the American Rose Garden, there is also a memorial to the 94th Bombardment Group U.S. Army 8th Air Force. The 94th Bomb Group flew 325 combat missions, totaling 8,824 sorties dropping 18,924 tons of bombs flying from Rougham Airfield two miles away. This was the tour's next destination.

The group left Bury St. Edmunds for the short bus ride to what appears now to be a mixture of farmland and an industrial estate off the busy A-14 carriageway. There the bus turned into General Castle Avenue, named for the famed bomb group commander and recipient of the Medal of Honor. The tour passed by

several remaining wartime buildings to include the old parachute shop, technical site, base mortuary, and a T-2 hangar used to house B-17s during the war. The bus went on through the airfield passing a 'frying pan' B-17 hardstand; the only remaining one out of the original 36 at Rougham. The drive ended at the old airfield tower, renovated by the Rougham Tower Association—a team of local enthusiasts.

The AFSA members were given a memorable tour of the tower and facilities and spent time talking with members, some who worked there in 1944.

They looked over the tower, one of the very few still standing in East Anglia out of the hundreds that used to dot the landscape.

The teams of volunteers showed the airmen around the tower to include a walk across the famous tower balcony, where 60 years ago the Bomb Group leadership would fire the green flares to begin the missions. Then the staff would watch the B-17s take off and then gather later in the day to count them as they came back home, waiting to see how many holes there were in the formation and to look for those with wounded on board to fire the red flares so they could have priority in landing.

On April 24, there were no B-17s trying to make it back home, but about 30 airmen trying to understand what it must have been like to be here during those dark years. The day was a mild English Spring day as the British hosts pointed out the remains of runways and taxiways now, barely visible.

The tower at Rougham still stands as if waiting to receive her formation that will never return, but it also stands as a somber reminder for those who did not come back. About 1,800 members of the 94th were either killed in action, missing in action, or injured in combat. On the 24th of April they were all remembered.

At the end of the tour, the British Tower Association members asked the airmen to lower the base flag. There were four airmen in the party that were Honor Guard members from different bases in Europe.

They grouped together and discussed the detail; within minutes they formed up and marched quietly to the flagpole as the rest of the party came, unannounced, to the position of attention.

The flag was carefully lowered and folded in true honor guard-tradition into a perfect triangle and then the group marched over and presented it to the museum curator.

One of the British host quietly commented to another, "No one is more reverent with their flag as the Americans."

On a perfect English day, the Yanks had returned to Rougham.

To learn more about the 94th Bomb Group and Rougham Airfield, visit their website at <http://www.rougham.org/>. To learn more about the Air Force Sergeants Association, please visit the AFSA website at <http://www.afsahq.org>. To learn more about Division 16, be sure to visit the division website at <http://www.afsa16.org>.

(Air Force Sergeants' Association press release)

Commissary Awareness Month: Show and tell for single servicemembers

Commissaries sell groceries at cost as part of the military benefits package, but a surprising number of young singles still think they have to be married to shop in the commissary. "One of the most effective ways we have of teaching single military members that the commissary benefit is just as much for them as it is for anyone else, is to simply show them," said Kaye Kennedy, chief of corporate communications for the Defense Commissary Agency.

One of the most significant activities of 2002 Commissary Awareness Month is the single service member commissary tours. During the tours, single service members can get a look behind the scenes and learn how they can save 30 percent or more by shopping at the commissary. "Shopping regularly at the commissary can be a major savings for singles as well as families," said Kennedy.

In addition to learning about the many conveniences the commissary offers, ranging from express

lunches to Grab-n-Go sections, singles learn about the savings on health and beauty products, snacks and beverages and much more. "And the tours are a lot of fun too," says Kennedy.

In 2001, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Commissary Awareness Campaign brought more than 8,000 BOSS and Single Marine Program participants through 35 commissary locations worldwide.

For 2002, the single service tours have expanded to include Navy Liberty Program locations as well as Army and Marines. An industry committee, the Consumer Awareness Team, is funding shopping

sprees at more than 30 major locations for Army, Marine and Navy single service tours – including Fort Belvoir, Va., Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Miramar, Calif., and Camp Lejeune and Fort

Bragg, N.C.

At other locations worldwide, many commissaries and single service programs will organize tours and local vendors will provide samples, coupons and food to support the educational effort.

The Defense Commissary Agency's vision statement is: "The Commissary Benefit – Cornerstone of Military Quality of Life. It is our goal to deliver the premier quality

of life benefit for our military efficiently and effectively."

With headquarters at Fort Lee, Virginia, the agency operates a worldwide chain of 281 commissaries to provide groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families.

Commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge, which covers the construction of new commissaries and the modernization of existing stores.

Patrons save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices. These savings, worth more than \$2,400 a year for a family of four, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families.

A valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries help the United States recruit and keep the best and the brightest men and women in the service of their country.

(Defense Commissary Agency press release)





Drama time

(Right) Brittney Fleenor as the Evil Stepmother, center, and Evil Stepsisters, Emily Rust and Maggie Bessel, perform a scene during the drama production "Ciders," while (above) student dancers entertain the audience. Ramstein Intermediate School students were treated to the play performed by the drama club students.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Julie Weckerlein

Pre-school students learn from middle-schoolers

by Frank J. Nosal

Ramstein Elementary School Educational Technologist

Ramstein Middle School students learned that creating PowerPoint presentations could be fun, especially if their grade depends on the delight of their pre-school audience from Ramstein Elementary School.

More than 70 students from Mark Krevalis's computer applications classes were tasked with developing computer lessons using PowerPoint for pre-school student at RES.

The middle school students first learned about the projects needed for the pre-school students when Cheryl Appel-Schumacher, RES Pre-school Teacher, met with them to explain specific educational needs of her young students.

Once the students were clear about specific project content, they set off for the next five weeks developing their interactive lessons.

The PowerPoint lessons were carefully designed to target areas of interest and pre-academic skills that are being taught in the pre-school program.

"My favorite part of making the projects was the ability to experiment with the different aspects of the (PowerPoint) program," said Cassie Redmond, RMS student. These specifically designed lessons allow the pre-schoolers to practice skills and reinforce concepts that they are learning through the curriculum, and as outlined on their Individual Educational Program.

