



16TH SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE
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**Merry
Christmas and
Happy New
Year to each of
you and your
families!**

May God bless each of you and your family members in 2011. I hope you have the opportunity to celebrate this holiday season with your family and friends as take some well deserved time off. I encourage you to take the opportunity to relax and enjoy the holidays. This time of year provides us an opportunity for reflection, remembrance and an opportunity to remember how truly fortunate we are as Americans. I also ask that each of you remember our deployed Soldiers and their Families. I also ask that you remember those Soldiers who paid the ultimate price for freedom as well as those who were injured. Please include these Soldiers and their families in your thoughts and prayers during this holiday season.

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**“DEEDS NOT WORDS.
KNIGHTS PRIDE”**

I want to thank each of you for the outstanding support you provided over the last year and I hope that you will continue your outstanding support in the year ahead. Your support is instrumental to the Soldiers' morale allowing them to focus on their respective missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Germany, or one of the many other places we have Knight Soldiers. Our Soldiers provided outstanding support to many units over the last twelve months and have developed an outstanding reputation for themselves as Soldiers who accomplish any mission. You should be very proud of our Soldiers and also proud of yourselves.

Your outstanding support reflects your strength and commitment. I am proud of you and feel blessed to be associated with you, your Soldier, and your family.

Over the next year the brigade will continue to support units and operations throughout Europe as well as deploy and redeploy units to Iraq and Afghanistan. Each Soldier has an important role to play in the upcoming missions and I look forward to hearing of their accomplishments. We will also continue to support the Army Transformation of units in Europe as we inactivate or relocate units within Europe. I would like to thank you in advance for your support to our Soldiers.

Finally, I want to wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year again. Thank you for your sacrifices for our country and for the support you provide to our Soldiers. I hope you take pride in the fact that you and your Soldier are selflessly serving your nation and protecting both freedom and people who are less fortunate than we are as Americans. I'm proud to serve with you and your Soldiers because you represent one of our nation's greatest treasures. Never take for granted what your commitment and service means. Thanks again for your commitment to the Soldiers, our families, and our country and for the sacrifices you make each day. You and your family should be proud of your patriotism, dedication, and service to our great country.


COL Keith Sledd
Knight 6



Counting our Blessings

There's nothing like a deployment to help you remember what's truly important in life and help you keep your priorities straight. It is through a deployment that we are reminded that our Families should be one to the top items on our list of priorities. As we celebrate the holidays this year, some are bittersweet. Some spouses are counting their blessings to have their Soldiers in their arms and in their homes long enough to celebrate the holidays before they head downrange. For others, they are counting the days until their Soldiers come home from deployment and missing them terribly this holiday season. Instead of making my "wish list" this year, I've already been given the best gift of all – my husband and the love that he brings to our Family. When I look back at all of the sacrifices that

he and all of our Soldiers in the brigade have made and continue to make for us, I am grateful that I have a husband who is so courageous. Not only do our Soldiers fight for and guarantee our freedom, they also sacrifice some moments in their lives that they will never get back. Keith has not seen our daughter or granddaughter for more than a year – not due to a deployment – but the demands of his job. Will "Paige" remember "Grandpa" when she sees him this Christmas? It's a fear that I have, and I wonder if Keith has it too... Your Soldier has missed out on these special moments too – birthday, anniversaries, possibly the loss of a loved one or birth of a new baby – all because of self-less service. And, that's what the holidays are supposed to be about – GIVING. You can bet this Christmas, I am asking for nothing. I have my husband beside me – safe and sound – and I am counting my many blessings. For those spouses that have their Soldiers deployed, know that you are surrounded by your FRG Family and we are here to support you in every way possible. You are in our thoughts and prayers and definitely in our hearts because we have all been exactly in the position you are in now.

