

Vehicle 'Reg' moves

Baumholder's vehicle registration is now located at the 222nd Base Support Battalion Provost Marshal's office until further notice.

Traffic minimized

Additionally, traffic within Baumholder's Quarter-Master Kaserne railhead area is being minimized. Since the Central Issue Facility is located there, customers are asked to park at the Post Exchange warehouse pickup point, located next door to the 222nd BSB Provost Marshal's office.

Postal services

Postal patrons may again mail parcels greater than 13 ounces. Mail is moving using a variety of methods and some delay should be expected compared to prior to Sept. 11.

AWAG conference

Volunteers from the Kaiserslautern, Landstuhl, and Baumholder communities meet Oct. 26 at Baumholder's Rheinlander for the annual area AWAG. The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will feature a variety of presentations on private organizations, self-defense, health issues, and different volunteer topics. The registration fee of \$15 includes conference fee, breakfast and lunch. For more information call April Barnett at civ (06783) 188916 or email at ryan_n_april@yahoo.com, or Barb Cartwright at civ (0631) 892-4739. People interested in participating must register by Oct. 19.

No walk-ins

The Claims Office will not have walk-in service available Oct. 3 due to a German holiday. Instead, walk-

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in service will be available Oct. 2 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fire warden class

A fire warden class is held the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Baumholder Fire Department, Building 8413. For more information call mil 485-7572/6629.

Dental assistants

The American Red Cross will be offering another volunteer Dental Assistant Program beginning in early November. The Dental Assistant Program offers volunteers the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and training, which can be applied toward certification as a dental assistant.

The program consists of 960 hours of volunteer work and includes classroom study as well as "hands on" training and takes approximately 6 months to complete.

There will be a mandatory orientation at 10 a.m. Oct. 25 in the Wagon Wheel Theater for all who are interested. Interviews for the program will be conducted Oct. 26 and 29 by appointment only and classes begin Nov. 5.

For more information call mil 485-1760 or civ (06783) 6-1760.

Red Cross calendar

- Oct. 2** - Volunteer Orientation
- Oct. 12, 13** - CPR/First Aid
- Oct. 16** - Volunteer Orientation
- Oct. 25** - Dental Program Orientation
- Oct. 26, 29** - Dental Program Interviews
- Oct. 26, 27** - Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby

Story hour returns

Army Community Services Outreach Program is once again offering story hour/tot time. Contact ACS for more information and story times.

Spouses club

The International Spouses Club meets in the ACS lounge from 10 a.m. - noon the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Reduced prices

ACS is accepting applications for the Free and Reduced Price School Lunch Program. People who need assistance completing the application may call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188. Information regarding eligibility for this program is available by calling Gene Winfree, 222nd Base Support Battalion schools officer, at mil 485-1770 or civ (06783) 6-1770. Applications are available at ACS, Community Youth Services central registration and the Baumholder Health Clinic.

Get with NOW

Baumholder's Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome, or NOW, is a program for spouses in the Baumholder military community. This is a three-day orientation designed to welcome and inform spouses of military members and civilian employees to Baumholder by providing relevant information and developing skills for living in this unique environment. Spouses will learn about Germany and the local community through briefings on customs and a survival German language and cultural adaptation

class. Spouses, new to the military or not, will also have an opportunity to attend an introductory class to the Army life-style. Field trips on the economy will provide them with practical skills in using German public transportation and local shopping. Free transportation and child care is available for all registered participants during the orientation. All participants must register with ACS, to learn more about this program stop by ACS in Building 8746 or call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

AFTB meets

The next Army Family Team Building Level I training is Oct. 17. Level II is offered Oct. 2, Level III is offered Oct. 3 and a Stress Management Day is scheduled for Oct. 10. All training will be in the AFTB classroom. For reservations or for information to set up training for your unit or FRG call the AFTB office at mil 485-8542/8188. To receive free child care during the classes students must sign up for classes two weeks in advance.

