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Serving the communities in U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg

Europe's top chefs grab gold



Sgt. Ken Turman (left) and Staff Sgt. Stevie Branson of Team Europe participated in the field cooking competition March 5 during the 35th U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va. The team, composed of food service specialists from U.S. Army Europe and Installation Management Command-Europe, earned 36 awards at the competition, including 22 gold, nine silver and five bronze awards, Installation of the Year and Armed Forces Junior Chef of the Year.

Kimberly Fritz

Preventing child abuse and neglect

By Dawn Powell
HEIDELBERG ACS

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and during this month and throughout the year, the Family Advocacy Program is encouraging all individuals and organizations to play a role in making United States Army Garrison, Heidelberg a better place for children.

"April is a time to celebrate and highlight the important role that communities play in protecting children and the many resources available in this community," said Michele Barber, Family Advocacy Program Manager.

"Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to promote the health and safety of children is the best thing our community can do to strengthen Families and prevent child see CHILD ABUSE page 11

New Reserve command sergeant major visits Soldiers in Europe

By Sgt. 1st Class Osvaldo P. Sanchez
7TH CSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Some Army Reserve Soldiers based in Europe met their new Army Reserve senior enlisted leader in Kaiserslautern during their weekend battle assembly March 6-7.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Schultz, the command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Reserve Command, is on a worldwide tour to meet members of his new command.

He is the 11th command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Reserve and took charge Feb 1. He replaced Command Sgt. Maj. Leon Caffie who retired Feb. 1 after serving in the position since August 2006. Schultz became chief adviser on all enlisted matters for more than 150,000 Soldiers in the Army Reserve.

After his recent trip to Italy and

"I've been really impressed on this visit here with all the Soldiers we've met. Soldiers showed motivation and displayed joy in being part of the Army Reserve."

- Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Schultz, U.S. Army Reserve command sergeant major

Kosovo, and speaking to Soldiers in Germany, Schultz said he was impressed with the professionalism of the Soldiers.

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MERIDA INITIATIVE

Top U.S. defense officials met with their Mexican counterparts in Mexico City to strengthen the U.S.-Mexico military partnership in the fight against drug cartels there. The talks are part of the Merida initiative, a partnership promised by President Barack Obama last year to help the region combat drug trafficking and related violence by the cartels. The three-year program provides \$1.6 billion to fund drug-fighting initiatives.

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LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Family support is not optional for Soldiers

Patton Legal Office

Few things in life are black and white, but the Army's policy on family support is one of them. Soldiers are expected to provide continuous and adequate support to their family members even when the Soldier and family are physically separated. If a spouse or family member or someone acting on behalf of the spouse or family member contacts the Soldier's command with a complaint of non-support, Army Regulation 608-99 explains the Army's policy in this area and provides the actions a commander should take to address the situation.

Under Army Regulation 608-99, Soldiers will not violate court orders that have a financial support provision or a written and signed financial support agreement between the parties. Court orders issued by German courts can be enforced if certain requirements are met. Commanders are tasked with enforcing the financial support terms of these documents.

In the absence of a court order or written and signed financial support agreement, the Soldier must pay a set minimum amount of support to his or her family members when they are physically separated. Under Army Regulation 608-99, all Soldiers must provide support in an amount equal to his or her Basic Allowance for Housing entitlement at the "with dependents" rate (without considering the geographic duty location amount). The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) publishes a schedule every January which provides

this amount for all enlisted and officer grades.

Army Regulation 608-99 is intended to cover every Soldier in the Army, provide a minimum level of support that applies across the Army no matter where the Soldier is located or what entitlements or allowances the Soldier draws, and make it as easy as possible for commanders to know what a Soldier is required to pay. Thus, many particulars of a given case do not matter.

Things like whether the Soldier is not receiving BAH or is receiving less, or more, in BAH than he or she must pay should not matter to the commander's analysis and action. Equally unimportant is who caused the break-up of the parties as fault of either party plays no part in the determination of the financial support obligation under the Army Regulation.

There are other rules that impact on the financial support determination process. For instance, one particularly harsh rule is that if the family members are residing in Government family housing, the Soldier can not be required to provide additional financial support.

Generally though, Army Regulation 608-99 provides for some level of financial support to family members and provides a relatively easy to understand guide to help family members, Soldiers, and commanders regarding family financial support in times of family stress.

If you have further questions about family support, you may contact your nearest Legal Assistance Office for assistance.

Help wanted, help found

By Sgt. Robert W. Harshbarger
HEIDELBERG TAX CENTER

The sweat drips from your forehead. Your palms are clammy. Your thoughts are scrambled. You just realized that you have not filed your taxes yet and April 15 is almost here. This is not something that should be put off any longer. As a US taxpayer living and working in Germany on April 15th, you have until June 15th to file your taxes; even with the additional two months to file, there is no extension to pay any taxes you owe, which means you could accrue interest, fees, and penalties. Filing by April 15 could prevent you from having to pay additional money.

Taxes should be the last thing on your mind when you are heading down range. If you are deploying soon, but have not yet completed your tax return, come see us. Don't put something off that could easily be taken care of now. If you are not able to file before you deploy, your spouse can file for you, but he will need an original Power of Attorney that gives them permission to file. A Power of Attorney can be prepared at your local legal assistance office.

With the tax filing deadline approaching, you may be trying

to figure out where you can get help. Take advantage of the resources offered by your local tax center. There, you can have your return prepared and filed electronically. If you prefer to prepare your own return, our trained staff can also review your return and provide you with information about deductions or tax credits for which you may be eligible. We will do anything we can to file your return before the deadline and answer any questions you might have. We will review your return to confirm that you have included all of the necessary information and that it is entered correctly on the forms.

