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We'll Carry You!

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HHD

Kaiserslautern- Hello Soldiers and Family Members of HHD! I've been in Command a little over nine months now and I've had the pleasure and privilege to work with some of the finest Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers the Army has to offer. In that time the Soldiers and Families of HHD have accomplished many difficult missions and exceeded the goals and expectations that were set before them. I would like to keep this momentum going and continue to encourage our soldiers to not only raise the bar, but set new standards for others to follow. As your Commander, I want to help build and maintain a strong, resilient, and tangible FRG. My commitment to you is to ensure that you are informed and to strengthen the lines of communication between the Soldiers, Family Members, and my Command Team. My First Sergeant, Sergeant First Class David Garlits, fully supports my commitment and stands ready to assist all of the unit's Families. We are now in the Reset phase of the deployment cycle, where we are receiving new Soldiers, new equipment, and conducting training. We have had a high turnover of personnel both leaving and entering the unit. I look to the new Spouses and Soldiers to help rebuild our FRG. I will do my part as your Commander to support you in every endeavor. I will ensure that the foundation is in place to help you do your jobs when reaching out to in support of our families. I look forward to meeting our newcomers and working together with everybody! Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way.

Rich Rogers

66th Transportation Company

Kaiserslautern- The beginning of September heralds a new start for the mighty Road Kings as the new Company Commander, CPT Hunter Berg, returns from leave. He has taken command of a proud unit, eager to prove its capability in garrison. The past month has seen the Company slowly changing out one Executive Officer for another as newly promoted CPT Sean Donahoe finishes his two years of time in the 66th. It is only fitting that he started as a Platoon Leader, served as the XO, and served his final month as Commander in CPT's Berg's place. A new commander has brought new equipment, and new soldiers to use it. Already, 66th TC has swelled to over 190 soldiers in its ranks, many fresh from AIT and eager to arrive at their first unit. The FRG has held its first fundraiser, raising over \$300 to support families, and more are already being organized for the future. With fundraising comes events, and the first Organizational Day has proved to be a success. Soldiers and families were able to meet and socialize, building the bonds that make us more than co-workers. 66th TC continues to look forward, facing towards a wonderful future to match its proud legacy. Names and faces may change, soldiers come and go, but the mission remains the same. 66th TC will continue to be the Road Kings, and we will continue to Raise Up!



66th Organizational Day

From left to right:

66th members grilling for the family members, soldiers and their families stand in line for the amazing BBQ, some families branch out to have family time, 1SG and CSM are in deep conversation while others make new friends



15th Trailer Transfer Achievements

Kaiserslautern- Friends and family, the last few months have seen a lot of changes in the 15th Transportation Detachment. As I am sure that you all know that we have started the disbandment process, leading up to the deactivation of our unit. The days have been long and tiring, but we are steadily making progress toward completing the Property Book turn-in. In early April SGT Jensen went to ALC in FT. Lee, Virginia. True to the 15th spirit he excelled and graduated in the top of his class as Honor Graduate. In late July we unfortunately lost a large part of family to 66th truck company. SGT Naugher, SPC Martz, SPC Killen, SPC Montgomery, SPC Guy, and SPC Sherwood will be missed by the remaining Soldiers of the company; hopefully they continue to excel and add their experience and knowledge to the 66th

family. Continuing into the month of August we still turning in the remaining class XII items, and are continuing to close out our footprint in the Battalion area. In late August SGT Freeman and SGT Johnson successfully completed UPL training, and are now qualified to "sample" the unit as needed.

Our supply Sergeant, SGT Tustin, has had his hands full trying to keep up with all the Lateral Transfer and DRMO turn-in directives issued by Brigade. So far he has managed to keep up with all the craziness and we are still on schedule to complete the process on time. And last but not least a big congratulation goes out to the commander, CPT Hall, by the time this newsletter is published he will join the ranks of the married soldiers in the battalion. We

are looking forward to the last of our many remaining turn-in trips around Germany, and the close out of our property book. We are also looking forward to wherever we may end up as the unit comes to a close, and eagerly awaiting the opportunities that may come.



