

ACAP mil 485-6741

Should I stay or should I go?

Thinking about leaving the Army? Get the facts before you decide. Army Career and Alumni Program can help you determine whether or not civilian life is for you. ACAP provides important information and referrals for soldiers transitioning out of the Army. ACAP also offers career exploration, resume writing, job assistance, the Internet, and information on VA benefits. Come to ACAP and check the facts before you make this big decision. Transitioning soldiers and their family members can take advantage of the following ACAP classes scheduled for April and May:

Mandatory Preseparation Briefing:

April 18, May, 2, 16, 30, 8:30 a.m.-noon

Job Assistance Workshop:

April 18, 1-4 p.m.; and April 19, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 2, 1-4 p.m.; and May 3, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 16, 1-4 p.m.; and May 17, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 30, 1-4 p.m.; and May 31, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spouses of soldiers transitioning out of the Army are welcome and encouraged to attend all ACAP activities. For more information and to reserve a space for all classes, contact ACAP at mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330.

ACS 485-7196

ACS at a glance

Baumholder's Army Community Service will be closed for training every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning May 4. If valid emergency assistance is required during these hours, please call mil 485-6468.

Army Community Service holds a first termers briefing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19 in the ACS conference room, Building 8746, second floor. This is a mandatory financial briefing for all first term soldiers.

A newcomers coffee is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. May 2 in the Army Community Service lounge.

Army Community Service and the Baumholder Library are offering story hour for children in the morning. This month, story hour is offered 10 to 11 a.m., April 27 at the Baumholder Library. People who would like to be a guest reader may contact the ACS Outreach Program at mil 485-6252.

The International Spouses Club meets from 10 a.m. to noon April 20 in the Army Community Service lounge.

Classes at Army Community Service

Army Community Service offers the following classes and programs in April and May:

- April 27, May 11, 25, story hour, 10-11 a.m., (library)
- May 2, newcomer's coffee, 9-11 a.m., Army Community Service lounge
- May 17, Family Support Group training, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., (Rheinlander)
- April 20, May 4, 18, International Spouses Club, Army Community Service lounge, 10 a.m.-noon

Public Affairs needs information for new affiliate

Baumholder's new AFN affiliate is scheduled to go on line around the end of April or mid May. Individuals or organizations that would like their information announced on Baumholder's own AFN affiliate must submit all details at least three weeks prior to the 222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office. Electronic inputs are preferred.

Make all inputs to ignacio.rubalcava@Hq222bsb.baumholder.army.mil or deliver them to the 222nd BSB Public Affairs Office, Building 8698 (222nd BSB Headquarters), rooms 19 or 6.

Information may also be Faxed to mil 485-7415, or civ (06783) 6-7415. Include all pertinent information and a phone number. For more information, call Ignacio "Igggy" Rubalcava at mil 485-6191, or civ (06783) 6-6191.

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signin' up for AER

First Sergeant Lucius J. Williams Jr., Alpha Company, 47th Forward Support Battalion, makes his contribution to the Army Emergency Relief Campaign before cutting into the ceremonial cake prepared for the official campaign kick off. The campaign runs through May 10. See your unit key person and make your donation for a good cause today.

Around the Rock Unit update

Scramble for the tees

The first, 2nd Brigade golf scramble is scheduled April 21 at Baumholder's Rolling Hills Golf Course. It will be a shotgun start beginning at 1 p.m. Players may register their four person team by calling Staff Sgt. Tommy Carson at mil 485-7441/7544. The cost is \$100 per team, payable the day of the tournament. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams that call. A six-foot keeper trophy goes to the winning team. Plaques will also go to each team member of first, second and third place finishes. There will be prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin on every hole and best dressed golfer. Dinner, raffles and prizes will close out the day. All profits go toward the Iron Brigade annual ball.

4-27th Field Artillery calendar

- Battalion awards ceremony, April 20 from 1-3 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Theater
- Battalion car wash, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the battalion area
- Battalion golf tournament, April 28
- Dining out and spring ball, May 19, starting at 8 p.m. at Potzberg Castle

Chapel chimes 485-1570

Contract positions available

The chapel is currently looking for interested persons who can fill watchcare contract positions in the various chapel programs. Hours vary and are flexible. Interested persons must undergo a military police background check and be Red Cross CPR certified. Contact the chapel office at 485-1570 for more details.