I am also thankful for the battalion FRG advisors that we have on our brigade team. Countless hours are put in by these ladies – Kari Runnels and Colleen Rupkalvis, 14th MCB in Vicenza; Alicia English, 39th MCB in K-Town; Amy Luekenga, 391st which is split between Mannheim and Bamberg; and Christine Godbee and Michele Davis of 16th STB in Bamberg. These ladies are our unsung heroes. But, they are not alone! They each have fabulous teams of company FRG leaders who dig deep and lead the spouses in their respective units. And, I am definitely counting my blessings for the 16th Brigade FRG leadership team – Mirta Rodriguez, FRG Co-Advisor; Angel Lono, Volunteer Coordinator; Virgie Baldonado, Volunteer Recognition Coordinator; Viki Ligon, Fundraising Coordinator; Angie Leone, Activities Coordinator; Rosie Rademacher, Publicity Coordinator; Sarah Equils, Treasurer; Bonnie Kellem, Alternate Treasurer; Carolyn Lemm, Newsletter Editor; and SFC Anderson, our key volunteer on the team. Thanks to ALL of these ladies for the incredible amount of work they do! You are truly a blessing to me and the Soldiers and Families of the Sweet 16 Team!

Finally, whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, or another religious tradition, remember to keep your priorities straight and be grateful to have your Soldier as part of the Family. Reintegration can be challenging. Remembering to count your blessings and be grateful for what is good in your life can help you handle the little things that might be going wrong at the moment. I appreciate all of you and what you do for your Soldiers and our country! God bless and happy holidays!

Wendy Sledd, Senior FRG Advisor
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New Brigade FRSA Joins the Sweet 16 Team!

The 16th Sustainment Brigade welcomes our new FRSA Chris Comish. Chris hails from Amherst, Massachusetts. His wife, Anja, is from Germany, and they have a German-American daughter, Elena, who is five years old. Chris is prior-service and was in the Army from 2000-2006, achieving the rank of Captain. Chris served in the Air Defense Artillery and then the Transportation Corps. His duty stations included Giebelstadt, Germany (now closed), Fort Lee, VA and Fort Lewis, WA. He served at both the Brigade and Corps levels while in the service.

In October 2006, Chris began his civilian career but not going far from the US Army.

He became the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division FRSA based in Schweinfurt, Germany working with the brigade during a very challenging 15-month deployment. In 2008, the unit was re-flagged to the 172nd Infantry Brigade. Half of the brigade was relocated to Graf and the remaining half of the brigade was left behind in Schweinfurt resulting in a split brigade. Chris remained the brigade FRSA with the 172nd until April 2010. From April 2010 to October 2010, Chris served as the 2-159th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (Apache) FRSA under the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Illesheim. Chris has worked as an FRSA for four years and has supported Soldiers and Families through three deployments to Iraq (2BCT 1st ID, 172nd Brigade, 2-159th ARB) and one deployment to Afghanistan (2-159th ARB). He has served at both brigade and battalion rear detachment levels. Additionally, Chris has experience supporting units which are not located

with their brigade headquarters which is the case with the 16th Sustainment Brigade.

The brigade is fortunate to have the experience and expertise that Chris brings to the unit and our Soldiers and Families are already noticing the difference he is contributing to the team. Welcome, Chris! We are happy to have you as a member of the Sweet 16 Team! Hooah!



Farewell SPC Jessica Detrick

Like the entire military lifestyle, there is much change in the FRSA office. As we welcomed our new FRSA Chris Comish, we say farewell to SPC Jessica Detrick who has worked in this office since May, 2010. SPC Detrick was initially assigned to the brigade FRSA office when our previous FRSA was on leave. However, once we experienced the work ethic, intelligence, and ingenuity of SPC Detrick, we knew that we could not let her go! SPC Detrick got many things accomplished in the FRSA office during her short tenure. She was instrumental in overseeing the brigade's first holiday card competition and the distribution of the cards to the battalion after purchase. She was instrumental in the designing of the label and the wax seal for the brigade's official wine. SPC Detrick even created the judging criteria sheet that was to be used to make the wine selection.

SPC Detrick single-handedly got our brigade Virtual FRG up and running and continues to maintain the site. She made it her mission to ensure that all of the battalions as well as the brigade had all of their volunteer leadership team members on appointment orders. SPC Detrick personally framed all of the awards for the first brigade volunteer recognition event and continues to frame all of the volunteer awards for the brigade volunteer of the month program and ensures that the battalions receive theirs to honor their volunteers. The list of SPC Detrick's contributions to the FRSA office and to Soldiers and their Families is endless. For her efforts, SPC Detrick was awarded the Army Achievement Medal by 16th Sustainment Brigade Commander COL Keith Sledd and CSM Ismael Rodriguez. As SPC Detrick moves on to her next duty assignment in Korea, there will be a noticeable absence in the FRSA office. We appreciate SPC Detrick for her dedication and support. Thank you, SPC Detrick, and we wish you well in the new adventure that lies ahead for you!

