Red Cross month proclaimed

by Sue E. Sweeney
Staff Writer

President Carter has proclaimed this month Red Cross month. “We depend upon the Red Cross not only to help us in time of disaster but also to collect and distribute blood, to assist members of our Armed Forces as well as veterans and their families in first aid and water safety and to provide a vast array of community health services,” he said.

Among the many programs the local Red Cross is involved in is the Youth Study Program. Under this program, high school students work with Red Cross members. They work in two week blocks on the jobs they select. They can receive on-the-job training in fields such as labwork, record-keeping, public relations, physical exams, physical therapy and the list goes on. The program is designed to give the youths experience in different job fields, said Bonnie Gamino, local Red Cross publicity director.

The local chapter also offers many different courses free of charge to soldiers and their families. Courses in swimming, water safety, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and others are scheduled regularly.

As part of the local swimming and water safety program, they offer an adapted aquatics course for handicapped children, a beginning water safety instructor course and dewaterproofing for soldiers, according to Pat Vals, director of the safety program.

The chapter verifies reasons for emergency leave and will make emergency loans to service personel. Repayment is based on the ability to do so. The Red Cross is not a government organization. It is an independent organization that is operated mainly by voluntary contributions, both in money and individuals who donate their time.

Pat Vals, who works with the safety program says “My job is really rewarding and knowing how necessary it is makes me feel wonderful.” The safety program includes water and household safety and tips on how to react to an emergency.

Bonnie Gamino, publicity director, says she receives much satisfaction from doing her job. “I know that I am publicizing a worthwhile cause and the work is very enjoyable.” She is in charge of making sure that the public knows about the programs the chapter offers.

The volunteers agree that the personal gratification they receive from their jobs is important to them. They say that dealing with people gives them a special insight and gives their life special meaning.

Adult volunteers are always needed. They receive OJT training. When assigning work, job preferences, natural talents and qualifications of the volunteer are considered. An volunteer initially works four hours a week for the first three weeks. After that they may donate as much time as they want. For those who have small children, the local chapter will pay the nursery fees while the parent works.

On March 12, there will be an orientation program at the hospital for new volunteers. Interested personnel should call 6437 or 6459 or visit Bldg. 4 at Clay Headquarters.

Damaged, lost mail claims made easy

If you consider the number of packages processed by the postal system, it stands to reason that once in a while, one will be damaged or lost.

So, what do you do when that lost or damaged package is yours? You file a postal claim.

This is, according to the Berlin Community Postal Officer, 2nd Lt. William Allen, a claim against the U. S. Postal Service for loss or damage to personal mail that was insured or registered at the time of mailing. Mail that is sent without insurance or registry services cannot be claimed if damaged or lost within the postal system.

Allen advised that claims for loss must be initiated by the mailer while those for damage may be initiated by the mailer or addressee. “Damage claims or claims for partial loss should be filed immediately upon receipt of the damaged parcel,” Allen said. He explained that claims for total loss on air lifted items may be filed 30 days after time of mailing while loss claims for items surface shipping may be filed 75 days after mailing. All claims must be filed within one year from date of mailing.

Procedures for claims for lost items differ somewhat from those for damages, said Allen. When filing a claim for damage, you should take the shipping container with wrapping, including insurance number, and merchandise to the claims clerk at the APO. Allen advised that on high value items, such as cameras, stereos and jewelry, a purchase receipt or other proof of value should be provided to expedite the processing of the claim.

“The postal claims clerk will assist you in processing your claim and in filling out the PS Form 3812 Request for Payment of Domestic Postal Insurance,” he said, and added that a receipt will be provided for any items retained at the APO. The claim is then recorded and forwarded on the same day it is filed.

When filing a claim for complete loss, the mailer should take the insurance receipt to the postal claim clerk at the APO. There, a PS Form 3812 will be filled out. The form is then sent to New York. It is forwarded to the post office address on the item for a records check and to obtain the signature of the addressee on the form.

When a claim for damage is filed at the APO, the claim is processed and recorded by the claims clerk.

Then it’s sent to an office in New York where a claim number is assigned. The claim is then forwarded by New York to the postmaster of the originating post office.

The individual who mailed the package must verify he or she mailed the item and sign block 18 of the PS Form 3812. The claim is then returned to New York, forwarded to the Postal Data Center in St. Louis, Mo., which issues a check for claim damage and postage is made payable to either the addressee or mailer, whomever is designated as payee on the PS Form 3812. The total processing time is approximately 60 to 90 days.

Remember — retain and safeguard the insurance receipt as proof of mailing and insurance until you are sure the package has reached the addressee. Return sales receipts or other proofs of purchase to show value for items in case they are lost or damaged.

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EDITORIAL

Getting back not always easy

by Bill Lopez

"It's a lot more difficult for a prior service soldier to get back in the Army than a lot of people think," a Department of the Army personnel official said.

