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30th Medical Command Spring Ball

Army medical leaders, Soldiers celebrate at historic site

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HEIDELBERG, Germany – Some of the Army’s top medical professionals gathered with leaders and Soldiers of the 30th Medical Command at the historic Palais Prinz Carl March 4, for the unit’s Spring Ball.

The Army Surgeon General and Commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker and the Army Medical Command senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Althea G. Dixon were the guests of honor at the event and took time to speak to Soldiers and spouses throughout the evening.

“Thank you for inviting me. This is your well-deserved celebration for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to duty. Your historic and ongoing success raised the bar for standards for future medical command operations in theater,” Schoomaker said.

The ball served as an opportunity to enjoy time amongst friends and family, while remembering a busy year for the Soldiers of ‘best and most powerful MEDCOM in the world.’ Soldiers from the entire organization have been engaged in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as providing continuous support for missions and training events throughout the European Command area of operations. During his remarks, the Army Surgeon General acknowledged some of the many recent accomplishments of the 30th MEDCOM.

“The 30th Medical Command, the Army’s first deployable medical support command, has been the workhorse of medical support during Operation Enduring Freedom,” said Schoomaker.

“With the support of the 30th ensuring medical assets were available and in place, you achieved an unprecedented 99 percent survival rate among wounded Coalition Troops.”

Palais Prinz Carl, located in the middle of the Old City of Heidelberg, dates back to 18th century. The medical troops and spouses dined in the same hall as such illustrious personalities as Mark Twain, Jules Verne, Ulysses S. Grant, Emperors Wilhelm I, Wilhelm II, and Frederick III.

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CUTLINES:

MEDCOM_SpringBall_04MAR2011_037: Staff Sgt. Jeremy Mitchell and his wife Claudia are greeted by the Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker and the Army Medical Command senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Althea G. Dixon in the receiving line for the 30th Medical Command Spring Ball, March 4 at the Palais Prinz Carl.

MEDCOM_SpringBall_04MAR2011_061: Guests enjoy dinner in the Palais Prinz Carl during the 30th Medical Command's Spring Ball March 4.

MEDCOM_SpringBall_04MAR2011_073: The Army Surgeon General and Army Medical Command Commander Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker speaks during 30th Medical Command Spring Ball, March 4 at the Palais Prinz Carl.

MEDCOM_SpringBall_04MAR2011_096: The color guard, lead by Staff Sgt. John Cushman (left), retires the colors during the 30th Medical Command Spring Ball, March 4 at the Palais Prinz Carl.