624th Family Readiness Group Activities

Kaiserslautern- The 624th MCT held a FRG Hail and Farewell for the unit's new Soldiers and families on 06AUG2010 at Mr. Big American Restaurant. Spouses and children were able to interact with one another as well as enjoy a festive meal of cheeseburgers, spaghetti, salad, corn on the cob, and much more. 2LT Jamie Domingo introduced herself as the FRG liaison and the families also met the treasurer, Michelle Lee and the FRG Secretary, Ben Domingo. Overall, it successfully broke the ice for each family. Every one was able to meet new friends, especially the kids. 30 Aug was the first day of school for six of the 624 kids. Some were returning to a school they were familiar with, others were venturing onto new territory. They were excited to start the school year at Sembach's DoDDs school as the 'Tigers'! Four families were added to the 624th MCT throughout the month of July: The Lee, Morales, Dingle, and Domingo families were warmly welcomed. Since then, the Soto family has joined the group.
2LTJAMIE DOMINGO



635th MCT FRG

Ramping Families up for the Fall

Kaiserslautern- Since the Soldiers have left, there has been a lot going on with the member of the 635th MCT FRG. With the end of another school year drawing to a close right after the Soldiers left, many families left for the States to visit friends and family and enjoy their summer vacations. But, now that the next school year is on the horizon, everyone is finding their way back to the Kaiserslautern area and the FRG is working hard to plan activities to help everyone avoid the stresses of the fall. Before classes start at the end of this month, the FRG has a fun park adventure planned. On **Wednesday, August 18th, at noon**, we will be meeting on Vogelweh/Pulaski at **Pulaski Park**. It will be a fun time for the kids to play and enjoy themselves while the adults can all hang out and enjoy the beautiful summer sunshine while it lasts. The point of contact for this outing will be Madison Burke at 635frg@gmail.com or 01511-2747815. Everyone should bring a light picnic for themselves and their children and the FRG will be providing a treat for everyone to enjoy. In September, the wonderful Margaret Cabrera has offered to host an **FRG Game Night** at her house in Höringen. Ringstrasse 17, 67724 Höringen. We will be meeting at **5pm, Saturday, September 11**. The kids will be able to play or watch movies while the adults have fun playing games and getting to know one another. Bring your favorite card and/or board games and something for a potluck dinner. A reminder e-mail will be sent out closer to the date to confirm all the details. Please be sure to let Margaret know if you will be attending so that adequate plans can be made for food. Margaret can be contacted via e-mail at damc827@gmail.com or at 0174-6647269.



Reminder

The FRG is trying to send a care packages to the Soldiers every 3 months. We sent our first out for the July 4th holiday and will be sending the second out in a couple months. Please let us know of any suggestions you might have to make these packages fun for the Soldiers!

635th MCT FRG Needs Your Input!

With all the Soldiers working hard downrange the FRG wants to make sure that they know how much they are loved and supported by everyone back home. Be sure to start brainstorming ideas for the upcoming and largest care package – HOLIDAYS – Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. If you have a great idea packages please be sure to share them with the FRG. Also, keep an eye out for e-mail regarding our next fundraiser so that we can raise all the money to send our Soldiers the greatest packages! We need your help so please keep in touch and we



627th MCT

Bamberg- Farewell hugs and teary goodbyes complete, 17 627th Soldiers boarded the bus and departed for Kuwait in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn at 0400 on August 20th. With a long bus ride to Ramstein at the beginning of a long day of travel, most of the soldiers took the time to get in some much needed sleep after spending their last night at home with their families. While at the Ramstein Passenger Terminal the soldiers took in advice and encouragement from the

Brigade and Battalion Command Teams who wished them well and gave them advice on their 12 month deployment. 1LT Chris Lee commented, "It was good to see Colonel Sledd and CSM Rodriguez out here to see us off, you could really see it set some of the guys at ease."