Throughout the process of developing, testing and refining their lessons, Appel-Schumacher's pre-school students visited the middle school computer lab for a hands on test of the work in progress.

"The students love the computer programs because they are colorful and action-packed



Faith Kelley

Jerrica Lawson, a middle school student, looks on as Jarrett Gilchrest, a pre-school student, points to the answer to a computer problem with help from Cheryl Appel-Schumacher, a pre-school teacher.

with immediate feedback to the student's choices," said Appel-Schumacher. The process of combining the educational needs of the older students with those of the younger students has proven to be very exciting and equally beneficial to all involved.

"The middle school students were very clever and creative with their programs to include or flash exciting characters and sports scenes that then told the students they are great thinkers. This cooperative endeavor between schools and classes was a very rewarding experience," said Appel-Schumacher.

The completed reference table and CD-ROM collection of PowerPoint presentations will be available for teachers to use through the school district's Assistive Technology Library.

In terms of use of the programs in the pre-

school classroom, these computer programs also offer opportunities for students to interact with others in a positive manner.

Students are encouraged to say information aloud, giving them many opportunities to practice pronouncing words correctly, or to practice speaking in phrases and/or sentences.

Students are encouraged to work in pairs so that they are socially aware of taking turns and sharing.

Using these programs also provides time for students to help other students, which is a powerful motivator for each to be an active participant in their own learning.

For more information about this project, email Frank Nosal at this address: frank_nosal@eu.odedodea.edu or leave a phone message at 06371-50050.

Refractive surgery available to active duty servicemembers

by Spc. Phillip Breedlove Jr.
Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Public Affairs

Active duty service members in Europe can now apply for corneal refractive surgery, or surgery that corrects vision, reducing the need for contacts or glasses.

Lt. Col. Todd Hess, an ophthalmologist who performs the surgery, said the elective surgery, which became available to service members April 30, is part of the War fighter Program, designed to build a better fighting force.

"The surgery is designed to enhance performance and safety in military duties," Hess said. "It is not open to family members."

According to Hess, the surgery has a low risk and high success rate. However the surgery is not for everyone.

Service members must meet certain criteria to be eligible for the surgery. Potential candidates must be at least 21 and have more than 18 months left on active duty. They must have the same eye prescription for a year or more documented in their medical records, Hess said.

Certain eye conditions, medical conditions and medications disqualify potential candidates.

There are two types of surgeries performed by the military to correct vision:

Photorefractive keratectomy and laser in-situ keratomileusis.

The Army has approved both, while the Air Force has approved only PRK.

To apply for the surgery, servicemembers should obtain a form from their local service-specific optometry clinic and have it signed by their commander.

Service members then are evaluated by the clinic and sent to LRMC for a final evaluation. LRMC is the only medical facility in Europe that performs the procedures.

First priority will be given to service members whose mission involves operations at the line of battle or behind enemy

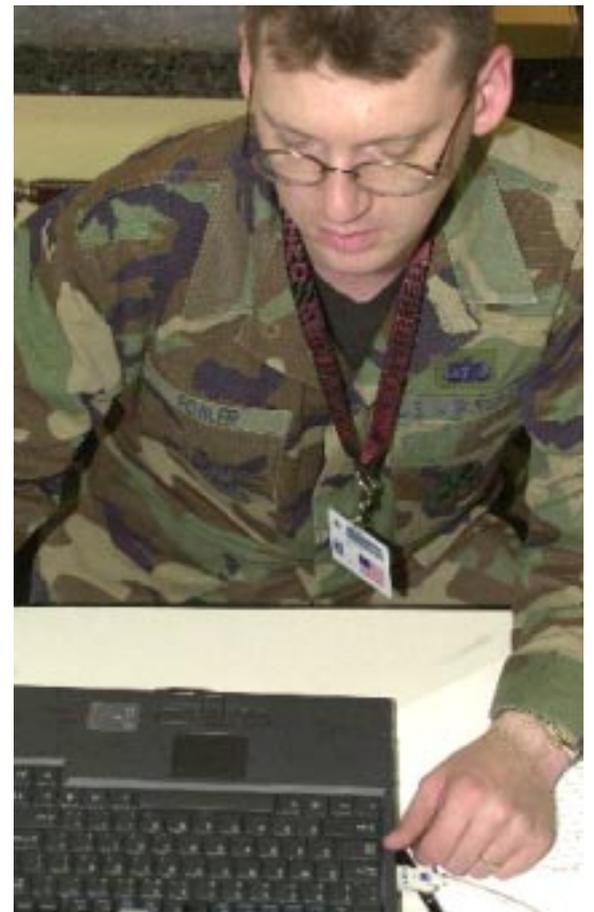
lines, such as special operation, infantry, armor and artillery units, Hess said.

Individuals on flight status will also be given priority.

Second priority will be given to combat service support unit personnel in present assignments in a division or separate brigade.

Third priority is given to all other service members.

Service members should visit their local optometry or ophthalmology clinic for more information.



Staff Sgt. P.J. Farlin

Web man

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. William Fowler, 1st Combat Communications Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, works as Webmaster for Combined Endeavor 2002 at Lager Aulenbach, Germany. Combined Endeavor 2002 is the largest communications and information systems exercise in the world. The exercise, sponsored by U.S. European Command and hosted by Germany in the spirit of "Partnership for Peace," is held annually to test dozens of nations and NATO. There are 40 countries participating this year.

AAFES assists with special delivery to deployed troops

Thanks to the logistical capabilities of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, more than 4,000 elementary school children from across the United States realized their dream of sending thousands of Valentine's Day cards to servicemen and women participating in Operation Enduring Freedom.

With an assist from AAFES, the heartfelt greetings from America's school children reached their destination and were delivered to the various military sites in southwest Asia.

Bob Ellis, Director of AAFES' Washington Office, worked with the office of the Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff in arranging for the boxes of cards and candy to be delivered to 19 OEF locations.

"Gathering up all the wonderful handcrafted valentines cards from the school children was the

easy part," said Ellis.