You might visualize your last few days in the Army as a time when everybody will seem particularly friendly and ready to roll out the carpet if you'd only decide to reenlist. But for the purpose of this article, let's suppose you choose to get out and see how "the outside" feels.

Now, let's jump ahead a few months and look at the situation.

Suppose that after you've tested civilian life for a while, you decide that the Army would make a good career after all. "Ah, they'll be happy to see me in the old green suit again," you guess. "I was in the top 10 percent of a competitive MOS. They'll roll out the red carpet when I go back to see the recruiter."

So you walk in to see your recruiter and tell him the good news that you're ready to raise your hand again. But instead of signing you up, he tells you to have a seat in the corner, suggests you say a few prayers and asks if any of your friends are without prior service. "What's going on," you wonder.

The facts are, getting back in after taking your discharge isn't that easy. Prior service quotas are always less than 16 percent of enlistments during any year and they're subject to more restrictions if recruiting efforts are more successful than planned, according to DA officials.

In addition to restrictive quotas, there is a requirement that all prior service recruits have at least a high school education. If prior service soldiers, want to enlist, and if they meet all other requirements, the enlistments are subject to vacancies in their prior MOS and original year group. If, for example, a mechanic enlisted in 1973, was discharged in 1976, is an E-5, and wants to reenlist, the enlistment approval is subject to an E-5 vacancy in the MOS for all mechanics who also entered in 1973.

Prior service soldiers may be eligible to enlist in their secondary or another MOS, but this might mean a drop of at least one grade, dependent on grade and time in service at separation.

A former E-6 who had six to 10 years service for example, will be allowed to enlist as an E-5 at best. If a vacancy in a prior MOS and in a particular year group doesn't exist, and if he or she enlists between three and 30 months after separation, the highest grade retained by the service is E-4.

The top grade obtainable by a former E-6 enlisting between 30 and 36 months after separation is also E-4, regardless of MOS and year group; after 36 months, E-3 is the highest grade awarded.

An E-4 who is separated with between three and six years service might keep the E-4 grade, if he or she returns to the service within 24 months. An enlistment between 24 and 30 months after separation will retain E-3 at best. After 30 months as a civilian, the highest grade retained is E-2.

Well, you think, maybe you could join the reserves, keep your rank and return to active duty later. You can't. You may be able to return to active duty, but your rank is subject to the same restrictions that apply to any other prior service soldier.

So, if you've heard second thoughts, and would rather face a red carpet than lots of red tape, check with your reenlistment NCO or AR 601-210. Check up on enlistment restrictions and qualifications for prior service soldiers. The sooner you do it, the better. (Reprinted from the Ft. Riley, POST)

March starts AER fund campaign

(ARNEWS) — The Army Emergency Relief annual fund campaign is set for March 1 through July 1.

"Since AER is a family matter of deep interest to all of us, I wholeheartedly recommend your individual and collective support of this campaign for this deserving organization," stated Gen. E. C. Meyers, Army chief of staff, in announcing the campaign.

The AER provides emergency loans and grants to active and retired Army members and their dependents, as well as spouses and orphans of deceased Army members. It also provides educational loans and scholarships to certain dependent children of living or deceased Army members.

Many soldiers and their families have been able to meet financial emergencies with the help of AER. This help is possible only through voluntary contributions from members of the Army. The annual fund campaign is the only appeal made for contributions and is conducted solely within the Army.

Contributions can be made through the local fund drives or sent directly to National Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief, Department of the Army, 200 Stoval St., Alexandria, VA 22332.

Donations can be made in memory of deceased loved ones. Acknowledgement will be sent to the donor and a letter of sympathy bearing the name of each contributor sent to the bereaved family.

Gifts are accepted at any time during the year and all contributions are tax deductible.

AER can be a real morale booster and help for the Army family in time of need. If emergency financial assistance is needed, your unit commander, local AER officer, local Red Cross chapter, or any Air Force Aid Society or Navy Relief Society office can steer you in the right direction to get help.

It's the law

It is the traveler's or his/her sponsor's responsibility to insure that all flag orders are correct and precise and reflect the required information. The orders may not be defaced, torn, soiled or damaged in anyway. Incorrect or damaged flag orders may result in being denied access to travel.
Choose not to smoke

Now you can choose not to smoke. This is one of the most important decisions you will make in 1966. The five-day plan to stop smoking begins on Monday, February 22. The plan is designed to help you make this decision. Here’s how it works:
- The first week is devoted to detailed information about smoking and its effects.
- The second week involves a series of exercises to help you develop skills for quitting smoking.
- The third week focuses on maintaining your new non-smoking habits.
- The fourth week is for consolidation and reinforcement of the skills learned.
- The fifth week provides support and encouragement for continued success.

