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### GLOBAL COMMITMENT

As the U.S. military conducts disaster response operations in flood-stricken Pakistan, it's also engaged in major humanitarian and civic assistance missions in the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean. These missions – U.S. Pacific Command's Pacific Partnership 2010 and U.S. Southern Command's Continuing Promise 2010 – are demonstrating U.S. commitment to the regions, their mission commanders told American Forces Press Service.

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## IMCOM offers opportunity to rate customer service

### Staff Report

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's annual Customer Service Assessment, sponsored by Headquarters, Installation Management Command, begins Monday.

Available online at [www.mymilitaryvoice.org](http://www.mymilitaryvoice.org) until Sept. 26, the survey collects feedback about the delivery of garrison services from leaders, Soldiers, family members, civilians, retirees and veterans.

**"The best way the garrison commander and directors can get an accurate picture of customer satisfaction and expectations is from maximum participation."**

-Sylvia Knoch, Plans, Analysis and Integration Office

This includes services from Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities, housing, military personnel services, transportation, religious services and more.

This is the opportunity for all customers of these services to let the garrison know what is important to them and how the garrison service providers have performed over the past year.

As well as rating service delivery, survey participants will have an opportunity to provide comments about what has been done and where there may be opportunities for improvement.

"The annual Customer Service Assessment is just one method for the garrison to get the 'voice of the customer,'" said Sylvia Knoch, USAG Baden-Württemberg Plans, Analysis and Integration Office. "It's essential that we capture feedback from see **CSA** page 12

## SAFETY MESSAGE

# School starts Monday; ensure your children arrive safely

## USAG Baden-Württemberg Safety Office

With school back in session Monday morning, it's important for students, parents and everyone on the roadways to pay close attention while traveling on post.

### School Bus Safety

Riding a bus in Europe is a lot different than in the United States. One of the key differences is that off-post traffic does not stop for loading and unloading school buses. Teaching your children not to cross the street in front of or behind the bus could save their lives.

The Baden-Württemberg Safety Office and Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Transportation Division offer the following tips, and urge parents to review them with their children before the start of school. Parents should continue to act on them throughout the school year to keep their children safe.

Walk with your children on the route they will take to the bus stop. Develop a primary and alternate route for your children.

Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision. If the route requires your children to cross the street, ensure you review the correct way to do so safely:

- ◆ Cross at controlled crosswalks, whenever possible, even if it means they must travel a greater distance. Obey the pedestrian crossing signs, if installed.
- ◆ At uncontrolled designated crosswalks, they should stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left, then right and then left again before crossing.
- ◆ Avoid trying to cross the street between cars or behind obstacles as drivers may not see them.

DODDS students are issued school bus passes that must be presented when boarding. Parents are

required to register their child at their respective school bus office, which will issue a bus pass in the name of the child. The passes help ensure your child gets on right school bus and keeps unauthorized riders off buses.

Incorporate the DODDS five basic school bus safety rules:

- ◆ Be on time – walk, don't run to the bus stop. Ensure your children know that while they are waiting for the bus, to stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other careless behavior that can lead to injuries.
- ◆ Wait for the bus three steps back from the curb.
- ◆ Take your seat on the bus and stay in it. Loud talking or other noises can distract the bus driver and is not allowed. Never put your head, arms or hands outside of the window. Keep aisles clear.
- ◆ Get off the bus, take three steps away, and wait for the bus to leave. Never stand while the bus is moving.
- ◆ Never cross the street in front of or behind the bus. Remember traffic does not have to stop and vehicles may attempt to pass the bus even though bus warning lights are flashing.

### Vehicle Safety

All passengers must wear a seat belt or an age and size appropriate car safety seat or booster seat. The following applies to children:

- ◆ Children 12 years old or younger or shorter than 150 centimeters (4 feet, 11 inches), are required to use suitable child-restraint devices approved by either the ECE-R 44/03, ECE-R 44/04, or DOT when transported in a private vehicle. Children must be seated in a rear seat if the vehicle has one.
- ◆ Children who are 13 years old and weigh more than 22 kilograms (48 pounds) will use booster seats or other suitable approved devices designed for use with a vehicle's three-point (lap and shoulder) seat belts. Booster seats will not be used with two-point seat belts (lap belts).
- ◆ POVs equipped only with lap belts in the rear seats

must transport a child weighing over 22 kilograms in a suitable approved device secured in the front seat with a shoulder and lap seat belt. Additional children weighing over 22 kilograms will be secured using the lap belt.

- ◆ Shoulder belts must cross the shoulder and chest, not the face or neck. Lap belts must be low over the hips, snug and not twisted.

### Bicycle Safety

Always wear a properly secured bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride. Helmets must meet standards set by the American National Standards Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation Standards, the Institut für Zweiradsicherheit e.V., or the Economic Commission of Europe for bicycle helmets.

Bicycles operated on military installations must meet these minimum safety requirements:

- ◆ Bicycles ridden during hours of darkness must have a headlight that emits a white light and a taillight that emits a red light. Bicyclists must wear light-colored clothing or reflective accessories.
- ◆ Bicycles must have standard brakes that, when applied, safely stop the bicycle.
- ◆ Bicycle wheels must have two reflectors mounted 180 degrees apart on the spokes. Bicycle pedals must have reflectors designed and placed to be visible from the front and rear of the bicycle during darkness.

Bicyclist must know and obey the "rules of the road." When riding in traffic the rider must know and use appropriate hand signals.

Ride as far to the right as possible, traveling in the same direction as auto traffic. Respect and obey all traffic signs.

Do not carry bundles, packages or other articles that prevent the bicyclist from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

Bicycle operators must not use cell phones or wear listening devices that impede hearing or distract the operator for recognizing impending danger.



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## DISCUSSION BOARD

### Find out what your garrison commanders and members of your community are saying in the BWnow virtual community

This is one of my pet peeves. I have two German Shepherds and we pick up after them ALL the time and what happens? I ALWAYS STEP into some other dogs poo by doing so.

It's ridiculous and it's always little dogs poo. The green in front of our house is literally COVERED with dog poo and I (meanwhile) refuse to pick up after other dogs.

I already got yelled at once. A friend of mine got yelled at and we are the responsible dog owners. No offense to anyone but when I see dog owners that only own dogs because it's cool to have one, don't get them trained at all, only take them out to poo and walk them five minutes around the block, let them bark 24/7 and dump them at the shelter once they PCS ... it's aggravating me.

A pet is a huge responsibility and I don't understand why people get a pets even though they can't take care or have no clue at all how to handle them.

Do yourself and others a favor, Pick it up! It's OUR Community, we all have to live in this place. SO PICK IT UP!

-Sandra King, BWnow member



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## Nominate a caregiver to win a year of free house-cleaning services

### FMWRC Public Affairs

Three of the Department of Defense's premiere resort hotels are offering special discounts and an opportunity to win up to a year of house cleaning to the caregivers who support the nation's heroes and their families.

Now through Oct. 24, visit [www.afrcresorts.com](http://www.afrcresorts.com) to nominate a family caregiver for a chance to win one of four prizes: free house cleaning for one year, free house cleaning for six months (two prizes) or three months of free house cleaning. The Web site also offers special discounts for caregivers at the resorts.

Shades of Green, Hale Koa and Edelweiss are DOD Armed Forces Recreation Centers, managed by the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

The facilities are designed to be safe, supportive destinations for members of the military, where the patrons know they're in the company of their comrades in arms and their families, have access to military support, and are protected by military force protection measures.

In the words of one guest, "If I suddenly realize he's going back to Iraq in a week and break down in tears, I'm surrounded by people who understand and can help. If that were to happen in (a hotel chain), I'd be treated like I was crazy."

The contest is designed by the FMWRC to commemorate National Caregiver's Appreciation Month in November and recognize service members' caregivers – especially those who care for exceptional family members and wounded warriors.

"Right now we're taking a close look at how our Exceptional Family Member Program works, ensuring we're offering the right support to those families who have members with special needs," said Maj. Gen. Reuben Jones, FMWRC commanding general.

"But leadership wants to acknowledge that all caregivers play an important role in keeping our Army families strong," said Kristen Kea, FMWRC events manager.

"This promotion offers any caregiver a chance to slow down and take a break with discounts at our AFRCs, and a lucky winner will get a helping hand through free house cleaning," Kea said.

Between now and Oct. 24, anyone can nominate a caregiver to be part of the random drawing. The drawing will be held in early November and a winner announced as soon as eligibility is verified.

For the purposes of the contest, a caregiver is defined as: 1) a person who cares for someone who is sick or disabled (including wounded warriors and exceptional family members), or 2) an adult who cares for an infant or a child of a service member.

The winner must be eligible to stay in an Armed Forces Recreation Center – a military ID card holder or their registered guest – as defined by the AFRC eligibility requirements.