Your community tax centers have already had a huge impact throughout USAREUR. Our service members, DA civilians, and family members have saved over \$1,000,000 in tax preparation fees and received over \$13,500,000 in refunds so far this year by using the tax centers.

This does not include the countless number of tax payers that come to our offices simply seeking advice regarding their return.

For information on how to contact your local tax center go to www.hqusareur.army.mil and click on the tax season link.



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BLOG ROLL

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

The military has done wonders in addressing the needs of military families struggling with multiple deployments, constant moves, PTSD, single Soldier issues and a host of other much-needed programs and services. But somewhere along the way, we began to lose sight of a few basic tenets of military service. Spouses may not have volunteered their service in defense of our country, but we willingly married people who did. Don't get me wrong - military life can be hard

(so can "normal life"), but when did the 'desires of the spouses' outweigh the common sense of attending to the needs of the mission? Back in the day (yep - I'm going there), if your spouse was deployed, you mowed the lawn, you kept the stairwell clean, and you looked-out for your sister-spouses and their children. "It takes a village to raise a child" was in practice... and if your child was heard uttering 4-letter words that would make a sailor blush, disrespecting facility

employees, teachers or other adults, or bullying other children, you stopped it. You called the little offenders on their bad behavior and then contacted their parents. How? Duh! ID card checks, people!!! When did the inmates start running the asylum (if you'll pardon the pun)?

-Jacqui Haggerty, BWnow Member



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COMMAND MESSAGE

Civilian misconduct authority

By Lt. Col. Elizabeth Ryan Griffin
USAG MANNHEIM COMMANDER

As the United States Army Garrison Mannheim Commander, I am committed to ensuring a safe and secure community where Soldiers and Family Members thrive. This is not a responsibility I take lightly. My Command Sergeant Major and the entire USAG Mannheim staff share this vision and commitment.

Responding to crime and combating crime are key elements in maintaining a safe and secure community. While the vast majority of our Soldiers and Family Members are law-abiding citizens, there is small percentage of our community who choose to break the law. The process of how we deal with Soldiers and Family Members who do not follow the rules and regulations involves the sponsor's chain of command, any affiliated partner agency such as DECA, AAFES and DODDS, and of course our Host Nation.

In Germany, all Soldiers, civilians and family members must follow German law. However, for civilians accompanying the military, the German authorities have complete jurisdiction in all cases where a crime has been committed by one of our non-military community members. Depending on where the crime was committed and the nature of the crime, either the Military Police or the German Police will take the lead in the investigation. When a crime has been committed by a civilian or family member, the leading agency is normally the German police.

Once a crime has been thoroughly investigated, the case is forwarded to a German prosecutor, the International Law branch of the JAG office, and to me as the Civilian Misconduct Action Authority (CMAA). While we all review the same cases, the actions I consider are administrative in nature, following the guidelines written in Army Regulation in Europe, 27-9. The German Prosecutor, on the other hand, looks at the case from a judicial point of view, and determines whether the crime is serious enough to be prosecuted in a German court.

In Mannheim, all cases are initially reviewed by our Civilian Misconduct Advisor, Mr. Bruce Donaldson who reviews the evidence, collects background information on the accused, and meets with the accused and their sponsor. The accused and their sponsor may submit additional information for my consideration. Once Mr. Donaldson has gathered all the pertinent facts, he forwards the case file to me with his recommendations.

Actions that can be taken under the regulation vary from verbal warning (the most lenient) to barring an individual from the USAREUR community and recommending early return to CONUS (the most severe). In between, actions that can be taken include performance of community service, revocation of logistical support privileges, referral to community agencies such as the Army Substance Abuse Program, Social Work Services and various programs within Army Community Services. An early return of dependents (ERD) to the States can be accomplished in as little as a few days if the situation warrants because the civilian misconduct has caused either a disruption to good order and discipline, or is a threat to the safety and welfare of our community. In certain instances, we may be required to contact the German authorities through our JAG office to ensure that the civilian is not barred from leaving the country.

Whatever action I decide to take is based on a number of factors. The seriousness of the crime committed, the age of the perpetrator, the family situation and the impact of the crime on the community (and in the case where a crime is committed on the economy, our relationship with the host nation). I also take into account the welfare of the victim and the impact my actions will have on them. Once I have weighed all these factors and consult with a legal advisor, I make my decision. Once I have made my decision, the accused is notified. In the event that he/she disagrees with my decision, there exists a right to appeal to the Commander, United States Army Garrison Baden Wuerttemberg.

This process of responding to crime and combating crime from an "outsider's view" may appear overly bureaucratic, unresponsive or unfair. What a concerned citizen may perceive as inaction is often the command's safeguarding of the confidentiality as required by the Privacy Act, or it may be the required due diligence in making sure the alleged crime is sufficiently investigated prior to making a decision. In order to maintain the integrity of the process – we must all do our part to actively work to prevent crime and properly address crime at the appropriate level.

Editor's note: Bruce Donaldson contributed to this message.

Kaiserslautern holds Installation Force Protection Exercise seminar

By Christine June
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Hundreds of concerns – all dealing with people's lives – weigh heavy on the minds of U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's leadership should disaster strike any of the 15 kasernes here.

Life-threatening concerns stretch the entire scope from rescuing and getting medical attention for those injured to preventing further tragedy and safeguarding the lives of hundreds of Soldiers, civilians and family members who work and live on these installations.

Quick and persistent response to these concerns rests with the garrison's leadership and staff who run the Emergency Operations Center or Installation Operations Center during any type of crisis.

A seven-member team contracted by the Army Management Staff College facilitated a seminar March 8 and 9 to coach the garrison's EOC staff members for its upcoming Installation Force Protection Exercise or IPPEX to be held June 16 and 17.

