

ACAP
mil 485-6741

To separate or not to separate

Are you a soldier with a rapidly approaching separation date? Have you made that all-important separation decision? Get the facts before you decide. The 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 May:

Mandatory Preseparation Briefing:

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

Job Assistance Workshop:

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 welcomed 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 - closed Thursdays AM

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.

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., May 11 and 25 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 May 4 and 18 in the Army Community Service lounge.

Family Support Group training is offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17 in the Rheinlander.

ACS calendar

May 8, 15, Employment Orientation, Parenting Class

May 3, 17, Anger Management

May 4, 18, Child Safety

May 5, Resume and Cover Letters

May 10, Conflict Resolution

May 11, 25, Story Hour (Baumholder Library)

May 12, Portfolio Class

May 12, 26, Resumix

May 17, SG Training (Rheinlander)

Students can cash in on good grades

Students with a B average or better report card can cash in on their grades at Baumholder's Post Exchange.

You Made the Grade is a program designed to reward the scholastic efforts of dependents of authorized exchange customers. Qualifying students have the opportunity to earn more than \$50 worth of discount coupons as well as a chance to win up to \$5,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds.

To qualify, students must be in grades six through 12. They must present a valid identification card and proof of an overall B average or better in order to participate. Visit the Baumholder Post Exchange and see the manager for more details, or to get your coupon package.

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Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

AFTB under construction

Sheila Casey, wife of 1st Armored Division Commander Maj. Gen. George W. Casey Jr., tours the Army Family Team Building facility, currently under renovation, with Jack Ferguson, Army Community Service director. Shantell Badger, the new AFTB program manager, briefed Casey on the direction that AFTB is taking in the Baumholder community this coming year. Other attendees included senior Family Support Group leaders and Family Support Liaisons of local units. The new AFTB site is expected to be completed by June of this year.

- May 19, Job Applications
- May 22 – 25, Military Spouses Workshop
- May 26, Communication Class
- May 30, Town Hall Meeting (Rheinlander)

Around the Rock

Unit update

Have a ball with 2nd Brigade

The first 2nd Brigade Combat Team Ball is scheduled June 9 at Armstrongs in Vogelweh beginning at 5 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes dinner, wine, cake, raffles, dancing special entertainment and a couple of surprises. Contact your unit

representative for tickets and information, or Staff Sgt. Tommy Carson at mil 485-7441/7544.

2nd Brigade FSG meets after Links

Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade holds its monthly Family Support Group meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday following the monthly community Links meeting in the company dayroom in Building 8252.

4-27th Field Artillery calendar

- Dining out and spring ball, May 19, starting at 8 p.m. at Potzberg Castle

Chapel chimes
485-1570

Volunteers needed for Bible School

The St. Michael's Catholic community needs volunteers and teacher aids to help with a Vacation Bible School June 26 through 30. Preregistration for the school is being held after the Sunday Masses in Chapel Two. If you're interested in assisting, call Karen Kwarcianny at civ (06783) 981098. Training sessions will be offered for all volunteers in the VBS program starting May 10 at 6 p.m. in Chapel two. Additional sessions are scheduled for May 24, June 7 and June 21. For more information, Call, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel W. Taylor at mil 485-1570.

Chapel hosts precepts training

The Baumholder chapel community hosts precepts training May 5 through 7. This very popular training in inductive Bible study methods will be offered at \$10 per person. Both the 101 and 201 course series will be offered. Classes will be held in the Family Life Center, building 8544, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. May 5 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 6, with a lunch break included. A course will be a course May 7 from 4 – 7 p.m. on Leading Precept Bible Studies. Call the chapel office at mil 485-1570 for registration information or contact Aimee Kleager at civ (06783) 981226.

DoDDS update

Clinic readies coaches for fall action

A football clinic and camp is scheduled June 1 - 4 at the Baumholder American High School sports complex. State-side football coach Marcus George conducts this four-day clinic for any soldier interested in working with and helping coach the high school team next fall. Persons interested may contact coach John Best at mil 485-6295.

Interested individuals should submit a resume that includes previous coaching experience, previous playing experience, references, commander's name and telephone number, rotation date and work and home telephone numbers.

Volunteers must be willing to work with the players every day from Aug. 20 through Oct. 30. Practice time is 3 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Saturdays are game days and will take up most of the volunteers' day.

School calendar

- May 1-5, Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4, no school at Wetzell, professional development training

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- 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.

Taking computer courses is now only a mouse click away with City Colleges Of Chicago's wide range of Computer Information Systems courses offered via the Internet. Use your own computer to take courses in programming, word processing, spreadsheets, database and telecommunications. Enrollment is open and continuous, so you can register any time. Contact your Field Representative at the education center for more information.

