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A team of United States Forces-Iraq-sponsored English language teachers began conducting classes with cadets attending the Iraqi Military Academy at Rustamiyah Nov. 1. The team at is one of seven USF-I English Language Training Program teams. The other six teams are working in Taji, Tikrit, Baghdad, with teams expected to start classes soon in Umm Qasr and Arbil. These teams were formed by USF-I officials in a manner to provide an equal balance of educational strengths at each location, said Carlee Smith, who is the lead USF-I teacher at Rustamiyah.

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## Making a Difference

### Adopt-a-School program pairs Soldiers, students

By Donna Walker  
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**M**entoring makes a difference, a difference that for a child in school can boost grades, improve discipline and enable the ability to interact socially.

Twenty soldiers from the Special Troops Battalion, V Corps, have chosen to join the mentoring program for Patrick Henry Elementary School students called Adopt-a-School. Many of the Soldiers, like Maj. Demetrius Green, mentor more than one student so that a total of 50 students meet with STB Soldiers either in the classroom or on the playground.

"A teacher made a difference in how I turned out," said Maj. Demetrius Green, a combat engineer currently assigned as the STB operations officer. "I know how important it is." He said he knows the teachers can use the help.

Patrick Henry Elementary School Principal Allison Peltz knew the program was needed when she met a student who was upset because he'd just learned his father wouldn't be home for Christmas.

"His deployment had been extended," Peltz said. "I have parents who are deployed and who have deployed multiple times. These are the things that impact our children day to day."

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bill Butcher met with Peltz and others and discussed Adopt-a-School. The once-active program had been dormant in the community for five years. Now, all three Heidelberg schools have been adopted by USAG BW units.

"We looked at the needs of the individual child and the teachers identified children," Peltz said. Teachers work with the Soldiers to establish meeting times and discuss commitment. "We want (them) to be consistent so the child can build a relationship," Pelz said.

Green was the point of contact for battalion see **ADOPT-A-SCHOOL** page 12

Donna Walker  
V Corps Special Troops Battalion Operations Officer Maj. Demetrius Green attends Math class with fourth-grade student Jamieroquai "J.C." Cooper as part of the Adopt-A-School partnership with Patrick Henry Elementary School in Heidelberg.

### Dental Soldiers assist on highway as 'good Samaritans'

By Lt. Col. Carol Fontanese  
30TH MEDCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The dark smoke rising over Autobahn 6 came from a burning red Peugeot with two elderly people standing too close to the flaming mess.

No other motorists stopped, so the Soldiers from the 30th Medical Command (dental service) en route to Kaiserslautern

Nov. 21 reacted as they had been trained. They helped.

"It is the right thing to do," said Spc. Rogelio Rosa-Bozar, an Army Reserve logistics specialist and a native of Puerto Rico, said. "German Good Samaritan laws require motorists to stop to assist other stranded or injured motorists."

The Soldiers stopped behind see **CAR BLAZE** page 12



Lt. Col. Terry Owens  
A blazing vehicle on Autobahn 6 caught the attention of Soldiers of the 30th Medical Command (dental service) who stopped to help Nov. 21. (License plate numbers are blacked to comply with German privacy laws.)

**SAFETY MESSAGE**

# Holiday scams begin, e-mail frauds lurk

**By Gerald Holland**  
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The holidays are upon us and in the Internet world there are those interested in supplementing their holiday shopping funds with some hard-earned cash straight out of your pockets.

If they can't persuade you to give them the money directly, they will simply resort to gathering enough personally identifiable information to masquerade as you and then charge your VISA, MasterCard or even apply for a credit card in your name.

I've seen several reports of e-mail scams recently. Fortunately, our EUR users, their friends and family seem well educated about e-mail scams and petty phishing schemes.

I encourage those of you who are familiar with fraud (scams and phishing) on the Internet to share your knowledge with your family, friends and co-workers and send your information assurance manager, or IAM, a note when something suspicious shows up.

For those of you who are not as Internet savvy, keep this in mind: No one is trying to give you "free" money. No wealthy patriarch or matriarch has died in a foreign land and left you their inheritance.

If someone had, don't you think their estate could afford a phone call or a direct flight so the lawyer could visit you personally with some papers to sign?

It might still be a scam but at least there would be some investment of time, money and creativity put into the scammer's at-

tempt to steal your money.

Don't let the cheap, lazy, digital, Internet scammers so easily off the hook – make them work for your cash. Take a moment to look at the message, laugh, and then delete it.

Don't worry; you'll get plenty more.

As mentioned, I've received several reports of e-mail scams in the past few weeks. If you receive something on your personal e-mail, EUR e-mail or AKO e-mail that is obviously bad or suspicious, the best course of action is to delete it.

If you think it is tricky enough to convince someone to give up their information, then can send it to your information assurance manager.

If you suspect it may be linked to malicious code then definitely contact your IAM soonest. As a rule, if you are really not sure if it's a scam, make a phone call to the legitimate company or business to confirm.

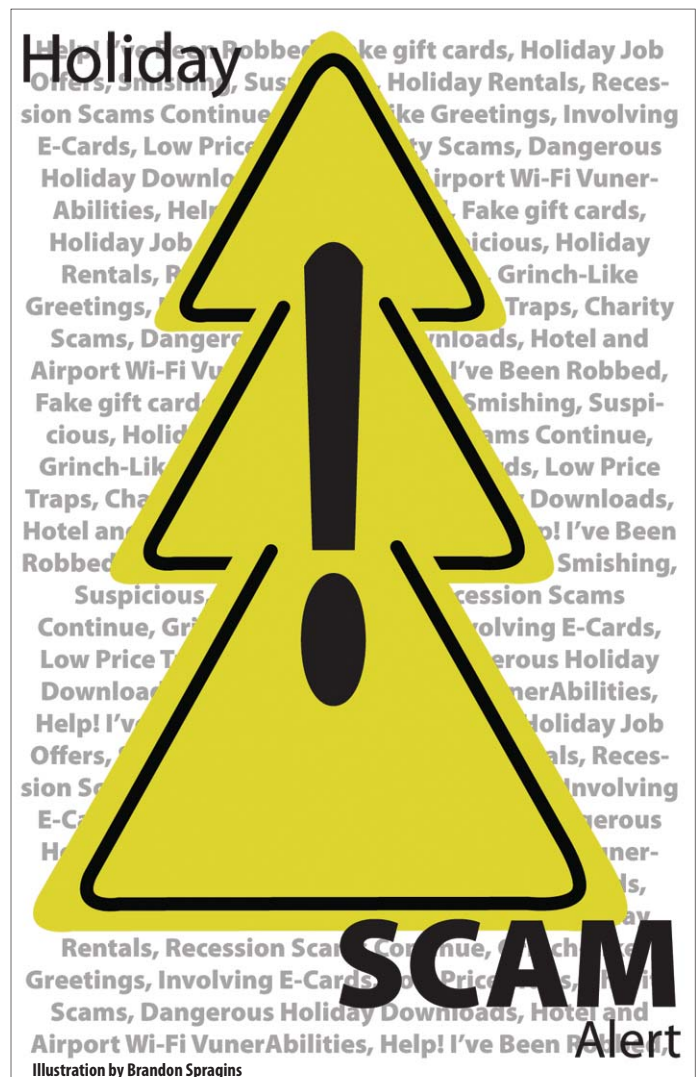
Or you can look up the message on Google or another search engine you prefer. Try typing "scam - title of the e-mail" and you'll most likely get a dozen or so articles on the item.

Unless, of course, it's not a scam and you really are entitled to large sums of money.

In which case I would ask, "Could I get a loan?"

Every unit has an information assurance manager that can be contacted about suspicious e-mail traffic.

Dial 119 to reach the Enterprise Service Desk to find out the name of your information assurance manager.



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**Question: Which transformation issues would you like the command to focus more on in the coming year?**

Better pediatrics. —Ellie Bunker, BWnow Facebook fan  
Schools and busing. —Donna Durbin Kendall, BWnow Facebook fan

I am moving there soon, what can I expect with the everything that is happening with the transformation. —Kenya Davis, BWnow Facebook fan  
Kenya, Depending on which community you are moving to you can expect to see a variety of changes but regardless the command will still continue to provide the same level of quality support to you and your family. That will not change. The best place to find the latest transformation news is at our garrison site [www.bw.eur.army.mil](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil). We have a section there under the "Hot Topics" link completely devoted to transformation. Our Facebook page is also a great source. Welcome to the community :) —BWnow administrator

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# Cooking show 'Guten Appetit' debuts on AFN

## New program is on the hunt for good grub

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

Lance Milsted is what you might call a foodie. His palate has a passion for all types of cuisine whether it's Italian, Tex-Mex, German or Norwegian. The Wisconsin native is also pretty comfortable behind the stove, whipping up his own dishes that include everything from lasagna to lutefisk, a Norwegian fish.