Brigade Holiday Card Competition a Festive Success!



The winning design of this year's brigade holiday card is Family Member Kathy Witzel of the 18th CSSB!

Ten wonderful entries were submitted for the first 16th Sustainment Brigade Holiday Card Competition.

Both Soldiers and Family Members competed for the opportunity to have their artwork used as the brigade's first holiday card. A panel of eight judges carefully reviewed the cards for more than an hour and used a scoring system to select the winner. The names of the artists and their respective units were not revealed to the judges until after the competition was complete.

The winner of the first brigade holiday card competition was graphic designer and Family Member, Kathy Witzel, whose husband, Bryan, serves with the 18th CSSB in Graf. More than 2,000 cards were purchased by Soldiers and Family Members to send to their loved ones. A special thank you to all of the artists who submitted their work for judging and to SPC Jessica Detrick who spearheaded this project.

Season's Greetings from the 16th Sustainment Brigade!

Santa Raises Spirits of Children and Money for the FRG



SPC Darnell Smith is dressed as Santa and makes Christmas wishes come true for this 16th Brigade family as teenager, Qewturah Smith, dressed as an elf, snaps the photograph!

It is not even the night before Christmas, and the brigade FRG is getting a little help from old Saint Nick! The brigade partnered with AAFES to conduct "Photos with Santa" at the local Powerzone the first two weekends in December. Soldiers dressed in red from head to toe to volunteer as the special guest himself – Santa Claus! But, regular P-T made our Santas a little too thin, and we had to add some extra padding to make them more realistic in their roles. Family members dressed like elves snapped the photos and printed out the pictures for donations. The "Photos with Santa" project continues through the second weekend in December – Saturday, December 11th, 11-4 PM, and Sunday, December 12th, noon-4 PM. So, come on by for a visit with Kris Kringle and share your Christmas wishes! Just a reminder too that the brigade is also wrapping gifts outside the PX in the holiday trailer on the following dates/times:

Saturday, December 11th 10 AM - 6 PM
Friday, December 17th 2 PM - 6 PM

So, come by and see us and drop off your gifts to be wrapped!

Merry Christmas! Ho, ho, ho!

Brigade Sweeps Garrison Tree Lighting Awards

It was like Christmas came early for the units located in Bamberg that belonged to the 16th Sustainment Brigade! USAG Bamberg asked units to decorate booths and trees to create a German-style Christmas market as part of the annual tree lighting ceremony. It ultimately became a contest between the units and when the winners were announced, it was unit after unit from the 16th Sustainment Brigade that was recognized! In the booth competition, 16th STB's Bravo Company took 3rd place under the direction of FRG Leader Stacy Marquis. Second place went to the brigade's booth of "Feliz Navidad from the 16th Sustainment Brigade" under the direction of SFC Sonia Anderson. And... (drum roll please!), first place went to the "Toys for Tots" booth of the 391st CSSB under the direction of FRSA Jenny Otero and FRG Advisor Amy Luekenga. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Both the 391st CSSB and the brigade also decorated trees. The Firepower tree maintained the Toys for Tots theme of the unit's booth while the brigade tree displayed all of the battalion crests from the brigade as well as the brigade patch as ornaments. A 3-D knight on horseback created by SPC Detrick topped the tree while framed portraits explaining the meaning of the brigade crest and patch flanked each side of the tree. Both of the trees were wonderful!

None of this would happen without all of our wonderful volunteers. Thanks to everyone who came out and braved the cold, cooked the food for the booths, played the music, and made it a memorable time for all!

Feliz Navidad and Merry Christmas from the 16th Sustainment



Brigade Merchandise makes great holiday gift ideas



Nachtmann Crystal
Brigade Ornaments



Long-sleeved Brigade Under Armor Shirts

We need you to show your
16th Sustainment BDE Spirit
and support the **BDE FRG**
with these other great items:



16th Sustainment Brigade
patch lapel pin
\$5.00

Men's Polo shirt (limited availability)
\$25.00

Ladies Shirts (short or long sleeves)
\$20.00

Rhinestone "HOOAH" pin \$12.00
Now Available in Red, White & Blue

Other available items include Nachtmann crystal brigade ornaments, custom brigade print with all of the battalion crests, brigade slates, coasters, embroidered blankets and much more! You can see all of these great items in the trophy case at the staff duty entrance of the brigade.