Register in person at the ARC Center in the University Center, Room 110. For additional information or questions contact SP C505 David 609 or 635.

City Colleges of Chicago

TEACHING and learning opportunities are available throughout the year for teaching Junior College courses in various subjects, including Business Administration, Humanities, and Science. Some require a Master's Degree while others may only need a Bachelor's Degree. Check with the department head to learn more about the opportunities and the requirements. For more information, contact the Dean of Students, City Colleges of Chicago.

Educational opportunity

The Medical School of Chicago will begin on April 27 at the Amerika Hall. Deadline for test application is March 15. Address: The American College of Medical Practice, 111 W. Washington St., Chicago 60602.

Job offering

Full-time position available for a experienced and qualified candidate for a combined Test Monitor/OSU Library Monitor at the Campus College Center Education Center. Experience with test administration, library administration, and procedural management is required. For more details and an application, drop in at the Andrews Education Center.

Duplicate Bridge

The American Duplicate Bridge Club holds an open game at the Harwood House every Wednesday starting at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to play.

Weekend workshop

George Peabody College for Teachers is offering a weekend workshop for Dr. Judy Lewis, an expert in child development. The workshop will cover topics such as parenting, education, and child development. For more information, contact Dr. Lewis at (800) 123-4567.

AFAES Money Manager now available

The AFAES Money Manager is a new tool designed to help you manage your financial well-being. It is especially important today because future job opportunities may be limited. We can help you learn about the AFAES Money Manager and how to use it. Call 123-4567 for more information.

WHAT'S ON AT AFNY:

SWITZERLAND — April 7-13. Price DM30 to DM 80, four-day tour by bus to Schaffhausen, Rhine Falls, Zürich, Lucerne, Bern, Basel, and Cologne. Call 123-4567.

AUSCHERs — May 28 to June 6. DM 300, first-class hotel and special attractions, including a visit to the Römerberg. For more information, call 456-7890.

AFNS DEADLINE is April 25, DM390 deposit. May 25 to June 1, round-trip flight, four nights in Athens at first-class hotel, and special attractions, including visits to archaeological sites and transfers. Tips not included. DM364 to DM434. BOOKING DEADLINE is April 15. For more information, call 789-0123.

There will be a meeting of the Women's Support Group on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the AFAES office. For more information, call 456-7890.

Deco Crochet Competition

Visitors to the Hi-Lite Recreation Center on Saturday, May 1, will be greeted by a display of finely hand-crafted colored eggs. The exhibition and competition proved to be a success, with many visitors expressing interest in joining the competition. For more information, call 456-7890.

Deco Crochet Competition

A new competition has been introduced, with participants required to produce a hand-painted egg. This year's competition will be judged on the quality of the egg, the creativity of the design, and the level of difficulty encountered. For more information, call 456-7890.

Two-year ROTC scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the Two-year ROTC scholarship program. This scholarship will be available to all ROTC participants and will provide financial assistance for two years. For more information, call 456-7890.

Berlin Club happenings

March 7 — TCA Club Silvester-Tango — Late-night disco with live music from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. and German-American Night at 9 p.m.

March 8 — Starlight Grove — Brandenburg Express from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

March 9 — Gator Club — C&W D. H. Whoe from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.

March 10 — Harwood House — KOFF from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., and a late-night disco. For more information, call 456-7890.

March 11 — Starlight Grove — D. Whoe from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

March 12 — Friendship Lounge — Brown Sugar from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

March 13 — Starlight Grove — Super Joe from 8 p.m. to midnight

March 14 — Friendship Lounge — Big Mac from 8 p.m. to midnight

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Giant ball used by SATCOM
by Robert Lambert
Correspondent

Did you ever drive through Andrews Barracks and wonder what is inside that giant golf ball that sits next to those truck trailers that look like mobile refrigeration units?

In actually those refrigeration units and that golf ball are home for the Berlin Brigade Satellite Communications Detachment. SATCOM is attached to Signal Support Company, Combat Support Battalion.

According to WOI William Ashbaugh, detachment commander, the SATCOM is made up of over 25 soldiers and 14 million dollars worth of very technical communications equipment. The mission of SATCOM is to pass unsecured telephone communications and other traffic as required between Berlin and Landstuhl, West Germany via Satellite. The unit can also reach the United States when necessary.

The giant golf ball, or Radome as it is called, is actually a protective shelter for a 40-foot diameter, 13-ton antenna. The antenna sends and receives the messages from the satellite. The Radome protects the antenna from water and wind damage. It also allows repairs to be made during inclement weather.

Perhaps the most interesting component of the antenna, apart from its massive size, is the receiving unit. Through the use of liquid helium, the units kept at a constant minus 210-degree Fahrenheit. Ashbaugh explained that the colder the component is, the better it is able to pick up even very weak signals.