To nominate a caregiver, visit [www.afrcresorts.com](http://www.afrcresorts.com) before Oct. 24 and select the link to the Family and MWR page on Facebook. Respond to the "Caregivers" thread by providing the caregiver's first name and a brief explanation of why you feel they should win.

The winner will be selected at random, and the promotion is designed to give members of the military family an opportunity to sing the praises of the caregivers in their lives. The nomination will be posted publicly, so MWR officials reserve the right to edit or remove posts that might contain personally identifying information or operational security concerns.

For those who want to nominate a caregiver but are not members of Facebook, an alternate form of entry is also described on the AFRC Web site.

# TRICARE changes

*New overseas program contractor brings more comprehensive service benefits to half a million beneficiaries beginning Wednesday*

### TRICARE Public Affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – International SOS Assistance, the new TRICARE Overseas Program contractor, will bring more comprehensive, patient-centered and customer-focused service to nearly half a million TRICARE beneficiaries overseas starting Wednesday.

Under the new contract, non-active-duty beneficiaries living overseas will still enjoy the same TRICARE Standard benefit – no enrollment fees and the freedom to choose a host nation provider without a referral – as well as new customer service features.

Starting Wednesday, standard beneficiaries can contact a TOP regional call center to get assistance finding a provider in their area.

Call center representatives will also provide program and benefit information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the TOP contractor will provide some claims assistance through TRICARE service centers, call centers and overseas claims processors.

As the new contract begins, standard beneficiaries overseas are reminded of important information they need to make sure their health care needs are met and claims processes are trouble free:

- ◆ Obtain a payment receipt and file for reimbursement as soon as possible. TRICARE claims must be filed within a year of date of service.
- ◆ Beneficiaries should be aware they are responsible for annual deductibles and cost-shares.
- ◆ Beneficiaries are responsible for filling out and filing claims. Military treatment facilities and contract representatives cannot fill out, accept or process claims forms from beneficiaries or providers.

Some overseas MTFs currently allow beneficiaries who are normally TRICARE Standard to enroll to the facility on a space-available basis and receive primary care under TRICARE Plus. The new contract does not change TRICARE Plus, but its availability, as well as space-available care in MTFs, is determined by the commander based on resources.

Even when enrolled to an MTF under plus, when getting care outside of the MTF, beneficiaries are still responsible for paying deductibles and cost shares, and filing claims.

For more information about the new top contract and to download a new overseas handbook, including new contact information, beneficiaries can visit TRICARE online at [www.tricare.mil/topcontract](http://www.tricare.mil/topcontract).

## Learning logistics



Sgt. Frank Sanchez III

Col. Robert Gagnon, operations officer for the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, speaks to a class of logisticians on Panzer Kaserne Aug. 12 in Kaiserslautern during a two-week Joint Logistics Course that focused on theater-level logistics operations. The 21st TSC hosted the course, and 22 civilians, Air Force and Army personnel graduated. It was the first time the JLC course was taught somewhere other than the Army Logistics University at Fort Lee, Va.

# Social stability



Spc. Ida Tate

Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion and Mannheim community volunteers chaperone a boat ride at Luisenpark for the Respite Care Summer Camp Aug. 10-13.

## Mannheim camp helps special needs children work on communication skills

By Spc. Ida Tate  
7TH THEATER TACTICAL SIGNAL BRIGADE

While a daily routine is essential for many special needs children, the Respite Care Summer Camp Aug. 10-13 provided a fun break from the routine with extracurricular activities for children in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

With all the beautiful locations nearby, EFMP works hard to allow children with disabilities to experience Europe by introducing them to stimulating environments.

Voncile Farmer, Mannheim EFMP manager, said many special need children face lifelong developmental disabilities, where they experience difficulty in communication, social development and behavioral responses to their environment. The camp provides a nurturing, non-competitive, educational and supportive atmosphere that provides children with special needs and learning disabilities the opportunity to develop social, emotional and physical skills, in hopes of raising their confidence and self-esteem.

"My family has a special needs child,

and we often need a bit of assistance," said Luisa Tiangco, EFMP assistant. "Respite care helps my child maintain social stability and provides opportunities for him to participate in special activities and interact with people."

Extreme withdrawal from social situations is often noticeable in special needs children, she said, "but I have seen a lot of positive reaction on the first day as my son interacted with other children and volunteers at the petting zoo. I was surprised, because he is usually very self-isolating."

Tiangco's son has trouble communicating his needs as do many other special needs children; therefore, interacting in the chosen environments gave all of the campers more experience.

"My buddy enjoyed playing in the fountain and the sand pits," said Joe Ragon, a volunteer chaperone from Company C, 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion. "The next day he was looking for me, so I am sure this week will have a lasting impression on him."

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Donell Spriggs, a volunteer chaperon from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th TTSB. "School is right around the corner, and this is a great transition into the new year."

The EFMP focuses on helping families learn to function in everyday situations, Farmer said.

"With so few medications and therapy for special needs children, EFMP is always striving to help children to learn how to function in a society and interact appropriately within their environment and social surroundings," she said.

## transformation UPDATE

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Will facilities decline as people move out and no money is available?

Throughout the gradual closure process, we will continue to provide services as long as we have a population to serve. We will not reduce our services until something precipitates the reduction of that service. When the population shrinks and a service is not being used or is getting very few customers, then we will reduce the hours or combine the service with other services to create efficiencies. We will maintain services as long as we have people in our footprint. Under the facilities sustainment model, we will continue to ensure the promise of the Army Family Covenant is achieved.

#### Will the AAFES services in Wiesbaden grow since new people will be moving there?

The overall population at Wiesbaden will not significantly change from historical numbers. The AAFES facilities are currently spread out at three different sites and located in old facilities. AAFES has approved, as part of their facility recapitalization program, construction of a new PX shopping complex that will consolidate AAFES retail at Hainerberg and provide quality service to the projected Wiesbaden population. Construction of the new PX complex is scheduled to commence in the summer of 2012. Visit [www.wiesbaden.army.mil](http://www.wiesbaden.army.mil) for more Wiesbaden transformation information.

#### How will the sports programs in Mannheim be impacted?

Fall sports are business as usual in Mannheim, and we're encouraging community volunteers as always to support programs for our youth. We've already started looking at spring sports to see if we can merge with Heidelberg to provide our youth with more opportunities as the population decreases and units transition to other communities in Germany or inactivate. We have not made a decision yet on what whether or not we will merge with Heidelberg in the spring, but we are exploring that possibility.

#### Facility Operations Changes

**IG Support** - Inspector General support to the Mannheim community will now be provided by USAREUR IG. DSN 370-8767.  
**Mannheim Law Center** - The Law Center is now located on the first floor of Bldg. 244 on Sullivan Barracks. The Law Center will continue to provide power of attorney and notary services on a walk-in basis 9-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. However, it will no longer provide legal assistance and claims due to a reduction in the number of personnel. Soldiers needing assistance should contact the Heidelberg Legal Assistance Office at DSN 373-5058, civ. 06221-17-5058.

[www.bw.eur.army.mil/transformation](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/transformation)

## Children can learn rules of the road during bike rodeo

By Dijon Rolle

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Whether you're new to the road or perhaps an old pro, the ADAC Youth Bicycle Rodeo promises to offer something for every rider.

The rodeo will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg.

It's designed to coincide with Heidelberg Army Community Service's Community Activities Registration and Education Fair.

The annual event, sponsored by the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Safety Office, gives young bicyclists ages 8-15 an opportunity to test their riding skills while snagging some helpful safety tips.

Participants will also receive a free T-shirt and sign-up for a chance to win another set of hot wheels.

Organizers are giving away a new boy's and girl's bike to two lucky winners.

Herbert Nold, safety specialist, says the riders can expect to have fun while learning more about bicycle safety and the rules of the road.

"The bike rodeo is a chance for the children to gain more skills and practice the ones they already have. They'll maneuver through an obstacle course to test themselves and see which areas they may need improvement in," he said.

In addition to spreading the message about bike safety, officials are also using the event to highlight the month of the military child coming up in September and encourage the use of safety helmets for all riders.

"It gives us a great feeling, especially when we are working with the children ... because we know that when you start them off right, it lasts for a lifetime," Nold said.

The bicycle rodeo event is free and open to children ages 8-15. No registration is necessary. All participants must have their own helmet and bicycle. For more details, call DSN 373-1670.



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A child navigates a bicycle obstacle course during a bike rodeo in Heidelberg in 2008. This year the bike rodeo will be held in conjunction with the C.A.R.E. Fair Saturday.

## Faces of the community: Family and MWR Marketing



Brandon Spragins

Janay Flowers, a U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing employee, trims the latest posters hot off the press. Family and MWR Marketing provides the support for USAG Baden-Württemberg operated Family and MWR facilities. The office, located on Patton Barracks, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and is closed on American holidays. DSN 373-5007, civ. 06221-17-5007, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

## C.A.R.E. Fair brings organizations, support activities, competitive events together on PHV

By Dijon Rolle

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Where can you find foosball, food and more than 50 community organizations all gathered in the same place at the same time?

