

Combat team tests command post savvy

By Maj. Stacy Holbrook
2nd Brigade Combat Team S-1

The radio comes to life when a brigade reconnaissance troop reports T-72 to their front and moving fast. 4-27 Field Artillery coordinates fires on the targets and the fight is on.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team is participating in the 1st Armored Division Iron Effort Command Post Exercise in order to improve the brigade's staff proficiency in the Military Decision Making Process and to train the three command posts' ability to maintain situational awareness by using all the battlefield operating systems the brigade has at its fingertips.

The Iron Effort exercise is a distributed Command Post Exercise/Computer Aided Exercise involving 1st AD central region-based units and habitual corps supporting forces.

The CPX for the 2nd BCT brought together the leadership and soldiers of 1-6 Infantry, 2-6 Infantry, 1-35th Armor, 4-27th Field Artillery, 40th Engineers, the 47th Forward Support Battalion, and the 501st Military Intelligence Detachment along with a host of supporting agencies to pull this exercise off. The entire array of electronic

equipment that is normally available to a unit in a deployed environment was made available in order to truly test the brigades' ability to fight and track the battle over a large area.

Because of the normal summer transitions, the BCT had a lot of new leaders and soldiers who came together at the same time with all the equipment that would be used in an actual deployment.

The 2nd BCT used the exercise as a jumping off point for the upcoming training at Gunnery and CMTC. It also ensures they only get better in the months to come.

"I am fully confident in the abilities of this staff, we truly have a bunch of talented soldiers in this BCT and I can't wait to continue our training with the high standards we set during this exercise," said Col. John D. Johnson, 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander. Johnson has been the 2nd BCT commander for about 14 months and has led the brigade to a CMTC rotation in one of the harshest winters in Germany in more than 20 years. "It is a pleasure to lead a BCT that has such talented officers, NCOs, and soldiers. It makes my job that much easier and makes it fun to come to work," said Johnson.



Photo by Maj. Stacy Holbrook

Soldiers from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade prepare the Tactical Operations Center for the fight ahead.

Win round trip tickets

Round trip airline tickets to the states, a weekend for two at Chiemsee, a digital camera, a free airport shuttle, and more is what the grand prize is for the Fall into Fun contest. There are also many more prizes to be won. Pick up your Fall into Fun card today at any MWR facility and start collecting your stamps.

There is no limit on the number of cards a person can enter.

Monday night "footbowl"

It's "Footbowl" season so visit the Baumholder Bowling Center every Monday night and enjoy "four quarters" of bowling and snack bar specials. For more information call mil485-6569

Coaches still needed

As the fall youth sports season begins, coaches are still needed. Help the youth of Baumholder stay active in sports and learn how to work as a team. For more information call mil485-7003.

Rack 'em

Pool tournaments are now happening at the Baumholder Rod and Gun Club. Tournaments begin at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning Oct. 2. Prizes will be awarded to winners. Call mil485-6345.

Pizza Party

The Baumholder Rod and Gun Club is serving up fresh, American-style pizza on

What's happ'nin off-duty

Oct. 11 starting at 8 p.m. You can also take part in the open-mike and talent show. There will be a lot of fun and prizes.

Halloween carnival

Halloween is just around the corner and Community Youth Services hosts their annual Halloween carnival Oct. 26 at the Rheinlander from 2 - 6 p.m.

Activities are planned for children ages 2 to 11 years old. There will be toys, candy, and prizes. Get the children dressed up and ready for this day of howling activities.

For more information call mil485-7003.

Road trips



Baumholder's Outdoor Recreation has scheduled several trips during October. For more information call mil485-7162. The fol-

lowing trips are scheduled:

Oktoberfest in Munich

Oct. 5

Bus departs at 3 a.m. and returns later that evening. Round trip transportation costs \$59. Sign up at least one week prior to trip date.

Lego Land Germany

Oct. 5, 26

\$45 for adults and \$25 for children. Price includes transportation and entrance fee. The bus departs at 7 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. Rides for adults and children.

Six Flags Holland

Oct. 5, 12, Nov. 30

Six Flags Belgium

Oct. 13, Nov. 2 and 11

Bus departs the Wagon Wheel Theatre at 3 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. the following day. Cost for one person is \$55, two people \$105, three people \$150, four people, \$195. Trips include bus transportation, and entrance fee to Six Flags. Experience more than 50 rides and shows.

Frankfurt Zoo

Oct. 6, 20

\$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Price includes transportation and entrance fee.

The bus departs at 7 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m.