Information

CHAMP Card winners

The following are the CHAMP Card drawing winners selected during the March town hall meeting:

- Alexander Wright
- Ernestina R. Vasquez
- Michael S. McClain

Commissaries close for Memorial Day

The Baumholder, Idar-Oberstein and Neubrücke Commissaries will be closed May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

Shop or sell at your local thrift shop

The Baumholder Thrift Shop is your center for crafts, clothes and consignments. The shop offers a variety of men's, women's, and children's clothing; household items; electronics; transformers; appliances; toys; and books. There's also a Country Craft Corner filled with a variety of handmade crafts. If you need to sell some of your treasures before you PCS, or you just want to clean out your storage room, the thrift shop offers consignment services. The Thrift Shop is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with consignments from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with consignments from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The shop is also open the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for purchases only. Your Baumholder Thrift Shop is located across from the post exchange, upstairs in Building 8744. For more information about the Thrift Shop call DSN 485-6653.

Buy your neighbor's stuff

Do you covet your neighbor's belongings? Why not buy them all 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.

NationsBank changes hours temporarily

The Baumholder NationsBank will have a change of operating hours May 17 due to staff training. Hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please curb your pets

Officials at Baumholder's Veterinary Treatment Facility, E/64th Medical Detachment, remind pet owners that their four legged friends are not allowed to run loose on Baumholder

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and its sub communities. Stray animals will be picked up by the military police and impounded at the veterinary treatment facility for a minimum of three working days. If your pet is lost, contact the military police at mil 485-7546 and the veterinary treatment facility at mil 485-6636/7555.

Job Corner

Appropriated funds positions

Social Worker/Counseling Psychologist (Family Advocacy Program Coordinator), GS-11, closing date is May 8

Director of Community Activities, GS-13, closing date is May 9

Child Development Center Director, GS-9, closing date is May 2

Attorney-Advisor (General), GS-12, open until filled
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.

MWR

Let's get ready to rumble

Start training now for the 222nd Base Support Battalion Baumholder Days International Boxing Night, June 17 at the Hall of Champions. Contact the Baumholder Sports Office at mil 485-7176 for more information.

Get set to run for the gold

Get set for the Minnick Marathon, May 11 at Baumholder's Minnick Field. This 42K (or 26.2 miles) marathon is open to all units within the 104th Area Support Group. Each unit is encouraged to enter at least one five-man team. There will be a \$50 entry fee for each team that includes a T-shirt for each team member, refreshments and awards for the top three teams. Call the Baumholder Sports Office for more details at mil 485-7176.

Let's volley

Get in on the action with the 222nd Base Support Battalion Women's Spring Volleyball League. The spring league plays from May 9 through June 8. If you miss this chance, mark your calendars for Oct. 16 when the Fall League gets going. For more information, contact the Baumholder Sports Office at mil 485-7176.

Tennis anyone?

Register by May 19 for the 222nd Base Support Battalion

Tennis Tournament June 2 – 4 at the Baumholder tennis courts. Registration fee is \$10 and a minimum of four players must sign up for each division.

For women there is one open class for ages 18 and up. Men are broken down into open (18 – 34), seniors (35 – 44) and masters (45 and older.) Call the Baumholder Sports Office at mil 485-7176 for more information.

The boys of summer are back

The 222nd Base Support Battalion Sports Office is dusting off home plate and getting ready for the Unit Level Softball season. Regular league play begins May 2 and runs through July 5.

There's a Baumholder Days tournament June 15 through 18. Entry fee is \$25 and teams must sign up by June 2.

There's also a Fourth of July tournament that runs from July 1 through 4. Entry fee for this tournament is \$50 and those interested must register by June 23.

The 222nd BSB softball championship is July 24 through 27 and all teams are eligible.

Coming up in August is the 104th Area Support Group championship, scheduled for Aug. 4 through 6 at Wiesbaden. Two teams from each BSB will compete.

The season closes out with the U.S. Army Europe championship Aug. 18 through 20. Two teams will represent the 104th ASG.

For more information on the season schedule call mil 485-7176.

Remember mom with a personal photo

For Mother's Day, May 14, why not dust off an old family photo and have it framed and matted just for mom at Baumholder's Keepsake Arts and Crafts? The little ones can create one of a kind gifts every Sunday and Thursday from 1–5 p.m. during Parent/Child Clay Play Day. Call mil 485-6687 for more information.

Moms, soldiers can get fit for free

To show their appreciation for mothers, the Baumholder Fitness Studio is running a mom's special over Mother's Day weekend, May 13 and 14. All moms can work out and swim for free. Call mil 485-6156 for more details.