Or perhaps you're looking for a one-stop shop where experts can answer questions and provide on-the-spot information about community resources like child care, education, employment or fitness?

Army Community Service's Community Activities Registration and Education Fair will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg.

The annual event brings dozens of Heidelberg affiliated agencies and organizations together in one place for a mass meet and greet with new and not-so-new community members.

"This is always important just to stay up to date about what's going on in the community," said Dawn Powell, Heidelberg Army Community Service marketing specialist.

Powell is one of several employees responsible for organizing the many moving parts that will make up the



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The annual C.A.R.E. Fair will be held at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 28. The event is designed to educate community members about the resources offered by local organizations in the Heidelberg military community.

fair. "Things change every year, people are coming and people are going, so it's a good way for new people to meet the organizations out there in the Heidelberg community so they're aware of them and they can take advantage of what they have to offer,"

she said. "For long-time residents, it's good to stay up to date about new programs and resources."

The fair will feature representatives from Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers; the Roadside Theater; the Army Wellness Center; the American Red Cross; Central Texas College; Child, Youth and School Services and more.

American Forces Network Heidelberg will do a live radio broadcast from the event, and community members can ask questions of the garrison commander and his staff.

There will also be an ACS Job Fair and ADAC Youth Bike Rodeo held in conjunction with the C.A.R.E. Fair activities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., also at the pavilion.

Attendees can enjoy free food, live music from the band Too Ugly for Showbiz, prize drawings from TKS and AAFES and a human foosball tournament. Tournament sign-up is still available.

The C.A.R.E. Fair is free and open to the public and is always held the last Saturday in August. For more information, call DSN 370-6883 or visit [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

## ERMC supports Health Care Benefits Awareness Month activities

### ERMC Public Affairs

The Europe Regional Medical Command is supporting the U.S. European Command's 2010 Health Care Benefits Awareness Month with a variety of community outreach events throughout September.

Health Care Benefits Awareness Month is an annual EUCOM-wide, joint-service initiative that began in 2006 to inform beneficiaries about their health care benefits.

During September, representatives from each Army health clinic will be available to discuss benefit and medical services information at community events, radio talk shows, town hall meetings and other public venues.

They will also coordinate with garrison newspapers and local AFN affiliates to publicize these weekly themes designated by TRICARE Eurasia-Africa: physical health, mental health, dental health and health care while traveling.

Information about the new TRICARE Overseas Program contract that begins Wednesday also will be available in each clinic and at the community events listed below. TOP contract information is also available at [www.tricare.mil/TOPcontract](http://www.tricare.mil/TOPcontract).

For additional information, contact your local health clinic or visit the Europe Regional Medical Command Web site at <http://ermc.amedd.army.mil> and your local clinic Web page at <http://ermc.amedd.army.mil/mff/index.html>.

### Health Care Benefits Awareness Events

#### Heidelberg

- ◆ Information booth at the C.A.R.E. Fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 28 in the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion
- ◆ TRICARE information booth beginning Sept. 20 in the pharmacy area of the Heidelberg Health Center

#### Mannheim

- ◆ "Biggest Quitter" program kick-off Sept. 1 at the Coleman Clinic
- ◆ Benefits information table at lunchtime Sept. 2, 9, 16 and 23 in the Coleman Dining Facility

- ◆ Benefits information table 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 4 in the commissary and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Main Exchange

#### Kaiserslautern

- ◆ Information booth 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 15 in front of the LRMC Dining Facility and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Fall Bazaar on Ramstein Air Base
- ◆ LRMC Health Fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 27 at Heaton Auditorium

## Conference strengthens relations, looks to future

By Lynn Davis  
USAREUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WIESBADEN, Germany – United States Army Europe, in conjunction with the city of Wiesbaden, hosted a two-day government relations conference here Aug. 18-19 to recognize strong host nation relations and share information.

The government relations conference, hosted by Maj. Gen. Robert Brown, USAREUR chief of staff, recognized those working level people who are the backbone in U.S.-host nation relationships in Germany and brought them together in one place to meet one another and their counterparts from other German states.

Also, as part of the Status of Forces Agreement, U.S. forces are required to keep the host nation informed of current and future plans.

"We keep the host nation informed year round with all kinds of working groups and meetings, but this is the one time formally each year that we bring our host nation counterparts together," said Bill Clements, U.S. forces liaison officer for Hesse, northern Germany and Thuringia.

Senior U.S. leaders as well as German senior military, federal, state and regional officials and upper management-level employees spent the first day learning about the host city and the future of the Army in Wiesbaden. With the recent announcement, outlining a timeline for base closures in Heidelberg and Mannheim and the

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-Bill Clements, U.S. forces liaison officer

USAREUR Headquarters move to U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden, transformation was a hot topic.

"I think that the Wiesbaden community has taken advantage of a situation and has welcomed the U.S. Army with open arms," said Ambassador Katherine Canavan, European Command civilian deputy to the commander and foreign policy advisor. "I know the Heidelberg community may be somewhat disappointed to lose the people we have had there, but it's important that we make the best use of U.S. taxpayer money. Consolidating facilities as we have downsized in Europe is an important way to make sure that we are being as efficient as we possibly can in bringing the different military organizations together."

After a bus tour highlighting ongoing construction at USAG Wiesbaden in support of the transformation, which is 25 percent complete, Lord Mayor of Wiesbaden Dr. Helmut Mueller hosted a dinner at a wine fest going on in the city center.

"This conference is such a great opportunity to bring people together that have been working with each other, but maybe have never met in per-

son," Mueller said. "It's also a chance for people to get an impression of this wonderful city ... It's important that Wiesbaden stays an international place and can receive American television and read American newspapers and have contact with American people. I want the connection to get even stronger."

This is the fourth iteration of the conference but the first time the city has been so heavily involved.

"We deliberately took the approach of demonstrating partnership with the city," Clements said. "That was also part of the idea that we are moving to Wiesbaden; we are welcome in Wiesbaden. That was the difference this year – the role and the active partnership of the city of Wiesbaden in organizing and executing this conference."

Although the second day of the conference consisted of overview briefings about U.S. forces in Germany, participants left with one clear message.

"This is it, what we are saying now to all of our German colleagues is that we are moving to Wiesbaden; this decision has been made," Clements said. "The train has left the station, and it is coming to Wiesbaden."


# Shoulder to Shoulder

## Video Contest


Want to show off your videography and editing skills? Create your own video Public Service Announcement (PSA) for the Army's new "Shoulder to Shoulder" suicide prevention campaign. Videos must be either 14 or 29 seconds long, and should include strong audio and visual elements. The Kaiserslautern, Mannheim and Heidelberg garrisons will each select a winner to receive an exciting "secret" prize, and those top three PSA's may be aired on AFN!

Completed videos must be submitted to [suicidepreventionpsa@gmail.com](mailto:suicidepreventionpsa@gmail.com) no later than September 24. Submissions may be viewed at: [www.youtube.com/BWfhw](http://www.youtube.com/BWfhw)

For additional details, contact: [lisa.m.velez@eur.army.mil](mailto:lisa.m.velez@eur.army.mil)



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# Transportation officers call attention to NTV misuse

By **Dijon Rolle**  
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**W**ould you take a Humvee through the drive-through window at your local fast-food restaurant or use it to drop off your kids at school? What about taking it out for a quick run to the shoppette?

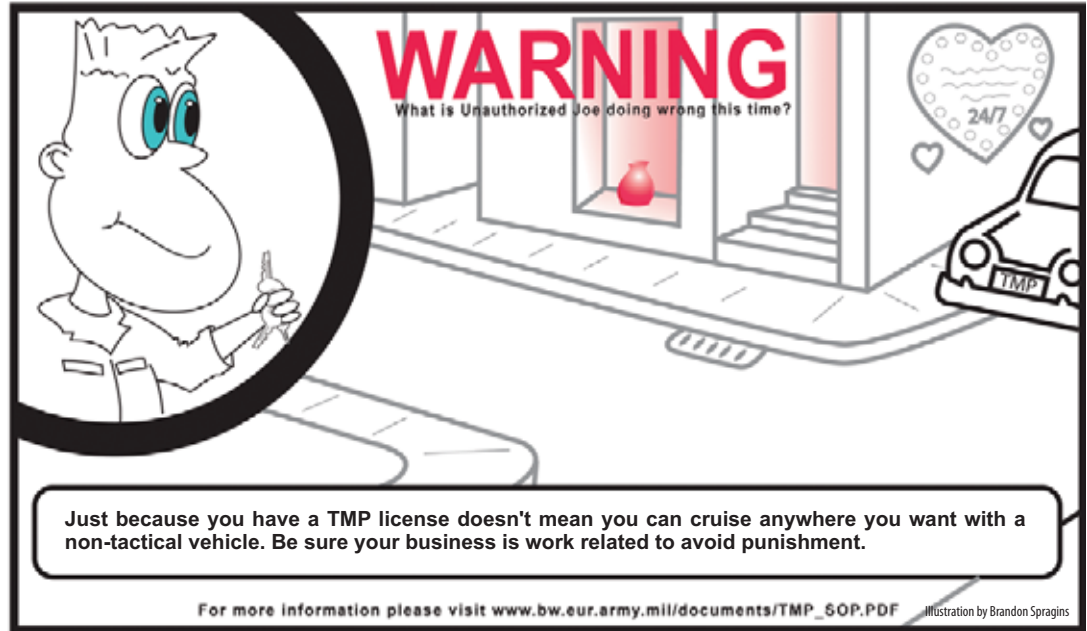
Barring the strange stares, phone calls and the almost certain negative consequences, most of us probably wouldn't take a tactical vehicle out for personal use. So shouldn't the same thing be true when using non-tactical government vehicles?