What are all the refrigerator trailers for? Actually they are not refrigerated, only air conditioned. This keeps the equipment at a cool and peak operating temperature of 65-degree fahrenheit. You see, the equipment must remain operational so your AUTOVON or military phone calls can be received at the SATCOM site, converted to a sendable FM frequency, mixed with other calls going out on the same track line", boosted up to a maximum of 10,000 watts and then sent out via satellite express. Remarkable!

SNOWBALL SATELLITE - Actually it is the home of the Berlin Brigade's Satellite Communications Detachment. Members of the 58th Signal Company, 73rd Signal Battalion work around the clock at this sight in support of the brigade's communication mission. The SATCOM personnel are attached to Combat Support Battalion.

(U. S. Army Photo by Robert Lambert)

AAFES car repair labor charges rise

AAFES increased its automotive services labor rate for Germany from $15.50 to $18.50 per hour on Feb. 26.

According to Col. George J. Hehemann, director of the AAFES-Europe Services Division, that increase was the first of three to be applied over the next nine months to bring wages paid exchange mechanics more in line with those paid on the local economy.

Hehemann said the second labor rate increase to $20.50, will be applied in June, and the third in November when the rate reaches $22.50 per hour.

"Even at next November's rate, AAFES customers still will save at least 20 percent compared to the average commercial rate," he said.

Hehemann went on to point out that three-stage price hike "is vitally necessary to attract and retain qualified and reliable mechanics." He acknowledged that the often-quoted remark that AAFES has sometimes fallen short in the auto repair business because of the low wages paid exchange mechanics "unfortunately is true." The dollar's decline during the past two years compounded the problem, and AAFES customer surveys have pinpointed automotive services as a perennially weak area, underlining the need for better mechanics.

AAFES holds costs down

In these times of rising inflation and increasing prices, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service continues to meet its goal of providing its customers an overall dollar savings of 20 percent on items purchased through its resale outlets. Meeting, or exceeding, this goal is important to AAFES as well as to the military customer.

A recent survey by the A. C. Nielsen Co. of market areas surrounding 17 CONUS military installations showed an actual overall savings of 21 percent.

By departments, clothing and linens showed the greatest savings, 29 percent, with stationery, jewelry and household items following close behind. Other departments with lesser, but substantial savings, were tobacco, automotive, toiletries, food and beverages, and sundries.

The extensive survey was commissioned by AAFES to document the savings provided by the exchange service to the serviceman and his family, and to ascertain if revisions in merchandise pricing are required.

The individual markets surveyed covered installations throughout CONUS and were designed to be representative of CONUS exchange prices as a whole. Nielsen's local market observes checked prices on 300 different items.

Approximately 25,000 prices were collected in civilian stores November 1 through December 15, 1979, and "prices of the day" (including specials and other pre-holiday promotions) were reported for comparison against identical items sold by AAFES.

Germans, Americans share another meal

FRIDAY'S FEAST - 3rd Battalion soldiers and their German-host families begin the buffet-style line for the Christmas dinner held in the 3rd Battalion dining facility recently. Soldiers from the battalion treated the German families that they spent the Christmas holidays with to an American meal. The soldiers said they were glad to be able to return the hospitality that their German families had shown to them.

(U. S. Army Photo by Sue E. Sweeney)
Music, news, special events
by Jim Joerger

At your service

After a long hard day at work you come home and flip on the television just in time for the news on the American Forces Network. On comes Steve Kemp with the stories of the day. Does this sound typical to you? If it does, do you realize how much work goes into each one of these broadcasts?

Although the 6 p.m. news is on for only one hour each evening it takes about 25 hours to produce each show and AFN produces four newscasts per weekday. The news clips that you see are either flown in from ABC in New York daily or come from CBS by mail. The clips then have to be edited by the staff of AFN; almost everyone takes their turn at this job.

For each show, there are two people on the cameras, a director, a technical director, an engineer, an audio engineer, a technician running the video cassettes, and the three announcers.

Each one is a specialist. One person is responsible for the camera shot that you see at home, while another may be cueing a video cassette for telecast.

Of course, it's hard enough for all these people to work closely with perfect timing, but to make it a bit harder, each newscast is done live. That means that if a mistake is made,
Service, AFN

AFN reporters bring you the news.

IT'S LONELY OUT HERE - Air Force T/Sgt. Steve Kemp warns up prior to going on the air. A quick review of his copy brings him of an error free broadcast and a clean delivery. The news is brought to you live, four times each weekday.

JUST A COUPLE OF HOME BOYS - Air Force Capt. John B. Delisle and Army Sgt. Tony T. مساء, air shows. Delisle hosts the AM contemporary music show while Foss is on FM with middle-of-the-road music.