"Our job is to help the garrison staff to operate as an emergency

operations center and work together as a team to respond to major crises and to plan and conduct recovery from those crises," said Eric Rydbom, Team MPRI leader, who added that the team goes to all non-combat zone garisons in Japan, Korea, continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska and Europe.

The seminar offered a forum to discuss and develop an overall, comprehensive all-hazards emergency management planning and response capability.

"No smoking guns (for the Directorate of Human Resources), but the seminar bought up some interesting points about all the coordination among the different agencies," said Don Gwinn, the garrison's Civilian Misconduct Officer who will be manning the EOC as the assistant to DHR director.

He added that he was able to provide input during the seminar on the importance of the feeder reports on personnel status during a crisis.

Gwinn said that DHR is one of the important members of the EOC as its role is personnel accountability, causality assistance and notification, and as he said,

"anything else depending on the situation."

This same team with an addition of an exercise developer will return for the garrison's IPPEX in June.

"At the end of this seminar, the garrison commander will give us direction on what kind of scenario he wants to happen (during the IPPEX) and make the staff react to in an EOC environment," said Rydbom, who added that developer will come up with more than 300 injects making each EOC staff member immediately decide how to respond and take action.

As part of the Installation Management Command's leader development program, the IPPEX focuses on exercising the entire EOC staff instead of just the first responders, which is where the focus lies in many full-scale exercises, Rydbom said.

"Exercise is always important," said Henry Kaahue, the garrison's Emergency Management officer. "Exercises help you to identify things that you need to put into your plan and validate the things you already have in your plan."

"That's why we exercise," he said.

Always an opportunity to train



Sgt. Fay Conroy
Spc. Sarah Kilpatrick, a food operations specialist with 21st Theater Sustainment Command, serves breakfast to a Soldier with the 18th Military Police Brigade March 18 at the forward operating base on Panzer Kaserne. The 18th MP Bde. is training on FOB Panzer, and the 21st TSC cooks are using this opportunity to hone their skill for an upcoming culinary competition.

Exercise Bagram VII helps prepare Polish, American Task Force for upcoming Afghanistan rotation

By Capt. Sonie Munson
18TH ENGINEER BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The phrase "train as we fight" is applicable across the Army and around the world, and it was the standard during the recent training exercise March 4-10 at Bukowka Barracks in Kielce, Poland.

Bagram VII is a joint training exercise, which included members of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's 18th Engineer Brigade, the Joint Forces Headquarters of the Illinois National Guard, the Polish 2nd Mechanized Corps and the Joint Multi-National Simulations Center Grafenwoehr. These agencies worked together to prepare and certify the 1st Polish Armored Brigade and Soldiers from the Illinois National Guard for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

During the opening ceremony, Polish army Maj. Gen. Zbigniew Glowienka, the exercise director and commander of the Polish 2nd Mech. Corps, said the exercise's aim was to ensure that the Task Force White Eagle's headquarters is prepared for International Security Assistance Force operations in Afghanistan.

During the exercise, the unit will be tested for combat for the first time using Joint Conflict and Tactical Simulations, Glowienka added.

Bagram VII was the seventh readiness exercise to certify the Polish task force is ready for its six-month rotation to Afghanistan. However, there were a lot of firsts during the exercise.

Some of these firsts included the use of simulation platforms provided by the Joint Multi-National Simulations Center Grafenwoehr, the use of the 18th Eng. Bde. as the higher

headquarters and the embedding of Soldiers from the Illinois National Guard, who will deploy with the 1st Polish Armored Bde. to Afghanistan.

The Joint Multi-National Simulations Center Grafenwoehr assisted the exercise by providing all the simulation systems free of charge, including JCATS, Blue Force Tracker, Command Post of the Future and Unmanned Aerial Simulation Systems. These simulation systems provided the task force with the ability to respond to numerous scenarios, which better tested the task force's tactical operations procedures.

When Polish army Lt. Col. Piotr Fajkowski, B Battle Group commander, 1st Polish Armored Bde., was asked what the hardest part of Bagram VII was, he said, "to learn the systems and to compare what information it provided. But it was nice to learn the systems we will use in theater step-by-step before our deployment."

The 18th Eng. Bde., with members of the Illinois National Guard and the Polish 2nd Mech. Corps, made the exercise even more realistic by role-playing Combined Joint Task Force-East, the unit the task force will report to in Afghanistan.

During the exercise, the 18th Eng. Bde. monitored how Task Force White Eagle responded to the scenarios, from tactical operations to responding to the civilian populous and the local media.

"Our mission is twofold: to ensure Task Force White Eagle receives the most realistic training possible and to build a positive relationship with our Polish allies," said Col. Paul M. Paolozzi, the 18th Eng. Bde. commander.

This was accomplished by selecting subject matter experts from the



U.S. Army photo
Polish army Maj. Stanislaw Koppaczynski, the chief of the Tactical Operation Center, Task Force White Eagle, shares a celebratory handshake with 1st Lt. Al Chong, the intelligence officer of Task Force White Eagle, after successful completion of an exercise rehearsal Mar. 5 during Bagram VII at Bukowka Barracks in Kielce, Poland.

brigade in areas such as operations, logistics, intelligence, signal, interpreters and public affairs, resulting in relevant training and a new lasting relationship with the 2nd Mech. Corps and Task Force White Eagle.

"We are one team, not Polish or American Soldiers," said Polish army Maj. Stanislaw Koppaczynski, the chief of the Tactical Operation Center for Polish Land Forces.

This exercise and the upcoming deployment is the first time in the 17-

year relationship between the Illinois National Guard and the Polish army where National Guard Soldiers will embed with Task Force White Eagle during its six-month rotation.

"Partnering with the Polish army is a vital part of our mission success and being allowed to train prior to deployment together will allow us to be mission effective once we reach Afghanistan," said Capt. Tim Newman, the battle captain for Task Force White Eagle, from Plainfield, Ill.



ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE

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Pulaski Park ready for outdoor fun, recreation

By Christine June
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

April is almost here and with it the sounds of children playing outside and the smells of barbecue whirling in the air, and it all can be found at the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Pulaski Park located on Pulaski Barracks.

Renovated in 2003, Pulaski Park offers Kaiserslautern military community members a chance to enjoy outdoor activities from playing basketball to cooking on a grill in a secluded area on base, said Steve Selvey, the garrison Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation manager.

It was one of the many services and projects that helped the garrison to be selected as a semi-finalist for the 2004 Army Communities of Excellence for the Installation Management Command-Europe award competition.

Now, the park is tied into the Army Family Covenant – a commitment by Army leadership to improve the quality of life for families.

Centrally located, the park is nestled between Pulaski Barracks and Vogelweh.

"Pulaski Park is very convenient because it's ideally located in the KMC and has a storage area which holds tables and chairs," Selvey said. "It's also a good location because the Super Grills from Outdoor Recreation and food supplies from the (Vogelweh) commissary are nearby."

For reservation purposes, the park is cut in half by the road leading from the Pulaski Gate 11 to the Vogelweh circle, passing the Pulaski Auto Skills. Renters can reserve the whole or just one side of the park, said Kerri Schmitt, a recreation assistant at the garrison Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation.

Upper half of the park is about 7.86 acres or 31,970 square meters and showcases a basketball court, volleyball pit, playground, a stage, and pavilion with a built-in grill and picnic area. Bathroom facilities are also located at the upper half and are for all those who use the park.

Starting later this month, a new boundless playground is being added to the park next to the basketball court area.

"The new playground will enhance the accessibil-



Christine June

India Stewart, who at the time was 6, flies with a little help from her brother, Kevin Stewart, who at the time was 11, at the playground, located on the upper half of Pulaski Park on Pulaski Barracks. Construction on a new playground also on the upper half of Pulaski Park will start later this month to be completed by the end of April. All U.S. ID card holders are eligible to reserve the park for group or individual functions, such as unit functions and family barbecues or even, birthday parties. Reservations are for a day, not for specific time periods, and it can be reserved throughout the year.

ity for all children with physical limitations," said Selvey, who added that the park should be completed by the end of April.

The lower half of the park is about 8.3 acres or 33,590 sq. meters and offers a track, baseball field and pavilion with a built-in grill.

"When the park is reserved, individuals and families can still go in and use the park's facilities as long as they are not using the grill," Schmitt said.

All U.S. ID card holders are eligible to reserve the park for group or individual activities, such as unit functions and family barbecues or even, birthday parties.

Reservations are for a day, not for specific time periods, it can be reserved throughout the year, and the

park is open from dawn to dusk, Schmitt said.

"It's the responsibility of everybody who uses the park (whether renting or not) to pick up after themselves and to take their trash with them at the end of the event," said Schmitt. "And, when someone reserves the park, they are required to fill out a contract that includes a credit-card number; they will be charged if they leave the park messy."

Pets are not allowed in the park, said Selvey.

Cost to rent the entire park for a day is \$75, and just one side of the part is \$50 a day.

To reserve Pulaski Park, visit the Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation in Bldg. 2905 on Pulaski Barracks or call DSN 493-4117 or civ. 0631-3406-4117.

Earth Week Photo Contest

Want to be the next Ansel Adams? Ever dreamed of being a wildlife photographer? You don't have to travel far to see wilderness. It's just around the corner. So go outside, explore your neighborhood and submit your best photos of landscapes, nature, and wildlife to myBWnow.ning.com - the top photo will be published in the Herald Post and will win a prize sponsored by AAFES.

<http://myBWnow.ning.com>

Photos must be submitted between March 15 and April 15. Use the tag "Earth Week" to identify the photo for the contest. Photos must be taken in Germany.




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STRONG MINDS, STRONG BODIES, STRONG FAMILIES

COMPREHENSIVE SOLDIER FITNESS PROGRAMS FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Physical: Performing and excelling in physical activities that require aerobic fitness, endurance strength, healthy body composition and flexibility derived through exercise, nutrition and training.

Tip of the week: March is National Nutrition Month. Nutrition is a key part of physical fitness. With all the conflicting information available today it can be confusing, even overwhelming, to understand what good nutrition means.

The best bet is to stick with the basics:

(1) Eat at least three meals a day and plan your meals ahead of time. Whether you're eating at home, packing a lunch or eating out, an overall eating plan for the day will help keep you on track. (2) Balance your plate with the right portions of a variety of foods. Half your plate should be filled with vegetables, one fourth with lean meat, poultry or fish and one fourth with grains. To round out your meal, add a glass of fat-free or low-fat milk and a serving of fruit for dessert. (3) Try changing from a large dinner plate to a smaller one. It may help you feel satisfied with reduced portions. (4) Start your meal with low calorie foods like fruits, vegetables and salads. Then move on to the main course and side dishes. Go to <http://www.mypyramid.gov> for more good nutrition tips, look up nutritional content in foods, get a personalized eating plan or an analysis of your current diet, and more!

Event: The Wellness Center at the Heidelberg Health Center has a nutritionist available to help get you on the right track to a healthy, well-balanced nutrition plan. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Wellness Center at DSN 371-2706, civ. 06221-17-2706.

The Ramstein Health and Wellness Center also offers a weight management program for anyone interested in weight loss, weight management and learning basic nutrition and fitness information. There is also a two-part Heart Smart program available to assist individuals with high cholesterol or heart disease with diet tips and to live a healthier life. For more information you can call the Health and Wellness Center at DSN 480-4292 ext. 9.

For more information on Comprehensive Fitness visit www.army.mil/csf.