Frankenstein's Castle

Oct. 18

Youth Services trip for children ages 13 - 18, cost is \$20. See live monsters and tour the castle decorated like a haunted house. Sign up by Oct. 11 by calling mil485-7276.

Black Forest

Oct. 19

\$35 for adults and \$25 for children. The bus departs at 6 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m. that evening. Visit the world's largest cuckoo clock, waterfalls at Triebberg and go shopping.

Neuschwanstein Castle

Oct. 14

\$65 for adults and \$35 for children. Price includes transportation and entrance fee. The bus departs at 6 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m.

Paris Express

Oct. 12

\$65 for adults and \$35 for children, one-day trip. The bus departs at 3 a.m. and returns at midnight.

Columbus Day ski trip

Oct. 11-14

Cost is \$265 and includes: Skiing and snowboarding on the Kitzsteinhorn Glacier, two overnights in a hotel with breakfast and dinner, two-day ski pass for the glacier, ski rental, transportation, beginner ski lessons.

Bypass road closes

The German Army bypass road from Baumholder to Idar-Oberstein will be closed Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Girl Scouts hold open house

The Baumholder Girls Scouts are having an Open House Oct. 3 at the Rheinlander beginning at 4 p.m. Interested girls may drop buy for cookies and punch with the Girls Scouts and sign up for a year of scouting activities. There is a \$7 registration fee for each child and shot records will be needed. Membership in the Baumholder Girls Scouts is open to girls from kindergarten through 12th grade. Adults looking for a volunteer position with Girl Scouts are also invited to attend. For more information contact Sandy Coleman at civ (06783)-187743.

Halloween on schedule

The Baumholder community will celebrate Halloween on its scheduled date of Oct. 31 October. Community events surrounding the annual holiday will be published as they become available.

Registered nurse job opening

A registered nurse job position in the grade of GS-09 is now open at the Baumholder Family Health Care Clinic. No shift work is involved. Call Lt. Col. Grace Franklin at civ (06783)6-8528 or 8747 or mil 485-8528 or 8747.

Applicants must have a current registered nurse license and must have worked as a medical-surgical registered nurse for at least one year.



Promotion board convenes

A Department of The Army Centralized Promotion Board convenes Nov. 5 to consider eligible first lieutenants for promotion to captain. Officers eligible for consideration should review their personnel files prior to Nov. 5. For a records appointment call mil 485-6453 or visit <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil>.

School readies for homecoming

Baumholder American High School's football team hosts Ansbach High Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at Minnick Field for their homecoming game.

OCS board meets Nov. 20

The 222nd Base Support Battalion will conduct an officer candidate school board Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Training Support Detachment small classroom, Building 8475. The board is open to any qualified enlisted soldier interested in becoming a commissioned officer. For more information call Cpl. Melissa Reeves at mil 485-6788. All packets must be completed and turned into the 222nd BSB Adjutant's Office by Nov. 12.

Civilian medical care for soldiers

As an active duty soldier you are only authorized to receive civilian medical care if authorization is obtained in advance through your local military treatment facility or if emergency treatment is required. When the Baumholder Health Clinic is closed soldiers can contact their Personal Health Adviser at civ (0800) 825 1600, go to the Landstuhl emergency room or (in the case of emergencies only) visit the nearest German facility. Any follow-up care must be obtained at the battalion aid station or health clinic. For more information call Gabi Martini at mil 485-6205 or civ (06783) 6-6205.

Scholarships available for spouses

The Baumholder Community Spouses Club will offer scholarships for the October college term. Deadline to apply is Oct. 18. Pick up an application at the Baumholder Education Center in Building 8332.

Volunteers sought on post

The Installation Volunteer Coordinator's office seeks

Post notes

volunteers. Baumholder Girl Scouts are looking for enthusiastic individuals willing to join the fun at all levels as leaders, public relations chair, cookie and calendar sales chair and treasurer. For more information call mil 485-8188 or Susan Opplinger at civ (06782) 6892. Baumholder American Red Cross seeks volunteers to support Red Ribbon Week and the Great American Smokeout. Additional positions are also available at the Baumholder Health Clinic, Health Promotion Office and WIC. Call mil 485-1760 or civ (06783) 6-1760. Stop by the IVC office at Army Community Service, call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188 for more information.

Academic instructors sought

Central Texas College seeks an Army Learning Center academic instructor/tutor. A bachelor's degree and teaching certificate (or teaching experience) are required. The Adult Education Program seeks a German language teacher. Call Bill Badger at mil 485-8491.