Milsted is the operations manager for American Forces Network Heidelberg and he, along with Sgt. 1st Class Adam Shaw, AFN Heidelberg's station commander, have channeled that passion into prime time programming.

"I've been in this job for seven months and I watched a lot of Food Network programming back in the states. They were things that were interesting to me and entertaining since I really enjoy cooking," Milsted said.

After coming to Germany he became interested in finding places that were fun to go to eat when he noticed a void for that type of information. Milsted wanted to do something about it.

His observation along with feedback from viewers and even some of the AFN Soldiers helped to create the concept for "Guten Appetit," AFN Heidelberg's new traveling cooking show premiering Monday. The show visits local restaurants to sample and savor some of the area's best dishes.

"We had two focus groups of about 20 people and they said, 'We're tired of seeing the commander talking to us and telling us what we can and can't do. We see all these sexual assault spots,'" Shaw said.

"But what they really wanted was to see more things out in the community. They wanted to know what was out there to do. Where were the places to eat? And that was

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—Lance Milsted, AFN Operations Manager

a big driving force to know that a show like this could be successful," Shaw said.

"Guten Appetit" is slightly modeled after Food Network favorites such as "Roker on the road," Rachel Ray's Tasty Travels" and "Road tasted with the Neelys" but with an AFN spin.

The AFN film crew will call ahead to the selected restaurant and set up a date and time to film the kitchen staff preparing their signature dishes from start to finish. Afterwards everyone digs in for a sample.

"That's my favorite part of the show," Shaw said. "We've been lucky to have eaten some really good food so far."

Producers admit they are still experimenting with the show's formula to get the most out of each episode.

One technique viewers may

notice is the use of hand-held camera techniques designed to capture each detail in the kitchen up close and personal.

So far the crew has shot about three episodes including one at the Skyline Restaurant in Mannheim, and they're on the hunt for more restaurant suggestions, especially from AFN viewers.

"They can definitely make suggestions to us because that's what we want. We want our viewers to take ownership in this and help us get the word out about great places to eat," Milsted said.

"The more participation the better," Shaw added. We've only eaten at so many places ourselves so I know there are a lot of people who have favorite restaurants that not a lot of other people know about and we want

### The First Episode

The first episode of "Guten Appetit" is scheduled to air Dec. 6 on AFN Prime Atlantic.

Viewers can also go to <http://heidelberg.afneurope.net> to view the full episode.

New episodes will air every two weeks.

To submit restaurant suggestions visit the station's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/AFN-Heidelberg](http://www.facebook.com/AFN-Heidelberg).

to share that ... and we also want to make sure we're not going to the same places that Americans are already going to. A lot of places that are right outside of the gate are where you get taken to your first day in the country. We're trying to avoid places like that. We want people to venture out to a little bit more to enjoy something unique."

AFN Heidelberg also hopes to eventually expand the program to other areas outside of the Baden-Württemberg footprint to allow some of their AFN sister stations to share their top picks for good grub. The show will repeat each evening for two weeks whereupon a fresh show will be aired.

## CFC extends donation cut-off date to Dec. 15

Staff Report

The 2010 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas has extended its original Dec. 3 cut-off by 12 days.

The extension now allows federal employees to contribute to the campaign through Dec. 15.

CFC is the world's largest charity campaign impacting millions globally through the generous donations of military and government civilian personnel and their family members.

The campaign, the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces, raises millions of dollars annually and features over 2,300 charities.

According to a CFC-Overseas news release, the five combatant commands raised \$15.6 million in 2009.

The 2010 goal is \$15.7 million which recognizes that the demand for charitable services continues to increase, the release stated.

CFC, the workplace giving campaign for Department of Defense employees, offers contributors the opportunity to give using the traditional paper pledge card or through e-giving, a fully automated giving option.

Accessible on-line, the program allows contributors to give via credit/debit card or e-Check. User-friendly instructions guide contributors through the process.

Visit [www.cfcoverseas.org/donate](http://www.cfcoverseas.org/donate) for information, or see your organization's CFC representative.

**Holiday Magic**  
at the **Village Pavilion**  
Patrick Henry Village, Bldg. 4507  
December 3, 4-9pm

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Linda Steil

Schools liaison officer Jim Rühmling and Patrick Henry Elementary School Principal Allison Peltz hand out and help first graders don brightly colored vest donated by the German auto club ADAC for students to wear while walking to school on dark winter days.

## Schools emphasize winter safety

By Linda Steil  
PHES VOLUNTEER

Reflective safety vests were distributed to all first grade students at Patrick Henry Elementary School Nov. 24 as part of U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's winter safety campaign.

The vests were provided by the German auto club, ADAC, as part of its annual effort to enhance the safety of children during the dark morning walks to bus stops

and school.

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's Schools Liaison Officer Jim Rühmling noticed an announcement in the ADAC magazine in April and initiated action to get the vests for the students at the Heidelberg school.

"We need to leverage all available resources to ensure the safety of our students, both on and off post. It is especially important that they do everything possible

to increase their visibility when walking during the dark mornings. The kids were really excited about the vests, so I hope that parents will encourage them to wear them everyday."

"I think that these vests will make a big difference. They are super reflective, and very brightly colored. I think that the kids will enjoy wearing them," said Patrick Henry Elementary School Principal Allison Peltz.

Rühmling recommends

parents consider reflectivity and bright colors when choosing coats and other clothing items for their children especially during the dark winter months when they arrive at school almost at dawn and return home after school at dusk.

"The kids were able to tell me why it is so important that they be seen by drivers. Clearly, parents are already talking to their children about winter safety," Rühmling said.

### Ruftaxi Schedule

#### From PHV to Kirchheim

Monday-Saturday: 6:50 a.m., 7:50 a.m., 8:50 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 12:50 p.m., 2:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m.

Sunday: 11:50 a.m., 12:50 p.m., 2:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m. **Cost is €1.50.**

#### From Kirchheim to PHV

Monday-Saturday: 6:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Sunday: 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. **Cost is €1.50.**

**Passengers MUST call the Ruftaxi at civ. 06221-302030 at least 30 minutes in advance for pick-up**

## Need to get to Heidelberg?

### Staff Report

Heidelberg community members now have the option of using public transportation to get into Heidelberg from Patrick Henry Village.

The new "ruftaxi," pronounced *roof taxi*, is available 10 times a day Monday through Saturday and six times a day on Sundays. When called, the taxi picks up either at the new sheltered location just inside the commissary gate or at the main Heidelberg-Kirchheim stop.

To reserve a ride, call civ. 06221-302030 at least 30 minutes prior to pick-up time. The size of the vehicle – a car, van or bus – depends on the number of passengers. A new pedestrian entrance in the fence near the commissary provides convenient access for those who park at the commissary and walk to the stop.

From Heidelberg-Kirchheim, passengers have direct access to Bismarckplatz on streetcar #26 or the city's main train station via bus #33.

### transformation UPDATE

#### Frequently Asked Questions

Have a transformation-related question you'd like answered?

E-mail [usaghd.post@eur.army.mil](mailto:usaghd.post@eur.army.mil). We'll find the answer for you and share it in the Herald Post and on the garrison's transformation Web page at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/transformation](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/transformation).

#### Mannheim and Heidelberg Thrift Shops

The Mannheim Thrift Shop will close April 15. Consignments will no longer be accepted after Jan. 15 and donations will no longer be accepted after March 31. The Heidelberg Thrift Shop is in Bldg. 4503 on Patrick Henry Village next to the movie theater. Its hours are 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2-7 p.m. Thursdays and 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. every first and third Saturday. Civ. 06221-76-7991.

#### AAFES Auto Store

The auto store on Taylor Barracks closed Wednesday. MWR will have a mechanic at the Auto Skills Center to do minor repairs, similar to what's done at AAFES now. AAFES will sell oil, tires and car care products at the gas station on BFV South.