Kaiserslautern to host sexual assault awareness events

By Christine June
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Leaders from U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern are encouraging family members to participate in its events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed throughout April.

"Sexual assault not only affects victims, but impacts their families as well," said Linda Gilbert, the garrison's Victim Advocate coordinator, on why this year's events focuses on getting families involved in preventing sexual assaults.

A special showing of "Sex Signals" targeting families will be held 6 p.m. April 29 at the Galaxy Theater on Vogelweh.

Gilbert explained that this is a scripted, but at the same time an interactive and improv show designed to make people think about sexual assault prevention. Due to adult situations, the show is only for those 18 and older, Gilbert said.

"Sex Signals very much engages the audience who are the integral part of the learning process," Gilbert said. "The audience chooses their own adventure."

Ultimately, this training creates critical dialogue among audiences that is necessary to dissolve enduring rape myths and encourage thoughtful, accountable and intimate behavior.

Last year, "Sex Signals" made its first appearance at military communities in Europe, but its target audience at that time was active-duty service members.

One Soldier who saw the show last year in Kaiserslautern said the humor caught her attention.

"The fact that the actors put humor and life into the show made it capture and keep the attention of everyone who watched it," said Sgt. Angela Wiese, the supply sergeant for Headquar-



Christine June
Fawzia Mirza (left) portrays a TV show host interviewing Chris Beier in one of many scenes from the "Sex Signals" Soldier training held last year in Kaiserslautern. This year's "Sex Signals" is for family members, age 18 and older, and will be held 6 p.m. April 29 at the Galaxy Theater on Vogelweh.

ters, Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern.

"It didn't seem as if this was training that was being mandated." She explained, "It seemed like something you would've wanted to see anyway. "(The show) made the hard subject of sexual assault and how we can prevent it relatable to everyday life," Wiese said.

Besides hosting "Sex Signals," the garrison's program includes handing out the Army's I.A.M. (Intervene, Act and Motivate) Strong Campaign information at Army installation access gates here 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. April 5. Gilbert will also be hosting an information booth 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 9 at the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center on Ramstein Air Base.

For a complete list of events, visit www.kaiserslautern.army.mil. For more information, call Gilbert at DSN 493-4617 or civ. 0631-3406-4617 or e-mail linda.gilbert6@eur.army.mil.

'Voice' of AFN meets German Chancellor

By George Smith
AFN EUROPE OPERATIONS MANAGER

AFN Europe Morning Newswatch and Open Line host Gary Bautell met German Chancellor Angela Merkel Wednesday as part of a delegation from the Federation of German-American Clubs.

Bautell, who is the Vice President of the Federation, is among a group who presented the General Lucius D. Clay award for fostering good German-American relations to Chancellor Merkel in Berlin. He also met with the U.S. Ambassador to Berlin, Philip Murphy.

AFN Europe Commander, Col. Bill Bigelow, feels Bautell was a great choice.

"Gary Bautell's friendly voice has reverberated over the German airwaves for de-

acades and is recognized by generations of Germans and Americans."

"His 40 years of work at AFN and involvement in the Federation of German-American Clubs has served to bring the German and American communities together through music, news, entertainment, and fellowship. I can't think of a more appropriate person to honor Chancellor Merkel," Bigelow said.

Bautell has been one of the most recognizable voices on AFN since the '60s.

He started working for AFN at the Hoechst Castle on the Main River near Frankfurt in 1963, moved with the network to downtown Frankfurt, and now broadcasts from the network headquarters on Coleman Barracks, Mannheim.

Cats



Courtesy Photo
Andreas Kraft plays "Rum Tum Tugger" in the Roadside Theater's production of 'Cats'. The final shows are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. The Roadside Theater is located on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. For more information and tickets call DSN 373-5020 or visit www.roadsideheater.com.



Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill

Watched by an audience that includes members of the Senate Youth Program, a Soldier guards the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., on a rainy March 12. National Guard officers served as military mentors for the 104 high schoolers selected for a week in the nation's capital that included meeting the president, a Supreme Court justice and other leaders from the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.



U.S. Army Photo

Spc. Crisma Albarran, of Orland, Calif., detaches an ammunition case from its mount after a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter flight over Iraq, March 14. Albarran, with Task Force 38's B Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, volunteered for the job as door gunner prior to her second deployment to Iraq, and has flown more than 100 hours toward her door gunner certification. During her first Iraq deployment in 2007 she was a petroleum supply specialist with the 3rd Infantry Division.



U.S. Army Photo

Tammy Duckworth, the assistant secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, shares a conversation with a World War II veteran March 11 at a ceremony honoring about 250 veterans in timing with the premiere of "The Pacific."

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U.S. Army Photo

1st Lt. David J. Leydet uses his rifle's scope to scan a hill while he provides security outside an Afghan police checkpoint in Taktehpul, Afghanistan, March 10. Leydet is assigned to Troop B, 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment.

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"I've been really impressed on this visit here with all the Soldiers we've met," he said. Soldiers showed motivation and displayed joy in being part of the Army Reserve, he added.

Master Sgt. Yolanda Meekie, the mobilization noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the 7th Civil Support Command, was one of a number of senior NCOs who had the opportunity to sit down for lunch with the command sergeant major at the local dining facility.

"I thought that he's a Soldier's Soldier," Meekie said. "He's really concerned about the senior NCOs and all NCOs, basically, doing their job. And I think that he's going to do a great job in that position."

Later, Schultz addressed the audience of Reserve Soldiers and family members during a town hall meeting in the Kaiserslautern Community Activity Center on Daenner Kaserne. One of his key messages was about reshaping the force by focusing on senior enlisted management.

Schultz said his goal is to ensure sergeants major and first sergeants are taking care of Soldiers. He wants to remove the non-performers; the senior NCOs who stop being mentors to their subordinates.

