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Agencies prepare 2 CR troops, families for upcoming deployment

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ROSE BARRACKS, Germany – As the saying goes “Knowledge is Power”, and you gain knowledge through information. Information is one of the biggest necessities for deploying Troops and their families. Deployments can be very stressful on families and spouses of Soldiers, so it is important to know what kind of support is available in a time of need.

The 2d Cavalry Regiment held a deployment fair for Troops and Family Members May 2-3, 2013 at Rose Barracks, Germany.

The fair was an opportunity for Troops and Family Members of 2 CR to come to one location and learn about the various agencies and programs that are available in the local military community for support during the upcoming deployment.

Agencies in attendance included the 2 CR Provost Marshal Office, United Service Organizations, Child Development Center and the American Red Cross. The fair was organized by Kristie Blackman, family readiness support assistant for the Regiment.

The deployment fair helped to prepare families and spouses of the Regiment to be able to better help themselves when their Troops deploy later this year.

“It gets the families out here to get to know the agencies that are out there so they can become more self-sufficient,” said Sgt. 1st Class Walter Blackman, sexual assault response coordinator for the Regiment and native of San Antonio. “It re-enforces what the Army values are about, like taking care of our own.”

Capt. Kara Manning, provost marshal for 2 CR and native of Somerdale, NJ, expressed her gratitude for having the opportunity to be represented in the fair and give pertinent information to Troops and their families.

“So far we have been getting a pretty big turnout.” said Manning. “This is a much bigger event than I thought it was going to be. I’m happy the MP’s [military police] can be represented and that we can help make the spouses and families feel a little more comfortable and safe.”