Get any of these great items today by visiting the brigade FRSA's office down the hall from the commander's office. Or call, 0951-300-8505.

Brigade Volunteers of the Month

16th Sustainment BDE would like to congratulate these individuals selected for Volunteer of the Month for September and October:



SSG Kenneth Wesley, 14th MCB

SSG Wesley is the photographer and the fundraising chairperson for HHD Family Readiness Group. He attends FRG meetings on a regular basis. SSG Wesley volunteered for the HHD Ice Cream Social fundraiser held at the middle high school that was a huge success. He volunteered to barbeque for two barbeque fundraisers in the battalion area. He volunteers to take pictures at many of our events, fundraisers and the deployment and redeployment of our Soldiers.



SGT Jeffery Boyce, 14th MCB

Sgt Boyce has volunteer at several events. He volunteers with a big smile and kind heart. Sgt Boyce volunteered for the Halfway There Party making sure the barbeque was being prepared to standard. He volunteered to be on the Firing Team during the Memorial Day Ceremony in Florence, Italy. He was the representative for the CFC fundraising campaign. Sgt Boyce helped with HHD Float fundraiser at the Vicenza Middle High School which was very successful. He helped set up for the 4th of July celebration and barbequed for 14th Transportation Organization Day.



SGT Ericka Bilchik, 16th STB - 106th FM Co

SGT Bilchik is a strong supporter of all organized FRG programs and activities. She takes pride in contributing to the 106th success by volunteering time on a regular basis. She helped to organize a soccer team (Red Dragons) for the Soldiers children. SGT Bilchik displays ingenuity in anticipating the needs of the team and motivational help when needed. While coaching, she quickly adapts to any situation and handles adversity with casual grace. The soccer team is very successful and it is due in large part to SGT. Bilchik. Without a doubt, SGT Bilchik, epitomizes what a FRG-Volunteer should be.



Carolyn Arrington, 39th MCB

This nominee has managed to recruit and retain additional members to her FRG. She was proactive and made certain that she received all the necessary certifications and training so that she had the knowledge needed to do her job. She has helped countless spouses integrate within the community and has been an excellent resource for information when needed. She has taken on the additional role of Battalion Welcome Committee Chair and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the new spouses and family members feel welcomed and connected in the battalion. She regularly engages the spouses and family members in her unit by holding monthly FRG meetings with community leaders to help educate her families and keep them abreast of community events and activities. She has held several successful fundraisers that have earned over \$600.00 for her unit. During her unit Organizational Day, she was responsible for the children's activities and gave a donation from the FRG for this event. This volunteer has been an exceptional leader that epitomizes our battalion motto of "We'll Carry You".



Cdt/SGT Rosaliz Carillo, 391st CSSB - 240th QM Co

Since joining JROTC 2nd semester last school year Rosaliz has volunteered for numerous community and school events in Bamberg and Schweinfurt. She has performed on 4 color guards and 3 saber guards, served as an usher at a school program, helped teach a Cub Scout Flag class, role-played at the Bamberg Force Protection Exercise and worked to raise funds for JROTC. She is also the battalion S-5 (Publicity Officer). Her duties include publishing a monthly newsletter which she frequently works on at home.



Joseph Taylor Jr., 391st CSSB - Trans Co

Joseph works just as hard as all the program aids. He serves as a mentor to the young children. This is extremely important when children have deployed parents. He does arts and crafts with them, helps in field trips, and SAS outings. Helps the children with their homework, and is able to teach them basic skills. He plays with the children and gives them a sense or worth.



Carolyn Lemm, 16th SB

Her work is always impeccable. Carolyn started our brigade FRG newsletter from scratch. She came up with the format, the style, and even the name of the publication that is published and distributed six times annually. Most recently, this volunteer stayed late into the night, putting off her vacation, finishing up the newsletter to ensure that distribution deadlines were met. Additionally, this volunteer handles the publicity for brigade FRG events putting up fliers and posters and helping to design print materials. Carolyn also works a paying job and has a family. Yet, she still finds time to support the FRG in a very important way.