Both are only designed to be used for conducting official business such as training missions, escorting VIPs, commuting during temporary duty assignments or transporting service members or equipment.

Yet according to Bruce Brown, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg transportation officer, everyone is not getting the message about proper NTV usage.

"The most common abuse we see is people using their NTVs to go to lunch and to go to Burger King or the shoppette when they should be using their own personal vehicles to do that," he said.

Brown explained that service members or civilians on a temporary duty assignment are authorized to use non-tactical government vehicles to perform any neces-



sary personal errands such as grocery shopping, picking up dry-cleaning, or going out to a restaurant to eat.

However, the same does not apply if you are not under TDY orders or not conducting official business.

Brown admits while there is not a huge epidemic of misuse in the community, the abuse has been a lot more noticeable.

"It's not a lot, but it's very visible especially now since our NTV fleet has been cut down and we have customers who need a vehicle for of-

ficial use and we get reports that people are misusing it," he said.

"It's kind of hard to say 'no you can't have an NTV' whereas some people are misusing them and it also takes away from the garrison's money. For every mile driven from misuse, it costs about 61 cents, and that money can be used elsewhere like in construction and ACS and other programs that the garrison funds," Brown said.

He also points out his office is not responsible for policing abuse – unit commanders are.

Instead Brown and staff members like Michael Leyba, Heidelberg Transportation Motor Pool chief, investigate reports of misuse and follow up with the offender's chain of command with the information and their recommendation.

Service members can face Uniform Code of Military Justice action if they are caught abusing their NTV privileges. The exact punishment is at the commander's discretion.

Civilians can also face stiff punishment from their chain of command, which can in-

clude an automatic 30-day suspension without pay.

"It's important because it always comes back to being good stewards of the tax dollars," Leyba said. "It's against regulation, and it does actually have an effect on the unit or on the garrison of taking away vehicles for official use."

To report abuse of non-tactical vehicles, call the Heidelberg TMP office at DSN 373-1800, civ. 06221-17-7243.

For more information on the use of non-tactical vehicles, reference Army Regulation 58-1.

## Honoring the Wereth 11

### Americans invited to ceremony in Belgium to recognize African-American Soldiers

By **Maj. Lawanda D. Warthen**  
U.S. ARMY

The 11 African-American Soldiers killed by the German SS during the Battle of the Bulge will be honored at 11 a.m. Sept. 18 in Wereth, Belgium.

Anyone wishing to attend this year's ceremony can ride the bus departing from the Ramstein Base/Post Exchange parking lot at 8 a.m.

The Wereth 11 were part of a unit reactivated in the regular Army as a 155-mm howitzer battalion a year before their deployment.

In their first six months of combat, they were separated from their unit

while evading the Germans.

While looking for food and shelter, they approached the Mathius Langer house in Wereth, and the family took them in.

About an hour later, a German patrol approached the house. The Americans surrendered, were taken out, and were shot and dumped into a ditch where their bodies remained until mid-February.

The official report noted they had been brutalized with broken legs, bayonet wounds to the head, and fingers cut off.

These 11 Soldiers from Alabama remained unknown to the world un-

til 1994 when Herman Langer, son of Mathius, erected a small cross in the corner of the pasture where they had been murdered.

On the cross were the names of the Soldiers: Curtis Adams, George Davis, Thomas J. Forte, Robert Green, Jim Leatherwood, Bradley Meagler, Nathaniel Moss, George W. Moten, William M. Pritchett, James A. Stewart and Due W. Turner.

In 2001, three Belgians took on the task of creating a more prominent memorial to them as well as to honor all African-American Soldiers of World War II.

The dedication of the new memorial was held in May 2004; road signs now indicate the location of the memorial, and the Belgian Tourist Bureau lists it in its "Battle of the Bulge" brochures.

The goal is to make the Wereth 11 a part of the American Battle Monuments Commission, known to all

Americans and to history.

These African-American men, like so many others, paid the ultimate price for freedom.

Currently in post production, the Wereth Massacre documentary will be released in February during Black History Month.

Learn more about the project on its Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/pages/The-Wereth-Massacre/109405362427004](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Wereth-Massacre/109405362427004).

For those who would like to catch the bus to the ceremony, the cost is \$35, which includes transportation and lunch. Reservations are required no later than Sept. 10.

For more information about the trip, call DSN 483-6265, or e-mail [warthen3@aol.com](mailto:warthen3@aol.com).

For more background information about the Wereth 11, visit <http://themoderatevoice.com/13097/the-alabama-eleven-the-black-gis-of-wereth-belgium-memorial-day-2007>.



Sgt. Sean Mathis

Five-year-old Maddie Lovell clings to her father, Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Lovell, 585th Military Police Company, during a welcome home ceremony, at Marysville High School in Marysville, Ohio, Aug. 13. Lovell and about 170 other Soldiers returned home from the unit's first deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom after training over 500 Iraqi police officers, conducting anti-terrorism and force protection missions, and providing provost marshal law enforcement in Iraq's Anbar Province.

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U.S. Army Photo

Pfc. Franklin Sullivan, an Infantry recruit, low crawls inches below barbed wire at the Sand Hill confidence course at Fort Benning, Ga.



U.S. Army Photo

The new Mountain Combat Boots, being issued to Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan with Multicam uniforms, feature a tougher, more durable sole for gripping the mountainous Afghan terrain.



Spc. Russell Altman, with Provincial Reconstruction Team Kapisa, enjoys the view from the gunners hatch of his Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle while traveling through the Surobi district of Afghanistan. The PRT routinely performs missions throughout Kapisa to interact and engage with local leaders. The PRT's mission is to stabilize the region by enabling local governments to care for, educate, employ and protect their people through the construction of basic infrastructure and mentorship. (Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Joe Laws)



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nior leaders and junior enlisted Soldiers within the companies and units and get feedback from family members, veterans, retirees, civilian employees and contractors as well."

Survey results will be reported separately by the different constituent groups.

"The best way the garrison commander and directors can get an accurate picture of customer satisfaction and expectations is from maximum participation," Knoch added. "For this year's survey, we will be making a big push to get more feedback from all constituent groups. Their input will enable the garrison leadership to determine where improvements can be made."

Anyone who uses garrison services is eligible to take the survey. You only need about 15 minutes to take the survey and provide IMCOM and USAG Baden-Württemberg your feedback about the importance and performance of their services.



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See photos from community events

## 5K German-American walk in Eppelheim to honor fallen Soldiers

By Brandon Spragins

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A 5-kilometer German-American walk to honor fallen Soldiers will be held in Eppelheim at 4 p.m. Saturday.

This is the first time "Walking to Honor Fallen Warriors" will be held as a joint effort between the military and host nation communities.

"The idea actually came from a couple of walks done for the cancer society, one for my 50th birthday and the other a couple of years later because Alfredo and Renado Kutchka, the owners of the Gasthaus Schutzenhaus, were interested in doing something for charity," said Mag McGinley, the coordinator of the walk.

Because of the Schutzenhaus

owners' overwhelming desire to show support for the military, the cancer walk concept was applied to support the American community.

After a little brain storming between McGinley and friends, they came up with the idea for the Walking to Honor Fallen Warriors, and "since all proceeds go to the Fisher House in Landstuhl, what better way to show support to military families," McGinley said.

All this came about because the Kutchkas and McGinley became friends about 11 years ago.

"Alfredo use to have a restaurant in Plankstadt where, over time, an American-German atmosphere started and has since then carried over to his current business location," McGinley

said.

The Gasthaus Schutzenhaus will supply all the fixings to include schnitzel, beer and wine at no charge to participants of the walk. The event sponsors include the Schutzenhaus of Eppelheim, the Heidelberg International Ski Club, the Association of the United States Army (European Department) and the Heidelberg Sergeants Major Association.