"Getting the messages to the troops in southwest Asia was another matter. Because of our experience and knowledge in delivering merchandise around the world to our servicemembers, and the fact that we're heavily involved right now in getting a variety of items to our OEF sites, the JCS office asked if we could help," he said.

"What greater morale booster for our nation's sons and daughters than an outpouring of encouragement from America's youngsters," said AAFES Commander, Maj. Gen. C.J. Wax.

"AAFES was honored to join in the effort to support Operation Valentine, making a lot of service members and school children very happy in the process," said Wax.

At one of the site locations, the valentines were being passed out to a group of firefighters from Merid-

ian, Miss. In what can only be seen as an ironic twist of fate, the firefighters, upon opening the cards, soon realized that they had come from a group of school children from their own home town.

"I was there at the site when they were handing them out," said General Wax.

"Some of the firefighters actually knew the children who had written the cards. You could tell it meant a lot to them," he said.

Recently, Ellis had the opportunity to meet with JCS Chairman, Gen. Richard B. Myers, to discuss AAFES' support of the initiative.

"The general took the opportunity to say 'thank you, AAFES, for your support of Operations Valentine,'" said Ellis.

As a token of appreciation for the general's support, Ellis presented Myers with a picture

portfolio of soldiers, airmen, and marines on duty opening and reading their cards from school children.

According to Ellis, General Myers pointed out that despite the troops' living conditions and stresses of fighting a war, it was AAFES' support that allowed them to "walk a little lighter and to tolerate a little better."

"He personally sent his thanks to all of the AAFES 'volunteers' on the front lines supporting the troops who are defending our freedom," noted Ellis.

"The general was most complementary and impressed with the support AAFES is providing in OEF and was amazed at the logistical support network we have in place - logistical support that helped make Operation Valentine such a success," he said.

(AAFES press release)

Special Olympics Bus Schedule

Buses to the Special Olympic events Wednesday will take passengers to the German Police Academy in Enkenbach/Alsenborn. The opening ceremony begins at 9 a.m., to be followed by the actual competitions.

Morning

Bus 1			7 a.m.	Sembach AB, Community Center	Arrive/Depart
6 a.m.	Landstuhl Hospital Service Station	Depart	7:15 a.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Arrive/Depart
6:30 a.m.	Ramstein AB shopping center	Arrive/Depart	8:15 a.m.	Sembach AB, Community Center	Arrive/Depart
7 a.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Arrive/Depart	8:30 a.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Arrive
7 a.m.	Landstuhl Hospital Service Station	Arrive/Depart	Afternoon		
8:10 a.m.	Ramstein AB shopping center	Arrive/Depart	Bus 1		
8:40 a.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Arrive	3:15 p.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Depart
Bus 2			3:45 p.m.	Ramstein AB shopping center	Arrive/Depart
6:30 a.m.	Miesau Army Depot, Bldg. 1314	Depart	4:15 p.m.	Landstuhl Hospital Service Station	Arrive
6:50 a.m.	Ramstein AB bowling alley	Arrive/Depart	Bus 2		
7:20 a.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Arrive/Depart	3:15 p.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Depart
8:10 a.m.	Miesau Army Depot, Bldg. 1314	Arrive/Depart	3:45 p.m.	Ramstein AB bowling alley	Arrive/Depart
8:30 a.m.	Ramstein AB bowling alley	Arrive	4:10 p.m.	Miesau Army Depot, Bldg. 1314	Arrive
8:50 a.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy		Bus 3		
Bus 3			3:15 p.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Depart
7:30 a.m.	Armstrong's Club	Depart	3:40 p.m.	ROB Bldg. 179	Arrive/Depart
7:50 a.m.	Rhine Ordnance BKS, Bldg. 179	Arrive/Depart	4 p.m.	Armstrong's Club	Arrive
8:15 a.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Arrive/Depart	Bus 4		
8:40 a.m.	Armstrong's Club	Arrive/Depart	3:15 p.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Depart
9 a.m.	ROB Bldg. 179	Arrive/Depart	3:30 p.m.	Sembach AB, Community Center	Arrive/Depart
9:25 a.m.	Enkenbach Police Academy	Arrive	4 p.m.	Kleber Kaserne food court parking lot	Arrive
Bus 4			<i>(Times subject to change)</i>		
6:30 a.m.	Kleber Kaserne food court parking	Depart			

Soccer highlight marks 90th Anniversary

1. FCK pros play Olympia Ramstein amateurs

by Chief Master Sgt. Joe Felka
Headquarters AirNorth

The professional soccer team of the 1. FC Kaiserslautern soccer club will play a friendly game against the soccer team Olympia Ramstein (FVO) May 24. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at the Reichswald stadium in Ramstein.

The Kaiserslautern club has promised to field a team that includes their best licensed professionals. The match will undoubtedly be a landmark in the club's history and the culmination of the festival week from May 18 to 25 marking the 90th anniversary of Olympia Ramstein. Before the soccer pros enter the pitch, the Ramstein High School team consisting of boys between 13 and 15 years old play against a youth team of FV Olympia Ramstein. The kick-off of this match is at 5:30 p.m. Gates open at 4:30 p.m.

For many years now, the Olympia club has maintained friendly relations with Ramstein and the members of the military community living there. The club has approximately 30 international members — children, youths, as well as adults — who play on different teams and, together with their German teammates, chase the ball across the pitch. The FVO managers have spared no effort in recent



years to integrate the mostly American players and to make them feel at home.

The Kaiserslautern team can be compared to a certain extent with the Green Bay Packers, the famous American football team from the City of Green Bay, Wis. The two cities are of comparable size, and both here and there the entire population and the people of the surrounding rural area support their club and spur their team on to supreme performance. No wonder therefore that the 1. FC Kaiserslautern has played an outstanding role in German major-league football. The "Red Devils," as they are known to their fans, took the German championship altogether four times: 1951, 1953, 1991 and 1998.

The Olympia Ramstein team would be delighted to welcome a large crowd to their match. After all, it will be one of the rare occasions on which the spectators can watch closely a professional team outside a large stadium.