He said enlisted leaders must get

up close and personal with their subordinates.

"What we've lost is candor and of those seven Army Values – loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and my favorite – personal courage," he continued. "We have a lot of NCOs in senior leadership positions who have lost that personal courage."

Schultz said it may be hard for leaders to say it because it may embarrass or hurt the NCO's pride, but it is not the intent.

Then, he brought up the fact of those who don't listen or don't get it. Schultz said go to the next step; write a counseling statement explaining how to take action because maybe he or she does not know how to do it.

"We call those performance steps – here's what you need to do. Here's the course of action," he said. "And then after that third time, if he still doesn't get it, what I need to do is reevaluate." We may have to consider moving those NCOs out of our ranks, he said.

He then turned the tables; he said that senior enlisted leaders need to conduct a self-evaluation.

"Are you at that point when you're not being candid with your Soldiers," Schultz asked. "In telling them here's what you need to do to get better. Here's what you need to do to get to



Sgt. 1st Class Osvaldo P. Sanchez

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Schultz, the command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Reserve Command, visits Col. Randee Turner, a nurse anesthesiologist, March 7 at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Turner was medically evacuated from Iraq to the medical center for an illness and was recently transferred to the Brook Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston.

the next level. Here's what you need to do every day to take care of your Soldiers below you. Are you doing that?"

Thereafter, he asked if leaders are at a point in their career where they are just riding it out.

"So think about it," he left the audience with that task.

In closing, he asked the enlisted leaders to help him help them, and most importantly to help the Soldiers who are out there. Schultz said he looks forward to serving with them and for them, and that it has been an honor and a privilege to do just that.

Schultz is scheduled to continue his tour in Japan and Korea.

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abuse and neglect."

Several events will be held in the Heidelberg Community to raise awareness about child abuse prevention and the Month of the Military Child. Community members are encouraged to come out and show their support by participating.

Some of these events include: Family Movie Day at the Patrick Henry Village Theater 2 p.m. April 9. Families can enjoy a free showing of "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium," with popcorn and soda; Kid's Expo 6 p.m. April 29 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion, enjoy a family adventure with interactive games, a treasure hunt, refreshments and plenty bags of goodies to go around. There will also be a kid's art exhibition and contest, participants could win a T-shirt with their artwork printed on it and a AAFES gift card valued at 30 dollars.

The contest is open to all Heidelberg students from preschool through high school. Artwork will be on display at the PHV Pavilion reception area from April 15-29. Community members can vote for their favorites by filling out a voting slip and placing it in the ballot box. Winners will be announced and rewarded at the Kids Expo.

"By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect and strengthen Army Families," said Twanna Ivey, Family Advocacy Program Specialist.

For more information on how you can get involved in Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month events, or for information on child abuse prevention education trainings, you can contact Heidelberg Army Community Service at DSN, 370-6883 or civ. 06221-57-6883 or visit www.mwrgermany.com.

Faces of the community: IACS



Dijon Rolle

Sam Pajonk, a security technician, assists customer Bury Kosimir at the Installation Access Control Systems office, located on the DPW compound in Heidelberg. The office provides installation passes for contractors, local nationals, official guests and visitors. They recently began a new program called "Identi-Kid" which allows parents to voluntarily bring in their children under the age of ten who do not have identification cards, to be fingerprinted and photographed for free. The office hours for the main office are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thursdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The satellite office at the Heidelberg Shopping Center is open 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Both facilities are closed on Federal holidays and weekends. You can contact the main office at DSN 370-3311 or 370-3312 or civ 06221-57-3311/3311 and the satellite office at DSN 370-4227 or civ. 06221-574227.

Spring to mark start of personnel system transition

By Elaine Wilson
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

The Defense Department is on track to transition the majority of its more than 220,000 civilian employees out of the National Security Personnel System by Sept. 30, more than a year ahead of deadline, the official heading up that transition said.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act called for the termination of NSPS by January 2012, bringing an end to a controversial personnel system that's been operational for less than four years.

The majority of employees will transition -- starting this spring -- back to the decades-old General Schedule system, but with an assurance in regard to pay.

"I am committed to ensure, as directed in the National Defense Authorization Act, that employees experience no loss of, or decrease in, pay upon conversion," said John James, Jr., director of the Pentagon's NSPS transition office. "The department believes in that and believes it is the right thing to do."

This preservation of pay encom-

passes all employees. For instance, NSPS employees who are paid a salary that exceeds Step 10 -- the highest step under the GS system -- of their pay grade will retain their pay upon conversion, James explained.

An employee's grade upon conversion will be determined by classification specialists using the same criteria in use for GS employees, James said.

"An employee's position will be evaluated under the General Schedule system and classified," he said. "If that position classifies out as a GS-13, then that employee will become a 13 when they transition."

While the Defense Department has a goal for transition completion, James noted that each organization and component will make a determination on a timeline based on four factors:

- No undue interruption to mission or hardship to employees;
- Established processes to classify NSPS positions into the appropriate non-NSPS system;
- Existence of a legacy performance management system; and
- An information technology system capable of handling the transi-

tion.

As officials work to ensure a smooth transition, they also are turning an eye to the road ahead. Along with terminating NSPS, the act gives the Defense Department new authorities to look at developing a successor performance management system that incorporates the best practices of NSPS and GS.

"One of the best advantages under NSPS that we saw was the clear alignment between employees and the organization about what their contribution means to the priorities and the direction of the organization," James said. "As we develop the new authorities and transition employees to the GS system, in most cases, we plan to reinforce that directive and that effort to ensure the employees are aligned with the organization."

Officials also will examine the law's requirements for hiring flexibilities and a personnel performance fund that rewards employees or teams for their performance, he said.