They can't just go back and re-record that portion. Although some news comes from right here. There are plenty of local events that need to be covered and many things that happen in the Better World are not new to them. Even the Press International Wire will pass along the news.

Many people like to see live shows and TV, along with their one to three voice announcements for both radio and TV, along with their one to three voice announcements for both radio and TV. The reason is that everyone likes something different and AFN serves the entire community.

If you're interested in learning more about AFN and its operations give them a call, and they will arrange a small group tour.

Delisle has been a part of the AFN team for two years. He has been stationed at several bases, including the one in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The two men have come from the same hometown and are close friends.

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Help MSAD locate Norman

by Dean Brown

It happens to be the best of them.

It also happened to Norman. Recently promoted from switchboard operator to the chief roving reporter of the Morale Support Activities Division, the unusually courageous Norman is nowhere to be found. Despite MSAD's attempts to find him, Norman has simply vanished. Readers aware of last week's column will remember that Norman had last been heard from as he circled the globe in the Weather Service's first manned satellite.

Because of the man's importance, fevered MSAD efforts are underway to find him, no matter where he may be. Statisticians consulted by the division have told us that mathematical chances seem to indicate a limited number of places where Norman could have landed.

Which brings us, finally, to the point. This column is an open invitation to all readers to join in the search for the missing Norman. A list of spots most likely to be sheltering him follows. In any case, the lucky person spotting Norman first (and then, of course, notifying MSAD) will receive an appropriate remuneration (which we are not allowed to mention in print).

Savvy searchers will head, first of all, to the ITT office on Huettenweg, for it is here that Norman would get in on the purchase of tickets and tours to the Oberammergau Passion Play. Staged only once every decade, this play has become a staple in the list of things considered Absolute musts in a visit to Germany. The play was staged first in the early 1600's and has become something more than a legend in the intervening centuries. ITT Tours will get you to the play and give you information about tours in Oberammergau's vicinity. Go there or call 6236/6588.

Second in the list of conceivable Normanistic hide-outs is the All American Recreation Center, that hotbed of creative activity and fun. It is more than conceivable that Norman, no opponent of refreshment in the grand style, has already signed up for the All American's trip to the great Berliner Bock Beer Fest. It happens at 7 p.m. tonight, and if you want to get in on it, call 3147 without delay.

Fair weather friends (i.e. friends of balmy climes) will also appreciate the continuing sailing lessons held at the All American on the next three weekends. The lessons are free, another reason to suspect that Norman will show up.

Equally attractive to his ilk is the Great Poker Smoker scheduled for tomorrow at 7 p.m. Attend the smoker and get yourself a prize if you're fluent in the production of the proper cards.

Then look forward to the sensation St. Patrick's Day Party appearing on Sat., March 15. To be attended by our British friends in addition to ourselves, the Party will feature disco dancing, green beer, typical Irish food, and gigantic prizes for the winners of the scheduled games. Again, 3147 is the magic phone.

Third on our helpful, even if obscure, list of possible covert corners is, as all but the most reclusive will already have guessed, the Andrews Music and Theater Center. It is there that Norman could enjoy the long-awaited musical cabaret called Berlin-to-Broadway. Celebrating the songs of Kurt (Mack the Knife) Weill, this even starts tonight and runs through the weekend (7:30 p.m.). The productions are free of charge. Next weekend, Dinner Theater fans will enjoy that pastime if they reserve now at 3550.

Long rumored to be a detective fan, Norman could also show up at auditions for the Sherlock Holmes play coming soon to the theater center. Entitled Crucifer of Blood, the play is loaded with, as qualified observers have told MSAD, "many exciting roles for both men and women, roles that will more than justify any one's investment of time and effort in the auditions."

If you're interested in the play, or simply want to look for Norman, show up at the Andrews Theater Center Saturday or Sunday at 1 p.m.

Sports enthusiasts will relax when learning of the ease with which they may search out the missing reporter. Tomorrow at 9 a.m., Andrews' Yankee stadium sees try-outs for the USAB soccer team, an event that should draw Norman despite the early hour. If not, look for him in the stands on Saturday or Sunday as Berlin basketball battles Bad Kreuznach (4 p.m., Sat, 1 p.m. Sun.).

In response to predictable protests, MSAD announces here and now that no one — even MSAD, omniscient though it claims to be — no one knows where Norman now dwells. You are competing, all of you, on an equal footing in the most coveted competition in recent reporting history. Good luck, and Welcome Back, Norman, wherever you are.

Four meets remaining for Berlin

Seals top Bear-a-cudas, 211-205

This past weekend the Berlin Bear-a-cudas hosted the SHAPE Seals in a very exciting, head to head European Forces Swim League dual-meet.

After tight, races all day long, the Seals managed to squeak out a victory in the very last event to win the competition 211-205.