Tickets for the match between the FVO and the 1. FCK are sold at the Deutsches Haus on Ramstein, Bldg. 544, at Sporthaus Hechler Reisebüro IDEE-REISEN (SBK-Markt) in Ramstein-Miesenbach and at the Olympia clubhouse at Ristorante-Pizzeria Da Tony in Ramstein, Am Hocht 1, across the ESSO station.

High School Highlights

Fastpitch Action

The Ramstein Royals beat the Heidelberg Lions in a Division 1 game Saturday at the Landstul softball fields. Jenna Watson started the scoring with a 4th inning single. Heather Steele and Charlene Hamilton then sparked a five-run 5th inning and Treka Polite smashed a 3-run triple to complete Ramsteins come-from-behind victory.

The Royals Elizabeth Baker, Kimmy Greene, Meagan Hillard and Amanda LaPlante provided solid defense behind the pitching of Jen Morton who allowed 4 hits and struck out 6. The second game of the double-header was rained out.

The Lady Royals moved to 9-0 in the season and 5-0 in the conference to remain on-top of the Division 1 race.

This week the Royals travel to Wiesbaden to play the Warriors in a Saturday double-header starting at 10 a.m.

Softball championship

The Department of Defense Dependent Schools High School Fastpitch Championship for Division 1, 2 and 3 is May 23-25 at the Landstul Softball Fields. Specific game times will be announced at a later date.



photos by Tech. Sgt. Warren Park

Rain delays ... what are those?

Scott Reed (left), 786th Civil Engineer Squadron, throws the winning pitch in the Ramstein Pre-season Intramural Softball Tournament. CES beat the 86th Communications Squadron 15-2. (Above) Randy Rosati, 786 CES runs home ending the game. The intramural season begins Monday and will run through July. For more information about intramural softball, call Issac Melendez at 480-2371.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling tourney

Ramstein Bowling Center hosts a Snake Bite Bowling Tournament Saturday. Sign up at 1 p.m. Bowl at 2 p.m. Splits count as strikes. For more information, call 480-5547.

Golf tourney

In recognition of 101 Critical Days of Summer, a golf tournament is scheduled for 8 a.m.

May 21 with a shotgun start at the Ramstein Woodlawn Golf Course. The event costs \$25 per player and foursomes are preferred.

Prizes will be awarded. The event is only open to the first 30 teams of four that sign up. For more information or to sign up, call Tech. Sgt. Richard Burton at 480-7233.

Softball tourney

The biggest softball tournament in Europe is scheduled for May 24 - 27 at the Rhine Ordnance Barracks and KAD Sports Complex.

The top men's, women's and unit level military teams from all over Europe will be participating in this double-elimination format

tournament. Cost is \$250 per team with T-shirts and \$175 without. Teams must pay by May 17 in order to qualify. For more information call Lenny Ingram or Bob Bigelow at DSN 489-6134 or 489-7583.

Power lifting

The 415th Base Support Battalion Sports and Fitness is forming a Power Lifting Team.

All interested soldiers and ID cardholders are requested to attend an organizational team meeting at the Miesau Gym, Building 1220, 6:30 p.m. May 20. No experience is necessary. For more information, call 489-6134.

America's Kids' Run

The 86th Services Squadron hosts the America's Kids' Run in honor of Armed Forces Day May 18.

Advance registration is required for the world's largest youth running event taking place at Ramstein Southside Fitness Center. Check-in at 2:30 p.m. Start running at 3 p.m. For more information contact your local youth center.

KMC cyclist rides for cancer

Recently Ramstein Area Cycling Club and Radsport Club Kaiserslautern cyclist Theodore Wilson, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, joined three-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong in the battle against cancer.

Together with 859 others from around the world Wilson rode as a member of the Lance Armstrong Foundation Peloton Project 2002 and raised a collective \$2.2 million for cancer survivor benefits. Wilson began cycling upon arriving at Ramstein Air Base in 1997 where he discovered the RACC. Now he is one of the primary organizers and publishers of the club newsletter, *The Bike RACC*. The Chicago native's desires to help increased when he met cancer survivor and cyclist Maj. Steve Brannan during the 1999 cycling season.

"I became immediately inspired by Steve, he is not only a great riding partner but an example for me and other members of the club," said Wilson. Wilson made the commitment to join the Peloton Project after Brannan's December 2000 checkup, which showed no traces of cancer in his system. Within his second year of fund raising, Wilson has raised a total of \$3,750.

"Cancer has touched many in my family ... most continue to fight the



Courtesy photo

Theodore Wilson

good fight as survivors and my 93-year-old grandfather leads the pack," said Wilson.

In a high-risk category for cancer himself, Wilson is dedicated to the Lance Armstrong Foundation's mission is to help people manage and survive cancer. Because of time constraints and one member of his cycling group hurting her toe just days before the ride, Wilson was unable to complete the 100 miles this year.

However, his persistence remains as he is already beginning his fund raising campaign for 2003 with the target of \$5,000. Wilson looks forward to not only achieving this goal, but also exceeding it. For more information about the Lance Armstrong Foundation, visit the web at <http://www.laf.org>.

(Courtesy of RACC)

Children pamper their mothers Sunday

by Petra Lessoing
Kaiserslautern American

When children set the table and prepare breakfast Sunday morning, they do it to surprise their mothers for Mother's Day. Throughout the world it is customary to celebrate Mother's Day the second Sunday in May.

Not many people know this day was initiated by one woman. In 1907, exactly one year after her mother died, Anne Jarvis from Philadelphia had the idea to choose a day to thank mothers all over the world for all their love and unselfish care. The idea became real one year later. Philadelphia was the first town in the world to celebrate Mother's Day on May 10, 1908. Six years later, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

In the following years Mother's Day became popular in India, China, Mexico, Scandinavia, England and Switzerland. The first Mother's Day



in Germany was celebrated in 1933. In the initial years in Germany, mothers were not honored for their devoted work but were rewarded for the

many children they had. In 1938, Adolf Hitler awarded mothers with the "mother's cross" to honor their outstanding help against low birth rates and death. Each year in August, on the birthday of Hitler's mother, he gave the bronze medal to mothers with four children, the silver medal to mothers with six and the gold medal to mothers with eight children.