Foster care

Army Community Foster Care Program is looking for Foster Care Families.

A Foster Care Program is designed to provide a needy child with a temporary home in which she or he can find love, happiness and protection. Foster parents are people who know that parenting is not easy. They are familiar with the stresses of raising a family and are ready to help out in a crisis. They are willing to extend the love they

share with others. Foster parents are very special people. All interested families should contact the foster care coordinator at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

Single parents group

Army Community Service has a new service targeted at single working parents. The Sole Parent Support Service is designed to introduce single parents to one another and increasing the understanding and appreciation of oneself as well as one's children, by exploring and discussing the advantages and disadvantages of being a single parent. Call ACS at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188 for more details.

ACS calendar

- Oct. 2** - Stress and Time Management Skills
 - Oct. 3** - Conflict Resolutions Skills; Making Large Purchases
 - Oct. 4** - Love and Logic Parenting; International Spouses Club
 - Oct. 9** - Anger Management and Coping Skills
 - Oct. 10** - Building Positive Self Esteem; Getting Insurance; AFTB Stress Management Day
 - Oct. 11** - Challenges of Blended Families; Story Time
 - Oct. 15** - Successful Parenting; Baumholder NOW
 - Oct. 16** - Stress and Time Management Skills; Baumholder NOW
 - Oct. 17** - Conflict Resolution Skills; Baumholder NOW; AFTB Level I Training; Teens Talk About Relationships; The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children (workshop)
 - Oct. 18** - Love and Logic Parenting
- For information about classes listed or services provided call mil 485-8188/civ (06783) 6-8188.

Recommit against domestic violence

The campaign against domestic violence in the Army is ongoing. But each year, along with citizens and public officials across the United States, the month of October is declared as Domestic Violence Prevention Month, in order to call attention to the problem, and to recommit ourselves to our goal.

Several years ago, all military services stepped up their efforts to end domestic violence, and the Army led the way. Our leadership is important. What we succeed in applying to the needs of the military can have positive results in the civilian community as well. Everyone at this installation must be a

role model for what is right and just, when it comes to domestic violence. We must continue to build strong partnerships with the civilian community, so we can use Army teamwork to share our best prevention efforts.

Abraham Lincoln's famous saying, "A house divided against itself cannot stand" has a serious meaning in the campaign against domestic violence: not only does domestic violence tear homes apart, it also tears at the entire military community. Each and every one of us must take a role in prevention: in this crucial issue, no one is an innocent bystander.

The Army's Family Advocacy Program is a vigorous proactive program which consists of prevention education programs and pro-

cedure for identification, reporting, investigation and treatment.

The primary goal is to prevent abuse by providing a variety of services to strengthen Army Families and enhance resiliency. The goal is supported by a system which allows the identification of abuse as early as possible, timely reporting and intervention through rehabilitation and treatment.

In support of the "Domestic Violence Prevention Month" ACS Family Advocacy is offering an array of classes on a personal or unit level.

- Oct. 15, 29** - Successful Parenting
- Oct. 2, 16, 30** - Stress Management
- Oct. 3, 17, 31** - Conflict Resolution

Oct. 3 - Coping With Domestic Violence

Oct. 4, 18 - Love and Logic Parenting

Oct. 9, 23 - Anger Management
Oct. 10, 24 - Positive Self Esteem

Oct. 11, 25 - Blended Families
Oct. 17 - The Effect of Domestic Violence on Children

Oct. 17 - Teens Talk About Relationships

Oct. 22 - Assertiveness Training

Oct. 29 - Dating Violence: The Hidden Secret

In addition to the FAP classes the Financial Readiness Program is offering a class on: Financial Empowerment for Women Oct. 24. For exact, dates and times call ACS at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 68188.