As they boarded a semi full flight the soldiers spread out and prepared to take in an in-flight showing of the A-Team which all agreed was an excellent choice. The four and a half

hour plane ride let the detachment off at Kuwait City International Airport where the temperature approached 100 degrees Fahrenheit, a fully 50 degrees warmer than the environment they left their families in Bamberg in approximately 20 hours before. "It was like a hair dryer blowing in my face," PFC Lance Akers explained.

As the drawdown in Iraq continues, the soldiers of 627th looks forward to staying busy with the redeployment of America's Heroes.

Commander's Corner



Kaiserslautern- I'd like to thank Meghan Killen for volunteering her time to be our editor for the new 39th Transportation Battalion Newsletter. I look forward to working with her. The newsletter will seek to reach family members and Soldiers of the battalion and provide a means of communicating topics of interest to all of us. The 39th Transportation Battalion is not a large organization but it is diverse and its units perform a variety of missions and each is in a different stage of deployment, redeployment, reset and training. In this environment, each unit and family faces unique challenges and at times it may seem that there are few people to lean on to help. There are lessons to be learned however from each unit and how each is managing its Family Readiness Group (FRG). In the newsletter we will try to highlight the activities from each FRG and in so doing, share different ideas that can help each FRG be successful in supporting Soldiers and Families. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call me

LTC E. Lee English

Words for CSM Gregory



Kaiserslautern- As the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Battalion Commander, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the Soldiers and families of the 39th Transportation Battalion for a job well done. We are a proud organization dedicated to providing outstanding support to the 16th Sustainment Brigade and the 21st Theater Sustainment Command. Over the past month, the battalion's have undergone several leadership changes and reorganization of the staff. Our goal is to continue to focus on challenging, realistic, collective and individual training preparing our Soldiers for future deployments. Each unit and every Soldier executes their mission in an outstanding manner as the battalion strives to support our daily movement control mission. We have an outstanding team of professional officers, NCOs and Soldiers that are proud of what they do. Keep an eye out for your buddy to ensure that everyone is safe while conducting all missions successfully. If you see someone in trouble, don't hesitate to ask if they need help.

Thank you,
We'll Carry You!
MSG Willie J. Gregory



WE'LL CARRY YOU!

Chaplain's Corner

“LABOR OF LOVE”

Greetings from the “mighty 39th” Unit Ministry Team (UMT). We are so happy to be back in Germany. There has been a lot of work the past couple of months getting settled back into the garrison routine. So many Soldiers have left and so many offices have moved.

But work does not have to be a CHORE. If you enjoy the work you perform, it can be a “Labor of Love.”

There is something special about a job well-done. I really enjoy the reward of a “sense of accomplishment.” But I didn’t always think this way. It wasn’t until my mid/late teens that I developed a good “work ethic” for myself. Before then, I couldn’t stand doing chores around our house.

As a parent of teenagers I have to remind myself daily that one day my sons will get that. Raising children can be stressful and taxing, but we know in our hearts that the work and sacrifice will pay off one day.

Be encouraged today and through the Labor Day holiday work doesn’t have to be just blood, sweat and tears. If you remember what and why you are working for, you may find yourself enjoying it.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

As with most things in life, you don’t get something for nothing. We need help with our FRGs. Some units are fully staffed with FRG volunteers, serving as FRG leaders, treasurers and secretaries. In other units, we don’t have any volunteer positions filled. I encourage anyone with the time and inclination to volunteer for your unit’s FRG. When you volunteer you play a vital role in the success of your spouse’s unit. Taking care of families is critically important in this day and age. Additionally, volunteering means you gain volunteer credit with the Army. This can be used to help build your personal resume for

a future job. This also translates into additional funding for our community – the Army counts your volunteer hours when making decisions about how much money to provide our Kaiserslautern community (if you volunteer in Bamberg, the Army makes similar decisions, and spends more money there). More volunteers = more money for important programs like youth sports, recreational facilities and other MWR programs. At the battalion, Mrs. Betrena Christian is here to help. As the Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA) it is her job to try to assist me and the other commanders, but also assist the FRGs – so if you volunteer to work in an FRG, you’re not

going at it alone. She regularly coordinates with outside organizations such as Army Community Services (ACS). If families need outside assistance, she is a great starting point. She also can register volunteers in the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS). If getting involved in your FRG or volunteering with other organizations seems confusing or overwhelming I recommend talking with Betrena; she can help.

