

ACAP shuts down

The Baumholder ACAP Center is closed through Sept. 15. Services such as post clearing, and emergency mandatory pre-separation briefings will be available. ACAP reopens Sept. 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details, call mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330.

ACAP is hiring

The Army Career and Alumni Program is now accepting resumes for the position of ACAP Counselor at the Baumholder office.

This contractor position requires a master's degree, two years teaching or counseling experience and computer literacy with Microsoft Word and the Internet. For details call Bobbi Curris at 485-6741.

ACAP classes

The following ACAP classes are scheduled for September:

Preseparation briefing

Sept. 26 at 8:30 a.m. - noon

Job Assistance Workshop

Sept. 26, 1-4 p.m.; Sept. 27, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For details call mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330.

ACS at a glance

ACS is accepting applications for the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program.

For assistance call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188. For questions regarding eligibility, call Gene Winfree at mil 485-1770 or civ (06783) 6-1770.

Beginning Sept. 14, Story Hour will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for children ages 0 - 18 months and 10:30-11:30 for ages 19 months to school age children.

The International Spouses Club meets from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 6 in the ACS lounge.

Army Family Team Building Level II training is Sept. 20 and 21. Call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188 for location details.

A Newcomers Coffee is set for Sept. 5 from 10-10:30 a.m. in the ACS lounge.

An Employment Orientation class is offered at 9 a.m. every Monday at ACS. For details call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

ACS calendar

Sept. 5, Stress Management Class, Employment Orientation, Newcomers Coffee

Sept. 6, Anger Management, Banking and Checking Accounts, Interviewing, Raising Responsible Kids, International Spouses Club

Sept. 7, Child Safety

Sept. 8, Resumix Workshop

Sept. 11, Parenting Class

Sept. 12, Stress Management

Sept. 13, Conflict Resolution, Pay Allowance and Benefits

Sept. 14, Story Hour, Child Safety, Couples Communication

Sept. 15, Child Abuse, Neglect Recognition and Prevention, Using Credit Wisely

Sept. 18, Employment Orientation, Parenting Class

Sept. 19, Stress Management, Step Family Relationships, Newcomers Coffee

For more information about classes listed or services provided by ACS, call mil 485-8188, or civ (06783) 6-8188.

Blood drive set

The Baumholder Red Cross holds a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Hall of Champions.

Unit changes hands

Alpha Detachment of the 8th Finance Battalion will conduct a change of command ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 14 at the Mountaineer Gymnasium in Baumholder.

The outgoing commander is 1st Lt. Mark Endsley and the incoming commander is Capt. Paige Jennings. The community is invited to attend.

Education update

The next Providing Leaders Unit-essential Skills (PLUS) program is scheduled Sept. 15 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Baumholder Education Center. Family support group leaders and liaisons and mili-

tary spouses are encouraged to participate. Call mil 485-6487/7557 to reserve a seat.

CD-Roms are now available at the Baumholder Army Learning Center, Building 8108, for ergonomics and back safety training. Visit the center and view the CDs

Automotive Service Exams are scheduled for November. Those interested in taking these exams must order them before Sept. 12. Stop by the education center to order yours today.

Now is the time to apply for spouse tuition assistance for the semester that begins in October.

Visit the Baumholder Army Education Center today to pick up an application for the Army's spouse tuition assistance and the free application for Federal Student Aid.

Commanders, first sergeants and training NCOs are reminded that the Distance Learning Center is now available for your training needs. This electronic classroom center has all training programs available to include common task training and computer based training. For more information, call Faith Aguillard at mil 485-8290.

Central Texas College has the following openings at the Baumholder Education Center:

Academic Instructor (tutor), evening hours, a bachelor of arts or science degree is required.

FAST Instructor, daytime classes, a bachelor of arts or science degree is required.

Army Learning Center Operator (substitute), day/evening hours.

Call mil 485-6487 for more information.

Job corner

AF positions

Social Worker/Psychologist (Family Advocacy Program Coordinator), GS-11, open until

NAF jobs

The following nonappropriated funds positions are available in the Baumholder community:

Youth Services/Smith SAS

Child and Youth Program Assistant, flexible and regular part time, \$7.47 per hour, open until filled

All CDCs

Child and Youth Program Assistant, flexible and regular part time, \$7.47 per hour, open until filled

Baumholder Pool

Recreation aid lifeguard, flexible, \$6.19 to 7.25 per hour, open until filled, certification not required, training available.

Recreation aid, fitness center, flexible, \$6.19 per hour, open until filled.

For the latest on AF and NAF job announcements throughout Europe, visit:

chrma.hqsareur.army.mil on the world wide web.