#### Auto Skills Center

The center, including Speedy Lube located on Taylor Barracks has moved to Bldg. 1577 on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim. The Spinelli location does not provide car wash services. An Auto Skills Center is available on Tompkins Barracks and a Speedy Lube and Car Wash is available on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg.

#### Outdoor Recreation

Mannheim Outdoor Recreation offices have moved to Bldg. 1570 on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim. Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation will remain on Patrick Henry Village until the spring when it will consolidate its offices with Mannheim on Spinelli Barracks.

#### Vehicle Registration and Inspection

The registration and inspection station on Taylor Barracks will relocate to Bldg. 1567 on Spinelli Barracks Dec. 16 (tentative). The Taylor Barracks location will operate until the new facility is complete.

#### Popeyes and Taco Bell

The restaurants located next to the post exchange will change their Monday hours to 11 a.m.-3 p.m. effective Jan. 3. This applies only on Monday because the PX will be closed Mondays starting Jan. 3.

#### Grant Circle Community Center

The point of contact to reserve the Community Center at 59 Grant Circle in Mannheim will change Dec. 20 from Mike Groh, Area Installation Coordinator, to Sgt. 1st Class Damien Hunt and Spc. Sherbell Bishop. DSN 385-1610, civ. 0621-730-2790.

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

## Clear away snow, ice after storms

### Staff Report

Baden-Württemberg's first snow storm of the season brings with it reminders of how snow and ice are removed in Army family housing areas.

In Heidelberg, residents in stairwells, single family houses and duplexes are responsible for removing snow within 50 feet of the building, according to U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Directorate of Public Works officials.

Removal includes basement stairs.

The garrison contracts with the city to remove snow and ice on primary roads, primary parking areas and some pavements.

Crews start work at 4 a.m. and ensure main roads are usable by 7 a.m. They stop at 10 p.m.

Occupants of office buildings are also responsible for shoveling, sweeping or spreading salt and grit to make the areas around their buildings safe for those who need to enter and exit.

Building coordinators can pick up supplies at the Self Help Store, Bldg. 3962 on the Directorate of Public Works compound across the street from the Shopping Center.

Supplies include salt, gravel, sand and de-icing liquid, scrapers, shovels, brooms.

In Mannheim, a contractor clears walkways. Residents are responsible for clearing areas from their doors to sidewalks as well as their driveways, if they have them.

The Mannheim DPW clears streets and parking lots. If personally owned vehicles are snowed in, residents must shovel them out themselves.

Contractors start clearing the roads and sidewalks no later than 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. on weekends and holidays. During the day, contractors begin when snow has reached two inches.

A priority for clearing roads is followed in Mannheim beginning with the Coleman Barracks airfield. Once at Benjamin Franklin Village, priority is for main roads, Sullivan Barracks driveways and other heavily-used areas.

Main access roads to government installations are cleared by the German government.

## Faces of the community: Installation Access Control



Brandon Spragins

Central Processing Facility employee Rachel Marie Dorsey takes Master Sgt. Jeffrey McKoy's photo to input into the Installation Access Control System that grants admittance to military installations. CPF is located in Bldg. 3850 on the Shopping Center kaserne and is open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed on American holidays. DSN: 370-7687 or civ. 06221-57-7687. [www.bw.eur.army.mil/Newcomer\\_Information/in-and-out-processing.html](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/Newcomer_Information/in-and-out-processing.html).

## Nation's hottest acts band together for troops

DALLAS – For the fourth consecutive year, Grammy Award-nominated musician John Ondrasik along with 13 other artists are thanking military members for their service by contributing their talents to “For the Troops IV.”

The CD is currently available for free download to active duty service members, veterans and their families worldwide with a valid military ID card at [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com).

An additional 200,000 hard copies of the product will be sent to military installations, bases, USO centers and other locations across the nation and overseas, courtesy of TriWest Healthcare Alliance and Operation Homefront.

“I’m excited to launch CD ‘For the Troops IV’ with a new roster of fantastic artists and great songs,” said Ondrasik.

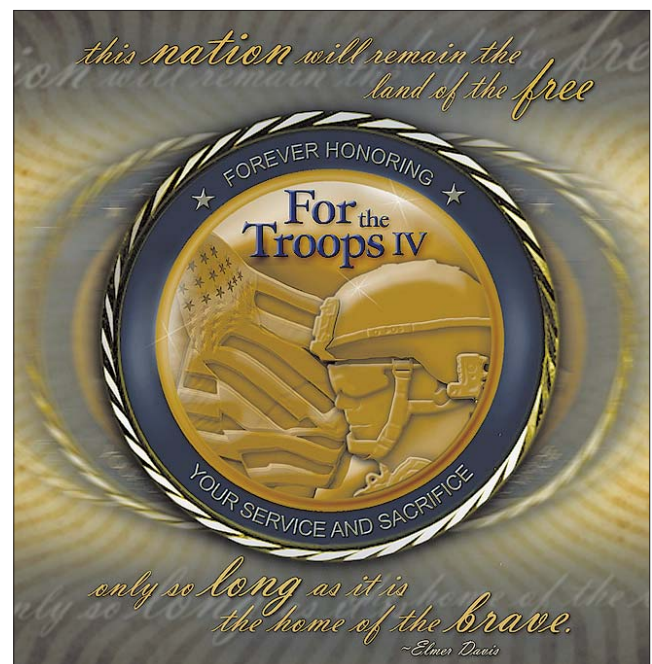
“This year’s CD has a bit more pop and a few surpris-

### Free Downloads

Free songs available at [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com) as part of “For the Troops IV” are as follows:

1. Matchbox 20 – “If You’re Gone”
2. Wynonna – “What the World Needs”
3. Mat Kearny – “Nothing Left to Lose”
4. Brandi Carlile – “Before It Breaks”
5. Five for Fighting – “Note to an Unknown Soldier”
6. Our Lady Peace – “Paper Moon”
7. 12 Stones – “We Are One”
8. Ingrid Michaelson – “Mountain and the Sea”
9. Barenaked Ladies – “Four Seconds”
10. Gavin DeGraw – “Free”
11. Rocket Club – “One Beautiful Thing”
12. Finger 11 – “Gather and Give”
13. Ryan Star – “Last Train Home”
14. John David Kahn – “American Heart”

es but at its core is a thank you to those whose sacrifices secure our freedom and that



