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417TH BASE SUPPORT BATTALION PLANS DAY OF LEISURE TO WELCOME, THANK V CORPS UNITS RETURNING FROM IRAQ

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KITZINGEN, Germany – The 417th Base Support Battalion will host a V Corps welcome-home celebration June 19 on the Giebelstadt (Germany) Army Airfield for units in the area returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The all-day celebration will take place in the grassy area behind the Red Baron Community Club. All Soldiers, civilian employees and their families are invited to participate.

“The celebration is the 417th BSB’s way of showing its appreciation to the Soldiers and their families for the sacrifice they made during the units’ year-long deployment,” said Ken Emory, Giebelstadt Area Support Team director.

The celebration will include a variety of events and activities and entertainment.

“For the families, especially the children, we plan to provide a variety of activities and games, and will set up a couple of the large air balloon rides the children can enjoy,” said Jemal Hudson, business management director for the 417th BSB Directorate of Community Activities.

“We plan to have a live band perform during the celebration to help set a comfortable atmosphere,” said Hudson.

“The celebration is geared toward giving everyone at Giebelstadt, especially those Soldiers just returning from Iraq, an opportunity to relax and feel right at home,” Emory said.

Food and drink concessions will be available at the celebration. For those who want a bit more of a challenge, there will be a number of competitive events as well.

“We will offer volleyball, horseshoe, softball and basketball competitions throughout the day,” Hudson said.

For more information on the welcome-home celebration, call Jemal Hudson at 355-1550/8313 or (09321) 3051550/8313.