The Walking to Honor Fallen Warriors starting point will be at the Gasthaus Schutzenhaus located at Rudolf Wild Strasse 109, Eppelheim. Registration fees for the walk start at \$10 or €6 for single participants or \$15 or €10 for families. During registration, participants also will be able to sign up for HISC membership and open ski trips.

## All about the details



Sgt. Maj. Steven Hobbs  
Army National Guard Soldiers from Biloxi, Miss., demodify an AH-64 Apache helicopter in Mannheim as part of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's reset program. The Soldiers are assigned to a Theater Aviation Support Maintenance Group out of Mississippi and were in Germany in July and August for annual training.

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## GERMAN NEWS

### Famous German Director Dies

Christoph Schlingensiefel, one of Germany's most provocative theatre and film directors, died of lung cancer on Saturday, organizers of the Ruhr Triennale festival said. He was 49. Schlingensiefel, a director from Berlin's Volksbühne theater, was due to present his latest production "S.M.A.S.H." at the festival, but had cancelled the performances in July due to his illness. He is best known for casting neo-Nazi skinhead amateur actors in his "Hamlet" production, burning an effigy of former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon, and wearing a placard carrying the message "Kill Helmut Kohl." Schlingensiefel, who would have been 50 in October, was known as the enfant terrible of German theatre and fearlessly attacked hot-button issues, provoking and probing the most sensitive social and political topics.

### Military Changes

Defence Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg said Monday he planned to cut Germany's armed forces by one-third while scrapping compulsory military service. Guttenberg shared his five reform models with leading members of Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right coalition in the hopes winning support for streamlining the Bundeswehr. The defence minister announced his intention to cut troops numbers from 252,000 soldiers to 163,500 and effectively abolish conscription by mid-2011. Guttenberg said, however, that he intended to keep military service anchored in the German constitution.

### New ID Cards Easily Hacked

The sensitive personal information found on the new German identification cards with data chips scheduled for nationwide introduction this November can be easily hacked, according to testing done by a TV news show. Public broadcaster ARD's show "Plusminus" teamed up with the hacker organization the Chaos Computer Club to find out how secure the controversial new radio-frequency (RFID) chips were. The report showed how they used the basic new home scanning machines that will go along with the cards, and found that scammers would have few problems extracting personal information. This includes two fingerprint scans, which German citizens can opt out of, and a new six-digit PIN number meant to be used as a digital signature for official government business and beyond.

### Landslide in Lower Saxony

There was traffic chaos on the motorways around Göttingen in the state of Lower Saxony following closures forced by a landslide, officials said. An embankment below an A7 motorway construction site gave way between the Göttingen-Nord and Nörten-Hardenberg exits Monday, forcing its closure until Tuesday afternoon. Police had all but given up their attempts to direct traffic around the city until then because the gridlock was so extensive. Officials were finally able to reopen the stretch of road Tuesday afternoon, but traffic was not expected to normalize for some time due to the sheer volume of build up, they said.

### Economic Growth Continues

Domestic consumption and business investment have helped Germany post record growth and raised the chances that Europe's economic engine will keep chugging along this year, economists said Tuesday. Stimulus measures have swollen public debt, however, data from the national statistics office also showed, though it remains within striking distance of European Union targets. Dynamic German activity contrasts with a loss of momentum in the United States, the world's biggest economy, a slowdown in number two China and a fragile recovery in Japan. The Destatis office confirmed a second quarter growth estimate of 2.2 percent from the previous three-month period, a record for reunified Germany, and noted that household consumption had contributed to the result.

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*Dear Ms. Vicki,*  
My husband is in the Army. He tells me I am not entitled to any money. What are my benefits and rights as an Army wife? Do I get a spousal allowance? Do I get money for our child? We are recently

separated, and he sends no support for either his child or me, and I am living with his parents and he will deploy shortly to Afghanistan.

**Dear Spouse,**

I wish I had a dollar for every letter I get like this; I would be financially independent.

This situation deserves much attention.

I have advised spouses to go to their spouse's commander. However, sometimes the commander will intervene and sometimes he won't.

I also advise spouses to make an appointment to speak to someone in the legal office on base or visit them during their scheduled walk-in hours and to file an Inspector General complaint. This also gets mixed reviews.

From reports, the most successful option has been to retain a lawyer and seek a legal separation.

This will allow the two of you to make decisions regarding finances, spousal and child support. In any other case, your husband is at

liberty to leave and not provide anything.

Since you are residing with his parents and he has not deployed yet, my other suggestion would be to talk to him and seek the help of his parents in this discussion. Surely, they know you cannot live with them for free. Besides you and your children are not their financial responsibility, although it's admirable for them to help.

There is no spousal allowance given by the military. Your husband can establish an allotment that he can send to you monthly. This is money that comes out of his pay, not an entitlement from the Department of Defense or Department of the Army for a spouse. There is no such thing.

I know this is a tough situation for you to be in and it's not fair. Somehow, you have got to decide on getting legal advice. Your husband is not treating you fairly, but you cannot be a victim.

Please keep in touch with me and let me know what happens.

## SOS training conference shares best practices with global staff, partners

By **Rob McIlvaine**  
FMWR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. — Over 300 Survivor Outreach Services representatives from the Active Army, Reserves and National Guard converged on the nation's capitol for their annual training during the second week of August.

The conference provided team building opportunities so the Active Army, Army National Guard, Reserves, casualty assistance centers' staffs and SOS teams could share best practices with each other.

It also provided an opportunity for non-government organizations to meet SOS staff and share insight on their work with survivors.

According to Donna Engeman, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command SOS program manager, SOS is one of the Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey's top priorities. Casey, who lost his father in Vietnam, developed the idea for a better support system for survivors of fallen service members in late 2006.

"Because taking care of survivors is one of Gen. Casey's top priorities, it's imperative that we have the right people in the SOS positions in the field. We also need to give them the best training, tools and resources possible in order for them to care for survivors," Engeman said.

One of those tools introduced at this conference was a draft of the

SOS operations manual.

"The operations manual provides guidance, sort of a standard operating procedure. Another purpose of the training was to update our team members on the latest changes in entitlements, policies and regulations regarding survivors," Engeman said.

At the conference, Fort Hood's SOS team and center were given the spotlight to tell their story and share what they've learned since their program became official in May 2009.

"SOS is the most important program the Army has and the Fort Hood SOS program center is what 'right looks like,'" said Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, who began growing and evolving survivor outreach while serving as III Corps and Fort Hood commander and was later tapped to be Installation Management Command's commanding general.

"We're going to fully fund this program, and we're going to increase output at a reduced cost. And you're going to tell me if we're doing the right thing for our Families of the fallen because it worries me to death that there might be one family out there who fear they've been forgotten," Lynch said.

But the Army can't do it alone.

At the training, Lynch mentioned that volunteers, local businesses and non-profits are ready, willing and available right outside the gate.

"The community wants to help.

private organizations want to help. We have to give them the opportunity to help. They know they enjoy freedom because of the sacrifices paid by Gold Star families, and they want to give back as much as they can," Lynch said.

After Lynch secured a building large enough to allow expansion of Fort Hood's SOS program, garrison funds only went so far.

Newly appointed SOS Program Manager Janeth Lopez immediately went out into the community to create program awareness. Soon after, furniture and appliances were donated, a family room was improved and the adjoining kitchen took on a family atmosphere.

During August of last year, the Fort Hood SOS expanded into a larger facility that provided room for a growing staff and range of programs. This expansion also allowed for the creation of the Hall of Remembrance dedicated to the fallen heroes.

One of the "best practices" shared at the conference was the recommendation to use focus groups to ensure SOS programs are meeting the needs of the survivors.

"Some of the garrisons may have focus groups organized in order to receive survivor feedback on issues they face. At the Department of the Army level, we have the CSA's Survivor Working Group, which provides advice and comments on the SOS program," Engeman said.

# GET OUT!

## area events

More events online at <http://myBWnow.ning.com>

### August 28

**European Music Festival** - Stuttgart hosts a series of concerts now through Sept. 29. The festival's motto is "completely incomplete," and visitors can enjoy 30 concerts at different locations. Ctv. 0711-619210, [www.musikfest.de](http://www.musikfest.de).

**Clock Fair** - Experience Europe's largest antique clock fair at Furtwangen University, next to the German Clock and Watch Museum. There will be international exhibitors, clocks, watches, spare parts, tools, literature and accessories for your enjoyment. The fair runs 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. [www.antik-uhrenboerse.eu](http://www.antik-uhrenboerse.eu).

**Toga Party** - Go Greek and win the prize for Best Toga at the Recovery Room's Toga Party 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in Heidelberg on Nachrichten Kaserne. Open to ages 18 and over. Admission is free. DSN 371-2762, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Wii Tournament and Movie Night** - Get your game on or watch a blockbuster flick at Legends community club on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9570.