ACAP offers transition services

Call the Army Career and Alumni Program office at mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays to learn about pre-separation briefings, job assistance workshops, job assistance counseling, Veterans Affairs briefings and a host of other benefits.

ACS offers sponsorship training

Ever thought about becoming a sponsor for someone new to the Baumholder community? The Army Community Service relocation department will offer sponsorship training to soldiers on the first Thursday of each month in the ACS Conference Room from 9-11 a.m. Sign up now because class size is limited to 15 people. Unit training will also be available as well on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. For more information or to make an appointment call mil 485-8188/8187 or civ (06783) 6-8188/8187.

NOW's the time to get oriented

Newcomers Orientation and Welcome meets Oct. 7-9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cultural awareness

and adaptation tour to Baumholder and Germany is designed specifically for new spouses. Child care is free, but spaces are limited so sign up early. For more information and to register visit Army Community Service or call Melissa Schaffner at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.



International spouses meet

The International Spouses Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Army Community Service lounge. Spouses of all nationalities are welcome. Share your experiences and meet new people. For more information contact Melissa Schaffner at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

Anger management class

Army Community Service offers an anger management class Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

Breastfeeding support available

La Leche League of Baumholder meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Red Cross classroom, Building 8746. All meetings are free and open to the public. Children and babies are welcome. Call (06381) 99-6645 or (06783) 90-3777.

Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building classes are held regularly in the AFTB classroom on the second floor of Building 8745, Baumholder Health Clinic, at the end of the Inprocessing Training Center/Driver Education hallway. AFTB instructors will also come to Family Readiness Group meetings, coffee groups or for any group interested in furthering their knowledge or personal growth. Volunteers are the heart of AFTB. Upcoming AFTB classes are: Oct. 7 Spanish Concept from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Oct. 9 and 10 Level One from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Oct. 22-24 Level II from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested in attending classes should call mil 485-8542 to sign up. Limited free child care will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Live smoke-free, get the facts

For information about the next freedom from smoking class call the community health nurse at mil 485-7312 or civ (06783) 6-7312.

VA assistance available locally

Do you need help completing your Veterans Affairs paperwork? Or do you just have questions about your VA benefits? The Baumholder VFW post service officer can help. Contact him by email at Ronald.J.Robinson@us.army.mil. Baumholder's VFW Post 2566 meets at 6 p.m. every third Thursday of the month. For more information send email to John.C.Neilson@us.army.mil.

Education update

Conversational German available

Baumholder's Adult Education Program offers the following courses during the upcoming term: Conversational German I, Cooking and Cake Decorating and English as a Second Language. Registration begins Oct. 1. Call Bill Badger at mil 485-8491 for more information.

DANTES testing limited

The Baumholder Army Education Center has limited DANTES and Military Testing sessions available. Interested persons are asked to call mil 485-7557 to schedule any desired testing. Walk-in testing is currently not available. For more information calls Bill Badger at mil 485-8491.

Language instructors needed

Baumholder's Adult Education Program needs instructors for the following Subjects: Conversational German, Conversational Spanish, Conversational French, and Conversational Italian. Native speaking skills are required. Call Bill Badger at mil 485-8491 if interested.

Scholarships open for spouses

The Baumholder Community Spouses Club offers college scholarships again for the upcoming October college term. Deadline for application submissions is Oct. 18. Applications are available at the Baumholder Education Center, Building 8332.

Get an on-line education

Do training schedules have you baffled? Can't take a regular college course? No Problem. City Colleges of Chicago offers video and on-line courses that may be completed in spite of an intense training schedule. Call mil 485-6664 for more information.

Firearm testing available weekly

Testing for personally owned firearms is now offered weekly. Persons wishing to test may schedule at the Baumholder Army Education Center by calling mil 485-7557.