After the war, it took a while until Germans started celebrating Mother's Day again. People still had terrible memories of the past, as well as the current miserable situation on their minds; they didn't feel like calling special attention to something that should be normal and taken for granted. Today, Mother's Day belongs to the month of May. Children try to behave well and pamper their mothers that day — they prepare breakfast, give flowers or other gifts. Despite the commercialism — gifts getting bigger and more expensive — children should honor and take good care of their mothers every day, not only on Mother's Day.



Icy Saints bring night frost

by Petra Lessoing
Kaiserslautern American

People who like to decorate their balconies with geraniums and other attractive flowers should wait until the "Icy Saints" are gone. The Icy Saints days bring night frosts Saturday through Wednesday.

Yearlong observances by meteorologists prove of late cold snaps. The Icy Saints days usually come May 11 through 15. They are not always reliable, but normally at 60 percent accurate. The icy saints days are called by their patrons. May 11

is St. Mamertus, May 12 is St. Pankratius, May 13 is St. Servatius, May 14 is St. Bonifatius and May 15 is St. Sophie, who also is called by her nickname "cold Sophie."

Farmers and gardeners in Northern Germany are mostly afraid of the Icy Saints ruling through Wednesday. In Southern Germany, Switzerland and Austria, the last four days are known as the most severe.

Old farmers' rules say that when "Urban" (May 25) has passed, it is safe to take care of the sensitive planting.

Weilerbach celebrates with country music

The union community of Weilerbach celebrates its 10th bicycle adventure day May 24 to 26.

Festivities include a country and western music concert with the bands Truck Stop and Maverick's Countryband at 8 p.m. May 25 in the fest tent in Schwedelbach. Advance tickets for 15 EUR are available at Kreissparkasse banks, the Weilerbach town hall and under www.schwedelbach.de. Tickets at the door cost 22 EUR.

AT YOUR LEISURE

Horse show

Miesau Army Depot sponsors a three day horse show May 18 through 20 at the Miesau Horse Track. About 600 horses have been registered to participate in 30 different dressage and jumping contests. One of the highlights is the torch jumping at 9:30 p.m. May 19.

Police visits

Vogelweh Youth Programs hosts a visit by Security Forces and German Polizei at 4 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 489-6504.

Gospel music workshop

The Vogelweh Gospel service conducts a spring workshop conducted by Reverend Carlton Leake from Columbia, Ga., Tuesday to May 24 at the Kaiserslautern American High School auditorium. The workshop will end with a concert May 25 in the Fruchthalle in Kaiserslautern. Registra-

tion begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday and a \$15 donation is requested. For more information contact vgchoir@hotmail.com or call Ernie Walwyn at 389-7541 (day) or 0174-1812488 (evening).

Flea market

Ramstein Elementary School holds a flea market 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 18 in the school gym/cafeteria (Building 996). Visitors are encouraged to donate plants to decorate the school and elementary-level books for use in classroom book boxes.

Oriental dances

The dance group Orient and Okzident holds its second annual dance festival May 25 and 25 in Münchweiler. The group, which is a division of the Pirmasens Polizei Sports Club, presents belly dancing, sword, fire, gypsy and Middle Ages candle dancing. May 25, there will be an evening show starting at 6 p.m. Admission is 8 EUR.

There also will be a Turkish bazaar with a fortuneteller. The family show May 26 is at 6 p.m. Admission is 6 EUR for adults and 2 EUR for children. For ticket reservations and directions, call 06334-984370.

Crafters wanted

Crafters are invited to consign their work to the Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses Association craft boutiques located at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and at the Ramstein Community Center. For more information, call Ramstein Crafts and Treasures at 06371-944307 between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Quilters meet

The Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild has general membership meetings the third Thursday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Ramstein North Chapel Annex. For details, call Heidi Shelton at 06374-995183 or check www.rpqq.tripod.com.

AIR FORCE AND ARMY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Protestant Services

● **Daenner Chapel (483-6083, available only Sundays)**

Contemporary Protestant, 10 a.m. Sunday.

Seventh-day Adventist, 11 a.m. Saturday and religious education, 10 a.m.

● **Kapaun Chapel (489-6859)**
Liturgical (Episcopal Rite), 9 a.m. Sunday.

● **Pulaski Chapel (489-8264)**

Apostolic, 11 a.m. Sunday.

● **Landstuhl Chapel (486-8399)**

Protestant, 11 a.m. Sunday.

● **Miesau Chapel**

Non-denominational Christian, 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

● **Ramstein North Chapel (480-6149)**

General Protestant, 11 a.m. Sunday.

● **Ramstein South Chapel (480-5753)**

Liturgical, 9 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday Morning Alive, 11 a.m. Sunday.

Evangelical, 1 p.m. Sunday.

● **Sembach Chapel (496-7577)**

General Protestant, 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

● **Vogelweh Chapel (489-6859)**

Closed for renovations.

General Protestant, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday and Gospel Service, 11 a.m.

Sunday moves to Kaiserslautern

American High School auditorium.

● **Landstuhl Chapel (486-8141)**

Protestant service, 11 a.m. Sunday.

Protestant Education

Classes are available for all ages at

Sembach, Vogelweh and Ramstein.

For details, call 480-6148.

Catholic Services

● **Ramstein North Chapel (480-6149)**

Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., 12:30 and

6 p.m. Daily Mass, Monday through

Thursday at noon.

● **Vogelweh Chapel (489-6859)**

Closed for renovations. Mass at

11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Friday will

move to Kapaun Chapel.

Vigil Mass, 6 p.m. and Confessions

5 p.m. Saturday moves to Ramstein

North Chapel.

Mass, 11 a.m. Sunday moves to

Galaxy Theater.

● **Sembach Chapel (496-7577)**

Mass 9 a.m. Sunday.

● **Landstuhl Chapel (486-8141)**

Sunday Mass, 9 a.m.

Daily Mass at noon.

Spanish Mass every third Saturday

at 5 p.m.

Catholic Education

For details on CCD, call 480-6148

or Landstuhl representative at 06371-

914245. Landstuhl RCIA, 06306-356.

Islamic Services

Jumah service, 1:30 p.m. Fridays

and Taleem (Islamic study group),

11 a.m. Sundays, Building 2880 on

Pulaski Barracks. For details, call Nedal

Mefleh at 0175-5542159 or 480-5061.