**7 Castle Hike** - Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

### August 29

**Phantasialand** - Visit this fabulous theme park for a day with Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation. DSN 388-9282.

### September 2

**BOSS Escape to Italy** - Escape to Italy with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers. Join Heidelberg BOSS as they team up with other Europe BOSS programs for an adventure in Pisa and Florence, Italy. Cost is €125 for transportation and lodging. Choose between camping on the beach in tents or in cabins. Register at Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation. DSN 388-9282.

**Kaiserslautern Rising Star** - Audition for the chance to win a three-day professional recording studio experience in Los Angeles, studio time, vocal coach, production of a three-song demo CD and an all expense paid trip for two. Mandatory acapella auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Kaiserslautern Military Community Onstage, Bldg. 3232, Kleber Kaserne. The competition is 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057, Vogelweh. Singers must be Active-duty, Reserve, National Guard, or military family members and 18 years or older. \$300 will be awarded to the most supported unit or FRG. Auditions: DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-411-6626.

### September 3

**Prague and Karlovy Vary** - Enjoy an overnight tour of two of the most fascinating

cities in Europe. Prague and Karlovy Vary (Karlbad). Spend the night in a four-star hotel in Prague's main shopping and entertainment district. There will also be plenty of time for sightseeing, shopping and more. <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern>.

**London Express** - Tour the famous Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square and St. Paul's Cathedral. You will also have time to explore the city on your own. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinneckar>.

**Middle Ages Re-enactment** - Go back to the Middle Ages where brave knights could be found during the re-enactment in Kirrweiler on the Weinstrasse through Sept. 5. Experience the everyday life of ancestors - how they lived, worked, performed ceremonies and more. There is the opportunity to watch or take part in archery competitions, axe throwing, sword fencing and other medieval contests (pre-registration mandatory). Over 50 marketers invite you to be part of medieval everyday life and enjoy traditional food specialties. The events take place in Edelforf and Kropsbach located along the meadows beneath the castle pond where the three-day medieval festival takes place. If you show up dressed in medieval attire, you will receive a surprise at the entrance. [www.winelandgames.de](http://www.winelandgames.de).

### September 4

**Beer Fest** - Enjoy a Belgian Beer Festival in Brussels with Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

**Salsa Night** - Learn to salsa with an hour of free salsa lessons, free finger foods, margarita bar and live disc jockey 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036, Vogelweh Housing. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Rothenburg Imperial Festival** - Take a step back in time as the Imperial City Festival of Rothenburg brings history alive with a thousand costumed participants. You can walk through the many unique encampments or along the city wall's walkways, see the gruesome medieval torture instruments in the criminal museum, or climb the old town tower for a magnificent view of the city. <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern>.

**Castle Illumination Cruise** - The Warrant Officer Association welcomes everyone to a river boat cruise and Heidelberg castle illumination with fireworks. Cost is €30 per person or €55 for two tickets. Children under 7 are free. The "Alt Heidelberg" will depart the docks in front of the Heidelberg Stadthalle at 8 p.m.; boarding begins at 7:30 p.m. [www.Rhein-NeckarSilver.com](http://www.Rhein-NeckarSilver.com).

### September 5

**Midnight Bingo** - Come out for bingo action 9 p.m.-midnight and compete for a chance to win \$1,000. Doors open at

7 p.m. Enjoy free food and soft drinks at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057, Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### September 10

**Sausage Mart and Wine Fest** - Experience the sights, smells and tastes of the Bad Dürkheim Sausage Market and Wine Fest with Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

**Heidelberg Rising Star** - Do you have what it takes to become a star? Find out at Heidelberg Operation Rising Star, an Army-wide singing competition, and you could win the ultimate recording music experience! The grand prize winner will get an all expense paid trip for two to Los Angeles to get studio time, meet with a vocal coach and cut a three-song demo CD. Plus, the local winner will get \$500. Not a singer but want to make some cash anyway? \$300 will go to the most supported unit or FRG. Auditions are at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 with the semi-finals Sept. 17 and the finals Sept. 24, all at the Recovery Room on Nachrichten Kaserne. Contest rules and application: [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### September 15

**BOSS Cheap Eats** - Celebrate Hispanic-American Heritage Month with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Cheap Eats 6-8:30 p.m. in the Patton Barracks Warrior Zone in Heidelberg. Learn how to cook quick and healthy meals on a budget. Open to ID card holders ages 18 and over. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### September 16

**Ramstein Bazaar** - The 45th Annual Ramstein Welfare Bazaar will be noon-8 p.m. on the Ramstein flightline. Enjoy shopping, eating, entertainment and goods from more than 130 vendors from across Europe. Bazaar runs through Sept. 19. [www.ramstein-bazaar.org](http://www.ramstein-bazaar.org).

### September 18

**Oktoberfest** - Travel to the world-famous Oktoberfest in Munich with the Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, Civ. 0631-3406-4117.

### September 24

**European Castle Ball** - Engineers across Europe are invited to the European Castle Ball Sept. 24 at the Wurzburg Castle. Tickets: DSN 314-379-5049, civ. 0620-280-5049.

**Oktoberfest** - Celebrate Germany's largest tradition with games, prize giveaways, music and more 6 p.m.-midnight at Landstuhl Community Club, Bldg. 3780, Landstuhl Post. DSN 486-7244, civ. 06371-86-7244.

# coming to THEATERS

## NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS

(Emma Thompson, Ralph Fiennes) In the latest installment, Nanny McPhee appears at the door of a harried young mother, Mrs. Isabel Green, who is trying to run the family farm while her husband is away at war. But once she's arrived, Nanny McPhee discovers that Mrs. Green's children are fighting a war of their own against two spoiled city cousins. Relying on everything from a flying motorcycle to a statue that comes to life, Nanny McPhee uses her magic to teach her mischievous charges five new lessons. Rated PG (rude humor, some language and mild thematic elements) 108 minutes



## THE A TEAM

(Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper) A group of Iraq War veterans looks to clear their name with the U.S. military, who suspect the four men of committing a crime for which they were framed. Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of action and violence throughout, language and smoking) 117 minutes

## PLAYING THIS WEEK

**Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village**

Aug. 26 - THE EXPENDABLES (R) 7 p.m.  
 Aug. 27 - TOY STORY 3 (G) 2 p.m.; NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 7 p.m.; THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 28 - TOY STORY 3 (G) 4 p.m.; NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 7 p.m.; THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 29 - TOY STORY 3 (G) 4 p.m.; NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Aug. 30 - THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Aug. 31 - NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 1 - TOY STORY 3 (G) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 2 - NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 7 p.m.

## Mannheim, Schuh

Theater under construction until further notice.

## Vogelweh, Galaxy

Aug. 27 - TOY STORY 3 (G) 3 p.m.; THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Aug. 28 - TOY STORY 3 (G) 3 p.m.; THE EXPENDABLES (R) 7 p.m.  
 Aug. 29 - TOY STORY 3 (G) 3 p.m.; THE EXPENDABLES (R) 7 p.m.

## Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

Aug. 26 - THE KARATE KID (PG) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m.; JONAH HEX (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; BABIES (PG) noon, 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.  
 Aug. 27 - NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.  
 Aug. 28 - NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.  
 Aug. 29 - NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m.; TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.; THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 30 - NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 11 a.m. 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m.  
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 Sept. 1 - NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 11:15 p.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; FURRY VENGEANCE (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m.

## THEATER INFORMATION

Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg, 06221-27-238  
 Schuh Theater, Mannheim, 0621-730-1790  
 Galaxy Theater, Vogelweh, 0631-50017  
 Gateway Cineplex, Ramstein, 06371-47-5550

Visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) for updated listings and more movie descriptions

## community HIGHLIGHTS

### TRICARE Updates

The new TRICARE Overseas Program contract begins Sept. 1. TRICARE beneficiaries stationed overseas who want to keep up with the latest information about their health care benefits need to update their family's Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System records as soon as possible. To update your information visit your local ID card office or [www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/index.jsp](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/index.jsp) or call 1-800-538-9552 (1-866-363-2883 TTY/TDD).

### Capital City Visitation Program

Be a guest of the State of Baden-Württemberg and the city of Stuttgart and learn more about your home state 7:30 a.m. Sept. 20 with a visitation tour. Tour is open to all Soldiers, DOD Civilians, and spouses. Transportation is free. This tour is for adults only. Deadline to register is Sept. 7. Registration: DSN 373-1600, civ. 06221-17-1600, [usaghpao@eur.army.mil](mailto:usaghpao@eur.army.mil).

### Postal Service Closures

The Mannheim and Heidelberg Consolidated Mail Rooms and Army Post Offices will be closed for Organizational Day Sept. 9.