DoDDS update

Registration critical for pupil/teacher ratio

Baumholder parents, you can ensure your child's school has a proper pupil to teacher ratio for the 2000/2001 school year by registering your children for school during the annual preregistration April 18 to 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at all Baumholder schools. This registration is also for new kindergarten students. Call your child's school for details, or Gene Winfree, the 222nd Base Support Battalion schools officer, at mil 495-1770 for more information.

Your spring cleaning can help students

Now's a good time to do your spring cleaning while helping Baumholder's high school seniors with college expenses. Donate your white elephant and craft items to be sold during Baumholder American High School's Buccaneer Night, May 12, starting at 5:30 p.m. Drop off your donations May 8 to 11 during school hours at the high school gym storage room or on May 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Rheinlander. For more information, call Mary Ellen Connolly at civ (06783) 186920.

School calendar

- April 18-21, Preregistration for school year 2000/2001
- May 1-5, Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4, no school at Wetzels, professional development training
- May 9, Teacher Appreciation Reception, Rheinlander, 3:30 p.m.
- May 12, Buccaneer night, Rheinlander, 6 p.m.
- May 29, no school, Memorial Day
- June 9, high school seniors graduation
- June 15, last day of school, summer break

Education mil 485-7557

Central Texas College has job openings at the Baumholder Education Center for an academic instructor (tutor) during evening hours. A bachelor of arts or science is required. A FAST instructor for daytime classes is needed and a bachelor of arts or science is also required. A substitute Army Learning Center Operator to work day or evening hours is also needed. Call mil 485-6484 for more information.

The Army Learning Center, Building 8108 is open Mondays through Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursdays

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from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is closed for lunch daily from 1 to 2 p.m. Visit the Army Learning Center for CLEP, GED, SAT, ACT, AFCT, and MOS study material. Your Army Learning Center also has on-line bookshelves for the latest Army regulations, pamphlets, etc. Call mil 485-6484 for more information.

Baumholder's Adult Education Program is looking for teachers. If you are able to teach Typing/Keyboarding, English as a Second Language, Conversational French or Spanish, or any other special skill, call Bill Badger at the education center today at mil 485-6487.

Information

90th PSB outlines promotion work sheet

Officials from Detachment A, 90th Personnel Service Battalion have announced that all promotion work sheets, DA Form 3355, will be converted to the new version by June 30. All promotable specialists/corporals and sergeants who appear on the promotion standing list by May 31, or before, will have their current DA Form 3355 converted to the revised form by June 30. Soldiers that are currently on the monthly sergeant/staff sergeant promotion selection name list do not require conversion of their DA Form 3355.

All soldiers must be present when their DA Form 3355 is converted. Soldiers must report to their conversion appointment with their latest DA Form 705 (APFT) and weapon qualification. At the time of conversion, they will be allowed to submit any amount of additional points to the new DA Form 3355. The action is final once the conversion is complete. The 90th PSB will conduct appointments at each battalion or separate unit.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Charles McNorton at mil 485-6016 or Sgt. Karma deGruy at mil 485-6367.

Find a treasure at annual yard sale

It's not exactly like driving through a German village and picking up old furniture or other junk during one of the local "junk collection days" (Sperrmuell), but you may pick up a bargain or two during the 222nd Base Support Battalion semiannual post wide yard sale. The post wide sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 13 in all of Baumholder's housing areas. All sales are for U.S. ID card holders only and all property must be removed by 6 p.m. For more details, call Bill Kalavsky at mil 485-6150/7255.

Stayin' in

Congratulations to the following soldiers for their recent reenlistment:

Sgt. Fernando Rodriguez, C 1-35
Sgt. Mark Anthony, HHC 1-35
SpC. Andrew A. Brockelman, HHC 1-35
SpC. Scott T. Campbell, HHC 1-35
SpC. Wayne Rogers, HHC 1-35
SpC. Ryan Flynn, C 1-6
Sgt. Jeffrey Normand, HHC 1-6
SpC. Brandun Patterson, HHC 1-6
SpC. Billy Wilmer, HHC 1-6
SpC. Baldomero Cantu, D2-6
SpC. Jacob Dueck, D2-6
Pfc. Jonathan Allen, B 4-27
SpC. Aundre Hatton, B 4-27
Sgt. Daniel Shelley, B 4-27
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Smith, C 4-27
SpC. James Stout, HHC 4-27
Sgt. Andrew Donagi, HHC 4-27
Sgt. Gonzalo Olveraaguilar, HHC 4-27
SpC. Matthew Palmer, A, 94th FA
1st Sgt. John Baumgartner, A 94th FA
Cpl. Nelson Mendoza, HHC DIVARTY

Cub Scouts looking for new members

The Baumholder Cub Scouts, Pack 96, is currently recruiting new boys and volunteer adult leaders for this year. Cub Scouts offers many activities and learning opportunities for

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boys from first to fifth grade. Interested parents may call Thomas Dickey at civ (06783) 187937 or Lori Newbower at civ (06782) 9136.