In celebration of Armed Forces Day, all active duty Service members can work out and swim for free May 20 at the Baumholder Fitness Studio and pool. Call mil 485-6156 for more information.

Get your grub at home from Rod and Gun

Baumholder's Rod and Gun Club now offers free home delivery service from 5 to 10 p.m. "Winchesters on Wheels" home delivery is available every Wednesday through Sunday. Customers can order any item from the Rod and Gun Club kitchen and have it delivered direct to their home. The Rod and Gun Club will deliver to Smith and Wetzel housing, Champion Village and to the barracks on Smith Kaserne. To order your home delivery, call the club at mil 485-6345, or civ 06783-5330.

Rod and Gun Club calendar

Wednesdays through Fridays, lunch

Wednesdays through Sundays, breakfast, dinner, Pro Shop is open, bar is open

Wednesdays, Country and Western entertainment, 9 p.m. to midnight

Thursdays, Country and Western dance lessons, 7:30 p.m.

Fridays, Country and Western entertainment, 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.

The Iron Works

Fridays, R&B Night, come party with German students from local colleges, 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.

The Iron Works is available for special functions, give them a call to find out more at mil 485-6961.

Rheinlander

Round up your runnin' buddies and start your weekend off at the BUB in the Rheinlander every Friday from 4 p.m. – midnight. Your favorite drinks and snacks are available.

The Rheinlander is also available for unit functions.

Buccaneer night 2000 to benefit HS graduates

By Diane Rose

Baumholder American High School publicity

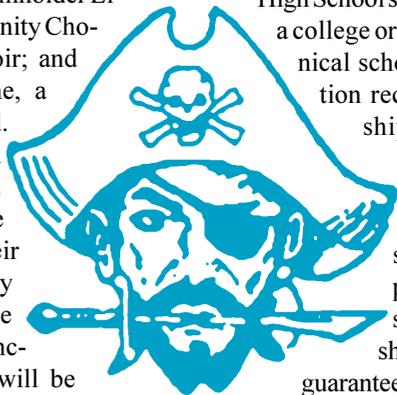
Ahoy, mates, mark your calendars to attend Buccaneer Night, a pirate-theme evening of fun for adults and children beginning at 5:30 p.m. May 12 in the Rheinlander Smith Barracks.

The annual college scholarship fund-raiser, now in its ninth year, raises money to be divided among Baumholder American High School graduating seniors.

According to Joy Magowan, BAHS teacher and senior class sponsor, all members of the Baumholder community—from single soldiers to entire families—will find something to do at Buccaneer Night.

A variety of foods will be available for purchase, and there will be music throughout the evening, including performances by the BAHS jazz band; the Baumholder Elementary Community Chorus; a gospel choir; and Receding Hairline, a student rock band.

Children can test their luck at a kiddie game arcade as well as get their faces painted. Pony rides and the Burger King bouncing bubble also will be



available for the smaller set.

Other Buccaneer Night activities include an auction during which elaborately themed gift baskets and quilts donated by community organizations and individuals will go to the highest bidder. Also, throughout the evening dozens of items contributed by local merchants and organizations will be raffled, including a Don Stivers print entitled "Stay and Fight It Out." A pie toss, dunking booth and Ship's Brig will be set up so individuals can "get" their favorite commander or friend. And the Ship's Hold, a white elephant general store, will be selling an extensive assortment of donated items including plants, knick-knacks, toys, household items, crafts and much more.

"Although the pirate-themed Buccaneer Night provides an evening of excitement for the community, the real benefit comes later when every Baumholder American

High School senior who attends

a college or vocational-technical school after graduation

receives a scholarship

check in the

mail," said

Magowan.

All BAHS

seniors who apply

to the school's scholarship

committee are

guaranteed to receive some

sort of financial assistance for their post-high school education. Magowan said the amount of money each student is awarded is based on a variety of factors including academic achievement, financial need and community service.

Last year, more than \$13,000 earned from Buccaneer Night was contributed to the school's scholarship coffer.

Sponsored by the high school's

PTSA, Buccaneer Night is a project that entails a number of different organizations—including senior parents and students, members of the local military community, teachers and many local Germans, especially business owners—working together to make the evening a success.

According to Magowan, involvement of the entire community has been a fundamental part of the

planning since the fund-raising event was established in 1992. In addition to raising scholarship money, the project was conceived as a way for the entire community to show its support for and belief in the students. "Buccaneer Night has always been a wonderful combined effort between the community and the school," said Magowan.

There is no charge for admission to Buccaneer Night.