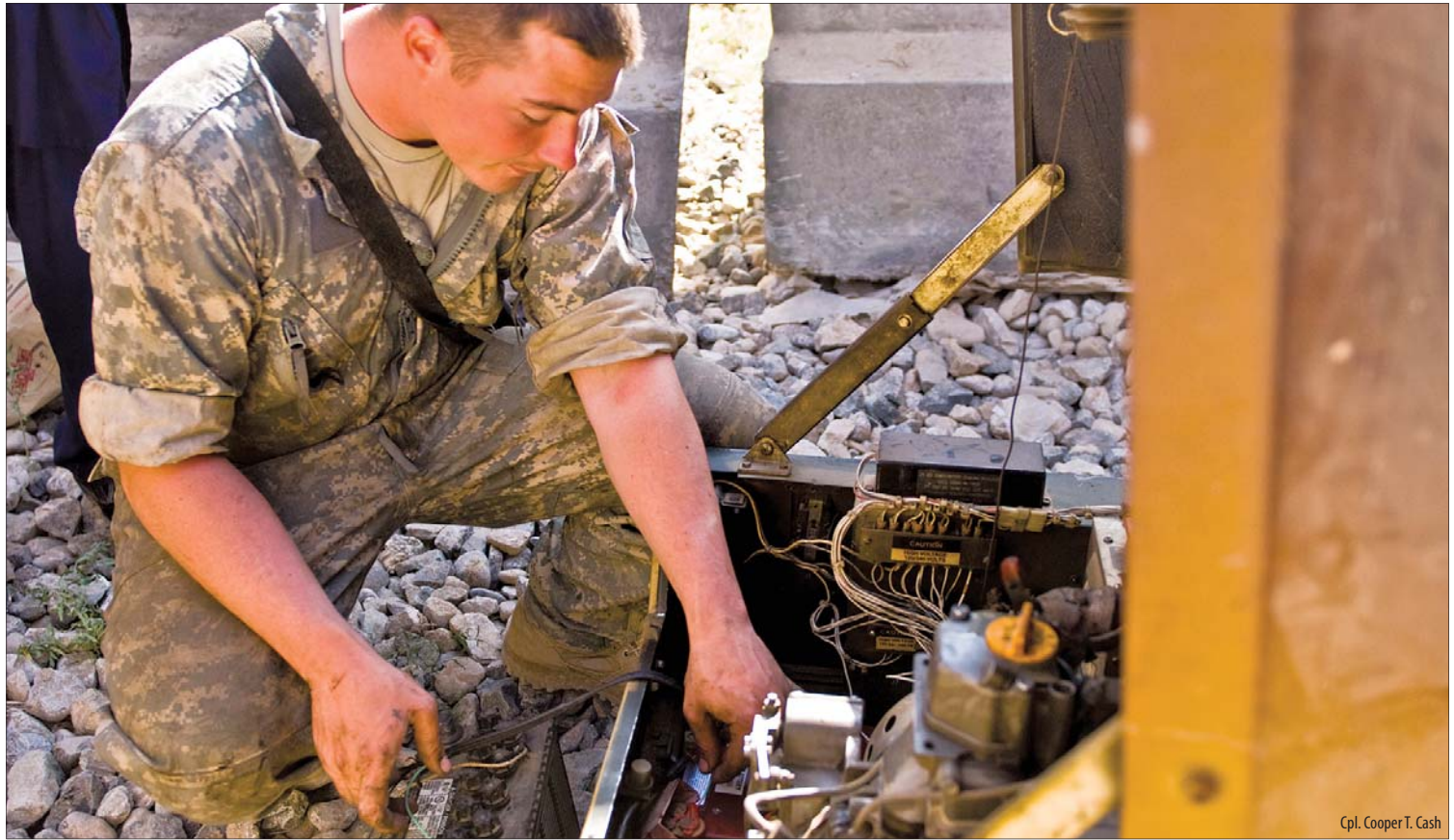
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“For the Troops IV” is now available for free download to active duty service members, veterans and their families worldwide with a valid military ID card at [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com).

of our children.”

“We’re thrilled that Mr. Ondrasik has chosen to partner with the exchange once again to provide these

free songs to the military community,” said Army and Air Force Exchange Service Chief of Staff Col. Virgil Williams.



Cpl. Mitchell A. Weaver, a Williamsport, Md., native and a wheeled vehicle mechanic assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment's Task Force Storm, troubleshoots Lal-Mohammad-Trabi's three-kilowatt generator at Baraki Barak in Logar Province Nov. 18.

Cpl. Cooper T. Cash



Staff Sgt. Daniel Yarnall

U.S. Soldiers low crawl through a mud pit during the "Spur Ride" at Victory Base Complex, Baghdad Oct. 24. United States Forces-Iraq III Corps Special Troops Battalion welcomed a group of XVIII Airborne Corps Soldiers to Iraq, where eight Airborne Soldiers from Fort Bragg participated in the event. Five of them completed the challenge earning induction into the Order of the Spur.

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U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Ernesto Hernandez Fonte

Soldiers assigned to the 510th Route Clearance Company, 20th Engineer Battalion, conduct a route clearance patrol in Kandahar City, Afghanistan Nov. 25. The Soldiers are responsible for covering different areas of the city during their daily missions.



Staff Sgt. Teddy Wade

Melissa Gomez, from Fort Bragg, N.C., smiles as she is announced the winner of "Operation Rising Star" at the Wallace Theater at Fort Belvoir, Va. Nov. 19. Operation Rising Star is a talent show sponsored by The U.S. Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.



U.S. Army Photo

Spc. Keith Torres gives his son, Brendon, 4, a kiss before departing from Knox Army Heliport on Fort Rucker, Ala., Nov. 10, to the Middle East. Torres is assigned to the 597th Maintenance Company.

## Army in Europe retention rate above average

### USAREUR Public Affairs

The reenlistment window is open for Soldiers with an expiration of term of service on or before Sept. 30, 2012.

"As long as you're qualified, no one is being denied reenlistment," said Sgt. 1st Class James Hatfield, the U.S. Army Europe senior retention operations noncommissioned officer.

When Soldiers have a choice, current station stabilization, which is choosing to reenlist for a current duty station, is the number one reenlistment option that USAREUR Soldiers choose, said Sgt. Maj. David Best, the USAREUR senior career counselor.

The USAREUR stabilization rate is usually about 5 percent above the average Army stabil-

ization rate, Hatfield said.

The five standard reenlistment options are:

- ◆ Regular Army
- ◆ Current station stabilization
- ◆ Army training
- ◆ Overseas assignment
- ◆ Station-of-choice in the continental United States

Bonuses range from \$1,300 to \$40,000 depending on a Soldier's rank, military occupational specialty and length of service extension, according to the USAREUR retention team.

The Army also has renewed the Bonus Extension and Retraining Program that allows Soldiers to retrain, reclassify and receive a bonus for their new military occupational specialties, the team said.

## Rigging and rolling



Harald Risch

Navy Fleet Master Chief Roy M. Maddocks (left), U.S. European Command's senior enlisted advisor, observes parachute riggers from the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's 5th Quartermaster Detachment pack parachutes at the rigger facility on Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern Nov. 22.

Spc. Celis Cruz, a rigger with the 5th Quartermaster Detachment, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, prepares to land at the Marnheim, Germany, drop zone Nov. 17. The detachment partnered with the 67th Forward Surgical Team for an airborne training exercise. The 67th FST is one of only five airborne surgical teams in the Army and is the only one in Europe. Poor weather did not stop the Soldiers as they conducted a low altitude static line airborne operation and deployed medical equipment with heavy drop parachutes from the back of an Air Force C-130J Hercules cargo aircraft. "We sometimes actually have people get hurt on jumps and most of us in the 5th QM Detachment are (combat lifesaver) certified. We are able to help each other out," Cruz said.



Sgt. Frank Sanchez III



Donna Walker

V Corps Special Troops Battalion Operations Officer Maj. Demetrius Green helps fourth-grade student Jamieroquai "J.C." Cooper count by 12s as part of the Adopt-A-School program with Patrick Henry Elementary School in Heidelberg.

## ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

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support. "The teachers gave us a list of areas they'd like for us to help, everything from social interaction to help with special subjects to recess. It runs the gamut."

He works with five students – three in a multi-age third/fourth grade class and two in fifth grade – helping them in reading, math and with socialization.

"The teachers and the kids love it," Green said. "The teachers (said) there's a noticeable difference in how the kids act in class."

Green said many of the battalion's Soldiers have children in the Heidelberg schools. "But ironically, about half of the Soldiers who are volunteering with school don't even have kids," he said.

For the Soldiers, the outcome is different, perhaps.

"I just came off deployment," Green said. "This is my time to take a breather."

Adopt-a-School programs are also active at Heidelberg Middle School, which partners with the 18th Military Police Brigade and Heidelberg High School, whose partner is the 43rd Signal Battalion.

## CAR BLAZE

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the burning car near the Viernheim exit and took charge by securing the scene with red warning triangles to alert and slow passing traffic.

"Most importantly, we got the car owners away from their burning vehicle," said Spc. Ron Sampson, a unit supply specialist and Army Reservist from California.

Spc. Derrick Chapman, an Army Reserve food service specialist who works as an emergency medical technician in Berlin, used his German language and emergency medical skills to reassure the civilians and provide first aid.

Meanwhile, Spc. Marc Stelter, an Army Reserve finance specialist also fluent in German and a native of

Heidelberg, Germany, immediately called the German fire department and police. Stelter owns a construction equipment business in Mannheim.

The Soldiers credited Army values and effective unit safety and first aid training for their actions.

"We learn how to call the German fire department during emergencies, as well as how to use fire extinguishers," said Rosa-Bozar.

"We are trained in the Army to always help your battle buddy. The person you help today just might be the one to help you out in the future," she said.

The 30th MEDCOM (Dental Service) is made up of active duty and reserve Soldiers with headquarters in Heidelberg.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Call for Art Work**

The Arts and Cultural Center is putting on "The Reflections of Generosity Toward Restoration and Peace" art exhibition Jan. 15-30. Soldiers and civilians in the Heidelberg, Kaiserslautern and Mannheim communities are encouraged to participate in the exhibition by submitting their work. Featured prominently is the work of local artist Andrew Washington whose "Portrait of a Soldier" has been commissioned by West Point and will be presented for the first time at the Heidelberg exhibition. Interested artists must submit entry forms by Dec. 30. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418.

