



USAG ANSBACH COMMUNITY TOWNHALL



Welcome!

1ST QUARTER FY2015



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AGENDA

- Opening remarks from the Commander
- Last 90 Days: Accomplishments
- Next 90 Days: Great Things on the Way
- Top Military Construction (MILCON) Projects
- Hot Topics
- Winter Safety Briefing
- Ebola Virus Disease Presentation



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LAST 90 DAYS: OUR COMMUNITY DID GREAT THINGS

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

AUGUST



SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

SEPTEMBER



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER



DIVISION II FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

NOVEMBER



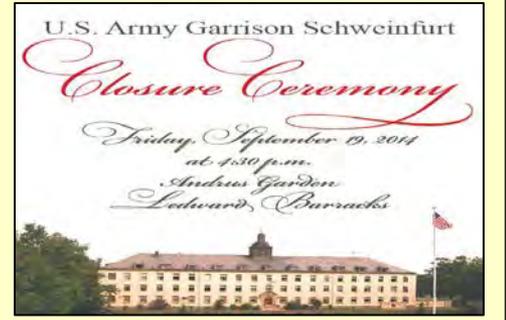
ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN

OCTOBER



Bamberg/Schweinfurt Closures

SEPTEMBER



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... AND MORE GREAT THINGS ARE COMING!

National American Indian Heritage Month

- ✓ 17th - 21st--American Education Week
- ✓ 21st – AAFES/DeCA Town Hall
- ✓ 22nd – Turkey Trot
- ✓ 22nd – Post Office Extended Hours Start
- ✓ 24th - 27th – Rail-load Exercise
- ✓ 24th - 28th – Military Family Appreciation Week
- ✓ 25th – Community Event Planning Board
- ✓ 26th – DFAC Thanksgiving meal
- ✓ 27th – Thanksgiving
- ✓ 28th – Training holiday



Drunk/Drugged Driving Prevention Campaign

- ✓ 2nd – Tree Lighting at Bismarck
- ✓ 5th – Tree Lighting at Storck
- ✓ 5th –Parent’s Advisory Committee
- ✓ 6th -- Parent’s Day Out (Katterbach)
- ✓ 9th – German-American Tea
- ✓ 10th – Holiday Concert
- ✓ 12th – Garrison Holiday Parties
- ✓ 15th – IES Rothenburg Window
- ✓ 19th – Herrieden Christmas Market
- ✓ 22nd – Winter Recess starts
- ✓ 22nd – School Age Winter Camp
- ✓ 25th – Christmas Day



National Mentoring Month

- ✓ 5th – School starts
- ✓ 10th – Resolution Fitness
- ✓ 14th – MLK Jr. Day Observance
- ✓ 15th – FRG Night
- ✓ 19th – MLK Jr. Birthday
- ✓ 23 – Town halls
- ✓ 23 JAN-Parent’s Night Out (Storck)
- ✓ 24 JAN-Babysitter’s Course (Katterbach)
- ✓ 24th – SATs
- ✓ 25th – 27th Strong Bonds (singles)
- ✓ 27th – Community Event Planning Board



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ON THE WAY: TOP THREE MILCON PROJECTS

MEDICAL & DENTAL CLINIC

Consolidates health, dental, physical therapy, and behavioral health.

Done: 30 JUN 2016



NEW BARRACKS ON BISMARCK



AUGUST

NEW PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER

Medium retrofit fitness facility.

Done: 15 MAR 2015



MULTI-USE WASH RACK ON BISMARCK



SEPTEMBER

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

Additional classroom space and Gymnasium.

Done: 31 MAY 2015



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TOP THREE HOT TOPICS

First Sergeants' Barracks Program 2020

- Returns control of the barracks to Chain of Command & maintains common standards through oversight
- Goal is to take care of Soldiers , use resources wisely and maintain command presence in the barracks



New Force Protection Measures

- Uniform wear off the installation is restricted to and from work only
- Fast food restaurants, gas stations & shopping areas are off limits
- Uniforms are prohibited while traveling off post by motorcycle, scooter, bicycle, or foot

Child Development Center Staffing

- Currently 25 vacancies between Storck and Katterbach
- 20+ staff PCS-ing in the next 6 months
- USA Jobs website lists all available positions





Winter Weather Preparedness

Automotive Safety

- Check road conditions before departure:
<http://www.ansbach.army.mil/InclementWeather.html>
- Clear snow and ice from lights, signals and windows
- Buckle up each and every time
- Scan ahead/anticipate problems
- Slow down and increase following distance for wet, snowy or icy conditions
 - Avoid quick braking or acceleration
 - Never use cruise control during inclement weather
- Maintain a winter survival kit in the vehicle
- Dress warmly - it's cold
- Don't drink and drive



Germany's "50/50 Law" states, if visibility is 50 meters (164 feet) or less, the maximum speed limit is 50 kilometers (30 miles) per hour.