Bank closes for holiday

The Baumholder NationsBank will be closed April 21 and 24 for Easter as well as May 1 for a local holiday. Customers are reminded to order their foreign currency in advance.

La Leche League changes meeting place

Mothers who wish to breast-feed their babies will find encouragement and information at the monthly meetings of Baumholder's La Leche League. The group now meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month in Baumholder's Chapel One. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9. For details, call civ (06782) 980109.

Job Corner

NAF jobs

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

Youth Services

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

Smith, Wetzel, Dispensary, Strassburg CDCs

Child and Youth Program Assistant, flexible, \$7.47 per hour, open continuous

Smith SAS

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

Rec Emporium

Recreation Assistant (aerobics), flexible, \$7.50 per hour, open until filled

Baumholder Pool

Recreation Aid, flexible, \$6.19 per hour, open until filled

Rod and Gun Club

Waitress, flexible, \$6.16 per hour, open until filled

Bowling Center

Recreation Aid, flexible, \$5.50 per hour, open until filled

Bowling equipment repair person, regular full time, \$8.79, open until filled

For more information on these job opportunities, call the Nonappropriated Funds Civilian Personnel Office at mil 485-6566.

Appropriated funds positions

Assistant Child Development Center Director, GS-7, open until filled

A licensed social worker (MSW), or registered nurse are needed as home visitors for the Army New Parent Support Program at Baumholder. One full time and a part time position are available and the MSW or RN can fill either position. Applicants must have two years of experience in the prevention of child and spouse abuse.

For immediate consideration, fax resumes and a cover letter to: J & E Associates, Inc., (301) 650-4136; Attn: NPSP, E.O.E., M/F, D/V, or call the New Parent Support Program office at civ (06783) 5115, or mil 485-6932.

ACAP has job opportunity

The Army Career and Alumni Program is accepting resumes for the position of ACAP Counselor. This is a contractor position for current U.S. ID card holders. The position requires a master's degree in education or counseling, two years teaching or presentation experience and computer literacy with Microsoft Word and the Internet. For detailed information call Bobbi Curris at mil 485-6741.

Positions available with ACS

Baumholder's Army Community Service has an opening for a full time Family Advocacy Program Community Educator; a full time Information and Referral Assistant; and a part time Marketing Coordinator. For additional information, please call Teresa Gaines at mil 485-6468.

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Trip out with outdoor Recreation

● Baumholder's Outdoor Recreation is offering trips to Austria for white water rafting and glacier skiing May 26 through 29 and Sept. 1 through 4. The cost is \$69 at registration time and \$180 at the hotel.

The trip includes transportation, two overnights in a hotel with breakfast and dinner, one day of rafting, wet suit, life vest, and guide; and one day of skiing or canoeing.

The bus departs from the Wagon Wheel theater bus stop at 11 p.m. May 26 and Sept. 1. Departure from Austria at 10 a.m. May 29 and Sept. 4.

For more information call Outdoor Recreation at mil 485-7182 or civ (06783) 6-7182.

● Biking and camping trips are offered by Outdoor Recreation April through September along popular river routes and to the North Sea and Bodensee. Trips offered include:

April 28 – 30, Mosel, \$59

May 19 – 21, Rhein, \$59

June 23 – 25, Mosel, \$59

July 28 – 30, North Sea, \$99

Aug. 18 – 20, Bodensee, \$99

Sept. 15 – 17, Rhein, \$59

The trips includes transportation, camping gear, camping fees, and bike rental. For bike maintenance and repairs, take your bicycle to Baumholder Outdoor Recreation.

● Grab your weapon, paintball weapon that is, and take aim during Outdoor Recreation's paintball days. Paintball action is offered April 30; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9, 23. The cost is \$5 for field use plus \$10 for equipment which includes paint gun, mask, hopper and a full tank of co2. The field must be reserved one week in advance for training.