Post Notes

2-6 Infantry executes combined arms live fire

by Capt. Toby Ryan
2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment

The 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment Gators from Baumholder deployed to Grafenwoehr to accomplish what has not been done in USAREUR for some time: a combined arms, battalion sized live fire. The Gators deployed on July 7 to begin the trek to their culminating live fire exercise.

As with any military exercise, 2-6 Infantry started with the basics. They executed several small arms ranges and began their Operation Desert Storm Bradley qualification gunnery. Table VIII, the qualification table, was a success for the battalion as they qualified all crews including seven distinguished crews and six superior crews. The battalion Top Gun award went to the crew of Alpha 13 from Alpha 2-6 Infantry: Sgt. 1st Class Richard Morin, Pfc. Ronald Hughes, and Sgt. John Mullen. The crew shot a perfect 10 out of 10 engagements.

The top company for the battalion was Bravo 2-6 Infantry Death Dealers who earned four of the seven distinguished and two of the six superiors. The culminating exercise for the train-up was Bradley Table XII. On table XII, all four Bradleys from a platoon move, shoot, and communicate together as they fire live ammunition at simulated enemy trucks, tanks, and personnel carriers. Crews shot their TOW missiles and also called for and adjusted live mortar fire. The

dismounted soldiers also got a chance to shoot live Dragon missiles at tank targets while the Scouts and Mortars executed similar exercises to become qualified in their skill area.

After completing the Bradley qualification tables, the Gators shifted to Air Assault training. As a mechanized infantry battalion, air assault training is rarely, if ever, executed. 2-6 Infantry has been designated as the Air Assault battalion for the 1st Armored Division in preparation for possible Kosovo applications. The Gators combined forces with the 501st Aviation Regiment to execute a live air assault into the Oberdachstetten MOUT Training Area. Once on the ground, each company executed an assault on a simulated Kosovo village where there were opposing forces and simulated civilians on the battlefield. The soldiers flew in on UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters while AH-64 Apache gunships provided support.

Finally, the Gators were ready for their culminating exercise, the company team live fire. This exercise was a battalion defense in which all three companies, Alpha 2-6, Bravo 1-35, Charlie 2-6, and the Scouts and Mortars were defending against a simulated enemy motorized rifle regiment. Supporting the Infantry were 4-27 Field Artillery, Bravo 40th Engineers, Air Force close air support, 1-4 ADA, and 47th FSB.

The exercise started with enemy patrols entering the battalion sec-



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“A Task Force 2-6 Abrams tank pulls security while an engineer MCLIC vehicle shoots its line charge over the tank and into the breach to destroy the live enemy minefield.”

tor on the first night. Simulated by wooden targets shaped like personnel carriers, the targets appeared closer and closer until destroyed by the counter-recon company, Alpha 2-6.

The following morning, a full-scale enemy motorized rifle regiment entered the battalion sector. The main defensive company, Charlie 2-6, fought off waves of approaching enemy tanks, personnel carriers, BMPs, and dismounted troops. During the main battle, all weapons systems were firing simultaneously as steel rain poured upon the advancing enemy. M1

Abrahms tanks fired 120mm sabot rounds alongside Bradleys firing their 25mm high explosive rounds, while live artillery from 4-27 FA pounded the ground only 750 meters to the front. As the dismounts fired their small arms at simulated approaching dismount troops, two Air Force A-10 Tank Killers appeared overhead to strafe the enemy and then drop 500 pound bombs on the enemy's main body.

After the enemy was severely beaten, the Gators launched a counter attack with their attached tank company, Bravo 1-35. Fighting alongside the tanks were Bravo

40th Engineers. The enemy had thrown in a last minute obstacle that had to be breached for a successful counter attack. The engineers brought up their live MCLIC mine destroying charge, and ripped the live mine-wire obstacle to pieces, allowing the tanks to pass and continue to defeat the remnants of the enemy's main forces. Overall, the combined arms live fire was an extreme success for the soldiers of 2-6 Infantry, both in terms of safety and motivated training. Many soldiers could be overheard saying this was... “The coolest thing they have done in the Army.”

Community corner

New credit plan begins

Baumholder will be a test site for a new purchase plan operated by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Navy Exchange Service Command. The new program, scheduled to begin Sept. 8, is called the Major Purchase Plan and will be available in the main exchange, sound center and furniture store.

The exchange MPP is an open-ended, low interest charge account, exclusively for the purchase of furniture, major appliances, mattresses, box springs and televisions with 27-inch screens or larger. Also included are extended warranty packages that are purchased at the same time.