The only thing that saved the Seals was their team depth as the Bear-a-cudas were able to win 26 out of 48 events. So far this year no other team had been able to head the Seals in dual-meet competition so the Bear-a-cudas can be very proud of their effort that almost handed the Seals their first loss in two years.

The Berlin winners

In the individual competition itself three Bear-a-cudas placed first in three events. Katherine Kegough, 12, Jens Korwalkoski, 12, and Marion Ihle, 14. Katharine won the 11-12 year-old 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter individual medley while lowering her European records in each event. She also won the 50-meter breaststroke in near record time.

Jens touched first in the 11-12 100-meter individual medley, 50-meter backstroke and 50-meter butterfly. In the butterfly Jens time set a new European standard.

Marion won the 13-14 100-meter freestyle, 200-meter individual medley and 100-meter breaststroke.

Winning two events each for the Bear-a-cudas were Skip Sherrell, 16, Kerstin Podack, 17, Aida Stein, 14, and Brian Joo, 13. Kerstin's time in the butterfly established a new European record. Brian outswam his opponents in the 13-14 200-meter individual medley and the 100-meter backstroke. Skip powered his way to victory in the 100-meter backstroke and 100-meter freestyle.

Coming through with one individual victory each were Matt Mosler, 14, Jim Finley, 12, Charlotte Reynolds, 11, and Charliana Rudnicki, 12.

The Bear-a-cudas have two official and two unofficial swim meets left, including one with the German Polizei Dependent Swim Team here in Berlin, before the European Championships which are held at the University of Heidelberg in early May.

If you are a DYA member and interested in this very demanding in self-discipline and character building sport, please contact the DYA Sports Office at 6241 or come by Andrews Pool any weekday at 1600 hours and talk to the coach about what it is all about.

MERMAID DOES WELL — Katharine Kegough, 12, of the Bear-a-cudas is on her way to a new European record in the 11 and 12 year-old girls 100-meter individual medley.
Bears topple Bucs on the courts, 3 times

by Dave Paulson

The Berlin American High School Basketball teams ripped the Baumholder Bucaneers this past weekend, as the men beat the Bucs twice and the women split.

In the first game for the men's varsity, the Bears were led by Cletis Smith with 26 points, on the way to a 68 to 58 triumph. The Bears led the entire game as they added a 16 to 11 first quarter lead to 34 to 21 at the half.

Berlin was unstoppable in the third quarter as they increased the lead to 21 points against the Red Division North top team. The Bucs staged a strong fourth quarter rally as they closed Berlin's lead to 10 points at the end of regulation time.

The other Bears who scored in double figures were Ron Watt and Andre Harley with 14 points each.

The players with scoring honors from Baumholder were Ron Arnold with a weekend high 37 points.

Norman Marshall with 14, and Bobby Langford with 13.

The second game for the men was a thriller and wasn't clinched until the final seconds of the game. Berlin came out on top by a score of 54 to 51.

The Bears only substantial lead over the Bucs was at the beginning of the game, when they led 10 to 0. After that the game was close; the Bears led by a mere two points at the half and six at the end of the third quarter.

Harley was the high scorer with 16, Smith had 14, and David Paulson and Watt both tallied 10 markers.

For the Bucs, Charles Washington led all players with 20 points, while Marshall picked up 10 in a losing cause.

The Berlin Bears are in second place in the Red Division North while Baumholder is still in first even after suffering the two losses. Chances are the teams will meet again in Class B tournaments this week.

In women's action, the Bears split with the Bucs. Berlin won its first game of the season by a score of 45 to 33. Reni Kosevich was the high scorer for the girls having 14 points and Tracey Turner added 13 more. The women lost the second game 47 to 40. Nancy Chartier scored 14 while Turner again picked up 13.

NO FOUL HERE REF — Bear Cletis Smith (10) goes up for two points in front of Charles Washington (35) and Charles Cured (25) both from Baumholder as Andre Harley (11) and the ref look on. (U.S. Army Photo by Jim Joeger)

GOOD FOR TWO — Karen Sellers pops in two points for the Lady Bears during their first game to add to the winning score of 43 to 33. (U.S. Army Photo by Jim Joeger)

WATCH THIS ONE — Charles Henry may be surrounded by the Bucs but he's still open enough to make this jump shot, and add to the winning score. (U.S. Army Photo by Jim Joeger)

Steak night at Rod and Gun Club
Starting tonight the Rod and Gun Club at Rose Range will be offering steak night every Friday. For further information contact the club at 3506.

French marathon
Interested long distance runners should begin training now for this year's French 20-Kilometer race, which will be held on April 19 at Napoleon Barracks. Pre-registration is mandatory. For additional information and sign-ups call the Sports Office at 6168 or see your Battalion A&R NCO.

Rod and Gun Club
The monthly meeting of the Rod and Gun Club will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Rose Range clubhouse. Anyone interested in the club is invited to attend.

