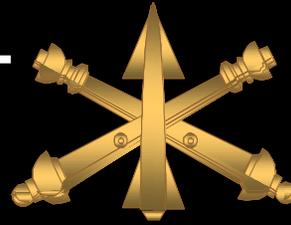




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Commander's Corner LTC Charles McMurtrey III

I want to first thank all of you for the warm welcome you all have given my family. All of the activities surrounding the Change of Command were executed flawlessly and the whole battalion went out of their way to make my wife Debbie and our daughter Rebecca feel right at home. I know the battalion and all of our families were sad to see the Sughrue's depart, but we wish them well on their new adventures.

A little about who I am. I was raised in Montgomery, Alabama and absolutely love ALABAMA football. I was commissioned into Air Defense Artillery in 1988 from Auburn University (don't forget I love Alabama football). Since then I have held lots of

positions in PATRIOT units and have deployed to every theater that PATRIOT has or still is operating in. This is my second tour to Germany. The first time was with 1-7 ADA in Kaiserslautern and Darmstadt from 1994-1997. I just left Washington D.C. and the Joint Staff where Debbie and Rebecca will have to stay until we can get Debbie reassigned to Germany. Great stuff, but if you really want to get to know me, I am always available to soldiers and their families.

Speaking of soldiers and their families, I have had several opportunities over the last couple of weeks to meet with and get to know the FRG leaders and supporters. The great news story here is we have great FRG support in this battalion. They are planning some great events over the next couple of months that we all need to support and participate in. I know the CSM and I will be there for all the events because we can't pass up good food, good fun, and the

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Greetings to all, I hope everyone enjoyed the summer, the weather is changing and it looks like old winter is heading our way. I would like to thank everyone for the efforts that went into our Organization Day; it was fun for all. Remember Safety as always should be the most important focus of any activity.

The Battalion Change of Command was an awesome event as we say farewell to one great warrior; LTC Sughrue and welcomed another great warrior; LTC McMurtrey, thanks to all of you, for sharing this event with this great Battalion. The significance of the ceremony was represented by the outstanding performance of the soldiers of this great Battalion. The next quarter will encompass several training exercises. Our focus is being combat ready; we are heading toward Patriot qualifications, the Philly A. Connelly field competition, and the (AMME) Army Award of Maintenance Excellence. Our successful history, tells me we will do well. Welcome to our new Soldiers and family members; you are an integral part of change that brings success; again welcome.

This Battalion is committed to meeting the demands of the future. With its boots firmly planted in the realities of today's world, the Army is focused on the 21st century. The Army is looking to and planning for the future, while simultaneously responding to the nation's call both at home and abroad. The Army must harness the technology that fuels the information explosion to successfully transform itself from the premier Cold War, industrial-age army to the premier 21st century information-age army. The Army must make this transformation while remaining trained and ready to respond to the nation's call. We have developed a plan to convert that vision into reality. The Army's leaders are committed to forging a 21st Century army - one that is organized, equipped, and manned to maximize the power of the information age. This Battalion will be the landmark of the future of Air Defense Artillery....."Always



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opportunity to mix with our families.

While we have all the good FRG activities planned, I don't want to forget all the training lined up for this upcoming quarter. This training will revolve around multiple field training exercises that will ensure that our units are gunnery table qualified on our primary PATRIOT weapon system. These gunnery qualifications are the standard that we use to judge our combat ability in the event that our country calls on us to perform the air defense mission. Additionally, we will be focusing on field standards and field craft

to ensure that all of our soldiers are prepared for any other mission that may come our way. Those missions run the gambit of loading other units out and running marshaling areas to possibly providing force protection. We have several soldiers' right now providing community force protection in nearby communities.

The bottom line in all this is that the train has left the station and won't be making any stops soon. We will slow it down as necessary, but we are moving out. I will keep the leaders and soldiers informed as to what is on the horizon

and I will make sure that the FRG is in the loop also. My family and I are thrilled to be a part of this great battalion team and we can't wait to meet you. Debbie and Rebecca will be back several times and I am always available. It's a great day to be a soldier and an even better day to be doing it in 6-52 ADA....