Beware of risk when shipping jewelry

The U.S. Army Claims Service has always recommended that you hand-carry jewelry rather than tender such items to a household goods carrier for shipment. This is a common sense recommendation, not a policy restriction. Technically, the Joint Travel Regulation, the Army Claims Regulation, and the tenders of service with household goods carriers all permit expensive jewelry to be shipped in your household goods. Even though such authorization exists, the problem for a claimant who suffers a loss is being able to prove the item was tendered to the carrier for shipment, the value of the item, or that he even owned such jewelry.

These problems were reflected in a decision by the General Accounting Office. A carrier appealed offsets taken by the U.S. Army Claims Service for jewelry missing

from a household goods shipment. There was no question as to the ownership or value of the jewelry. The inventory listed a jewelry box, but did not individually list the jewelry items tendered to the carrier. The GAO ruled that the Army had not sustained its burden of proof to show that the missing jewelry had been tendered to the carrier. The GAO stated that it intended to scrutinize missing high value items, such as jewelry, and would demand actual proof of tender. The GAO also indicated that these items must be individually listed on the inventory.

The decision of the GAO has a direct impact on all DOD personnel who must decide how to transport expensive jewelry to their next duty station. Will an Army claims office pay for packed missing expensive jewelry and other small items that

are not specifically annotated on the inventory? The answer is usually no, unless the claim is extremely well substantiated and there is actual proof of tender. Our recommendation to you, with even greater emphasis, is to hand-carry your expensive jewelry. Remember the risks that are incurred in shipment:

Jewelry is small, expensive and easily stolen

Your ability to prove ownership, value, and tender are difficult

Jewelry frequently has sentimental value that can never be compensated

However, if you decide to ship expensive jewelry in a household goods shipment, than the following rules must be observed. You must insure that each item is individually recorded on the inventory. If the carrier declines to do this, you must add this information to the

“Remarks/Exception” section found at the bottom of each inventory page. If a jewelry box is tendered, you must indicate the inventory number for the jewelry box and specifically describe each item of value within the jewelry box in the “Remarks/Exception” section. Occasionally, some carriers, in addition to the normal household goods inventory, prepare a high value inventory to reflect the tender of ex-

pensive items. You must make sure that all the expensive items are listed and well described on this separate inventory. Before signing the inventory at delivery, you must visually confirm the delivery of these items.

If you have any questions pertaining to claim policies, contact claims personnel at the Baumholder Law Center, Building 8222 or call mil 485-6507 civ (06783) 6-6507.

Sponsorship program aids youths during PCS moves

The Baumholder Youth Sponsorship Program can help youth in the process of transition from the continental U.S. or other Installations to the Baumholder military community. Youth in the community 6 – 18 years old who wish to sponsor an incoming youth must register with the Youth Sponsorship Program through their local youth center, have parental permission and attend required training.

The names of the youth who successfully complete the training will be placed in a database for future use when an incoming youth requests sponsorship.

Through the use of community organizations, S-Gate Military Sponsorship Program, and the Internet Youth Services will obtain names and ages of youth that will be joining the community and the Youth Sponsorship Program representative will assign a sponsor to the

incoming individual.

The sponsor will make every attempt to contact the incoming youth prior to his or her departure from the losing community.

For those youth leaving Baumholder, the Youth Sponsorship Program will make arrangements for those who wish a sponsor in their gaining community to have one assigned. Once the youth or parent knows the installation to which they will be assigned a sponsor request form will be completed. This form will be used to send information to the gaining community by email.

As an added benefit, Youth Services will coordinate with other community activities to host events for newcomers to the community and their sponsors.

Those interested in becoming a youth sponsor may contact their local youth center before Oct. 5.

Education notes

Enroll now

Baumholder soldiers scheduled for field duty may enroll now for the University of Maryland's term II instead of waiting until they return. The term begins Oct. 29. A varied selection of courses is available. Call the Baumholder Education Center at mil 485-6487 for more information.