Inclement Weather

Road Condition Colors & Meaning

-  Green: Normal
-  Amber: Hazardous
-  Red: Dangerous
-  Black: Extremely Dangerous

Assessment and Information Release

- Assessments are of primary roads.
 - B13, B14, B470, A6.
- 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. MP Patrols assess roads.
- 5 a.m. Road condition messages released on AFN, IMCOM-E weather & road website, Twitter #AnsbachAlerts, and Facebook.
- Assessments continue at all times.

Individual actions

- Individual responsibility is first and foremost
- Check multiple sources of weather information
- Assess ability, location and destination
- Contact your supervisor
- Reduce speed & increase time to arrive safely.

❖ Delays allows clearing of roads and parking areas.

Green= Normal:

Dry surface



Red= Dangerous:

Flooding, Drifting snow
Ice Sheets
4-8in of snow
Visibility less than 20m



Amber= Hazardous:

Packed Snow/Slush
Patches of ice
Up to 4in of snow
Visibility 20-50 m



Black= Extremely Dangerous:

Heavy Flooding, Extreme
Sheets of Ice, 8+ in of snow
Visibility less than 15m



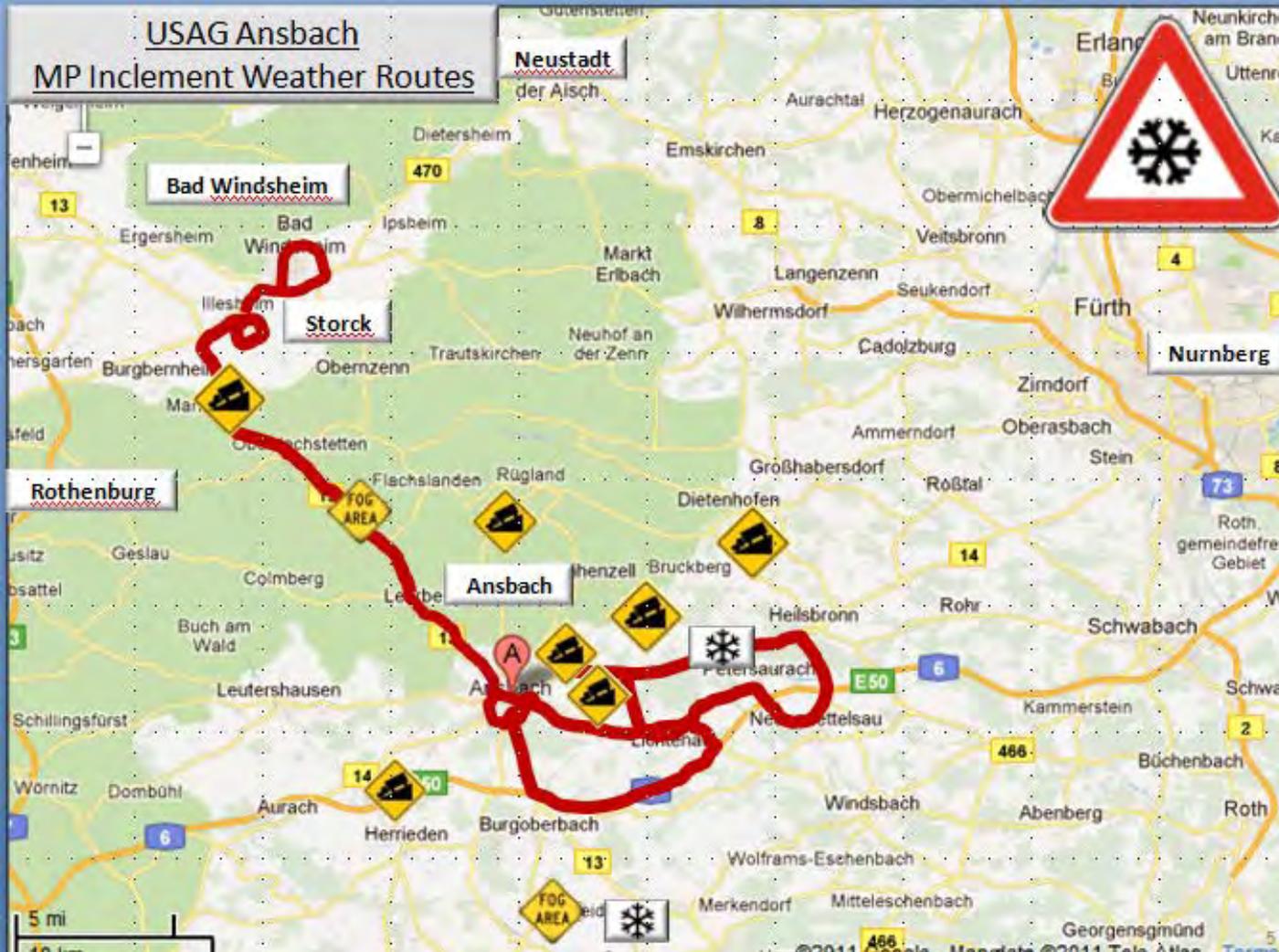
- ❖ Primary accident cause: speed excessive for conditions.
- ❖ Fines for incorrect tires & vehicle causing a hazard.
- ❖ Research location and destination before traveling.