**TRICARE**

The hours of the TRICARE Service Center in the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne have changed to 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8 a.m.-noon Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Outdoor Water Faucets**

Building coordinators and installations coordinators should check to see that all outdoor water faucets are turned off so they are not damaged by dropping temperature. The Heidelberg Directorate of Public Works provides these instructions. Turn off the waterline valve in the basement storage room, opposite hose connection; open the valve outside and drain the line; close the outside valve, store the water hose in basement. For questions, call DPW operation and maintenance, DSN 387-3194.

**Certified Mechanic**

A certified mechanic is available at Pulaski Auto Skills in Kaiserslautern. General maintenance and specialized services are also available. Civ. 0631-350-2323.

**Legal Education Program**

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program to send active-duty officers to law school at the government's expense beginning in the fall of 2011. This program is open to second lieutenants through captains. Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of service. [www.hrc.army.mil](http://www.hrc.army.mil).

**Mailing Hazardous Materials**

There are many household items that are dangerous to ship and are not permitted in the mail. Persons who knowingly mail items or materials that are dangerous or injurious to life, health or property may be liable for a civil penalty of at least \$250 but not more than \$100,000 for each violation. Visit [www.usps.com/aviationsecurity](http://www.usps.com/aviationsecurity) for information on mail safety and prohibited items.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Instructors Needed**

The Mannheim American Red Cross needs instructors for the "Together we can save a life" course. Contact the Red Cross on Sullivan Barracks, Bldg 242, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. DSN 385-1760, civ. 0621-730-1760.

**Mystery Shopping Program**

Work with BARE International to perform customer service reviews and become a paid mystery shopper. [garrisonservices@bareinternational.com](mailto:garrisonservices@bareinternational.com) or [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**KAISERSLAUTERN**

**Community**

♦ **Toy Shop 2010** – Donate a new, unwrapped toy to a child in the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern. Army Community Service is accepting donations through Dec. 15 at Bldg. 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4221, civ. 0631-3406-4221.

♦ **Family Bingo** – Enjoy an afternoon of bingo with free hot dogs and drinks 3-8 p.m. Dec. 5, at the Kazabra Club on Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Mini Bazaar** – Visit the mini-shoppers bazaar 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 6, 7 and 9 and 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in Heaton Hall at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com)

♦ **Holiday Magic** – Come to the Kids' Zone on Pulaski Barracks 4 p.m. Dec. 8 for a special tree lighting event. Join the carolers, make arts and crafts projects, decorate cookies, and there are even whispers in the air that Santa might appear. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com)

♦ **Stitch Duran Speaks** – Ultimate Fighting Champion Jacob 'Stitch' Duran will speak 1:30-3:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Daenner Chapel about a healthy resilient lifestyle with a focus on drug, alcohol and suicide prevention.

♦ **American German Business Club** – The AGBC will hold a Christmas dinner 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Schloss Hotel in Landstuhl. [kaiserslautern@agbc.de](mailto:kaiserslautern@agbc.de).

♦ **Holiday Puppet Show** – Santa will visit the Kaiserslautern Library on Landstuhl Post 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 11. Children can also see a holiday puppet show with free crafts. DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-7322. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Volunteer Recognition** – Submit nominations for the Army Community Service Volunteer of the quarter by Dec. 13 to ACS, Bldg. 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4232, civ. 0631-3406-4232.

♦ **Steve Martin's Comedy** – KMC Onstage on Kleber Kaserne will hold auditions 7 p.m. Dec. 14-15 for this witty and comical production. Casting calls for seven men and five women. [KMConstage@eur.army.mil](mailto:KMConstage@eur.army.mil).

♦ **Free Movie** – The Kaiserslautern Library on Landstuhl Post will show the independent foreign film by Philippe Lioret "Welcome" in French, English and Kurdish with English subtitles 6 p.m. Dec. 16. DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-7322. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Santa Visit** – Santa visits the Kaiserslautern Community Activity Center 3-6 p.m. Dec. 17.

♦ **Holiday Bingo** – Stop by the Kazabra Club on Vogelweh 3-6 p.m. Dec. 19 for holiday bingo and a visit from Santa himself. The early bird game begins at 2 p.m. and doors

open at 1 p.m. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261.

**HEIDELBERG**

**Education**

♦ **ACS Classes** – Exploring the Heidelberg Job Market, 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 6; Families Learning about Germany, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 6-8; Field Trips, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and 11; Understanding the TSP, noon 12-1:30 p.m. Dec. 7; Volunteer Orientation, 10-11 a.m. Dec. 8; The Three C's of Communication, 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 9; Hot Monogamy, 1-3 p.m. Dec. 9.

♦ **Education Centers Closure** – The Education Centers will be closed Dec. 23 and 30 due to traditionally low volume on those days. The centers are closed Fridays and training holidays. DSN 493-2592, civ. 0631-3406-2592.

**Community**

♦ **Why Catholic?** – A presentation on Catholic beliefs takes place 7 p.m. Dec. 2 following a pot luck at 5:30 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Village Chapel. DSN 370-8238, civ. 06221-57-8238.

♦ **Commissary Gate Traffic** – Community members will notice a change in traffic flow due to construction both inbound and outbound at the Patrick Henry Village gate near the commissary 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 4. POND guards and military police will be directing traffic. DSN 388-2357.

♦ **Parent to Parent** – The Military Child Education Coalition's Parent to Parent team presents "German Winter Wonderland" 8:30 a.m. Dec. 3 at Patrick Henry Elementary School during Coffee Morning. Learn how to turn Christmas markets, holidays, sports and winter activities into educational and cultural experiences.

♦ **Hanukkah Program** – A Hanukkah program will be held 3 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Mark Twain Village Chapel. DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190.

♦ **Angel Tree** – ACS will sponsor the Angel Tree program until Dec. 7 to help children in need during the holidays. Look for trees at the Community Bank on Campbell Barracks, ACS, Community Support Center and the Patrick Henry Village Library. Select an angel and purchase a gift that corresponds to the age and gender. Return the unwrapped gift and its angel into drop boxes by Dec. 7. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Spouses Lunch** – The Heidelberg Community Spouses Club meets 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion for its winter wonderland lunch. Register by Dec. 3: [www.hcsc-heidelberg.com](http://www.hcsc-heidelberg.com).

♦ **Customs Office Closure** – Due to mandatory meetings for U.S. Customs field offices in Heidelberg, the office will close noon-4 p.m. Dec. 8.

♦ **Feast of Immaculate Conception** – Special Masses for the

Immaculate Conception holy day will be 12:05 p.m. at the Mark Twain Village Chapel and 6 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Village Chapel Dec. 8. DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190.

♦ **Children's Pageant** – The Protestant children's Christmas pageant will be 10:15 a.m. Dec. 12 at the Patrick Henry Village Chapel.

♦ **IACS and Vehicle Registration** – The Installation Access Control office and Vehicle Registration office will close at 11 a.m. Dec. 15. In case of emergency, contact the Military Police Desk at DSN 388-2222, civ. 06221-678-2222.

♦ **Parent Support Group** – There will be a cloth diaper group meeting Dec. 16 and a breastfeeding support group meeting Dec. 22, both at 10 a.m. in the Yellow Ribbon Room in Bldg. 4531 on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 370-6883.

♦ **ACS Closure** – Army Community Service will close at noon Dec. 17.

♦ **Ivy and Ice Ball** – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mu Psi Omega Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Theta Theta Lambda Chapter will host their Ivy and Ice Christmas Ball 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. Civ. 06222-3071750.

♦ **Roadside Volunteers Needed** – The Roadside Theater needs building, painting and sewing help Tuesday-Friday afternoons to prepare for its next production. [www.roadside-theater.com](http://www.roadside-theater.com).

♦ **Acute Care Clinic** – The Acute Care Clinic at the Heidelberg Health Center will have reduced hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 24 and will be closed Dec. 25. Normal hours, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., resume for the remainder of the holiday period.

**MANNHEIM**

**Education**

♦ **American Red Cross** – Health and Safety Courses will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 9 and Jan. 8 for Adult, Child and Infant CPR, AED and First Aid; and Community CPR Instructor course 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 11-15 at the Red Cross on Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 242. DSN 385-1760, civ. 0621-730-1760.