Orthodox Divine Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Sunday in Kapaun

Chapel (489-6859).

Jewish Religious Services

Kabblat Shabbat, 7 p.m. Friday at

Ramstein North Chapel (480-6148).

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

3:30 p.m. the second and fourth

Sunday in Ramstein South Chapel.

Ramstein sponsors Music Days

The culture center in Ramstein-Miesenbach, Haus des Bürgers, presents the Fourth International Music and Folklore Days Tuesday through June 26.

“The Spirit of Ireland” is on stage at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Young artists from Ireland perform traditional Irish dancing to include tap dance and music on old instruments.

The radio station SWR presents a show with German singers 8 p.m. Thursday. The music event continues with the Variety Palace Speyer showing “Heartbreakers,” an international revue about Paris and love 8 p.m. June 1.

The ensemble Colalaila with its clarinetist Irith Gabriely, the Queen of Klezmer, presents Jewish “singing-laughing-dancing-crying-music” at 8 p.m. June 7.

The Fourth International Music and Folklore Days close out with a comedy about Siegfried and the Nibelungen. The Palatinate Chawwerusch Theater performs an open air play 8 p.m. June 26 on the Marktplatz next to the Haus des Bürgers.

For ticket reservations, call 06371-592220.

WAS IST LOS?

by Petra Lessoing

Kaiserslautern American

Pfalztheater, Kaiserslautern —

“Der Sturm,” a play by William Shakespeare, 7:30 p.m. today, Sunday, Wednesday, May 17, 25 and 30. “Frère Jacques,” a play by Wolfgang Quetes with music by Jacques Offenbach, 8 p.m. today and Saturday. “Turandot,” an opera by Ferruccio Busoni, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Tuesday, May 24 and 29. Ballet-Workshop III, 8 p.m. Sunday and May 29. “The Rocky Horror Show,” a musical by Richard O’Brien, 7:30 p.m. May 18, 22 and 23. “Lohengrin,” a romantic opera by Richard Wagner, 6 p.m. May 19. For tickets, call 0631-3675-209.

Kammgarn Kaiserslautern —

Black Beat Night, 10 p.m. Saturday. Megaherz with German metal, 8 p.m. Sunday. Tickets cost 15 EUR. For reservations, call Gondrom Ticket Service at 0631-36219-814. Classics of soul with Midnight Mover, 8:30 p.m. Monday. Tickets cost 8 EUR. Big Band Night: Straight Ahead, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Admission is 6.50 EUR. No Music In K-Town: Steakknife, 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Tickets cost 6.50 EUR.

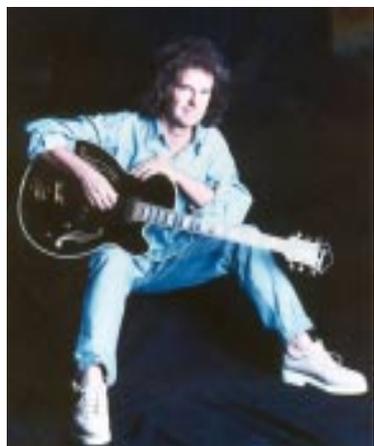
Irish House, Kaiserslautern —

Orange 4 with rock and pop 10 p.m. Saturday.

Volkspark, Kaiserslautern (duck pon on Entersweiler/Donnersbergstrasse) — Park concert with Petermann’s Swing Partie, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

Oberarnbach, Lindenhof farm —

Open air concert with German folk music by “Zillertaler Haderlumpen,” 8 p.m. May 18. Doors open 4 p.m. For ticket information, call 06371-63443 or 0180-5000494.



Courtesy photo

Pat Metheny

The culture center Kammgarn in Kaiserslautern presents rock jazz with the Pat Metheny Group at 8 p.m. May 24. The band, which is the only one in musical history to receive seven Grammys in series, is on its “Speaking of Now-Tour.” Tickets at the door range from 30 to 36 EUR. Advance ticktes from 27 to 32 EUR are available at Gondrom Ticket Service. Call 0631-36219814.

Haus des Bürgers, Ramstein-Miesenbach —

Fouth International Music & Folklore Days: “Spirit of Ireland,” a show with Irish music, songs and tap-dance at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets cost 16.50, 18.50 and 20.50. Radio station SWR4 presents German singers Ela, Bata Illic, Ingrid Peters, Fernando Express, Michael Holm, 8 p.m. Thursday. Tickets cost 10 EUR. For tickets and babysitter reservations, call 06371-592220.

Stadthalle Landstuhl — Operetta Theater Nova Scena Bratislava presents “Franz-Lehar-Gala,” an

operetta revue, 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost 15.34, 17.38 and 19.43 EUR. For information and reservations, call 06371-92340.

Mannheim, Nationaltheater —

Strawinsky Ballet Night with Second Touch, Chymia and Le Sacre du printemps, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20 and 29. “Turandot,” an opera by Giacomo Puccini, 7 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday. “Die Königin von Saba,” an opera by Karl Goldmark, 8 p.m. Monday and May 26. “Don Giovanni,” an opera by Mozart, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. “Die Zauberflöte,” an opera by Mozart, 7:30 p.m. Thursday. “Aida,” an opera by Guiseppe Verdi, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and May 22. For details and reservations, call 0621-1680-150.

Staatstheater Saarbrücken —

“Minna von Barnhelm,” a comedy by Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, 7:30 p.m. today. Taboo Or Not/Patch Of Grass, Move, choreographies by Margeruite Delon, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. “Die Verkaufte Braut,” a comical play with music by Bedrich Smetana, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, May 18, 26 and 30. “Dantons Tod,” a drama by Georg Büchner, 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information and reservations, call 0681-32204.

Miscellaneous:

◆Kaiserslautern, Garden Fair, open daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Oct. 3.

Life Changers Ministries perform a gospel concert, 2 p.m. Saturday in Jean-Schoen-Park. Hans Werner Will Chorus performs folk songs and operetta and musical songs 3:30 p.m. Sunday. KMC Schools Orchestra presents music by famous composers Thursday. Check www.gartenschau-kl.de for details.