● Weekend kayak and canoeing trips are offered by Outdoor Recreation May 13 – 14; July 15 – 16; Aug. 18 – 20; and Sept. 9 – 10. A minimum of five people are required. The cost is \$59 for one overnight; \$69 for two overnights; \$39 for day trips. The trips include transportation, camping gear, kayak/canoe, life vest, helmets, camping fees and basic kayak/canoe instructions.

● Head to the land of solidarity with Outdoor Recreation and they ready for shopping trips to Poland May 5-7 and June 2-4. The cost is \$79 and each person must have a valid U.S. passport. Departure is at 8 p.m. from the Wagon Wheel Theater.

For more information on these trips and other activities, call Outdoor Recreation at mil 485-7182 or civ (06783) 6-7182.

Enjoy Easter brunch at Rheinlander

Get into the spirit of Easter as the Rheinlander hosts an Easter Sunday brunch April 23. Enjoy all of your breakfast and lunchtime favorites from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. An Easter egg-hunt and other age appropriate activities will be offered throughout the brunch by Community Youth Services. Call mil 485-7507 for more information.

Start your weekends off right at Baumholder's Rheinlander. Enjoy dinner in the Rose Room from 5 to 9 p.m., or kick back in the BUB from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Red Cross

mil 485-1760/6313

Red Cross Baby Sitting Course

The next Red Cross Baby Sitting Course is May 26, 27 from 6-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Community First Aid and Safety

The next Community First Aid and Safety Course is May 12 from 6-9 p.m. and May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$30.

Volunteer Orientation

Persons interested in volunteering for the American Red Cross are invited to attend the next Volunteer Orientations April 18 and May 16 at 9 a.m. in the Red Cross office.



Photo by Ignacio "Igggy" Rubalcava

Pvt.2 Nathan Anderson, Alpha Company, 2-6th Infantry Battalion, polices the roadside in the city of Baumholder that leads to the back tank trail. Anderson was one of 15 soldiers that helped clean up the roadside from post to Freisen Hill.

Soldiers clean up town

Spring is here and that means its time for the annual post cleanup. Command Sgt Maj. Angel DeJesus, the 222nd Base Support Battalion's command sergeant major, took spring cleanup one step further and solicited the assistance of soldiers from Baumholder's 2nd Brigade to help clean up the streets in the city of Baumholder and the German roadside.

The project involved policing the roadside from the post to Freisen Hill, a distance of about 18 kilometers, for trash and litter.

One group of soldiers began at the main gate, another at the tank trail by the back gate and a third group of soldiers began at Freisen Hill and worked their way toward the post. The groups were dispersed about 10 a.m. and by about

2 p.m. the project was complete.

"It didn't take long but the soldiers did an outstanding job cleaning the roadside from the post to Freisen Hill," said DeJesus. "We appreciate the support we received from 2nd Brigade in this effort to help our German friends with a little spring cleaning," he added.

Lt. Col. Steven N. Miller, 222nd BSB commander, also took note of the outstanding job by the soldiers of 2nd Brigade and passed on his appreciation of support to Col. Gene Kamina, 2nd Brigade commander. "I appreciate your personal involvement in providing your soldiers for this worthwhile endeavor. I know that the German community appreciates your leadership in making this a successful event as well," said Miller.

Sell your achievements to the media

The Army and Air Force Hometown News Center wants to make you a celebrity in your hometown.

If your unit has recently rewarded you for all your hard work with an Army Commendation Medal or higher, or you've just been promoted, ask your first sergeant or unit adjutant about completing a Hometown News Release and sub-

mit it to the 222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs office. You've worked for that promotion or citation so why not share your accomplishments with friends and family back home?

For more details about the Hometown News Program call your 222nd BSB Public Affairs office at mil 485-1600.

Students reflect on speedy senior year

By Kris Hewitt and Justin Fergerson

Baumholder American High School seniors

With graduation less than two months away, there are many ways that Baumholder American High School seniors describe their final year. At the beginning of the school year, the feeling was primarily that of excitement. Excitement about being the leaders of the school, about the impending freedom that comes

with graduation, or perhaps just about going back to their homes in the States.

