

2010 Tax Season Off to a Great Start...

by Steve Smith

Free tax assistance is alive and well in USAREUR. Riding a tidal wave of command support, military taxpayers are beating a path to the door of their local tax assistance centers. Anyone who has seen GEN Carter Ham's AFN TV spot knows that last year USAREUR tax centers generated \$45 million in refunds for taxpayers stationed in Europe. We are well on our way to exceeding that figure this year. After six weeks of operations, USAREUR's tax centers have already brought in \$21.7 million in refunds, \$1.3 million more than they did at the same time last year. We're on a roll!

21st TSC Commanding General MG Patricia McQuiston showed her support for the tax assistance program by presiding over the Grand Opening of the Kleber Tax Assistance Center in February, and recognizing the efforts of the program's coordinator (see photos below).

21st TSC operates tax assistance centers in Bldg. 3210 on Kleber Kaserne and in Bldg. 3701 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (on the Ground Floor of the Education Center). Both walk-in services and appointments are available. Call DSN 483-7688 or Civilian 0631-411-7688 for Kleber, or DSN 486-6334 or Civilian 06371-86-6334 for Landstuhl. **See page 14 for what to bring with you...**



21st TSC Commanding General, MG Patricia McQuiston, helps members of the KLSC's tax team cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening of the Kleber Tax Assistance Center.



The ribbon was emblematic of the millions in tax refunds we directly deposit into the bank accounts of military taxpayers every tax season. Let us show you the money!



MG McQuiston presents the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service to Donald Davis for coordinating 21st TSC's highly successful tax assistance program in 2009.



21st TSC SJA COL Claes Lewenhaupt thanks IRS VITA Instructor Rawlin Tate, a Senior Tax Analyst from Atlanta, GA, for teaching our tax preparers the ropes.



CPT Nancy J. Lewis, an Operational Contract Law Attorney assigned to the 409th Contracting Support Brigade in Kaiserslautern, deployed to Port-au-Prince in January in support of humanitarian earthquake relief efforts as part of Joint Task Force Haiti. She is pictured here with Oscar-winning actor/director Sean Penn, one of many Hollywood celebrities who are assisting in relief efforts in Haiti.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE TAX CENTER

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Our tax preparers need to see certain supporting documents in order to prepare your tax return. Please bring the following documents with you when you come to the tax assistance center:

- ⇒ Your ID card, and all W-2, 1099, & 1098 forms
- ⇒ Social Security Number cards for spouse and dependents
- ⇒ Copies of last year's federal and state returns (if available)
- ⇒ Dollar amount of any economic recovery payment you received in 2009 (if known)
- ⇒ Blank check or bank card bearing both the routing and account numbers of your checking or savings account
- ⇒ If filing jointly, bring your spouse with you, or bring a general power of attorney or a special power of attorney for filing tax returns
- ⇒ If filing with a spouse who has no social security number, bring your spouse's Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
- ⇒ If you are a landlord, bring complete information on rental income and expenses; if you sold stocks or mutual funds, be sure to bring your basis in the shares sold.

Directions to Kleber Kaserne:

From Vogelweh, Ramstein, or Landstuhl take the A6 direction Mannheim. On your right you will see a large store called Möbel Martin. Make sure you are in the right lane as you take the Kaiserslautern Ost Ausfahrt (exit). Turn right as you leave the exit ramp and drive downhill until you reach the stop light. Turn right and proceed straight until the next stoplight. Turn left and you will be beside Kleber Kaserne. Follow the perimeter until you come to an open gate. Once you are on post, park in the Shoppette parking lot. Bldg. 3210 is directly across from the Shoppette. Enter Bldg. 3210 from the end door, closest to the Shoppette.