October Volunteers of the Month:



Courtney Blocklinger, 14th MCB - C/106

Courtney Blocklinger volunteers countless hours on behalf of the families of C/106th and 14th Transportation Battalion as the Co-Leader of the C/106th FRG. She has been instrumental in building the family readiness group and providing support to the Soldiers and families. Mrs. Blocklinger has organized unit fundraisers, planned unit outings, created and published quarterly newsletters, and has warmly welcomed newcomers to C/106th and Vicenza. In addition to her volunteer work within the military community, Courtney is a talented hairdresser and the mother of two wonderful children, Noah and Caitlyn. 14th Transportation Battalion salutes Courtney Blocklinger as the October Family Member Volunteer of the Month!



SSG Eddie Peoples, 14th MCB - HHD

SSG Eddie Peoples, volunteered to help organize the Halfway There Party, making sure we had soldiers to help do whatever we needed. He came out early the day of the event to help set up and was the person on the microphone with great enthusiasm making sure the sack race was both organized, fun and enjoyable. SSG Peoples also volunteers on Fridays to barbeque for the soldiers and family members keeping the morale up and allowing us to enjoy each other. SSG Peoples volunteered to be the Master of Ceremony for the Battalion Organizational Day.



Sarah Upole, 16th STB - B. Co

Sarah Upole volunteers on the average of 10-12 hours a week at the Bamberg Elementary School. She assists in the cafeteria during lunch time hours assisting the kids and staff in any manner that she is capable of. She also assists a Second Grade Teacher by heading a reading group for the class as well as assisting the teacher with any grading assignments or homework. She is always actively involved during most elementary school events such as the elementary school field day. Sarah Upole also assists the Bamberg Chapel as the Watch Care Coordinator. Although the position is actually a paid position at the Chapel up to 40 hours a week, Mrs. Upole usually works an additional 5-10 hours a week after she has reached her 40 hour paid limit which all counts as volunteer hours. Mrs. Upole is also actively involved in the Bravo Company FRG as a Key Caller and always is willing to assist with FRG events. Mrs. Upole manages to accomplish all of this on a weekly basis in addition to raising 2 children along with her husband who is a Platoon Leader for Bravo Company.



SGT Shariff Sidberry, 16th STB - B. Co

SGT Shariff Sidberry has displayed an outstanding example of selfless service by generously donating his time to the Bamberg Community, more specifically the youth. This past football season he was chosen to be the commentator for the Bamberg Barons High School Football team, even traveling to the surrounding communities, supporting the youth. With no previous experience, he went out and performed superbly representing Bravo Company, 16th STB. His wit and charm as a commentator earned him the praise of the young players, coaches and fans alike. When asked why he gave up so much of his free time on the weekends he replied, "First and foremost, I love working with youth and I like to be a positive role model. I'm also passionate about the game; football." SGT Sidberry is a prime example of selfless service; his uncanny commitment and dedication is inspiring and should serve as the blueprint for others to emulate. SGT Sidberry is also active in the Bravo Company FRG. He is always willing to assist in Bravo Company events.



Michele Clark, 18th CSSB - 41st Trans Co

Mrs. Clark served as the 41st Transportation Treasurer from 15 June 2010 until 15 December 2010. During her tenure she oversaw several large fundraising events including the annual German American Volksfest, during which the Company raised over \$600. Mrs. Clark was key in not only handling the company's funds but as well as helping plan several events to include preparing the barracks for the single Soldiers

prior to their redeployment and coordinating the Company's party which followed reintegration. Mrs. Clark's hard work and dedication to the 41st Transportation Company and its FRG greatly contributed to improving the morale of both Soldiers and family members during their difficult deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

CPL Akia Redman, 39th Trans BN - HHD



CPL Akia Redman serves as the unit Family Readiness Liaison for HHD 39th. She is a conduit for community information, events and activities for their FRG. She played a vital role in ensuring the family members in her FRG were kept abreast of important redeployment information,

in the absence of an FRG Leader. She stepped up and volunteered as the unit FRL without being told to do so. Once the FRG Leaders came on board she made every effort to get them up to speed with unit information, family member e-mail addresses and contact information. The FRG Leaders look to her for support and confidence, because of her natural leadership skills and abilities. CPL Redman's resourcefulness and innate ability to connect with the Families and Soldiers in her unit has earned her the recognition of volunteer of the month. She epitomizes the battalion motto of "We'll Carry You!"