♦ **Suicide Intervention Class** – The 18th MP BDE is hosting two Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshops 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 13-14 and 16-17 at Bldg. 818, Funari Barracks for anyone who wants to feel more comfortable and competent in helping to prevent suicide. The workshop is open to any military or military affiliated personnel in the Mannheim community. Register: DSN 380-5577.

♦ **New Parent Support** – ACS holds a Bringing Home Baby class 5:30-8 p.m. Dec. 15 on Benjamin Franklin Village, Bldg. 251. DSN 385-2027, civ. 0621-730-2027.

**Community**

♦ **Strong Bonds Retreats** – Sign

up at the Benjamin Franklin Village chapel by Dec. 6 for either the Strong Bonds single Soldier retreat Dec. 17-19 or the family retreat Dec. 17-20 to the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. Buses leave 7 a.m. from the Schuh Theater.

♦ **Customs Office** – The Mannheim Customs Field Office in Bldg 255 on Sullivan Barracks will close at noon Dec. 8 to allow employees to attend a works council meeting.

♦ **Volunteers Recognized** – Recognize your volunteers at a "Staying Connected" ceremony 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Mannheim USO. Nominate by Dec. 8. Packets are available at ACS. DSN 385-3101, civ. 0621-730-3101, [mwrgermany.com](http://mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Feast of Immaculate Conception** – Special Masses for the Immaculate Conception holy day will be 12:05 p.m. and 6 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Benjamin Franklin Village Chapel. DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190.

♦ **Team Jeopardy Challenge** – Celebrate Army Family Team Building's 16th birthday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 16 at ACS Bldg. 254 on Sullivan Barracks. Four-person teams can compete for prizes. Register by Dec. 9. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com). Heidelberg: DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6975 and Mannheim: DSN 385-3101, civ. 06221-730-3101.

♦ **Garrison Offices** – Most garrison offices will close 11 a.m. Dec. 10 for the garrison Christmas party.

♦ **PWOC Meetings** – The Protestant Women of the Chapel meet 9:30 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday through Dec. 14 in the BFV Chapel basement.

♦ **Card Lane** – ACS is sponsoring a Holiday Card Lane through Dec. 15. Decorate an oversized holiday card for display around the Mannheim community. Contact Dan's Wood Shop for materials. DSN 385-2596.

♦ **Angel Tree** – Angel Trees will be located at the Mannheim PX and at Army Community Service on Sullivan Barracks through Dec. 15. Select an angel from the tree, purchase a gift for the child described on the angel and place it (unwrapped) in the drop box.

♦ **Gospel Services** – A Gospel Service Christmas story reading will be held 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 and a Gospel Service Cantata will be 12:30 p.m. Dec. 19, both at the Benjamin Franklin Chapel.

♦ **Postal Center Volunteers** – Mannheim postal centers are asking for volunteers to help process holiday packages. DSN 384-6040.

♦ **Animal Care Drive** – Child, Youth and School Services will be collecting toys and blankets and supplies for animals in the Viernheim and Worms animal shelters. Drop off donations through the end of December to the School Age Center, Bldg. 737, on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-4321, civ. 0621-730-4321, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).



## GERMAN NEWS

### Jet Fuel Java

Three planes belonging to the airline Germanwings reportedly took off this past weekend with jet fuel in their drinking water tanks which nearly made it into passengers' coffee cups. According to the daily "Bild," a 21-year-old service company employee who thought he was filling the planes at Berlin's Schönefeld airport with water, not realizing the 3,000-litre tank was contaminated with fuel. The mistake was not discovered until after the planes to Zweibrücken, Cologne and Munich took off, Germanwings spokesman Joachim Schöttes said Sunday. The crews all reported noticing a strange smell while preparing beverages for passengers, at which point they decided to serve juice and soft drinks instead, "Bild" reported. The plane tanks have since been cleaned and the airline is investigating the mistake. Passengers did not come in contact with the fuel, but crew members were examined by medical experts. They are now back on duty, the paper said.

### Wikileaks Revelations

American ambassador to Germany Philip Murphy told "Bild am Sonntag" that he regretted the imminent leak of confidential diplomatic dossiers through the Internet platform Wikileaks, which he slammed as an irresponsible endangerment of global security. Murphy told the newspaper: "It will be uncomfortable at the very least – for my government, for those who are mentioned in the reports, and for me personally as the American ambassador to Germany." The newspaper reported that German foreign minister Guido Westerwelle gets a particularly poor appraisal in international diplomatic circles.

### Glühwein Crackdown

Germany's drug commissioner Mechthild Dyckmans called on cities and communities to stick to youth protection laws during the Christmas market season and stop young people from drinking glühwein. Though they may be full of good cheer, Christmas market organizers and their communities must not bend the rules for youthful holiday revellers, the Free Democrat said. "Even ahead of Christmas, alcohol still doesn't belong in the hands of children and youths," she said. According to Dyckmans, one frequently sees children and teens drinking too much glühwein, or mulled wine, along with other alcoholic beverages at the markets. Under German law, vendors cannot serve or sell alcohol to children younger than 16. At 16, Germans are allowed to buy beer but can't have spirits until they turn 18.

SOURCE: www.thelocal.de



Vicki Johnson is a military spouse and clinical social worker with more than 12 years experience working with families in crisis. To contact Ms. Vicki, e-mail her at [dearmsvicki@yahoo.com](mailto:dearmsvicki@yahoo.com).

### Dear Ms Vicki,

*My husband is in Afghanistan and I know he is cheating. He's admitted to it. I have more than enough evidence. And the female he's committing adultery with is also in the Army and she's with him in Afghanistan. We have a 13-month-old boy and her son is the same age and looks a lot like my son. We have been together for over two years.*

*I have asked for help from his superiors and even the chaplain assigned to his shop. Everyone tells me they can't help, that there's nothing they can do for me, that adultery isn't a crime. I know for a fact in the Marine Corps that wouldn't fly. But the Army is different.*

*I also know that they will cover up for him regardless because he's doing it for others that are doing the same to their wives. I have been through a lot with this man – the violence, the verbal abuse, the neglect, the neglect to his son and family, his coming home intoxicated, you name it.*

*I have gone to his captain several times asking for help and I even had to call the cops twice – once for him almost hitting me and ended*

*up hitting the door while there were witnesses present, and the other for him being abusive to my son when he was only 4 months old.*

*He doesn't pay nor help me with the bills. He's simply collecting all the money and transferring it to his other female's account and I know this because I have printed his bank statements with the evidence on it.*

*I don't believe people like him should be getting any credit whatsoever just because according to the Army, "They are defending our country." This is his first deployment out of seven years he's been in the service. He did five with the Marine Corps and he's going on two with the Army. I am begging for your help. How can I go about seeking a solution to this problem?*

### Dear Seeking,

Your husband's behavior should not be tolerated. Service members cannot leave their families bereft of money and other resources. It sounds like his unit does not want to get involved for whatever reason, but it's wrong.

Here are my suggestions. Continue to reach out to his commanders. It will probably be the rear detachment commanders since your husband is deployed, and document your efforts.

You can also do an Inspector General complaint. The IG will have to investigate and give a report of its findings. Seek help from the legal assistance office on base.

Army Regulation (AR) 608-99 requires Soldiers to manage their personal affairs in a manner that does not bring discredit upon themselves or the U. S. Army, to include financial support of family members.

The Army has designated a portion of a Soldier's basic allowance for housing entitlement to care for family members if the Soldier and spouse are living separately. Typically family members are

authorized a portion of BAH type II depending upon the number of dependants.

The amount is required to be paid to family members whether or not the Soldier is receiving BAH entitlements. Commanders have a duty, by this regulation, to take certain actions whenever a non-support complaint is brought to their attention.

The commander will gather facts by reviewing official documentation, speaking to the Soldier, spouse, lawyer, or whomever else has pertinent knowledge of the issue. The commander then determines whether family support is owed, how much, and then formally counsels the Soldier on the findings, ordering him to make payments if required.

The Soldier can then decide how to make payment – cash, check, money order, or voluntary allotment. The commander must respond in writing to the spouse in 14 days detailing the findings and what actions the Soldier was ordered to do.

