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Paint Fest brings 2 CR and community together

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ROSE BARRACKS, Germany – Deployment is rapidly approaching for the Troops of 2d Cavalry Regiment, but they still took time to help the local community at an event called Paint Fest hosted by Army Community Service and the German-American Kontakt Club June 28, 2013 at Rose Barracks, Germany.

Organized through Army Community Service, the event was part of the Exceptional Family Member Program and gave Family Members of deploying Troops the opportunity to come together and create works of art. The German-American Kontakt Club played host to the event and were happy to get involved.

“We are always willing to help the community and get involved as best as we can,” said Daniel Koenig, President of the club. “It’s important to give to the community and do things especially with the deployment coming up. I think it means a lot to the whole Kontakt Club.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Martin Celestine, senior enlisted advisor for 1st Squadron, 2 CR brought Troops and equipment to help with the set up of the event.

“We are just trying to support the community in the actual set up of this program for the Exceptional Family Members and their kids,” said Celestine. “We are all about the support. Anything we can do for the Family Members correlates to actually helping the service members. It was an honor.”

Madelene Celestine, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Celestine and EFMP coordinator for Grafenwoehr, helped organize the event and also helped with painting.

“We wanted to bring the cohesiveness to the families that are about to endure their family members leaving,” said Mrs. Celestine. “It’s important to give back to the community because these families are here supporting the soldiers who are taking care of this community.”

Soldiers with the Warrior Transition Unit also attended the event to help paint and spend time with the Family Members of 2 CR.

“We found a nice opportunity for soldiers to relax, a time to work together and be proud of their finished product,” said Marie McElligott, Soldier and Family Assistance Center coordinator. “I think it’s also a big community project and a good partnership with EFMP, the Hospital for Foundation Art, 2 CR and the Kontakt Club.”