CDT/SGT Dominic Williams, 391st CSSB - 240th QM Co

Since joining JROTC last school year, Dominic has volunteered for numerous community and school events in Bamberg. He has performed on saber guard, served as an usher at community EO programs, role-played at two Bamberg Force Protection Exercises, helped at the annual Teddy Bear Tea party at the library and worked to raise funds for JROTC. He has also been an active member of the Bamberg Culinary Arts Club for two years cooking and serving food at numerous school events.



Lisa Jenkins, 391st CSSB - Trans Co

Lisa has made it her mission that the FRG runs effectively and has the volunteers needed to face a deployment. She is making sure the spouses are getting all the pre-deployment training necessary so they are mentally prepared to take on more family responsibilities and be self sufficient and independent while their Soldiers are away. Lisa has helped planned and execute many successful FRG functions.



Angel Lono, 16th SB

She never refuses to help others. From teaching line dancing lessons at the CYS Wild West Fest to making cards for those who are sick, Angel's heart is one of service to others. Angel serves as the brigade FRG volunteer coordinator working with the battalion FRG advisors to help recruit volunteer coordinators for their units and then mentors those volunteers coordinators to operate their battalion program. Angel was instrumental in making the brigade's first volunteer recognition event a success. Angel was a delegate to national AWAG, taught a workshop at the regional AWAG conference and heads up the Bamberg spouses' club's welfare committee.



SFC Sonia Anderson, 16th SB

Sonia will use all of her talents to help others. In December, she headed up our booth at the garrison tree lighting event. The theme was Feliz Navidad and she recruited all of the volunteers to do the cooking, arrange the decorations, recruited volunteers to work in the booth, and basically completed spear-headed the event. She even got volunteers to play live music in our booth along with a children's choir. Sonia's resourcefulness is amazing. Sonia also volunteers with the battalion FRG in whatever way is needed at fundraisers, activities, etc. She is also serving on the basket auction committee for BSCC and serves on the education committee. She also volunteered with the EO's "Hispanic Heritage Month" event where she cooked and served food, modeled in the fashion show, and was on the planning committee. She is also active as a volunteer at both the elementary school and the high school where she serves as a chaperone, with the PTA, and anything else that is asked of her. Additionally, this NCO works full-time and is pregnant with her fifth child. It is amazing how giving she is to others and all that she gets accomplished. She truly is a STAR!

Congratulations again to all of our Brigade volunteers of the month winners! If you see a Soldier, Family Member, or civilian in the 16th Sustainment Brigade that you think is worthy of recognition, please notify your unit commander or FRG advisor!



18TH CSSB – WE FORGE AHEAD

41st Trans. Co. returns from OEF, receives warm welcome home

By Capt. Jennifer Dyrce, 18th CSSB Public Affairs Officer

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany – The Grafenwoehr Physical Fitness Center here was jam-packed with the family, friends and loved ones Oct. 13 to welcome home 138 Soldiers from the 41st Transportation Company who returned to Germany after serving 12 months in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

While deployed the 41st Trans. Co., also known as the Frontrunners, served in three different locations across Afghanistan. They were Bagram Airfield, Camp Marmal and Camp Deh Dadi. They supported the 10th Mountain Division and 4th Combat Aviation Brigade during the Afghanistan surge from March through June by delivering various types of wheeled vehicles to the units. After a year in a combat zone, Soldiers from the 41st Trans. Co. were happy to finally reunite with their families and were



Col. Avanus Smiley preps the waiting family members and friends of the 41st Transportation Company as they are about to greet their redeploying Soldiers in the Grafenwoehr Physical Fitness Center Oct. 13. (Photo by Spc. Robert Lynds, 18th CSSB Public Affairs)

already making plans for the months ahead.

“My wife and I have been married for almost two years; half of that time I was deployed so it has been wonderful being able to spend so much quality time with her now,” said Spc. Sze Choi, a wheeled vehicle operator with the 41st Trans. Co. and a native of Los Angeles. “My husband and I are planning on taking a few days just to relax and maybe make a road trip to Prague,” said Spc. Amber Williamson, a driver with the 41st Trans. Co. and a Denver native.