These processes will continue to be open and transparent, James vowed. "I envision the transition and development and use of the new authori-

ties to be a collaborative effort with supervisors, management, leadership, union partners, labor partners, the Office of Personnel Management and other stakeholders. I see this as being an entirely inclusive process."

James emphasized the importance of communication throughout the transition process and future personnel system modifications. "You can't over communicate a change," he said.

To that end, the NSPS Web site, www.cpmos.osd.mil/nsps, now includes transition updates and a training module called GS 101, he said.

"Employees who have never been in the GS system, and there are a few, can go in and walk through that," James said. "It really is informative and tells them how the GS system works." It's also of value to employees who were in the system before, he added.

James encouraged employees to continue to ask questions. "Employees should feel free to ask their chain of command about how that process is being implemented," he said. "GS is very prescriptive in how the process works. They will be informed how their job will be classified and transitioned."

AFN journalists win 12 first place Army awards

By George Smith
AFN EUROPE OPERATIONS MANAGER

AFN broadcast journalists in Germany, Italy and Belgium won 12 first place awards in the Keith L. Ware Department of the Army broadcast competition.

AFN Bavaria's Honey Shewbert won Civilian Broadcast Journalist of the Year and a Soldier at the same station, Pfc. Lamisha Davis, won "Rising Star."

AFN Europe Commander Col. Bill Bigelow said, "While I'm certainly proud that AFN broadcast journalists in Germany, Italy and Belgium won 12 first-place awards, what's more important is that we're giving the audience quality command information."

The first place winners in the Department of the Army's 2009/2010 Keith L. Ware Broadcast Excellence competition are:

Category A: Radio Entertainment Program: Mark Weeks, Eagle Midday Show (AFN South NPC Vicenza Italy)

Category C: Radio Promo Production: Sean Patrick, AFN Europe Report: Berlin Wall Spe-

cial (AFN-Benelux)

Category F: Radio Sports Report: Chris Knoblauch, High School Football Playoffs (AFN-Hessen)

Category G: Radio Newscast: Benelux Radio Update (AFN Benelux)

Category H: Radio Information Program: Open Line (AFN-Europe)

Category I: Television Information Program: EuroPass Basano (AFN South NPC)

Category M: Television Feature Report: Michelle Michael, Suicide (AFN-Europe)

Category N: Television Sports Report: Chris Knoblauch, High School Playoffs (AFN-Europe)

Category Q: Television News Break: Honey Shewbert, Pullman City (AFN-Europe)

Category T: Civilian Broadcast Journalist of the Year, Honey Shewbert (AFN-Bavaria)

Category U: "Rising Star" award for Outstanding New Broadcaster Pfc. Lamisha Davis (AFN-Bavaria)

Category V: Television Graphics: Dan Collins, Dan Collins, (AFN South NPC)

I.A.M. Strong



Leigh Jones and the band, Animate Objects, performed at the Kazabra Club on Vogelweh Air Base March 12. The event was sponsored by BOSS, I.A.M. Strong, Army Entertainment, FMWR and the Army G-1 SHARP program.

Lisa Hartmann



Photos from www.palatiatajazz.de

International festival offers fun and entertainment throughout the summer

Palatia Jazz, the international jazz festival of the Rhineland Palatinate, presents high quality jazz concerts at the most beautiful places in the area.

The festival takes place over 17 weekends between May 7 and Aug. 14, each at a different location. The culinary program offers regional food and wine, prepared by gastronomes from the respective locations.

Highlights of this year's program are prominent saxophonists, like David Sanborn with organ player Joey DeFrancesco, who pay a tribute to Ray Charles.

Saxophone player David Murray with his Caribbean-African formation Gwo Ka Masters present soul and funk with a Caribbean flair.

Other performers like New York piano player Gerald Clayton or vocal jazz performer China Moses present music from Miles Davis and songs from Dinah Washington.

Other artists are saxophonist Jan Garbarek, piano players Jacky Terrasson and Thierry Lang, and singers Rebekka Bakken, Norma Winstone, and Juliette Gréco.

Whether stars or newcomers, the historic locations offer a special atmosphere during Palatia Jazz. The concerts take place in castles, palaces, historic parks, churches, and old wineries.

Event schedule:

May 7, 8 p.m., Norma Winstone, Speyer, Gedächtniskirche, Indoor
 May 21, 8:30 p.m., Roberto Fonseca Group, Neustadt-Mußbach, Herrenhof, Indoor
 May 22, 8 p.m., Thierry Lang Lyoba Revisited, Neustadt-Mußbach, Herrenhof, Indoor
 May 23, 8 p.m., Jacky Terrasson Trio, Neustadt-Mußbach, Herrenhof, Indoor

May 29, 8 p.m., Hekselman Klampanis Janke Group, Frankenthal, Zwölf Apostel Kirche, Indoor

June 19, 8 p.m., Juliette Gréco, Pirmasens, Neuffer am Park, Open Air

July 4, 7 p.m., Gerald Clayton Trio, Deidesheim, Weingut Reichsrat von Buhl, Open Air

July 9, 8:30 p.m., Rebekka Bakken Group, Annweiler, Historischer Rathausplatz, open air

July 16, 9 p.m., Simphiwe Dana, Wartenberg-Rohrbach, Wartenberger Mühle, open air

July 17, 8 p.m., Portico Quartet, Bad Bergzabern, Schloss, Open Air

July 23, 9 p.m., David Sanborn featuring Joey DeFrancesco, Bad Dürkheim, Klosterruine Limburg, Open Air

July 24, 9 p.m., Jan Garbarek featuring Trilok Gurtu, Bad Dürkheim, Klosterruine Limburg, Open Air

July 30, 8:30 p.m., David Murray & The Gwo Ka Masters, Edenkoben, Villa Ludwigshöhe, Open Air

July 31, 9 p.m., Incognito, Kusel-Thallichtenberg, Burg Lichtenberg, Open Air

Aug. 6, 8:30 p.m., Randi Tytingvåg, Haßloch, Ältestes Haus, Open Air

Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m., Manu Katché, Dirmstein, Koeth Wanscheid'scher Schlosspark, Open Air

Aug. 14, 8 p.m., China Moses, Herxheim, Park vor der Villa Wieser, Open Air

Get your tickets at civ. 06326-967777 or visit www.sym.shoppingserver.de/?navid=14 to order tickets online.