As the year progressed, the excitement remained, but was accompanied with a sense of urgency. Deadlines for college applications, an increased workload from classes, and pressure from parents were all causes of stress in the seniors' lives.

There are many activities for a senior that are time consuming.

Along with the academic issues, seniors also must divide their time between various extracurricular activities and responsibilities.

Amazingly, some seniors also hold jobs to earn some extra cash. Needless to say, time is a valuable resource for seniors.

Now that the school year is nearing the end, the seniors are looking back at how quickly this year has passed, and also how rapidly the future is approaching.

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Center consolidates family services, religious education

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava
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Baumholder adds another check mark to its list of firsts by becoming the first community in the U.S. Army Europe to stand up a community Family Life Center.

Baumholder's Family Life Center offers a variety of family support services under one roof. Sponsored by the 222nd Base Support Battalion Community Chaplain's Office, the center offers the services of a family life chaplain, a civilian family life counselor and Mothers Outreach Ministry. Catholic and Protestant religious education programs are also on line to move into the facility.

"Everything related to family life and religious education will be in one place," said Chaplain (Lt. Col) Daniel Taylor, 222nd Base Support Battalion community chaplain. "The need has been recognized for years, but now we have a family life chaplain and we're getting some other resources, so this is the culmination of efforts to put this center into operation," said Taylor during the official opening ceremony.

The MOM's Ministry is already operating out of the center. MOM's



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From left, Felicia Kurzyniec, Lynn Leith and Rhonda Watson are ready to serve up cake and punch during the grand opening of Baumholder's new Family Life Center. Baumholder's new center is the first in U.S. Army Europe that consolidates every service dealing with family life and religious education under one roof.

provides formula, diapers and baby clothes to young families that need it. "If they can't afford it, if they run out of money at the end of the month and they just need some stuff for their baby, we provide that

free of charge," said Taylor.

"This is really the beginning of what we see as a complete family life or family counseling area where we'll eventually have all counseling in one central location," said Lt.

Col. Steven N. Miller, 222nd BSB commander.

"I think this is exactly what we need. It's been a long time in coming but with the deployments that we have coming up and with the normal operation tempo of Baumholder, this is exactly the kind of facility that we need for our families and soldiers," said Miller before cutting the ribbon to officially open the center.

"We're going to have some additional counselors over here because we've found that a lot of times there's a big gap in counseling services," said Taylor. "For example, you have unit chaplains that are able to counsel soldiers and families but social work, ACS and those type of facilities, can only get involved in counseling families if there is already a crisis. So there's a big gap in the middle there," said Taylor.

"What about families that haven't gotten that far yet, that need some assistance, but don't really need a long term thing or they haven't gotten involved in major crisis yet? The family life chaplain will be able to help with that," he said.

There will also be help for families that don't feel they want to, or need to, talk to a chaplain in order to resolve an issue. The health clinic is

going to provide a civilian family life counselor.

Although the facility consolidates counseling and religious education under one roof, it is not designed to be a walk-in facility for counseling soldiers and families. The center will take referrals but it is primarily there to support the unit chaplain.

"We want to be able to have a place where the unit chaplain can send somebody if they feel they can't deal with that person. Or, if they want some help dealing with that person, this is the place to come and do that. We don't want to bypass the unit chaplain," said Taylor. "We're not here to take away what they need to be doing. We want to support the unit chaplain. We're going to do that by taking their referrals and by conducting some co-counseling and training with them. So the unit chaplain will stay involved," said Taylor.

"We want to focus on training and prevention and also education," said Maj. William Laigaie, family life chaplain. "We will conduct counseling services for those that want to work out some issues. Primarily we want to focus on educating people so they can solve their own problems so that it does not become a crisis. That'll be our focus here," said Laigaie.

"This is the first family life center in Europe," he said. Laigaie and the family life chaplain at Giessen are the first family life chaplains to serve at the BSB level. "In the United States Army Europe, there is one family life chaplain per area support group, but the concept is to get them right into the communities," said Laigaie.

"The bottom line of this facility is, what can we do to support commanders?" said Taylor. "We want to be able to assist commanders in taking care of their families. We want to help commanders promote healthy families, to be able to identify families in crisis, and to be able to help those families.

"We also want to help the units to maximize their unit chaplains," he said.

The family life center, staffed by chapel personnel and volunteers is located in Building 8544 across the street from the post exchange. Call them at mil 485-8270 and find out what the center can do to improve your quality of life.

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