OUR NEWEST 66th "ROAD KINGS"



Summer is time for growth and despite how short summer may have seemed this year in Kaiserslautern, it has brought with it several new additions to the Road King family. Seniyah Imani Medina was the first addition to the 66th TC. She was born on the 1st of July in Mannheim. The Vantrese family was close behind with their latest addition when they welcomed home their new son. Even as we speak the Coursey family is anxiously awaiting the arrival of their newest family member. Mrs. Coursey is expected to deliver in the next few days. The Gifford family is preparing to receive their bundle of joy in the next couple of weeks and even former Road Kings are preparing to welcome home their first children. Our former Commander Christopher Brown is now expecting twins. Needless to say this summer has been a time of growth for the 66th Transportation Company and will continue to be for the near future. The Company proudly welcomes its newest members to the Raise Up Family and wishes each of our latest additions the best of health and luck! Raise Up!

624th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kyleigh Killen turned 3 on July 24th, Meghan Killen turned 26 on August 6, David and Meghan Killen celebrated their 3rd anniversary on August 18th, Kaleb Killen celebrated his 1st birthday on August 31st, 2LT Weigle celebrated his 24th birthday on August 7, and 2LT Domingo's husband Bienvenido Domingo celebrated his 21st on August 26! Please send any birthdays or anniversaries to Meghan.Killen@usarec.army.mil



Additional Information

The following meetings and classes are sponsored by ACS. ACS is a great place to learn about opportunities available

Wed: 1st Wed of every month is the Community Information Forum (important stuff) led by Garrison Commander. Takes place at 1pm, Armstrong Club in Vogelweh.

Every 1st and 2nd Wed 3-4 p.m. is Hello America class.

Every 4th Wednesday is a dress for success class (led by Employment Readiness Program) 10 a.m.

Thurs: **Newcomer's Orientation**, every 3rd Thurs 9:30-11:45 a.m.

Hugs' Play Group: 10am Kids Zone

Anger Mgt: 3pm Bldg. 2971, Vogelweh

Stress Mgt: 4pm Bldg. 2971, Vogelweh

Couples Communication: 5 pm Bldg. 2971

Smooth Move, every 2nd and 4th Thursday 10-11:30 am, Bldg. 2891 (ACS Class room)

Army Community Services DSN: 493-4006/Civ: 0631-3406-4006

Helpful Information



www.militaryonesource.com

Website started by a Military wife for spouses who need extra support (or extra information)

<http://www.nammas.org/>

Amazing deals for travelers:

<http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com/>

You will find a vast array of exciting activities at Kaiserslautern ODR: Meet new people, learn a new sport, or arrange a personalized activity for your own group of friends. From beginner to advanced excursions, ODR offers trips in biking, canoeing, rafting, skiing, snowboarding, hiking, canyoning and sky diving. ODR hosts families, singles and youth activities. From the high adventure sky diving, to the quiet adventure of camping, we can put you in touch with your favorite pastime. ODR can coordinate a special activity specifically for your group.

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Community for Autism Understanding, Support & Education



Sept. 14
 Guest Speaker
 Dr. Kristal White, PhD.



The next meeting will be on Sept. 14, 2010. Dr. Kristal White, PhD. of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's Pediatrics Behavioral Health, will speak and provide parents with a better understanding of children that have been diagnosed with Autism. The topic of discussion will be "Autism Diagnosis and Social Skills Implications".

***All meetings 6-7:30 pm at Vogelweh Elementary School Library, Bldg. 1178, Vogelweh**
 Child Care will be provided*

C.A.U.S.E. includes care givers of people who have been diagnosed with any type of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), including:

- Autism
- Asperger's syndrome
- Childhood disintegrative disorder (CDD)
- Rett's syndrome
- Pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS)



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