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## 5th Quartermaster Company parachute riggers educate, entertain Ramstein students

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**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** -- A couple of 21st Theater Sustainment Command paratroopers dropped in at Ramstein Intermediate School April 24 -- through the front door.



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Spc. Cruz Celis, a parachute rigger with the 5th Quartermaster Company, demonstrates a suspension line separation technique on a T-10 Delta parachute during a parachute packing class for the Kids4Kids program at Ramstein Intermediate School at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, April 24.

The Soldiers, from the 5th Quartermaster Company, 39th Transportation Battalion, visited the school to demonstrate handling the Army's T-10 Delta parachute and teach students about their jobs. The visit was part of the Kids4Kids program that meets once a month for students from Ramstein's intermediate and middle schools that have at least one deployed parent.

Program officials said one of the priorities of the Ramstein parent-teacher association-sponsored partnership program is to show kids they are not alone.

"I think the quartermaster (Soldiers) are wonderful, and the kids have really enjoyed it. They learn a lot and get to see the Army side of it," said Nhung Hamilton, coordinator for the Kids4Kids program at Ramstein Middle School.

The Soldiers demonstrated packing T-10 Deltas and showed a video, to teach the children about a parachute rigger's duties and day-to-day activities, including inventorying, cleaning, inspecting and packing parachutes and associated equipment.

The students had many questions about the life of a parachute rigger. But Sgt. Byron Harvin Jr., one of the riggers who took part in the visit, said he was surprised how much some of the students already knew about the duties of a parachute rigger.

“Some kids are very knowledgeable about what goes on. This was surprising to me. They were very appreciative and understanding of what we are doing,” Harvin said.

The demonstration ended with students trying on the chutes and examining the riggers’ equipment, capping a unique learning experience for the students and an enjoyable mission for the riggers who participated.

“I like my job, and I like making kids happy, too,” said rigger Spc. Cruz Celis.



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