### Scout Expo

The Boy Scouts of America and Girls Scouts of the United States of America will host a Scout Expo 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center-AAFES Main Exchange Courtyard located on Ramstein Air Base. [VenturingCrew21@gmail.com](mailto:VenturingCrew21@gmail.com).

## local EMPLOYMENT

### Heidelberg Career Fair

Heidelberg Army Community Service will host a career fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. Employers interested in participating can call DSN 370-6883 or civ. 06221-57-6883. [dennis.menard@eur.army.mil](mailto:dennis.menard@eur.army.mil).

### Kaiserslautern CYSS Job Fair

Child, Youth and School Services will host a job fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 30 at Heaton Hall at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. More than 30 job openings for full time, part time and FLEX positions are available. On the spot interviews and same day hiring will be offered. Bring your resume and dress to impress. DSN 493-4370, civ. 0631-3406-4370.

### Book Keeper

The Heidelberg Thrift Shop is accepting applications for a book keeper. Must be at least 18 years old with valid ID card. Submit resume in person to the Thrift Shop on Patrick Henry Village by Sept. 11. Must have experience and references.

### ACS Mannheim Job Fair

Army Community Service is sponsoring a career fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Sports Arena, Bldg. 736, on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim. Civ. 0621-730-3101.

### Child Care Professionals

The Family Child Care programs in Heidelberg and Mannheim are recruiting family members who want a professional career with the benefit of working in their home. Training and assistance are provided at no cost. Civ. 06221-338-9378.

### KAISERSLAUTERN

#### Education

##### ♦Army Family Team Building

The Level I class will be held 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sept. 8-9 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. The class is good for promotion points and teaches Army life and how to maneuver through daily challenges by discovering how to decipher Army acronyms, use community resources, attain better financial readiness, and understand the goal and impact of the Army mission. DSN 493-4357, civ. 0631-3406-4357.

♦German Language Classes - Due to the instructor leaving, all basic German classes will be cancelled until further notice.

♦Suicide Prevention Training - Suicide Prevention Training for DA Civilians will be held at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center on 10 a.m. - noon Sept. 9. This briefing will fulfill the annual Suicide Prevention Training requirement. DSN 486-5801, civ. 06371-86-5801.

♦ASIST Training - The Chaplain's Office will offer Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 16-17 at the Daenner Chapel Fellowship Hall, Bldg 3150, Daenner Kaserne. The ASIST workshop is for people who want to feel more comfortable, confident and competent in helping to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. Registration: DSN 493-4098 or [mirna.oceguera@eur.army.mil](mailto:mirna.oceguera@eur.army.mil).

♦SOS - The purpose of Survivor Outreach Services is to deliver on the Army's commitment to Families of the Fallen. SOS connects you with people who can help you cope with your loss. The SOS program also facilitates support groups where families and individuals can share feelings, burdens and community resources. DSN 493-4332, civ. 0631-3406-4332.

♦Sponsorship Training - Sponsorship training is offered at 3 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Bldg. 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4064, civ. 0631-3406-4064.

#### Community

♦AGBC Meeting - The Kaiserslautern American German Business Club will host a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Hacienda Mexican Restaurant in Einsiedlerhof's Midway Plaza. RSVP by Aug. 30. [www.kaiserslautern.agbc.de](http://www.kaiserslautern.agbc.de).

♦Clinic Closures - The U.S. Army Health Clinic on Kleber Kaserne will be closed Sept. 3 for a training holiday and Sept. 6 for the Labor Day holiday.

♦Rocky Horror Picture Show Auditions - Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the KMC Onstage, Bldg. 3232, Kleber Kaserne. Must be 16 or over. Participants should wear clothing that allows you to move and dance, have a rock song prepared to sing and bring sheet music for

the accompanist. Show dates: Oct. 31-Nov. 13. DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-411-6626. [www.mwgermany.com](http://www.mwgermany.com).

♦EFMP Support Group - Clinical psychologist, Dr. Kristal White, Ph.D. of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's Pediatrics Behavioral Health will speak and provide parents with a better understanding of children diagnosed with Autism. The topic of discussion will be "Autism Diagnosis and Social Skills Implications." The support group will meet at Vogelweh Elementary School library, 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 14. DSN 493-4016, civ. 0631-3406-4016.

♦Army Family Action Plan Conference - The AFAP Conference will take place at the Kaiserslautern Community Activity Center Oct. 27-29. If you would like to submit issues or volunteer to work the conference, call DSN 493-4357, civ. 0631-3406-4357.

### HEIDELBERG

#### Education

♦Teacher Meet and Greet - There will be a teacher meet and greet 1:30-2:20 p.m. Aug. 27 at Patrick Henry Elementary school for parents and students. The opening ceremony will take the new school year will be 8 a.m. Aug. 30 in front of the school. The first day for kindergarten students is Sept. 7.

♦Middle School Orientation - Heidelberg Middle School will host a school orientation for families of students in grades six through eight who are new to the Heidelberg area at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 27 in the school's multipurpose room. DSN 388-9310.

♦ACS Classes - There will be a Healthy Relationships class 1-3 p.m. Sept. 2 and the Community Orientation Briefing is noon-3 p.m. every Monday. [www.mwgermany.com/hd/acs](http://www.mwgermany.com/hd/acs).

♦German Language Classes - A German 1 daytime class is being offered Aug. 30-Sept. 17 and a German 2 daytime class Sept. 27-Oct. 15. Classes are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9-11:30 a.m. Cost €80. Registration: [info@Germanatpatton.com](mailto:info@Germanatpatton.com).

♦Master's Degree Cohort - University of Phoenix will begin a new Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Elementary and Secondary Teacher Education cohort during the last week of September in Heidelberg. Civ. 06221-588-0492, [rebecca.fink@phoenix.edu](mailto:rebecca.fink@phoenix.edu).

#### Community

♦Housing Division - The Housing Division has changed its off-post housing procedures. All off-post services will now be done by appointment only. Customers need to call DSN 387-3302 or their individual counselor for an appointment.

♦PHV Construction - Construction on the front entrance of the PHV movie theater is scheduled to start

Sept. 6 and end February 2011.

This is the third and final phase of construction and will complete the multi-year upgrade of the PHV Shopping Center Plaza Upgrade.

##### ♦Graffiti Wall Grand Opening

Child, Youth and School Services will host a grand opening for the new teen graffiti wall 4 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Lion's Den on Patrick Henry Village. There will be a graffiti art demonstration and refreshments.

♦Volksmarch - The Heidelberg International Wandering Club is registered at the following volksmarches in August and September: Lamsborn, Ittlingen and Ueberach, Aug. 28-29; Gelnhausen and Neckarsteinbach, Sept. 4; and Raueneberg, Sept. 5. Club members will be at the C.A.R.E. Fair Aug. 28 to speak to anyone interested in volksmarching. [www.hiwc.de](http://www.hiwc.de) or [hiwc@yahoo.com](http://hiwc@yahoo.com).

♦Theater Auditions - The Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks will hold auditions for "The Dumb Waiter" at 7 p.m. Aug. 31-Sept. 1. Seeking men ages 20 and over. Also looking for musicians, technical staff and crew. DSN 373-5020.

♦Breastfeeding Support Group - A new group for breastfeeding mothers will have its first meeting at 10 a.m. Sept. 8. There will also be a cloth diaper support group meeting at 10 a.m. Sept. 16. Both meetings will be held in the Yellow Ribbon Room in Bldg. 4531 on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 370-6883.

♦Volunteers Needed - The Heidelberg Community Spouses Club needs volunteers for its 46th annual Heidelberg Holiday Bazaar Oct. 8-10. As a volunteer you'll be entered into ongoing raffles to win prizes. Teens can also volunteer. [www.hsc-heidelberg.com](http://www.hsc-heidelberg.com), [www.mwgermany.com](http://www.mwgermany.com).

♦Girl Scouts - The Heidelberg Girl Scouts are looking for adult volunteers and girls ages 5-17 to participate in the organization. Training and mentoring are provided for adult volunteers. [www.gsusahd.org/council.html](http://www.gsusahd.org/council.html).

♦Children's Entertainment - Klutz the Clown provides free entertainment for birthday parties, church, school, Family Readiness Group functions and other events. Civ. 0152 23320847.

♦Free Wireless Internet - The library now offers free wireless Internet for computer users. No password required. DSN 370-1740.

### MANNHEIM

#### Education

♦Testing Services - Electronic testing services are available through Central Texas College at the National Testing Center on Coleman Barracks. The center offers College Level Examination Program testing and DANTES subject standardized tests. Both are free for military service members and

exams are offered electronically with immediate score results. Professional certification exams are also available. [www.europe.ctcd.edu](http://www.europe.ctcd.edu).

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#### Community

♦IG Support - Inspector General support to the Mannheim community will now be provided by USAREUR IG. DSN 370-8767.