Of note, the Soldier is authorized to directly pay for rent, mortgage, etc. to fulfill the support obligation. However, if that cost is less than the BAH-II rate, the Soldier must pay dependants the difference. In extreme cases, the commander can order support for the family beyond BAH-II if the family's basic needs are not being met. Any subsequent requests for non-support of family members will go to the higher level commander for resolution.

Lastly, I'm very concerned about the abuse. While I don't want you destitute, I don't want you in an abusive situation either. I highly recommend you speak to a Victim's Advocate at your base. Let the advocate know everything you are currently experiencing and about the abuse too. They will help you.

Where do you turn when

## Severe Weather hits?

For road condition information call:

USAG Heidelberg:

USAG Kaiserslautern:

USAG Mannheim:

DSN

388-2223

480-2653

385-2589

Civilian

06221-678-2223

06371-47-2653

0621-730-2589

Road, weather conditions, school closure information online:

<http://g3operations.hqusareur.army.mil/Divisions/OPS/ASGConditions/default.asp>

\*\*A link can be found under the safety menu on the USAG Baden-Wuerttemberg homepage: [www.bw.eur.army.mil](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil).

Listen to AFN for updates:

Heidelberg:

104.6 FM

AM 1143

Kaiserslautern:

100.2 FM

AM 1107

Mannheim:

107.3 FM

AM 1143

Via AFN decoders: FM signal is Channel 152. The AM signal is Channel 153.

\*\*For duty schedule variations contact your chain of command.

# GET OUT!

## area events

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

### December 3

**Star of Bethlehem** – The Mannheim Planetarium presents "The Star of Bethlehem" in English at 7:30 p.m. Take a journey to ancient times in Bethlehem highlighting the different astronomical explanations of the Christmas star. The 45-minute show is suitable for children 10 and up and also shows 4:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and 6 p.m. Dec. 28. Civ. 0621-41 56 92, [www.planetarium-mannheim.de](http://www.planetarium-mannheim.de).

### December 4

**Belgium** – Medieval Brugge is a romantic city that slept through the Middle Ages, leaving a perfectly preserved gem among the loveliest places in Europe. Tour the city, stroll through the markets and eat at a local cafe. <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern>. **Mannheim Christmas Market** – Heidelberg Army Community Service travels to Mannheim's Christmas Market 10:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Meander around the historic water tower through more than 200 booths selling Christmas decorations from regions throughout Germany. Open to all ID card holders. Cost for transportation is €5. Register: [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### December 6

**U.S. Army-Europe Band and Chorus** – The U.S. Army-Europe Band and Chorus introduces its first holiday concert 7 p.m. at the Konrad-Frey-Halle, Ringstrasse 12, Bad Kreuznach 55545.

### December 7

**Nokia Night of the Proms** – Enjoy a night of great music at the SAP Arena in Mannheim and see performances by Boy George, Kid Creole, The Coconuts and more. The concert starts at 8 p.m., [www.saparena.de](http://www.saparena.de).

### December 9

**The U.S. Army-Europe Band and Chorus** – Enjoy the holiday season serenaded by the Army in Europe's band and chorus 7:30 p.m. in the Rhein-Neckar-Halle, Pestalozzistrasse 10 in Eppelheim 69214.

### December 10

**Disney's Beauty and the Beast** – The Broadway musical featuring singing tea pots, swinging candle sticks, chomping wolves, a beautiful maiden and the Beast himself come to KMC Onstage Dec. 10-12 and 17-18 on Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3232. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, 17 and 18 and 3 p.m. Dec. 12. Tickets must be picked up at the theater or the One Stop Shop in the Kaiserslautern Library on Landstuhl Post.

### The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

– C.S. Lewis' beloved and magical "Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" will be presented at the Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, 17, 18 and Jan. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 and special family matinees at 3 p.m. Dec. 12, 19 and Jan. 9. Tickets: [www.roadside-theater.com](http://www.roadside-theater.com).

### December 11

**Handel's Messiah** – The Heidelberg Community Chapel Chorus performs Handel's Messiah 7 p.m. in the Mark Twain Village Chapel. Civ. 06221-301269.

**Bachata Dance Competition** – Bachata is a form of music and dance that originated in the countryside and rural neighborhoods of the Dominican Republic. Similar to the Salsa, this dance competition is sure to mesmerize and captivate 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at Armstrong's Club on Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Bastogne Walk** – Support the organizations that provide assistance to veterans by participating in the Bastogne historic walk of 6, 12, 20 or 30 kilometers. Departures take place 8-9:30 a.m. Register and pay on-site 7-9:30 a.m. DSN 361-5419, civ. 068-275-106, [www.bastognehistoricwalk.com](http://www.bastognehistoricwalk.com). **Shop in the Czech Republic** – Travel to Cheb and Karlovy Vary with Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### December 12

**U.S. Army-Europe Band and Chorus** – The U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus performs at 6 p.m. at the Kongresshaus Stadthalle, Unterer Neckarstrasse in Heidelberg 69117.

**French Christmas Market** – Travel to Luxembourg to see how the French do Christmas markets with Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### December 13

**The U.S. Army-Europe Band and Chorus** – There's still a chance to see the amazing collection of talent in the U.S. Army Band and Chorus at 8 p.m. at the Kongresszentrum Stadthalle on Ettlinger Strasse in Karlsruhe 76137.

### December 16

**The USAREUR Band and Chorus** – The musicians travel west to perform at 6 p.m. in the post gym Bldg. 3 on Hohenfels.

### December 17

**Salzburg Weekend** – Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation takes a trip to spend Silent Nights in Salzburg, Austria, Dec. 17-18. DSN

388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### December 18

**Ski St. Moritz** – Escape to St. Moritz for a ski and snowboard adventure Dec. 18-19 with Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation DSN 373-7889, civ. 06221-17-7889.

**Paris for a Day** – Zoom from Kaiserslautern to Paris in two hours and 28 minutes at speeds of up to 320 kilometers (200 mph) for a day in Paris with the USO. Travel lightly, backpacks are recommended as lockers are not always available. Be prepared to walk and ride the Metro. This tour is not recommended for small children. Bring passports. Meet at Kaiserslautern Hauptbahnhof main lobby at 6:45 a.m. <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern>.

**The U.S. Army-Europe Band and Chorus** – The Army in Europe's band and chorus continues its holiday appearances at 7 p.m. at the Congress Centrum, Grosser Saal on Am Waisenhausplatz 1-3 in Pforzheim 75172.

### December 22

**The Nutcracker** – Enjoy the beauty and magic of the holidays wrapped up in this timeless production 7:30 p.m. at the Mannheim Rosengarten. Tickets, civ. 0621-392-1710.

### December 23

**Christmas Ski Weekends** – Spend Christmas skiing in Garmish or Interlocken, Switzerland, through Dec. 26 with Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### December 30

**Edge of Universe** – The Mannheim Planetarium presents "Edge of the Universe" in English at 6 p.m. introducing the new satellite missions Planck and Herschel as well as the upcoming robot exploration of Mars. Civ. 0621-41 56 92, [www.planetarium-mannheim.de](http://www.planetarium-mannheim.de).

### Ongoing

**Open-Air Farmers Market** – Buy fresh produce, cheese, meet and eggs 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays on the Stiftsplatz in Kaiserslautern.

**Spice exhibition** – Mannheim's Luisenpark features an exhibition of spices around the world through Jan. 9 at the Pflanzenschauhaus. Enjoy the enticing smells of more than 60 herbs and spices and learn where the plant originated and how it is used for cooking or medicine. Regular entrance fee for the park applies and the exhibition is in German.

## coming to THEATERS

### TANGLED

(Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi) When the kingdom's most wanted – and most charming – bandit Flynn Rider hides out in a mysterious tower, he's taken hostage by Rapunzel, a feisty tower-bound teen with 70 feet of magical, golden hair. Flynn's curious captor, who's looking for her ticket out of the tower where she's been locked away for years, strikes a deal with the handsome thief and the unlikely duo sets off on an action-packed escapade, complete with a super-cop horse, an over-protective chameleon and a gruff gang of pub thugs. Rated PG (brief mild violence) 90 minutes.



### PLAYING THIS WEEK

#### Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Dec. 2 - HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS – PART 1 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 3 - TANGLED (PG) 9 p.m.  
Dec. 4 - TANGLED (PG) 4 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 7 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 9 p.m.  
Dec. 5 - TANGLED (PG) 4 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 6 - THE TOWN (R) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 7 - TANGLED (PG) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 8 - YOU AGAIN (PG) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 9 - TANGLED (PG) 7 p.m.