◆Weilerbach, Inline Skaters’

Event: county road L367 between Reichenbach-Steegen and Schwedelbach will be closed to motorized traffic from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Start is at old train station in Weilerbach.

◆Schopp, spring fest by local fire brigade, Saturday

◆Kusel, Lichtenberg Castle, International Museum Day with musical worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday, family concert at noon, other concerts at 2 and 4 p.m.

◆Zweibrücken, Kulturpark Rosengarten, opening of concert season with Stadtkapelle Zweibrücken, miniature boat exhibition and display of dinosaur, 3 p.m. Sunday.

◆Kirchheimbolanden, May carnival, Sunday

◆Maikammer (south of Neustadt), May fest, today through Sunday

◆Hauenstein (east of Pirmasens), spring fest with burning of winter, today through Monday

◆Bad Dürkheim, city and cheese king fest, today through Sunday

◆Ellerstadt (east of Bad Dürkheim), wine fest, today through Sunday

◆Clausen (east of Rodalben), music fest, Saturday and Sunday

Flea Markets:

◆Kaiserslautern, Messeplatz fairgrounds, Saturday

◆Landstuhl, Kaufland, Saturday

◆Ramstein, flea market hall, Flurstrasse 4, Saturday

◆Bad Dürkheim, Saline, Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

◆Frankenthal, Festplatz, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

◆Saarbrücken, Franz-Josef-Röder-Strasse, Saturday

◆Metz, France, Saturday, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

AT THE MOVIES

(Editor's Note: Schedules and synopses are

provided by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Movie times and dates are subject to change by the individual theaters. Please check with the theater to ensure accuracy.)

TODAY

Galaxy Theater, Vogelweh (0631-536-6176) — "Murder By Numbers" (R) 7 and 10 p.m.

Kleber Theater, Kleber Kaserne (0631-48352) — "Hart's War" (R) 7 p.m.

Tiger Theater, Sembach Annex (06302-677-624) — "John Q" (PG-13) 7 p.m.
"Queen Of The Damned" (R) 10 p.m.

Hercules Theater, Ramstein AB (06371-47-5550) — "Changing Lanes" (R) 7 p.m.

Nightingale Theater, Ramstein AB (06371-47-6147) — "The Scorpion King" (PG-13) 7 and 10 p.m.

SATURDAY

Galaxy Theater — "John Q" (PG-13) 3 p.m.

"Murder By Numbers" (R) 7 and 10 p.m.

Kleber Theater — "Queen Of the Damned" (R) 7 p.m.

Tiger Theater — "John Q" (PG-13) 7 p.m.

"Hart's War" (R) 10 p.m.

Hercules Theater — "Changing Lanes" (R) 7 p.m.

Nightingale Theater — "Tarzan" (G) 3 p.m.

"The Scorpion King" (PG-13) 7 and 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Galaxy Theater — "Snow Dogs" (PG) 4 p.m.

"Murder By Numbers" (R) 7 p.m.

Kleber Theater — Closed

Tiger Theater — "Queen Of The Damned" (R) 7 p.m.

Hercules Theater — "Super Troopers" (R) 7 p.m.

Nightingale Theater — "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius" (G) 4 p.m.

"The Scorpion King" (PG-13) 7 p.m.

MONDAY

Galaxy Theater — "Murder By Numbers" (R) 7 p.m.

Kleber Theater — Closed

Tiger Theater — "Hart's War" (R) 7 p.m.

Hercules Theater — Closed

Nightingale Theater — "The Scorpion King" (PG-13) 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Galaxy Theater — "John Q"

(PG-13) 7 p.m.

Kleber Theater — Closed

Tiger Theater — "Murder By Numbers" (R) 7 p.m.

Hercules Theater — Closed

Nightingale Theater — "Hart's War" (R) 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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Kleber Theater — Closed

Tiger Theater — "Murder By Numbers" (R) 7 p.m.

Hercules Theater — Closed

Nightingale Theater — "John Q" (PG-13) 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Galaxy Theater — "Hart's War" (R) 7 p.m.

Kleber Theater — "The Scorpion King" (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Tiger Theater — "Murder By Numbers" (R) 7 p.m.

Hercules Theater — "John Q" (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nightingale Theater — "Queen Of The Damned" (R) 7 p.m.

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Galaxy Theater — "Spider-Man" (PG-13) 7 and 10 p.m.

Kleber Theater — "Dragonfly" (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Tiger Theater — "Return To Neverland" (G) 7 p.m.

"Crossroads" (PG-13) 10 p.m.

Hercules Theater — "The Scorpion King" (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Nightingale Theater — "Murder By Numbers" (R) 7 and 10 p.m.

NOW SHOWING

Spider-Man — After being bitten by a radioactive spider, Peter Parker's body chemistry is mutagenically altered in that he can scale walls and ceilings and he develops a spider-sense that warns him of approaching danger. Adopting the name "Spider-Man," Peter first uses his new-found powers to make money, but after his uncle is murdered at the hands of a criminal Peter failed to stop, he swears to use his powers to fight the evil that killed his uncle.

Murder By Numbers — A tenacious homicide detective and her new partner become pitted against two malevolently brilliant high school students in an ingenious battle of wits as they try to solve a murder case.