Brigade basketball
The Berlin Brigade Men's team will host Bad Kreuznach at the Sports Center Gymnasium on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Soccer players needed
Try-outs for the 1980 U. S. Army Soccer team will be conducted on Saturday at Yankee Stadium, Andrews Barracks. This year's team will face stiff competition from local German Industrial Soccer squads as well as British and other American military teams. If you're active-duty military and get your kids playing soccer, plan to attend the opening session or call Nick Hoover at 6312.

Summer sports program assistants sought
The Armed Forces Recreation Center is now accepting applications for summer sports program assistants in Berchtesgaden, Chiemsee and Garmisch.
Individuals selected will be involved in various aspects of summer programs including water sports (sailing, kayaking and wind surfing), golf and tennis, sports equipment rental, adventure training and general recreational service.

Interested applicants with sports skills are desired; but enthusiasm, flexibility and a desire to learn are equally important. They must be Army or Air Force in grade E-1 to E-5; have a rotation date on or after mid-September and be available for assignment to AFRC from April 20 for up to 150 days.

To apply or to receive more information, call Recreation Services Division, Garmisch military (2535) 601 or 735, or write HQ AFRC, ROD, APO 09058. Application deadline is April 7.
Mail delays shorter

"Why is my mail taking so long to get here?" is often asked by servicemen and their dependents.

We are currently experiencing normal transit times for first-class mail of about six to eight days from the United States to Berlin, while packages mailed surface airmail take an average of 23 days, and parcel airmail takes 16 days. Factors contributing to the transit time are many and varied.

Recently at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport Army Military Facility, the ground handlers conducted strikes and slowdowns, while equipment breakdowns at the main processing station further slowed our mail. The station normally processes hundreds of thousands of letters daily.

Chicago's O'Hare AMF has had more mail volume than it has space on direct flights to Europe. The Dulles AMF in Washington, D.C., often has flights, with military mail, departing too late to make connections for same day departure from JFK on European flights.

Additionally, the New York Bulk and Foreign Mail Center has major problems, resulting in part from a worker's death, reported to have been caused by a safety deficiency. Procedures at that center are under investigation by the Postmaster General.

In spite of this rather gloomy picture, an almost normal volume of mail is being received at Berlin. Management officials throughout the Army and Department of Defense postal systems are exercising extreme action to reduce delays. Much of our mail recently has been diverted to military terminals and carried on Military Airlift Command flights. Commercial airlines have now readjusted their schedules and resources and are again assuming a greater amount of the mail.

For the time being, you may experience some delays in all categories of mail. If you have any questions about mail transit, call the postal officer at 6730.

Taxi rates rise

At midnight on Feb. 27, a 9.4 percent increase in German taxi rates went into effect in Berlin. Before that date, rates were broken down into a Stufe I (rate I) — from 6 a.m. until midnight and a Stufe II (rate II) — from midnight to 6 a.m.

As of Feb. 27, Stufe II is being applied throughout the day, which means a charge of DM1.32 for each kilometer. The basic fee of DM2.40 remains, so does the extra fee for luggage and transport of small animals. Other extra charges — not showing on the taxi meter — are not permissible.

Income taxed

by Jeffrey F. Addicott

The U.S. Government is now taxing the foreign earned incomes of spouses of service members. It is therefore necessary for dependents who will be paying U.S. taxes for 1980 to file a form 1040ES.

The form 1040ES consists of instructions, an estimated tax worksheet and four declaration-vouchers. These worksheets are to be used to project your estimated tax for 1980 and is to be kept with your records.

One declaration-voucher must be sent into the Internal Revenue Service with your initial four times during the year. The deadlines are April 15, 1980; June 16, 1980; Sept. 15, 1980; and Jan. 15, 1981.

If your employer does not withhold money from your paycheck then you will probably have to file the 1040ES and make the four declaration-voucher payment of your estimated tax for 1980.

Generally you must file a declaration of estimated tax using 1040ES-1980 Declaration-Voucher if your estimated tax is $100 or more and:

Your expected gross income for 1980 includes more than $500 in income not subject to withholding; or

Your expected gross income is more than $20,000 if you are single, a head of household, or a surviving spouse; or $20,000 if you are married, may file a joint declaration, and your spouse has not received wages for 1980; or $10,000 if you are married, may file a joint declaration, and both of you have received wages for 1980; or $5,000 if you are married and may not file a joint declaration.

There is a penalty for failing to pay estimated tax. You will not be penalized if you make each payment with your declaration-voucher on time and:

The payment is at least 80 percent of the amount income and/or self-employment taxes due based on the tax shown on your 1980 return or

The payment is based on one of four exceptions shown on form 2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals. Unit tax representatives have form 1040ES. You can also obtain tax forms at the Staff Judge Advocate General's Office in Berlin.