#### Mannheim, Schuh

Dec. 3 - HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS – PART 1 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 4 - HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS – PART 1 (PG-13) 4 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 7 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 9 p.m.  
Dec. 5 - YOU AGAIN (PG) 4 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS – PART 1 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

#### Vogelweh, Galaxy

Dec. 3 - YOU AGAIN (PG) 4 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 4 p.m.  
Dec. 4 - HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS – PART 1 (PG-13) 4 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 5 - HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS – PART 1 (PG-13) 4 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 7 p.m.

#### Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

Dec. 2 - ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) noon, 4 p.m., 7 p.m.; ALPHA AND OMEGA (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; DEVIL (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 8 p.m.  
Dec. 3 - TANGLED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.  
Dec. 4 - TANGLED (PG) – 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.  
Dec. 5 - TANGLED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 6 - TANGLED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m.; HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 7 - TANGLED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m.; ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 8 - TANGLED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 9 - HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; THE TOWN (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; YOU AGAIN (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 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

# Neither sugar nor roses in this bowl game's name

## Family and MWR Marketing

You've got the Super Bowl and the Rose Bowl. The Pro Bowl and the Sugar Bowl.

And now, thanks to Mannheim and Heidelberg Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Armed Forces Network-Europe, you've got the Toilet Bowl, the ultimate flag football game between AFN Army personnel and AFN Air Force and Navy personnel.

It's the battle of the branches to see who is worthy enough to sit on the throne – the porcelain one, that is.

"What's cool about this event is that it's a great community partnership," said Staff Sgt. Victor Gardner, host of AFN Power Net radio.

"You've got all of the Family and MWR facilities in Mannheim there representing their programs and giving away free prizes; you've got the Heidelberg and Mannheim High School cheerleaders there teaming up with

each other to get the crowd going, and units are also able to compete for spirit award prizes."

The game will be held 11 a.m. Dec. 11 at Woods Field on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim and is free to all spectators.

Lucky spectators could win a mountain bike or an iPod, and goodies will be thrown to the crowd.

AFN will crown the King and Queen of the Toilet Bowl with the help of the crowd votes.

Spectators are encouraged to come decked out from head-to-toe in football fan gear so that they can participate in the half-time Accuracy Throw Competition which could win you a large flatscreen TV.

Family and MWR along with the Mannheim High School Booster Club will also sell food and beverages.

Following the event, the Benjamin Franklin Village Bowling Center will offer discounts on

bowling games and meals.

"What started as just an internal football game has turned in to an excellent opportunity to show the people in Mannheim that we aren't closed yet and that there is still tons of stuff to do here," said Andrea Stauffer, chief of USAG Baden-Württemberg Family and MWR Marketing.

"Even if you don't like football, this is still a very cool event to go to. Kids will have to wrap two AFN producers from head-to-toe in the Toilet Paper Mummy Mascot Competition, and your balance will be tested in the Heismann Pose Competition. Plus, there will be a Touchdown Dance-off, similar to Dancing With The Stars where the endzone dance will be judged and scored."

The event takes place on the same day as the annual NCAA Army-Navy football game.

The BFV Bowling Center, Al's Sports Bar and Warrior Zone in Mannheim will be showing the game on AFN.



Pfc. David Huddleston

18th Engineer Brigade player Rennato Lopez jumps to catch the ball during a flag football game against the 43rd Signal Battalion at Patton Barracks in Heidelberg during the unit-level flag football season.

## Play creates strong ties

By Pfc. David Huddleston

18TH ENGINEER BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers from the 18th Engineer Brigade tackled the flag football field at Patton Barracks in Heidelberg during the unit-level flag football league competition season.

"We started off strong," said Spc. Mark Grabow, a technical engineer specialist.

"The morale, motivation, effort and cohesion were great," said 1st Sgt. Thetus Roberts, the team's manager, allowing Soldiers a chance to bond outside of the work atmosphere and create a stronger team. With the intense team spirit and motivation, every person – players and supporters alike – had fun, despite a few losses, he said.

Grabow said a big part of their success was the result of a play called "wing it" where everyone did what they wanted and that plays such as this kept the game fun, the team motivated and the opposing team guessing. The team finished the season with eight wins and four losses in the regular season, giving it a third place finish.

## Eight birdies, one bogey win turkey golf tournament

The Heidelberg Golf Club held its final tourney of the season Nov. 21.

In the pre-Thanksgiving "Turkey Shoot," three of the 11 competing teams shot sub-par rounds and won turkeys.

The winning team of Marv Gardner, Larry Politte, Andreas

Hartmann and Ruth Roell fired eight birdies and a bogey for a round of 65.

The team of Paul Walsenbach, Peter Schmelzle, Carola Zlobicki and Sharon Kelley was second with 68.

The Charles Addison, Michael McAuliffe, Joachim Kaiser

and Gary Hirschenberger team were third at 71. Addison and Evelin Schmelzle had the longest drives.

Teams were selected by computer. Club officials Lamar Porter and Rodney Thomas conducted the tourney.

Source: Rex Gribble

## staying ACTIVE

### Winter Sports Registration

Registration is ongoing for Heidelberg and Mannheim youth winter sports – basketball, cheerleading and wrestling – through Dec. 3 at Parent Central Services. In Mannheim on Benjamin Franklin Village, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 380-9135, civ. 0621-730-9132, <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/mannheimcyms.html>. In Heidelberg on Patrick Henry Village 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays-Wednesday and Fridays 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursdays. DSN 388-9240, <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/heidelbergcyms.html>.

### Boxing Invitational

Watch a battle of gloves and guts at the boxing invitational starting at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Miesau Fitness Center in Kaiserslautern. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Racquetball Tournament

Raise money for the Angel Tree program by attending the Angel Tree Racquetball Tournament starting at 9 a.m. Dec. 4-5 at the Campbell Fitness Center in Heidelberg.

### Rod and Gun Club

The Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club located An der Bundesstr. 291 in Oftersheim will host a hunters meeting 7 p.m., Dec. 8, a bluegrass meeting 7 p.m. Dec. 9, and a handgun safety course 5 p.m. Dec. 10. Civ. 06202-51193, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com)

### Heidelberg Basketball Practices

Heidelberg Community Basketball Team practices and open tryouts will take place 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of December at Tompkins Fitness Center due to the Patton Fitness Center renovation. The Patton basketball court is closed for renovation until Jan. 11. DSN 373-6110.

### Camp for Student Athletes

An Opportunity Knocks Camp will be held at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center, Dec. 27-31, a weeklong camp for DoDDS-E students with courses in self-marketing and promotion, money and time management and public speaking. Student athletes in football, track and field, and basketball will be evaluated in their sport. Upon completion, the No Books No Ball Foundation will promote the student athletes in their database to colleges and universities at Division I, II, III and junior college levels. \$500. Register by Dec. 10. Civ. 06222-307-1750 or 06221-576-543, [caseaau@earthlink.net](mailto:caseaau@earthlink.net), [nobooksnoballfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:nobooksnoballfoundation@yahoo.com).

### Coaches Needed

Volunteer coaches are needed for winter sports teams in Mannheim and Heidelberg. The new fee policy allows all family members of the head coach to play for free and one family member for the assistant coach. DSN 388-9397, civ. 06221-388-9397. DSN 380-9135, civ. 0621-730-9132.

### Sunday Night Football

Catch the football games on big screen televisions 7-10 p.m. every Sunday at Armstrong's Club in Kaiserslautern. DSN 489-6000.

### New Fitness Classes

New classes for November have been added at the Campbell Fitness Center in Heidelberg. Join Spin class on Mondays and Wednesdays 9-10 a.m. and Get on the Ball 9-10 a.m. Fridays. DSN 370-6489.

### Bowling in Mannheim

The Benjamin Franklin Village Bowling Center in Mannheim has new hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays 11 a.m.-1 a.m., Sunday and holidays 2-9 p.m. and closed Tuesdays. DSN 380-9528.

### Bowl on New Year's Eve

Bring the family and rock your way into the New Year starting at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Benjamin Franklin Village Bowling Center, Bldg. 724 in Mannheim. DSN 380-9528, civ. 0621-730-9528, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).