Spc. Sze Choi, a wheeled vehicle operator for the 41st Transportation Company, kisses his wife Tan after the 41st Trans. Co. redeployment ceremony in the Grafenwoehr Physical Fitness Center Oct. 13. (Photo by Spc. Robert Lynds, 18th CSSB Public Affairs)

During the deployment, the 41st Trans. Co. moved more than 13,000 tons of cargo and drove more than 170,000 miles, completing more than 150 missions in all conditions and in the face of multiple enemy threats. The Soldiers performed various missions to include material handling, security escorts for host nation civilian truck drivers and convoy logistics patrols, which delivered supplies to Regional

Commands East and North. “It was uplifting to see my Soldiers perform with such flexibility to the ever changing mission. We train to adapt, adjust and overcome, but it is heartening to see it happen before your eyes,” said 1st Lt. Dennis Rowe II, a 41st Trans. Co. platoon leader. “This was my fourth deployment and, while coming home is always great, this time I got to redeploy with my wife. We served together downrange with the 41st (Trans. Co.), and because we are both Soldiers we understand the fast tempo of the reintegration process and are able to be each other’s support system as we adjust back into garrison life; doing all of this together is such a positive experience,” said Sgt. Aaron Alston, the 41st Trans. Co. operations noncommissioned officer. “Our Soldiers were motivated at all times, even with three location moves,” said 1st Lt. Katie Steele, the executive officer for the 41st Trans. Co. “When things got tough, they gave 100 percent.”



16TH STB – ON POINT

Welcome

We welcomed one of our detachments (Charley 208th) out of Stuttgart back home from their 12 month deployment.

Past Events

The 16th STB FRG is staying busy. As the weather is changing, our pace is not! 10 of our outstanding volunteers were able to attend the Regional Franken AWAG conference and each and everyone loved it! As well as 10 delegates, we had several spouses from the 16th STB help making this conference a success. Thanks to everyone, who attended as a delegate and those who came out to set up, decorated, taught a class and helped clean up. The conference would not have been the same without you!

With the help of the FFF and the health clinic's physical therapist, Rachael Taft, the BN held "running clinic" at the FFF on the 22. Sep 2010.

HHC FRG hosted another great event, a Halloween Party, with a kids costume contest.

HHC FRG also hosted a fundraiser and provided breakfast to the Bamberg Elementary School teachers, who loved the food

106th HQ hosted an ice-cream social for Soldiers and Families

Upcoming Events

The FRGs are keeping busy with different events and fundraisers. The Battalion is still looking for ideas and volunteers to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade, to make this year's parade the best one Bamberg has ever seen. We are hoping for a lot of interest and creativity, to decorate cars/trucks, to represent the 16th STB in honor of our veterans. The Battalion FRG will also make sure that the participants of the parade will be taken care of, by selling "Gluehwein", Hot Chocolate and yummy snacks. HHC and B Co will be a part of the "Haunted House" this year, by selling food and drinks and sponsoring one of the rooms in the haunted house.

The Battalion is in the planning stages of a "Holiday Gala", which will take place on 4 Dec 2010, 18:00-22:00, at the Warner Conference Center in Bamberg. We hope this will bring the 16th STB Family closer together, since we are so disbursed. We are looking forward to have everyone together, enjoying each other's company, good entertainment, lots of dancing and good food! Michele Davis and SFC Wofford have been working and planning to make this event an enjoyable one for each Soldier and Family.

Bravo Company is hosting a cookie & ornament exchange in November and plans on helping to decorate the "Post Tree"

BN FRG will be selling "hot drinks & snacks" at the Veterans Day Parade on 11. Nov 2010.

106th FMCO, HQ, is having their Company Christmas Party 10 December 2010

B Det 106th FMCO, will host a FRG Potluck Dinner on 16th November 2010

D Det 106th FMCO, has a lot on their calendars for the upcoming weeks: Nov 6 - FRG Meeting - Thanksgiving Packages Nov 24 - FRG Thanksgiving Dinner at the DFAC, then Thanksgiving Dessert Party at Kaberline's Nov 28 - FRG Meeting - Christmas Packages Dec 4

Congratulation

We congratulate SGT Bilchik of 106th FM Co and Mrs. Stephanie Seward of HHC for being selected as the 16th STB Volunteer of the Month.