"Always Prepared"

LTC, AD
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Notes from Sheila

I would like to take a moment to say a very special "Thank you" to all of you in the 6-52 ADA Family that have supported, encouraged, assisted, and just put up with me over the past year and a half while serving as the 6-52 ADA BN FRG Leader. I truly appreciate all of your help, encouragement, friendship, and support while I held this position.

I know you will continue to support Christine Duer as she takes the lead as our new 6-52 ADA FRG Leader. I wish her well and encourage you all to offer your support and encouragement to her as you have done for me.

I will not be serving as an active BN FRG Member in the upcoming year, however, I will continue behind the scenes to support all the BN FRG efforts!!! I have enjoyed serving you all and look forward to the coming year while not having such a demanding role within the FRG! Again, thank you for all you do and have done and will continue to do!!

Greetings from Mrs. McMurtrey...

To the Soldiers and Families of 6-52 ADA,

I want to first thank all of you for the warm welcome you all have given our family, particularly the smiles, greetings, and waves to our daughter Rebecca. We are thrilled to be part of the 6-52 ADA family and the community of Ansbach.

During the past two weeks, I have had the pleasure of meeting numerous soldiers and family members in the battalion at the Change of Command, Family Readiness Group functions, battalion Hail and Farewell, or just family members working within the community. You have been impressive professionals and I look forward to meeting and learning more about you in the upcoming months. I'll pulse my significant other and the FRGs for a calendar of events so I can stay engaged with the headquarters, battery, and company events.

Though Rebecca and I must return to Washington D.C., I hope the Air Force will see fit to PCS us to Germany next year. In the interim, I pledge to you my total support and open communication lines. We may not be physically in Germany, but I can assure you we will keep in touch and we want to know what's happening in the battalion to include the special moments in your lives and those of the units. In the age of technology, it is easy to reach out and touch someone and I encourage the FRG members and families to keep me connected.

Right now Rebecca and I are planning on returning again in October, late December, February, and the April/May timeframe. We look forward to the challenges and success ahead and know that as a team, we will be close-knit family.

We'll see you soon,

Debbie and Rebecca McMurtrey

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DSN 664-4061

Greetings from your New FRG Leader...

Hello 6-52 Soldiers and Families:

Each morning I head out, the air seems a bit brisker. It's hard to believe that Fall is just around the corner. The summer seemed to have flown by, especially in 6-52 where we have been busier than ever.

Organizational Day was a huge success; thanks in no small part to so many great soldiers and 6-52 families. The FRG sponsored a pie in the face – thank you to all the Commanders, First Sergeants, and staff members who put up with sticky hair and bees following them around for the rest of the day. Our cake auction was a great success too, and that was all due to the great effort and dedication from Karrie Morris, who organized the event, Claudia Wilison, who found so many great prizes to auction with the cakes, and all the FRG members who donated cakes. What a super team effort!

August was also a month full of farewells and welcomes. Once again, our 6-52 family came together, and we bid farewell to LTC Sughrue and his family, from dinners and receptions to the classiest Change of Command ceremony I have ever attended. We turned right around and greeted the McMurtreys as any large family does – with lots of hugs, warmth and sincerity. Welcome to the family, LTC McMurtrey, Debbie and Rebecca!

As we look ahead to another busy time, I would like to pledge my support to everyone in the 6-52 family, and to express my appreciation for allowing me to spend this next year serving as your new Battalion Family Readiness Group Leader. I was an Army wife for only a very short time when I was fortunate enough to have a group of strangers reach out to me during a time I needed it most. That was before FRGs even had an official name, and I learned quickly that Army families do not remain strangers for long. At each new home since then, I have tried to give back in even the smallest of ways. I believe that soldiers and their families are the most special people in the world, and I am just so honored to serve alongside some of the best right here in 6-52.

Your battery/company level FRG leaders will be asking for your support over the next few months for things like our Haunted Hallways and Harvest House on 30 October, which is open to the entire community and for the Ansbach Holiday Bazaar from 5 to 7 November, where we will be running a taco salad booth. If you are interested in helping out in any way, talk to your FRG leader, or feel free to contact me.

Thank you for all you continue to do!

Fondly,
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Chaplain's Corner

Well, we are off and running again. Or more accurately, *still*. LTC McMurtrey is on-board, and the pace of the unit didn't skip a beat as he assumed command. So it is full steam ahead at least until the holiday season. Just so it doesn't get lost in all that is going on, let me join everyone else in saying "welcome" to LTC McMurtrey and his family. We are glad to have the McMurtrey family as part of our battalion.