KMC CLUB CALENDAR

	ARMSTRONGS	KAZABRA	LANDSTUHL	RAMSTEIN ENLISTED	RAMSTEIN OFFICER	SEMBACH	OASIS, KLEBER
TODAY	DJK-Town Sound Machine spins the "R&B Classics." My Brother's Place, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Game room opens 8 a.m.	Every first Friday of the month, show off your singing talents in Country Karaoke. DJ Texas Style at 10 p.m. Game room opens at 8 a.m. Club open 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.	Daily Lunch Specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bar opens at 4:30 p.m. 5 Corners Grill serves dinner 6 to 10 p.m. Rib-Eye Steak \$5.95. Apollo Night, show your undiscovered talents, 8 p.m. to midnight. Dart tournament at 8 p.m.	Bar Bingo at 5:30 p.m. Karaoke in the Cactus 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Survivor at 8 p.m. Rock Am Ram at 9 p.m. Fred's Rocks at 9 p.m.	Breakfast at Charlie's Place 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Super Smorgy 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. National "Eat What You Want Day" Stammtisch 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Italian restaurant Vesuvio's open 5:30 to 10 p.m. (open to all ranks)	Breakfast served 6:30 to 10 a.m. 99 cent early bird sandwich. Lunch on patio with grilled burgers, chicken, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Social hour 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bar Bingo at 6 p.m. Friday Night Hit List, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.	BBQ ribs at 5 p.m. Kids get a free hotdog, chips and drink. Variety music 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. No cover. Large screen TV, pool table and game machines.
SAT	Bar opens at 5 p.m. My Brother's Place Snack Bar 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.	C&W dance lessons at 7 p.m. DJ Texas Style 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Doors and game room open at 6 p.m. Visit sports bar, big screen TV, pool tables. Open 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.	Main lounge opens at 5 p.m. 5 Corners Grill serves dinner 6 to 10 p.m. Rib-Eye Steak \$5.95.	Pot of Gold Bingo at 3:30 p.m. Family Fun Night is 6 to 8 p.m. Cactus Karaoke 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. "The Club" 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Italian restaurant Vesuvio's open 5:30 to 10 p.m. (open to all ranks)	All-You-Care-To-Eat Breakfast Buffet, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. American Roadhouse Grill Special is Mahi Mahi, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Hip Hop Planet, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Variety music, 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Enjoy sporting events on AFN. Pool tables, food, variety music.
SUN	Closed.	Closed.	Club open 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Kick off your weekend with Weekend Grill Party and family cook-out starting at 3 p.m.	Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bingo is at 3:30 p.m. \$1,000 jackpot guaranteed. Rockin' Nascar at 6 p.m. in Cactus Cafe.	Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vesuvio's closed Sundays.	Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nothing But Sports Sunday in Keller 4 to 10 p.m.	Open from 6 p.m. to midnight.
MON	Closed.	Club open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Game room open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Super Daily Lunch Specials, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. New evening hours. New special dinner menus 6 to 10 p.m.	2-4-1 Steak Night in La Fiesta Restaurant 5 to 8 p.m. Bar Bingo at 6 p.m. Featured Artist Karaoke in Cactus Cafe 6 to 11 p.m.	Breakfast at Charlie's Place 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Daily Hot and Cold Lunch Buffet 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Kids Night Out 5 to 7:30 p.m. Social Hour 5 to 7 p.m. in Wings Lounge. Vesuvio's open.	Breakfast from 6:30 to 10 a.m. 99 cent early bird sandwich. Mega Lunch Buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dart Tournament at 6 p.m. in Keller.	Closed.
TUE	Main lounge bar opens at 5 p.m. Variety music 9 p.m. to midnight. Game room opens at 8 a.m.	Club open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Game room open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Daily Lunch Specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family Picnic for \$19.95. 5 Corners Grill serves 4-for-1 steaks. Pick and grill your own steak on patio 6 to 10 p.m.	2-4-1 Ribs Plate in La Fiesta, 5 to 8 p.m. Bar Bingo at 6 p.m. and Early Bird at 6:45 p.m. Cactus Karaoke starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday Night Music Club at Fred's at 9 p.m.	Breakfast at Charlie's Place 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Hot and Cold Lunch Buffet 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Social Hour 5 to 7 p.m. in Wings Lounge. Vesuvio's open 5:30 to 10 p.m.	Breakfast 6:30 to 10 a.m. Mega Lunch Buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. American Roadhouse Grill 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Early bird 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., special is \$3.95 atomic basket. Country Keller, 8 p.m.	Closed.
WED	Stop by after work for 25 cent Buffalo wings from 5 to 7 p.m. Variety music in main lounge. Game room opens at 8 a.m. Ball Busters Night, 5 to 7 p.m. Game Night, 7 p.m. to midnight.	Bingo Mania at 7 p.m. Sports Bar with pool tables and big screen TV opens at 6 p.m. Game room opens at 8 a.m. Ski Club meeting at 7 p.m.	Lunch Specials 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 5 Corners Grill serves dinner featuring Rib-Eye Steaks for \$5.95, 6 to 10 p.m. Test Your Talents during Karaoke Nights with DJ Humphreys at 7 p.m.	Bar Bingo at 5:30 p.m. Cactus Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m. It's not Star Search, it's Karaoke! Over-the-Hump Night at Fred's Lounge 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Breakfast at Charlie's Place 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. ROSC Brunch 10 a.m. Lunch Buffet 11 a.m. 2-4-1 Specials 5:30 p.m. Boss and Buddy Night 5 p.m. Social Hour 5 p.m. Vesuvio's open 5:30 to 10 p.m.	Breakfast 6:30 to 10 a.m. 99 cent early bird sandwich. Mega Lunch Buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. American Roadhouse Grill 5:30 to 9 p.m. Pool Tournament at 8 p.m. Top Variety 8 to 11 p.m.	Variety music, large screen TV, 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.
THU	Mexican Night with 25 cent Tacos at 7 p.m. Kamikaze Karaoke begins at 9 p.m. Game room opens 8 a.m.	DJ Texas Style at 8 p.m. Game room open from 11 a.m. to midnight. Rodeo Team meeting starts at 7 p.m. Play pool and try your luck in the slots.	Daily Lunch Special 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bar opens at 4:30 p.m. Night of Jazz. Relax in the atmosphere and enjoy the blues.	2-4-1 Magnifico Thursday with Fajitas in La Fiesta 5 to 8 p.m. Bar bingo at 6 p.m. and Early Bird at 6:45 p.m. Cactus Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m. Big Country 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Open Mic Night at Fred's.	Breakfast at Charlie's 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hot and Cold Lunch Buffet 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Social Hour in Wing's Lounge 5 to 7 p.m. Mongolian Barbecue 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Vesuvio's 5:30 p.m.	Breakfast 6:30 to 10 a.m. Mega Lunch Buffet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. American Roadhouse Grill Special is New Orleans Bourbon Street Chicken. Live at the Keller Karaoke, 8 to 11 p.m.	Variety music, food, large screen TV and game machines. Club open 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.