A full refund

Soldiers enrolled in classes with the University of Maryland during Term I who must withdraw from class due to additional duties associated with the recent terrorist attacks on the United States can receive a full refund of their tuition from the University of Maryland. Visit the Baumholder Army Education Center for a copy of the paperwork needed.

Adult education

Registration for Baumholder's Adult Education Program is now in progress. Courses being offered include Conversational German I and II, Basic Computer Skills, and English as a Second Language. Call Bill Badger at mil 485-6487 for more information.

GI Bill update

Public Law 107-14 recently approved by the Congress addresses the use of the Top-Up provision for those who use the Montgomery GI Bill. Changes presented by this law will affect the Montgomery GI Bill entitlement so soldiers should talk to an education counselor if they

have used the Top-Up provision already. Call the education center at mil 485-6487 for more information.

VEAP benefits

Active duty members with VEAP education benefits may be eligible to convert to the more lucrative Montgomery GI Bill Program. Visit the Baumholder Army Education Center today to see if you qualify. It is not necessary to have money in your VEAP account to convert. Call Bill Badger at mil 485-6487 for more information.

Gotta take a test

People who use the computers located in the Army Learning Center, or the University of Maryland's Computer Lab, are required to complete the on-line USAREUR Computer Users Test. This test can be taken at any location that has computers connected to the Army's local area network. A copy of the users license must be shown before using the computers. Taking the test on the same day you wish to order a military correspondence course may be difficult due to the

limited number of computers on-hand, so plan ahead. For more call Lonnie Allen at mil 485-6484.

Open for business

The Army Learning Center, Building 8108 is now open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Friday hours remain 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Center is closed daily from 1-2 p.m. for lunch. Visit the Learning Center for CLEP, GED, SAT, ACT, AFCT, and MOS study material. You will also find an on-line bookshelf with the latest Army regulations and pamphlets. Call Lonnie Allen at mil 485-6484 for more information.

Field rep visit

The University of Oklahoma Field Representative from Ramstein Air Base will visit the Baumholder Army Education Center on Oct 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. People wishing to discuss the University of Oklahoma's graduate degree programs are invited to meet with the university's representative. The representative may be reached daily at Ramstein mil 480-6807.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Children from Baumholder's Grund-und Hauptschule and Realschule place flowers at the base of the sign near Baumholder's main gate. The children, their teachers and city officials marched silently their schools through town and to the main gate in memory of the many lives lost Sept. 11.

Heimbach students honor victims

Students from the Grundschule in Heimbach, a community about seven kilometers due west of Baumholder, presented a scroll of condolence to Command Sgt. Major Jose Fontanez, 222nd Base Support Battalion command sergeant major, and his wife Sigrid Sept. 14. The scroll, signed by the more than 80 students in the school, expressed their sympathy for the many victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Wash. D.C.

Gundula Hechl, the school's principle, created a lesson theme from the attacks on America to try and explain the situation in New York to the students. Hechl believes that providing

the students with information will help them better understand the events of the past few days.

The students and their teachers greeted Fontanez when he arrived at the school to accept the condolence scroll and a poster on behalf of the Baumholder military community. Fontanez expressed his gratitude to the students and teachers on behalf of the U.S. military community and said that as a U.S. citizen, he appreciated the students' thoughtfulness and display of condolence for American citizens.

Hechl expressed condolences to Fontanez on behalf of all the students and faculty for the innocent lives that were lost during the attack on America.

Children hold silent march through town

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

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They marched silently through town, 400 of them, carrying flowers and candles. Along their route, many onlookers rubbed their eyes and brushed away a spontaneous tear.

The marchers were children from Baumholder's Grund-und Hauptschule and Realschule who participated in a silent march Sept. 14 from their schools to lay flowers and light candles at the foot of the sign in front of Baumholder's main gate. The schools' faculty and children organized the march in memory of the many who died in the terrorist attack of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. Sept. 11.