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Inclement Weather



Routes Checked

- USAG Ansbach road conditions are based on primary roads.
- Secondary roads may take hours or days to clear.
- Host Nation snow removal starts on primary roads first, around 4 a.m., or as weather dictates
- There are several hazardous areas.
- Know your;
 - Area,
 - Alternate routes,
 - Your capabilities,
 - Your vehicles capabilities,
- **Be prudent and do not travel when it is dangerous.**

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U.S. Army Ebola Virus Update

Since its first detection in March of this year, an outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) has affected people in four countries in Western Africa; Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. This is the largest outbreak of EVD ever recorded, and EVD cases continue to outpace treatment unit and staff capacity. While this is a concern for those countries, it is highly unlikely that an outbreak of EVD will spread to Europe.



Key Facts about Ebola Virus Disease (EVD):

- EVD is preventable; people can avoid exposure with good personal hygiene practices and using appropriate protective equipment.
- EVD is transmitted from person to person by direct contact with blood or other body fluids. It cannot be transmitted through the air.
- Only people who are sick with EVD (i.e., have symptoms) or who have recently died from Ebola can transmit the virus to others.
- There are currently no licensed vaccines or specific treatments for EVD. Patients who received care soon after symptoms began have a greater chance of survival with available supportive care.
- Ebola is not spread through drinking water, eating approved food, or being bitten by insects like mosquitoes or ticks.
- Just being in a country where people are effected with EVD is not dangerous.



Risk Mitigation Strategy

- 1: Prepare (educate Army about EVD)
 - Town Hall, Medical Threat Brief, USAPHC Video, Information sheet
- 2: Protect (risk mitigation strategies)
 - Personal Protective Equipment, Rules of Engagement
- 3: Family Member education
 - Town Halls, USAPHC Video, Information sheet
- 4: Redeployment processes
 - Ensure Soldiers and Civilians are healthy upon reintegration



Our mission in West Africa is
to provide support in the areas of:

- Engineering ; building medical treatment centers
- Logistics; providing supplies and equipment to help local health care workers successfully take care of Ebola patients
- Training local health care workers to help them better take care of their patients while protecting themselves from possible infection

We have not directed US military personnel to provide direct medical care to Ebola patients.



Protecting Deploying Soldiers & DoD Civilians:

- All personnel will be trained and validated to perform their assigned mission tasks
- All personnel will receive a Medical Threat Brief for West Africa prior to deployment. This will educate all personnel about protecting themselves from threats to health and safety in West Africa, not just Ebola.
- All personnel will receive training on the wear and use of appropriate Personal Protection Equipment
- All personnel will receive a Pre-deployment Health Assessment
 - Answer questions and concerns
 - Ensure immunizations are up-to-date
 - Address any ongoing medical issues



During and After Deployment

- Soldiers will be monitoring their own health while deployed, along with unit leaders and medical personnel who will regularly check Soldiers to ensure they remain healthy
- Additional screening for EVD, other diseases, and behavioral health will be an important part of the post-deployment process
- Soldiers will be retained for 21 days after deployment for observation and not return home until they've been fully screened, evaluated, and cleared.



Additional Resources:

U.S. Army Public Health Command –

<http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/diseases/Pages/EbolaVirusDisease.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention –

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/>

World Health Organization –

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en/>