Get into a Latin mood

What does a roast pig, a Jeopardy game and a live band have in common? Absolutely nothing, except that they are all part of the 222nd Base Support Battalion's upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month

celebration beginning at 4 p.m., Sept. 30 at the Rheinlander.

The 222nd BSB's Special Emphasis Program Committee along with the 1st Armored Division will host this year's activities.

The Jeopardy competition will be for children and adults and those interested in participating must contact Norm Estrada at mil 485-7540 before Sept. 15. The food, entertainment, Jeopardy Contest and door prizes are all free of charge. There will also be a piñata contest for the children.

Shape up your way

Stay in shape the way you want by attending the class of your choice. Pick from any of these classes and get into shape:

- Jazzercise, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Mountaineer Gym

- Healthy Abdominals, Back, Buns and Incredible Thighs (HABIT) Class, Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mountaineer Gym (starts

Sept. 18)

- Wake Up Set, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Hall of Champions

- Aerobic Kick boxing, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., Fitness Center (starts Sept. 12)

- Step Saturday, Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Mountaineer Gym

- Steps and Abs, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., Fitness Center

- Late Step, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7-8 p.m., Fitness Center

- Tae kwon do, children, Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Hall of Champions; adults, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Hall of Champions, monthly fee is \$30

- Tae Bo, adults, Mondays and Fridays 6-7 p.m., Fitness Center, monthly fee is \$40.

- Hap Ki Do, adults, Mondays and Fridays, 7-8 p.m., Fitness Center, monthly fee is \$40

For class costs call mil 485-6156, or civ (06783) 6-6156.

2nd Brigade previews Kosovo operations

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava
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Protestors yelling KFOR go home! We don't want you here! Go away! Go back where you came from! brazenly wave cardboard signs bearing anti U.S. slogans in front of soldiers carefully observing the scene.

Moments later a squad of soldiers clad in riot gear appears on the scene and faces off against the protestors. On command, the squad begins tapping their batons against their shields and stomping their boots as they advance toward the protestors. The ominous rhythmic cadence forces the crowd back momentarily but they continue their taunting. A rock is suddenly hurled at the soldiers from within the crowd of protestors, then another, and another.

The squad holds its formation and continues to advance amidst a hail of rocks that bounce off their shields. Realizing the fruitlessness of their efforts, the protestors give up and retreat. The squad withdraws and reforms at a safe distance. Calm is restored.

A voice breaks the silence. "As you can see, the protestors have left the scene so the squad has regrouped at a safe distance. Are there any questions?"

The soldiers were real, their equipment was real and the rocks were real but the protestors and the confrontation were only part of a brief scenario presented to soldiers from 2nd Brigade during a recent riot and civil disturbance demonstration. The scenario was part of several equally realistic demonstrations of operational techniques that will prepare soldiers for their mission during the upcoming Kosovo deployment.

Other demonstrations included techniques used to conduct searches in homes, manning and controlling checkpoints, responding to civil disturbances, and conducting mounted and dismounted patrols.

The real training came the following week when soldiers from 2nd Brigade began their Individual Readiness Training, exercising all the techniques demonstrated to them the week before.

As the demonstrations came to a close, Maj. Gen. George Casey, 1st Armored Division commander, dropped in on the more than 500 soldiers assembled at the airfield. Casey looked over the formation momentarily before ordering them to break ranks and fall in around him. In this more approachable and informal setting, Casey emphasized the importance of their readiness and training and talked about what

2nd Brigade and Division Artillery may expect in Kosovo.

He explained that the strategy for preparations in support of peace operations is, "To validate that every unit, every soldier can fight." He added that every soldier should be able to do his job under demanding conditions and still be able to fight while being confident in their equipment, their weapons systems and in their fellow soldiers.

He continued by pointing out that, "Our most precious commodity here in Germany, given we've got the Kosovo mission, is the time that we spend training soldiers and leaders to fight." Casey said it was his commitment not to send any untrained soldier in harms way. "So we've got to use the majority of our time in Europe on war fighting training.

"We have developed what we call Task Force Falcon FARS, Flat Ass Rules. Every sergeant and every leader in this brigade combat team needs to get a copy of them and needs to internalize them. They are the keys to being good soldiers every day." He added that these FARS are also a key element for being successful in Kosovo. They are:

- Security and safety are your first priority of work.
- Iron discipline by every soldier, every day, no complacency.
- Enforcement is always ROE based, even ended and impartial.
- Apply the golden rule, treat everybody with dignity and respect.
- Maintain awareness of your surroundings at all times.
- Patience. Don't rush to failure.
- Every operation is deliberately planned, risk assessed, well coordinated, documented, rehearsed, executed, and debriefed.
- Maintain and secure your equipment. It'll take care of you.
- Task Force Falcon soldiers take care of each other. That's what this is all about. Everybody looking out for their buddy's back.