Get set for Baumholder Days

Come out and be part of the fun when the 222nd Base Support Battalion celebrates German/American friendship during the annual Baumholder Days June 15 through 18. This community-wide celebration combines sporting events, carnival rides and games, entertainment for children, nightly entertainment in the fest tent for adults, food and beverages to satisfy any craving and more.

For the sporting crowd, Baumholder Days will offer basketball, flag football and softball tournaments. There's also an international boxing night and a swim meet lined up. Call the 222nd BSB Sports

Office for information on how to get involved in these events.

The fest takes place in the Hall of Champions and Wagon Wheel Theater parking lots on Smith Barracks. Festival hours will be 3 to 11 p.m. June 15; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. June 16; 10 a.m. to 1 a.m., June 17; and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 18.

Family day at the fest is June 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., when all rides will be at half price. Kid's day is June 17.

Discounts will be offered at the rides and some booths. Call the Baumholder director of community activities for more information at mil 485-1550.

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 gym storage room or on May 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at the

Rheinlander. Clothing items will not be accepted.

Buccaneer Night is more than just a white elephant sale. There will be food and beverages, raffles and much more.

For more information, call Mary Ellen Connolly at civ (06783) 186920.

All proceeds go toward scholarships for senior students.



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Community forum raises quality of life issues

Soldiers, students, family members and civilians recently had their say about quality of life in Baumholder during the annual Family Force Forum, more commonly known throughout the Army as the Army Family Action Plan, or AFAP. Now in its 15th year, the family force forum brings representatives from the community together to discuss quality of life issues and recommend possible solutions.

Concerns that can be handled locally are passed on to the appropriate agency for further action or implementation while those that require Area Support Group, U.S. Army Europe, or Department of the Army approval are elevated up the chain for possible resolution. Well over 400 issues Army-wide have been processed in this forum in the last 15 years.

Bringing the whole event together was Sandy Kamena, mistress of ceremonies for this year's Family Force Forum. "I'd like to thank the many delegates that volunteered their time to participate in this annual forum," she said. "All of us in the Baumholder community feel the participants today are an important part of the



Photo by Bernd "Bernie" Mai

Delegates at the annual Family Force Forum review issues they have raised and prepare proposed solutions.

process to improve the quality of life at Baumholder. I think they came up with some very good and useful ideas. This was a worthwhile event that benefits us all in the long run. We hope to report where these issues stand and what their status is as we receive feedback from those that were sent forward for review by U.S. Army

Europe," she said.

Jack Ferguson, Army Community Service director and a veteran of AFAP said, "It is a grass roots program that frankly shows that the Army leadership really does care about the quality of life of the entire Army family – soldiers, civilians, retirees, widows and families. I have

been involved with AFAP in EUSA (Korea) at the major command and installation level for 16 years and can honestly say it is a wonderful program, but it is only as good as the input.

"The issues that I saw come out of the AFAP here in Baumholder this year were impressive. Fifteen of the 17 issues were forwarded to the major command level recommending significant improvements to the community. Some were highly innovative.

"One issue that took interesting twists was that of spouses who have resident alien status with the U.S. 'Permanent Green Card' but not citizens. In researching this

issue and comparing information with other areas of USAREUR, we found the issue of drivers licenses was fixed with a revised regulation in February of this year.

"In the area of employment, we found that the information supplied by various agencies is inconsistent and discourages our family members from seeking employment. This issue was fine tuned and forwarded to USAREUR for their major command AFAP.

"We will brief the LINKs meeting and use other avenues to keep the community informed of the progress on outstanding issues.

Two of the success stories that have come to fruition throughout the Army as a result of grass roots initiatives envisioned in forums such as this one include the increase of Serviceman's Group Life Insurance from \$50,000 to \$200,000 and the institutionalization of family support groups. Programs like Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and Army Family Team Building also saw their beginnings in these forums.

When a forum is held, participants are gathered into several special interest groups to address specific issues. They brainstorm their ideas, try to come up with at least three different issues and provide possible solutions for each one.

Working groups include Commercial Support Services, Family Support Services, Youth, Medical/Dental Support Services, Single Soldiers and Housing Services.

A list of the issues raised will be published in the next edition of the HERALDUNION.

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Alexis Hayes examines various samples of moon rocks at Wetzel Elementary School. Ted Turnipseed, a teacher at Wetzel Elementary School and a NASA certified handler of lunar samples, arranged for the school to borrow this special collection of moon rocks. The students were given the opportunity to examine the various rocks and minerals. The teachers themed their instruction during this time and Star Lab, an inflatable star projecting "bubble," was also brought to the school so that the children could observe various star constellations.