We all know that new leadership brings change. The other day I was doing my slides for Staff Call, and I included a "Thought for the Day" on change. You may be familiar with the quote: *"I can't change the direction of the wind. But I*

can adjust my sails." As often happens when I put something out for other's consumption, I end up having to deal with that very issue myself.

I consider myself to usually be pretty flexible. Yet the other day CH (MAJ-P) Blum, the new BSB Chaplain at Katter-

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bach Chapel, made some minor changes in the way things are done, and I found myself bristling just a bit as a result of that change. I then remembered my "Thought for the Day" and realized I needed to "adjust my sails."

This morning a sol-

dier told me to "have a nice day." In my weird way, I challenged him by saying "Why?!" He responded with something like "Well, have a nice day if you want." Which reminds me of a similar greeting I recently read about. A crusty old colonel responded to a chaplain's greeting with the words "Have a good day! Or a bad one; the choice is yours!"

Yes the choice is ours. We can choose how we will respond to change. And we can choose what kind of day we will have. It's up to us.

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Blessings!

Chaplain Ken Gesch

Change of Command Pictures



FRG Updates

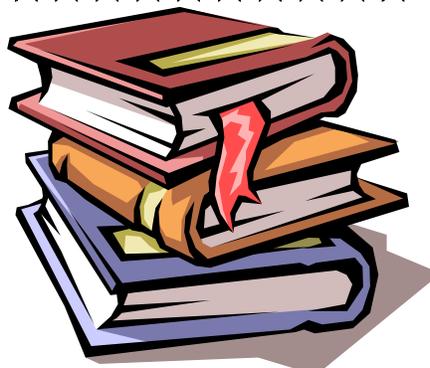


Charlie Battery
welcomes Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Gump & the Knopf Family! The next FRG Meeting will be Sept. 15th at 1830 at the Battery. Bring Potluck. There is a scheduled FTX Sept. 13th—24th.

Delta Battery
welcomes SPC Warren, SPC Sparks, SPC Elliott, PFC Beyer, PFC Moore, PV2 Brown, & SPC Adams. Farewell to SGT Ntim, SPC Delacruz, SPC Harris, SGT Stephens, SPC Carmack, SPC Nimmons, PFC Harris, & SPC Arredondo. Our next FRG meeting is Sept. 15th at 1800 in the Battery Conference Room. We will discuss the Battery Halloween Party.

Echo Battery
Next FRG Meeting will be Sept. 14th at 1830 in the Battery Conference Room. Please bring Potluck.

549th Maint. Co.
Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser on Sept. 13th at the Shipton's Motor pool from 0900 – 1130.



Community News

Club Beyond

Offers childcare for your FRG Meetings. Donations are accepted. For more information call 09802-832-685.

Army Family Team Building

ACS and The Yellow Ribbon Room are joining forces to bring the ENTIRE community a Deployment Survivor Sept. 14th, 16th, 21st, & 23rd from 1730 – 2130. Childcare will be provided. Dinner will be provided on the first night, potluck on following nights. The event will focus on Level II of the Army Family Team Building, which includes classes on effective leadership, communication, conflict, stress management, family readiness groups, and much more! Level I is required prior to this course and can be taken online at <http://www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org> or call ACS at 4672-883 for more info.

Hourly Care Available

The CDC is now offering hourly care for all age groups. Hurry because space is limited. Contact Central Enrollment at 09802-832-533 for more information.

Civilian Fitness Program and "Walk to Iraq" Fitness Assessments

Assessments for the program will be given at the Katterbach Fitness Center Monday Sept. 27th from 1200-1600. For more information, call 0931-889-6335 or 09802-832-810.

Coaching Session

Learn more about not only how to coach and how to be coached

in this one day session. This course will enable participants to accept more responsibility for their own output, create constructive feedback, how to help others, etc. Sept. 15th or Sept. 17th from 0830-1600. Sign up for either session by visiting www.CHRMA.hqusaureur.army.mil.

Ansbach Community "Holidays in Bavaria" Bazaar

Nov. 5th –7th with vendors from all over Europe. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping, please contact Jennifer White at 09802-957357 or Jody Toms at 0981-9720784.