University rep comes to town

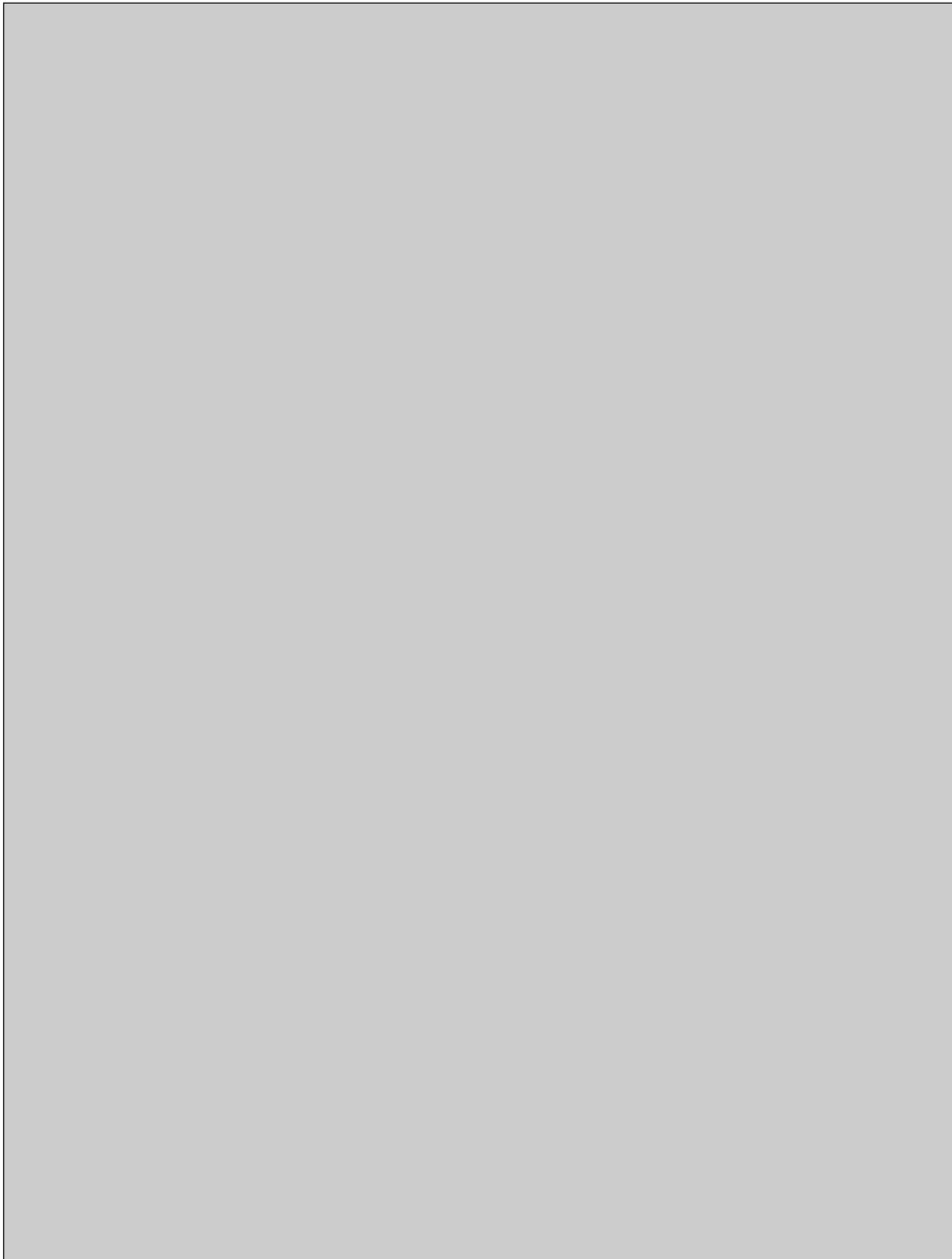
The University of Oklahoma field representative from Ramstein Air Base visits the Baumholder Army Education Center Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Individuals wishing to discuss Oklahoma's graduate degree programs are invited to meet with the university's representative. The representative may be reached daily at mil 480-6807.

U.S., German communities remember 9-11



Photo by Bernd "Bernie" Mai

American military, civilians and local civilians participate in a remembrance service at Chapel One for the many who lost their lives during the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.



Chapel services were held in the Baumholder community Sept. 11 remembrance of the many who died during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon one year ago.

The first one was held at 3 p.m. in Chapel. "A day of remembrance" was the theme of the ecumenical service which was conducted jointly by chaplains from the American and German communities. Various civilian and military host nation guests were welcomed by Lt. Col. Todd A. Buchs, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander

in his remarks Buchs remembered the terrible attacks on the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon and he thanked the German host nation for all their sympathy and support. At 3:37 p.m., a minute of silence was observed to remember the attack on the Pentagon.

Another ecumenical service was held at 7 p.m. at the local city Protestant church. The service was

conducted by Chaplain Burkhard Zill and Father Andreas Bronder. Father (Lt. Col.) Michael Cerrone, 222nd BSB community chaplain, also participated in the service which was well attended by German citizens and American representatives.

The community of Oberthal in the State of the Saarland also conducted an ecumenical commemorative chapel service which was attended by Hans Kuhn, 222nd BSB fire chief.

Floral and other commemorative items were placed by various individuals and agencies throughout the community.