The second element of success in Kosovo, said Casey, is to "Advance civil implementation. That's our job, a safe and secure environ-



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

A soldier demonstrates a thrusting technique with a riot baton to soldiers from 2nd Brigade.

ment. Let me tell you just by being there you will advance civil implementation. You don't even have to try. Our natural aggressive nature will carry us forward. You will leave your sector in Kosovo better than you found it because that's the way you are. You're American soldiers and you're aggressive and you're proud of what you do and you know that you can make a difference and you will.

"The last thing is bring everybody home. I'm not someone who believes that the American people won't tolerate casualties. I've sat in a meeting behind the chairman of the joint chiefs when he looked the president in the eye and he said we're going to get casualties in this air war Mr. President. Mr. President gulped and said I understand.

"So the American people don't understand and shouldn't under-

stand needless casualties." He paused before continuing to address this sensitive issue. "There's been several American soldiers killed there. Two of them were killed in a speeding I 13 (armored personnel carrier). It turned over. The soldiers weren't wearing seatbelts. They could've lived. One soldier was killed when his vehicle struck a land mine. He didn't have his protective vest on. He didn't have his kevlar on. I've seen HUMVEEs sustain a mine strike and people survive. The American people don't and shouldn't have to accept needless casualties.

"So be good soldiers everyday, advance civil implementation, bring everybody home. Pretty simple."

Editor's note: In the next issue, 2nd Brigade soldiers continue preparing as they run through their Individual Readiness Training.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Scouts undergo an equipment inspection during a demonstration for 2nd Brigade soldiers.

Clinic's reopening reflects mission support

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A mother attempts to silence her child's untimely infant gibberish as Col. Elder Granger, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center commander; addresses a gathering at the entrance to Baumholder's Medical Clinic, proclaiming that the renovation of the clinic serves to highlight the commitment and the mission of the Army medical department.

Granger was speaking to an audience of about 40 people that turned out Aug. 14 to commemorate the opening of the Baumholder Medical Clinic's newly renovated facility.

He said this commitment and mission was threefold. "The first is to deploy a healthy force and to make sure America's sons and daughters, once they deploy, are healthy.

"Our second mission is that we deploy with that force... to serve them during that deployment. And our third mission of the mixture is that we manage their care and that

of their dependents. That's that day in and day out health care."

The renovated Health Clinic now joins the list of facility improvement projects that have become a reality for the community. Clinic employees began treating patients in their new facility Aug. 7 after an almost transparent move on the Saturday and Sunday before opening day.

The ceremony Aug. 14 officially marked the occasion with comments from Granger; Lt. Col. Eric Wagenaar, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander; and Maj. Jack Trowbridge, U.S. Army Health Clinic Baumholder commander.

Dr. Karl-Heinz Doms, chief of the internal medicine clinic at the local Baumholder Krankenhaus and Diane Hardy, wife of Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, Baumholder's senior tactical commander, were also present to help commemorate the event. Hardy assisted with the ribbon cutting.

Baumholder's Health Clinic has undergone renovation for some time. Work began about three-and-a-half years ago on Building 8740. Well before the renovation was com-



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

From left, Col. Elder Granger, Diane Hardy, Maj. Jack Trowbridge and Lt. Col. Eric Wagenaar slice through the ceremonial ribbon signifying the official opening of the newly renovated clinic.

plete, clinic officials set the wheels in motion to acquire funding for the renovation of Buildings 8741 and 8742, the clinic's other two facilities. "This is just the first phase of our commitment to this community to let you know that we're fulfilling our mission and to manage your care day in and day out," said

Granger.

The colonel added that, "If you look at health care in general, this is a treasured and definitely earned benefit that we all should cherish as our health care system in the Department of Defense."

Wagenaar then pointed out that Baumholder continues to improve

its facilities to better serve the community and to make Baumholder "A community where people want to come, a community where people want to stay and that's our ultimate goal."

As the 222nd BSB commander, Wagenaar receives information, good and bad, about all the facilities on Baumholder. "I can honestly say, the number of good comments and great comments that come out of this facility reflects that they (the Health Clinic workers) are dedicated to taking care of people. It's sure a pleasure for me to be a part of it."

Trowbridge then noted that "Since it (the facility) was opened in 1952, millions of soldiers and family members have come through here in time of need, and that in fact is the unit motto, In Time of Need." He added that the renovated facility is "An improvement in the quality that's always been here and will always be here," and attributed that to the soldiers, civilians, family members and volunteers that work at the clinic and dedicate their time, talent and free time.