Commissary Events

Case Lot Sale on Sept. 25th & 26th. Focus Group meeting on Sept. 14th at 1000. This is an opportunity for the community to voice their suggestions on how to make the commissary better.

Aerobics are Back!

Illeshiem Fitness Center every Mon, Wed, & Fri at 0900
Katterbach Fitness Center every Tus & Thurs at 1800. Contact 09802-832-810 for more info.

Summer Shout Out

Sept. 20th Olympic Powerlifter Shane Hammon visits the Katterbach Fitness Center from 1700-1830. Contact Vikki Hanrahan at 0981-183-636

Outdoor Recreation

Trier City Tour Sept. 18th and Oktoberfest Munich Sept. 25th. Call 09802-83-3225 to sign up.

One Day Wonders

Sept. 22nd Nurnberg Toy Museum; Sept. 23rd IKEA. Call

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09802-83-3225 for more information.

Six Flags Holland

Youth Services presents a trip to Six Flags Holland open to all adults and youth. The last day to register is Sept. 14th. The bus will depart the Teen Center on Sept. 16th at 1130 and return Sept. 17th. The cost is \$89 for youths and \$109 for adults. Register at the Teen/ Middle School Bldg. 5911.

Soldier's Lake House

Sept. 19th 0930-1330 Sunday Brunch
For more info, call 09802-1635.

2004 Survey of Army Families

Check the mail! Your participation to the survey is Essential! Your responses to questions are directly acted upon by senior Army leaders in order to improve the quality of life of your family as well as for generations of Army families to come!

Free & Reduced Price School Lunch Program

Application packets are available at ACS and CER. Soldier or spouse may apply and applications need to be turned into ACS. Call Frannie Schneider at 09802-832-883/846 for more info.

Teen Town Hall

Gives teens face to face interaction with the BSB Commande3r to discuss teen issues/concerns, discuss policies that affect teens, work on plans for improvement of quality of life for teens, and market programs for our teens to participate in after school. Meetings are conducted quar-

terly at the Ansbach Middle/High School.

Ansbach Middle/High School Open House

September 15th 1600-1800. For more info, please contact the school at 09802-832-808.

Rainbow Elementary School Open House

Sept. 16th at 1600. For more info, please contact the school at 0981-183-808.

Ansbach Elementary School Open House

Sept. 14th 1800-1900. For more info, please contact the school at 09802-832-2628.

Leann Rimes In Concert

Sept. 23rd in Ramstein at 1900
Sept. 24th in Viliseck at 2000
Contact Outdoor Recreation for information on free transportation. 0981-183-600

Blood Drive

Leighton Barracks Sept. 14th and 15th from 0900-1700 at the Fitness Center.

Cultural Calendar

Fall Fest Sept. 17th-19th in Ansbach. Sept. 19th German stores will be open in Ansbach for Sunday Shopping. Sept. 19th Volksmarch starting in downtown Ansbach.

Cobbled Corner Crafts

Sept. 18th 1030-1130 Woodshop Safety - required to use wood shop; cost \$5.00
Sept. 18th 1100-1500 Sewing Class; cost \$25.00
Sept. 18th 1300-1500 Children's Craft Class; cost \$5.00

Sept. 25th 1000-1700 Christmas Card Hanger Quilt Class, bring thread to match material that is provided; cost \$15.00.

ASSC

Join the ASSC with a \$10 Membership fee good for one year by Oct. 31. FRG or Civilian Group with the largest percentage of members will receive \$150 prize. The membership fee also gets you into the Bunco Tournament Sept. 16th; prizes include Prague Crystal & German Pottery. Dinner is an additional \$10. RSVP for the Bunco Tournament to Maria Martinez at 09802-953121.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Sept. 14th 0930-1200 Fall Kickoff includes bible study, worship, and more activities. Childcare provided.

E.D.I.S. Free Developmental Screening

Sept. 17th from 0900-1400. Open to all children birth to 5 years of age.





Someone Come All....

To the Haunted Shipton
and Harvest House
IF YOU DARE!!!!

Friday, October 29th

Family Friendly Harvest House at
Patriot Place Dining Facility

**Cakewalk, Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin, Face
Painting, Costume Contest and MORE!**

Open to the entire community!

More details to follow!