Like many of America's friends and allies, the German students and teachers wanted to express their condolences for the loss of so many innocent lives as a result of such cowardly actions.

Wolfgang Smuda, Grund-und Hauptschule principle and Gerd Schwerdtner, Realschule principle, led the students on their silent trek through the town. They were ac-

companied by Volkmar Pees, Baumholder district mayor. They were joined by Klaus Rickes, Baumholder mayor, shortly before arriving at the gate. Also leading the students was Helmut Hauch, a teacher at the Grund-und Hauptschule.

When the marchers arrived at the gate they were greeted by Col. (P) Leo Brooks, Baumholder's senior tactical commander, and his wife. After a wreath from each school was silently laid at the foot of the sign, Brooks and both mayors stood before the sign and flowers in silence, their heads bowed, the students and teachers behind them, equally silent.

Brooks then spoke to the children and teachers, expressing his gratitude and appreciation for their support during these trying times. As Brooks spoke, some children wiped away tears and listened in silence.

Then, one by one, the children approached the sign and laid flowers, cards, messages of condolence on cardboard signs and lit candles. One of the messages left behind read "In memory of all the people who lost their lives. Please, no revenge, no World War III."



Photo by Bernd "Bernie" Mal

Command Sgt. Major, Jose Fontanez, 222nd Base Support Battalion command sergeant major, accepts a poster of condolence from the students of the Grundschule in Heimbach.

Sign rallies community emotions



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Volkmar Pees, Baumholder district mayor, Col. (P) Leo Brooks, senior tactical commander, and Klaus Kicke, Baumholder mayor, observe a moment of silence in front of the many flowers adorning the Baumholder sign. Behind them are about 400 children from the local German schools who conducted a silent march through the town in memory of the people who lost their lives Sept. 11.

"Behind me lives a community of American citizens"

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It's no more than a sign at the entrance to Smith Barracks welcoming everyone to Baumholder. Below the words of welcome is more text proclaiming Baumholder as a USAREUR community of excellence.

Two sturdy stone pillars hold the sign in place and matching stone walls surround its base. At the foot of the sign is a well-cared flower bed adorned with a variety of flowers and shrubs.

The recent attack on America and the loss of thousands of innocent lives has transformed this simple sign into an emotional icon where people from the community have gathered to express their condolences over the senseless killing of so many people.

Since Sept. 11 when two high-jacked planes were apparently deliberately crashed into the World Trade Center, leveling both towers into a pile of rubble five stories high, and a third plane was piloted into the Pentagon, killing hundreds of military members who were just settling into their morning routine, the sign has been progressively showered with flowers cards, messages of condolence and dozens of candles have also been placed among the many bouquets of colorful flowers that adorn the sign's sturdy foundation of stone.

Since the increased security measures prevent anyone who doesn't have business on Baumholder from entering, local German citizens have reached out to Americans as far as they possibly can to express their sympathy, sorrow and condolences. They have reached out to the sign, not because it marks the entrance to an American military installation, but rather because its sturdy foundation and proud proclamation of excellence and quality sends a message to everyone that says "Behind me lives a community who cares for the welfare of its people. Behind me lives a community of American citizens."

Remembering those who died innocently

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Baumholder soldiers and civilians slowly made their way into the theater as piano music echoed off the dimly lit walls. Their conversations short and muffled, they were here to participate in an ecumenical services dedicated to all who lost their lives in the cowardly terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon Sept. 11.

In his address to those in attendance, Col. (P) Leo Brooks, Baumholder's senior tactical commander said, "They say that the hardest steel and the purest gold is forged in the hottest fire. We have experienced that fire. We are that steel, our families, our way of life, is that pure gold. So let us mourn our losses this day. Let us reflect upon all those who lost their lives in this senseless act of barbarism. Let us gird ourselves up by God, let us support each other during this time of need. Let us be ready if the call comes to answer our nation's call to combat the evil doers that would destroy our people and our way of life."