Within the framework of a commanders' conference, the German Artillery School in Idar-Oberstein held a commemorative service at 7 p.m. at the Felsenkirche in Idar-Oberstein which was attended by Oberst Heinrich Fischer, commander of the Artillery School in Idar-Oberstein and Brig. Gen. Fred D. Robinson, Baumholder's senior tactical commander.



Photo by Bernd "Bernie" Mai

Members of the 222nd Base Support Battalion Command Sergeants Major Color guard refold a American flag belonging to Spc. Crecencio Valenzuela III, at far right.

9-11 flag refolded here

On Sept. 11, 2001, after the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, Mike Bell, fire marshal at the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department 174 in Southern California, drove 48 hours straight, cross country, to New York to support his friend at the New York Harlem Fire Department "Engine 80."

Because of his relentless efforts and his above and beyond the call of duty support at the site of ground zero in New York Sept. 15 through 23, the fire fighters at Engine 80 presented him with a American flag.

That commemorative flag found its way to Baumholder and was ceremoniously unfolded and then

refolded prior the retreat ceremony Sept. 11.

Bell, a friend of Spc. Crecencio, Valenzuela III, A Company, 1-6 Infantry Battalion, said that when he received the flag he could only think of his friend Valenzuela and his involvement with the military so he presented his friend the flag and asked him to ceremoniously unfold it on a military post.

The flag was officially unfolded by the 222nd Base Support Battalion Command Sergeants Major Color guard. A minute of silence was observed and then the flag was again folded and Spc. Johnnie Robinson of the Color Guard handed the flag back to Valenzuela.



Photo by Mark Wojcik

Hundreds of Boy Scouts and parents line the shore of Baumholder's fishing lake during the first Barbarosa District Fishing Derby. The lake was stocked with 200 kilos of trout.

Trout derby draws 750 Scouts, parents

By Mark Wojcik
Scoutmaster

As the last of summer faded away this month, Baumholder's Boy Scout Troop 96 hosted the first ever Barbarosa District Fishing Derby. More than 750 scouts and family members from Germany, Switzerland and Belgium gathered to enjoy an opportunity of camping and fishing at Baumholder's Rolling Hills Campground.

More than 200 kilos of Trout was stocked in the Rod and Gun Club's fishing pond for this event.

With such a target rich environment available, everyone walked away with at least one fish and several fish stories for the weekend.

Fishing and camping, however, were not the only activities available to the Scouts during the weekend trout free-for-all. BB guns and archery were also activities in very high demand.

For the older Scouts, the Baumholder Rod and Gun Club offered the opportunity to try their hand at rifle and shotgun shooting.

At the Saturday evening bonfire, songs and skits were the main billing.

The highlight of the evening came when Troop 96 retired more than 10 American flags. Everyone at the campfire participated in this emotional retirement ceremony.

All in all the weekend was filled with happy chatter and fish stories.

Troop 96 thanks the Baumholder Rod and Gun Club, Outdoor Recreation and the 222nd Base Support Battalion for their support of this first ever and very large event.



Photo by Mark Wojcik

Proud anglers show off their catch of the day .

Post gears for Red Ribbon Campaign

Baumholder celebrates the annual Red Ribbon Campaign Oct. 18 - 31. Community chaplains are endorsing prayer for the children's weekend Oct. 18 - 20. Youth Services will sponsor Red Ribbon activities that will include a midnight sporting event at the Hall of Champions Oct. 18 and the Health Promotion Council will sponsor a 5 kilometer run/walk and health fair Oct. 24 at the Hall of Champions. The Baumholder schools will also conduct various activities throughout Red Ribbon Week.

But what is the national Red Ribbon Campaign all about and how did it all begin?

In 1985, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, was tortured and murdered while fighting drug trafficking in Mexico. News of his murder traveled through the media and angered members of the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth. Founded in 1980, this non-profit organization is dedicated

to establishing volunteer community groups to lead drug prevention efforts nationwide. NFP network's community organizations in which adult and youth volunteers collaborate, share resources, information, and ideas to ensure a drug-free future for families and communities.

The murder of Camarena served as the catalyst to call people to action and make a visible commitment by wearing and displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol to show the nation's intolerance of the illegal use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. Through education,

prevention efforts, and community mobilization, the National Red Ribbon Celebration succeeded in giving individuals the opportunity to celebrate that they are "Drug Free and Proud." By 1992, more than 115 million people joined the ranks of those who choose to live a healthy, drug-free life-style.

Thousands of community volunteers, supported by the leadership, have made a commitment to drug education and support. Their dedication and services continue as America celebrates Red Ribbon activities.

