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SCHOOL

16th STB volunteers get creative with school kids

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BAMBERG, Germany — Soldiers of the 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, took time out of their busy schedules to enjoy activities with the 3rd grade students of Bamberg Elementary School Jan. 28.

The Soldiers coupled up with the children and began the morning with story writing.

“It was fun writing a story with Sergeant Espinoza,” said Madison Colwart, an 8-year-old 3rd grade student at the elementary school. “This is a fun way to meet the Soldiers.”

After the story writing, the Soldiers and children moved behind tables equipped with cake decorating supplies and were instructed on how to make cupcake people. The Soldiers and children were urged to be creative with the supplies they were given.

“It’s a good way to be with the kids,” said Sgt. Carlos Prendergast, a fuel operations noncommissioned officer with the 16th STB and a native of Jamaica. “All on-post elementary schools should have a program like this.”

Bamberg Elementary School invites Soldiers from the 16th STB to help with many different activities from working with the children on school projects to helping them with homework.

“What a wonderful opportunity to get Soldiers involved in the classroom,” said Deborah Heit, a 3rd grade teacher at Bamberg Elementary School and a native of Saginaw, Mich. “It’s a win-win situation. We have Soldiers who help students with reading or writing activities and then the fun begins as students and Soldiers work together building bonds of friendship. You see problem solving taking place as they work to create a masterpiece.”

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CUTLINES:



Sgt. Veronica Espinoza, an ammunition supply noncommissioned officer with the 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade and a native of Oxnard, Calif., makes cupcake people with Darian Untalan and Madison Colwart from Bamberg Elementary School. Soldiers of the 16th STB took time out of their busy schedules to

enjoy activities with the 3rd graders at the school Jan. 28. (Photo by Sgt. Shawn T. Casey, 16th Sust. Bde. Public Affairs)



Staff Sgt. Rosalina Taylor, a property coordinator noncommissioned officer with the 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, and a native of Auburndale, Fla., helps Kealan Russell and Malia Latimer decorate their cupcake people. Soldiers of the 16th STB volunteered at Bamberg Elementary School Jan. 28. (Photo by Sgt. Shawn T. Casey, 16th Sust. Bde. Public Affairs)