39TH MCB – WE’LL CARRY YOU

39th Battalion Marriage Retreat



624th Movement Control Team

Kaiserslautern– The 624th held a pre-deployment marriage retreat from the 22nd to the 24th of Oct 2010 at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. It was an uplifting experience getting to know your spouse again and spending quality time away from Kaiserslautern in the beautiful Alps. The resort and the surrounding scenery was a breathtaking experience in itself. During the weekend we watched a number of videos and had discussions on how to strengthen relationships between husbands and wives. Friday night the five couples that attended from the unit got together and went to a free stand-up comedy show, enjoyed a few drinks, and great conversation. On Saturday the couples had an opportunity to travel to Neuschwanstein Castle, also known as the “Disney Castle”. Everyone had the chance to take a horse drawn carriage ride up to the castle and walk down. The view and the castle were amazing! The trip was beneficial even for couples not experiencing marital issues– everyone took something from it and had a great time. 624th MCT would also like to welcome four new soldiers to the unit: SSG Rodriguez, SPC Soto, SPC Gilsdorf, and SPC Hiley: WELCOME TO THE UNIT!!!

1LT Erica Moeller



Farewell 15th Trailer Transfer Detachment

Kaiserslautern– On Friday 15OCT10 the 15th Trailer Transfer Detachment officially deactivated. The few remaining soldiers stood in the inactivation ceremony attended by former unit members and Soldiers of the 39th Transportation Battalion. The battalion Commander and Detachment Commander, LTC Lee English and CPT Joe Hall respectively, provided remarks; focusing on the unit’s rich history of service to the Army in Europe and the hard work performed by the Soldiers which ensured the unit inactivated on time. The 15th’s history dates back to 1955 when it was stood up and given the mission to assist with the clearing of the Port of Bordeaux, France following World War II. Since 1955, the 15th Trailer Transfer Detachment has moved to La Rochelle, France to assist in clearing the port. The

15th was moved to Bremerhaven, Germany from 1963-1970. From there it was move to Russelsheim, Germany it performed its trailer transfer mission in support of line haul transportation operations in central Germany. In 1977 the 15th was again moved with the advent of an air line of communication channel from the US at Rhein Main Air Base in Frankfurt. In 1993 they experienced the final move, landing 15th at Kleber Kaserne, Kaiserslautern. In it’s final year, the 15th TTD assisted with the inactivation of movement of equipment for the 486th Movement Control Team moved to Fort Richardson, Alaska after decades of service in the Central Region. The Soldiers were sad to leave such a close knit unit but proud of what they had accomplished. All the soldiers will remain in the 39th Transportation Battalion with the

Exception of the Detachment First Sergeant SFC Anthony Cluke-Mitchell who will be PCSing soon. After 55 years of service in Europe, farewell to the 15th Transportation Detachment; job well done!!





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Brigade Holiday Card Submissions



PFC Nazal, HHC



LT McGuinness, HHC



1SG Gilbreath, 70th Transportation



1SG Armstrong, 240th Quartermaster



SPC DeAnda, 317th Maintenance
Designed Cards Above and Below



SFC Allen, 51st Transportation



WINTER SCRAPBOOK CROP DATES! 6 PM – MIDNIGHT the first Friday of every month!

Extended
hours

January 7th

Happy New Year!

We are in a new year and it is time to get organized! Learn techniques to organize your work space and have a chance to win a rolling scrapbook tote!

February 4th

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

Get your groove on with various Valentine and romance techniques that you can use on your scrapbook pages to remember those special moments!

March 4th

Buttons & Bows!

Learn different ways to use ribbon and buttons in your scrapbook and have a chance to win a ribbon organizer, ribbon, buttons & much more!

New
location!

All crops are held at the 173rd BSB FRG Center across from the DFAC/Ray's Diner. Cost is \$15. All crops include dinner, hourly door prizes, and a free instructional class! For more information, please contact Wendy Sledd at 0951-300-7308 or wendy.sledd@us.army.mil.



Childcare is available at the FRG center play room with child care providers at a cost of \$2 per hour per child. Reservations for childcare must be made in advance as space is limited!