Soldier convicted

Sp4 Sheldon M. Walker, Battery C, 94th Field Artillery, Combat Support Battalion, was convicted by general court-martial on Feb. 20 of attempted rape and aggravated assault. Walker was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to E-1, and confinement at hard labor for 5 years.

Don't forget state taxes

Service members are reminded that payment of state income tax, when required, is a service member's responsibility. Failure to file and pay the state income tax return forms may be obtained by writing directly to your state tax authority, as listed below for each state.

Alabama
Department of Revenue
Income Tax Division
Merrcountry, Ala. 36110

Alaska
Department of Revenue
Alaska Office Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Arizona
Department of Revenue
Department of Finance
Taxes Division
West Wing State Capitol
Phoenix, Ariz. 85007

Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Income Tax Division
P.O. Box 2529
Little Rock, Ark. 72203

California
Franchise Tax Board
Sacramento, Calif. 95816

Colorado
Department of Revenue
1700 Sherman Street
Denver, Colo. 80203

Connecticut
Tax Commissioner
Hartford, Conn. 06113

Delaware
Department of Revenue
611 Delaware Ave.
Wilmington, Del. 19899

District of Columbia
Department of Finance and Revenue
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Florida
Department of Revenue
Pinellas Tax Bureau
P.O. Box 16030
St. Petersburg, Fla. 33709

Georgia
Department of Revenue
135 Capitol Avenue
Trinity-Washington Building
Atlanta, Ga. 30334

Guam
General Taxes Division
Dir. Revenue and Taxation
Aguon, Guam 96910

Hawaii
Department of Taxation
State Tax Division
P.O. Box 250
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Idaho
State Tax Commission
227 Main, Box 24
Boise, Idaho 83722

Illinois
Department of Revenue
Box 325
Springfield, Ill. 62716

Indiana
Department of State Revenue
Income Tax Division
106 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Ind. 46204

Iowa
Department of Revenue
Lucas State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Kansas
Department of Revenue
Topeka, Kan. 66601

Kentucky
Department of Revenue
Frankfort, Ky. 40601

Louisiana
Department of Revenue
P.O. Box 292
Baton Rouge, La. 70821

Maine
Bureau of Taxation
Income Tax Division
State Office Building
Augusta, Maine 04333

Maryland
Comptroller of the Treasury
Income Tax Division
P.O. Box 2600
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Massachusetts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Government Center
Boston, Mass. 02208

Michigan
Individual Income Tax Division
P.O. Box 30139
Lansing, Mich. 48909

Minnesota
Department of Revenue
Income Tax Division
St. Paul, Minn. 55155

Mississippi
State Tax Commission
Income Tax Division
Box 209
Jackson, Miss. 39205

Missouri
Department of Revenue
Income Tax Division
P.O. Box 309
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101

Montana
Department of Revenue
Revenue Division
Helena, Mont. 59601

Nebraska
Department of Revenue
Box 4841
Lincoln, Neb. 68509

New Mexico
Bureau of Revenue
P.O. Box 620
Santa Fe, N.M. 87504

New Hampshire
Department of Revenue
Administration Building
Concord, N.H. 03301

New Jersey
Treasury, Div. of Taxation
Trenton, N.J. 08655

New Mexico
Bureau of Revenue
P.O. Box 620
Santa Fe, N.M. 87504

New York
Department of Taxation and Finance
Income Tax Bureau
State Campus
Albany, N.Y. 12227

North Carolina
Department of Revenue
Income Tax Division
P.O. Box 3000
Raleigh, N.C. 27605

North Dakota
Office of the Tax Commissioner
State Capital Building
Bismarck, N.D. 58501

Ohio
Department of Taxation
Box 2579
Columbus, Ohio 43216

Oklahoma
Tax Commission
Income Tax Division
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73119

Oregon
Department of Revenue
Income Division
Salem, Ore. 97302

Pennsylvania
Department of Revenue
6035 North 14th Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17119

Puerto Rico
Box 301
San Juan, P.R. 00932

Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Division of Taxation
10 Promenade Street
Providence, R.I. 02904

South Carolina
Tax Commission
Income Tax Division
P.O. Box 1008
Columbia, S.C. 29114

South Dakota
No State Income Tax

Tennessee
Department of Revenue
Inheritance, Gift & Income Tax Division
Andrew Jackson State Office Building
Nashville, Tenn. 37243

Texas
No State Income Tax

Utah
State Tax Commission
Salt Lake City, Utah 84134

Virginia
Department of Taxation
Richmond, Va. 23215

Washington
No State Income Tax

West Virginia
State Tax Department
Income Tax Division
Charleston, W.V. 25305

Wisconsin
Department of Revenue
P.O. Box 29
Madison, Wis. 53701

Wyoming
No State Income Tax