♦Weekend DFAC Hours - Sullivan Dining Facility has changed its meal hours on weekends due to mass block leave resulting in a low headcount. Until further notice, meal hours will be brunch 9 a.m.-2 p.m. DSN 385-3001.

♦Library Activities - The following activities are available: Scrapbook Club meeting, noon-3 p.m. Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25.; free movie screening, 4-5:30 p.m. Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25.; Toddler's and Preschooler's Story Hour Sept. 9 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Brown bag book club, noon-1 p.m. Sept. 14, and Homeschooler's Meeting, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 15. Come for a Library orientation and see what resources are available. DSN: 380-1740, civ. 0621-730-1740, [bobbie.carr1@eur.army.mil](mailto:bobbie.carr1@eur.army.mil).

♦PWOC Fall Kick-off - The Protestant Women of the Chapel Fall Kick-Off will be held 9:30 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m. Sept. 7. All women of all faiths are welcome to attend bible study, discussion, singing, and prayer. The group will continue to meet at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. every Tuesday in the BFV chapel basement. Free childcare is provided, as well as lunch and dinner.

♦Free Pancake Breakfast - There will be a free pancake breakfast 7-9 a.m. Sept. 8 at the USO. Enjoy free pancakes, bacon, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice sponsored by Volvo Military Sales Mannheim.

♦FMO Closure - The Furnishing Management Office on Spinelli Barracks will be closed Sept. 9 for organizational day. No services will be provided on that day.

♦Girl Scout Tea Party - There will be a Girl Scouts' Tea Party 1-3 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Mannheim Middle School Multi Purpose Room. The Tea Party is open to all school age girls.

♦The EDGE! Activities - Activities in September: Archery Antics, 3-5 p.m. Mondays; Rock Band Sensation, 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays; Do the WRIGHT Thing, 3-5 p.m. Tuesdays; Bowlerama Bonanza, 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; Teck Deck Trek, 3:30-5 p.m. Fridays. Registration ends Aug. 31. Register: Parent Central Services in, DSN 385-2042, civ. 0621-730-2042.

# Shooters compete at annual Rod and Gun Club event in Heidelberg

## Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club

Twelve hunters from American rod and gun clubs throughout Europe and 17 German hunters from the Black Forest and the Odenwald areas participated in the Deutsche Jagdschutz Verband Gross Gold Shooting Competition Aug. 14 at the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club.

The annual shoot, sponsored by the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club, is the only American run DJV shooting competition in Europe.

Rifle shooting disciplines included both stationary and moving targets at 100 and 50 meters, as well as shooting trap and skeet with a shotgun.

After the scores were tabulated, the Oftersheim German-American Hunters Stammtisch horn blowers opened the ceremony with traditional hunting tunes, and shoot organizer Dom Knoll presented DJV certificates to several shooters who earned both the German and American shooting pins.

In the large gold class, Bjorn Scherraus took top honors with a score of 321 points. Georg Egerle earned his American gold pin, shooting a respectable score of 301.

Thomas Schnaible, Russell Graves and Juergen Schnaible earned their American silver pins with scores of 298, 273 and 268.

In the bronze class, Benjamin

Morrill, Walter Scherraus and Jochen Schwaemmle shot their way to the American bronze pin, scoring 256, 235 and 235, respectively.

The American team representing American rod and gun clubs in Europe at the German Nationals (Bundesmeisterschaft) will be Ed Puterbaugh, Gerry Clayton, Dom Knoll, Tom Winkel, Mike Sinnema and Mark Walworth.

The national shooting competition will be held in early September in Waakhausen, near Bremen.

For more information on the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club and the variety of outdoor activities available, visit [www.mwrgermany.com/HD/rod\\_gun/rod\\_gun.htm](http://www.mwrgermany.com/HD/rod_gun/rod_gun.htm).

## A stone's throw



Pfc. David Huddleston

Staff Sgt. Robert Owens, senior technical engineer for the 18th Engineer Brigade, participates in the stone throw during a German and American sports competition Aug. 12 in Speyer. Soldiers from the 18th Engineer Brigade competed in multiple sporting events against Soldiers from the German 464th Construction Engineer Battalion to build a stronger relationship between the partner units.

## 19 year old wins golf championship again

By Rex Gribble  
HEIDELBERG GOLF CLUB

Nineteen-year-old Nikolaj Straetz did it again, shooting 71-74 to win the two-day Heidelberg Golf Club Championship Sunday for the second straight year by six strokes after winning the Heidelberg Open last month by five strokes.

Eric Strauss was runner-up with 75-76. Hong Yi won the men's low net with a 141 two-day total.

In the men's senior's division, Mike Causey shot 73 opening day to lead by four strokes, but three-putted the final two holes Sunday to lose by a stroke

to Fred Perez who shot 77-77. Robert Rhou won the seniors low net at 138.

Tammy Book shot 85-83 to win the women's division. Yvonne Hoplitshchek took second. Brigitte Bergner had 156 for women's low net. Irmgard Baust had senior women's low gross.

Long drives for the three divisions were won by Straetz, Sy Daranouvong, George Kelley, John Sapanos, Book, Lori Schlichter, Criss Skyler and Causey.

Closest to the pin winners were Tim McGrath, Klaus Rippberger, David Reed, Birgit Ludwig, Gudrun Kugelmann, Ruediger Hillert and Marco Armbruster.

## staying ACTIVE

### Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Tourney

The Heidelberg Women's Golf Association's Rally for Breast Cancer Awareness event is seeking volunteers for this year's golf tournament event Aug. 28 at the Heidelberg Golf Course in Oftersheim. Training will be provided. [www.rallyforthebreastcancer.com](http://www.rallyforthebreastcancer.com), click on the volunteer link or e-mail [qamstr1@googlemail.com](mailto:qamstr1@googlemail.com).

### Soccer Camp

Registration is now open for the Olympic Development Program Residential Soccer Camp. The camp will be held Sept. 4-6 at the Bitburg Sportschule in Bitburg. Cost is €250 and covers training sessions, lodging and meals. [labordaycamp2010@googlemail.com](mailto:labordaycamp2010@googlemail.com).

### Outdoor Emergency Care Course

Alpine skiers and snowboarders in the Heidelberg community who want to take their skills to the next level will have the opportunity to take a nationally accredited outdoor emergency care course starting Sept. 7. Join the Heidelberg Ski Patrol by enrolling in its twice-a-week OEC class, which will take place through late November at Heidelberg High School. Candidates will head to the mountains in January to apply classroom skills on the ski slopes in Bichlbach, Austria, and Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland. Sign up for the OEC course during HSP's orientation night at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7 at HHS. For details, e-mail [jagcol@earthlink.net](mailto:jagcol@earthlink.net) or visit the C.A.R.E. Fair booth at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion Aug. 28. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Fall Bowling Leagues

Fall bowling leagues kick off in September at the Heidelberg Bowling and Entertainment Center on Patrick Henry Village; Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m. Mondays starting Sept. 13; Family and MWR Mixed, 7 p.m. Tuesdays starting Sept. 7; Fun League, 7 p.m. Thursdays Sept. 9-Dec. 9, no one allowed with over 175 average; Mixed, 7 p.m. Fridays starting Sept. 10; Heidelberg Juniors, Registration Sept. 11. Competition starts Sept. 18; Adult Junio Mixed, 3 p.m. Sundays starting Sept. 12. DSN 388-9040.

### Fantasy Football League

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons from all five branches of the U.S. military are invited to play in a free fantasy football league with \$100,000, a trip to Super Bowl XLV and championship rings on the line. Participants can create an account and begin drafting teams to compete in the RapidDraft Fantasy Football League at [www.mwrfantasysports.com](http://www.mwrfantasysports.com). Registration and all drafts must be started by Sept. 12 at 8 a.m. EDT. All participants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of registration. The league is open to all active-duty personnel, their family members, retirees, Reservists, National Guard, DOD and Coast Guard civilians.

### NFL Sundays at Slapshots

Starting Sept. 15, watch football on the big screen at Slapshots on Patton Barracks. First game starts at 7 p.m. and second game starts at 10 p.m. DSN 373-5194.

### Bowling Tournament

King of the Hill Bowling Tournament Series starts at noon Sept. 19 and every third Saturday afterwards at the Heidelberg Bowling and Entertainment Center on Patrick Henry Village. \$40 fee. The tournament will be played in conjunction with the Mannheim Bowling Center on Benjamin Franklin Village. There will be 14 qualifying tournaments with one final year-end tournament.

### Strongman Run in France

Get ready for the Strongman Run in La Bresse, France, Oct. 17. This is no ordinary run. It's 13 kilometers of running through hills of tires, climbing over hay walls, crawling under ropes, and mud, sweat and maybe some tears. Start training with Heidelberg Sports and Fitness. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com), [www.strongmanrun.com](http://www.strongmanrun.com).