For more information visit www.palatiatajazz.de.
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GERMAN COOKING

Grandma Leni's Biscuits

Servings: 12

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups of flour
- 1 cup of butter
- 1/3 cup of sugar
- 2/3 cup of almonds
- 1 real bourbon vanilla bean
- 2 Tbsp powdered sugar

Directions:

- Work ingredients together and roll into a cylinder shape.
- Let dough rest for an hour in the fridge. Cut into small pieces.
- Put in to the oven at about 350 degrees for about 20 minutes. Watch carefully, they should not turn brown.
- Roll still lukewarm cookies in the mixed vanilla bean and powdered sugar.

SOURCE: Karin Zuleger

Learn to Shop for German Food

Are you curious about local products and food items available on the economy? Visit an organic food store or a typical grocery store accompanied by a registered dietician who is fluent in the German language. Call the Nutrition Care Division at the Heidelberg Health Center to book your free tour, DSN 371-2747, civ. 06221-17-2747.



DEAR MS.
Vicki

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.

Dear Ms. Vicki, I cannot deal with military life any more. I mean, I love my husband but I just don't like this lifestyle. Many people told me this was the life! They were wrong. My husband works long hours even on the weekend most times. Other times he is deployed or in the field training for deployment.

The pay sucks. We are barely making it. People are always talking about a budget and preparation for family success. How do you

budget \$1500 dollars a month with three people in the family? We can barely afford to feed and clothe our young son.

I'm trying to be a supportive wife and mother. I look at most of these "Hooah" wives who are just shouting the praises of being a military spouse. They make me sick. The community we live in sucks, the pay sucks, housing sucks and the hospital sucks. I have to see a different doctor every time I go to the doctor. Is this any way to treat people who sacrifice their lives for their country? Ms. Vicki this is not what I signed up for. My husband would be better off if he worked at Starbucks, or some factory job. Other than writing to you, do you think I should write to my congressman or senator or someone who I can voice my concerns too? I want my husband to get out of the Army right now. I hate to be selfish, but I can't take this anymore. This is too hard for me to deal with.

From: Disillusioned

Dear Disillusioned, Sounds like your mind is rambling on and on with racing thoughts. Slow down and calm down. Ok, you've made yourself very clear; you don't like military life. You wish your husband could rescind his enlistment. You were

told that military life was a great option, but you say everything sucks i.e. housing, the neighborhood, the medical facility and the pay. Now you say you want to write to your senator and congressional official. Well go ahead and write whom ever. I'm sure your senators would be happy to hear from you. However, please know that your husband is obligated to finish his enlistment. My advice for you is to get involved with something positive, either on post or off post. There are many opportunities for personal growth that you need right now. You also need to consider finding employment. Start with a part time assignment to bring more money into your household. I think you need to find a friend, transition out of the Army when his enlistment is over. It would be futile to complain so much about his current career and then have him return to civilian life with nothing to show for his efforts.

Finally, consider speaking to a counselor for some short term support about your feelings. I'm sure they could offer you some support and guidance. Bottom line, it's time to grow up. You say you didn't sign up for this. Well your husband did. I hate to sound harsh, but no one wants to hear you complaining or your sob story.

Support helps children cope with deployments

By Elaine Wilson
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

Children with a strong nondeployed parent or caregiver and a solid support system have a better ability to cope with deployments, two recent studies have shown.

Anita Chandra, a behavioral scientist from Rand Corp., and Leonard Wong, a research professor from the Army War College, highlighted the findings of these studies during testimony to the House Armed Services Committee yesterday. Both studies focused on military children ages 11 to 17.

"We had a very strong relationship between the caregiver's mental health and their ability to cope as well as the ability for their children to handle some of the deployment stressors," said Chandra, describing the findings of the study "Children on the Homefront: The Experiences of Children From Military Families."

This independent study included more than 1,500 military families, focusing on the well-being of youth ages 11 to 17 and their nondeployed parent or caregiver.

The study's goal was to show how children from military families function with respect to academics, peer and family relations, general emotional difficulties and overall problem behaviors, Chandra explained. The

study found that, when compared to a sample of U.S. children, military children have a higher average rate of emotional difficulties at each age, she said. Older children and girls, particularly, had a greater number of difficulties during deployment, she noted. And the total months the parent was deployed, rather than the number of deployments, was related to a greater number of challenges as well, she added. Relating to family strength, "we found that caregivers with poorer mental health themselves reported more child difficulties during deployment," Chandra said.

Chandra suggested that families may benefit from targeted support to deal with stressors at later points in the deployment, and not simply during initial stages. And, "families in which nondeployed caregivers are struggling with their own mental health may need more support for both caregiver and child," she said.

Wong also found a strong connection between family strength and children's ability to cope with deployment in the Army study, "The Effects of Multiple Deployments on Army Adolescents."

For the study, an anonymous, Web-based survey was issued to a random sample of more than 2,000 active-duty soldiers, as well as to more than 700 Army spouses and about 550 military

children between ages 11 and 17. The study focused on what factors might influence the magnitude of stress related to deployments, he said.

Wong found that the No. 1 factor in mitigating deployment stress was a child's participation in activities, such as sports, followed by a strong family foundation. Activities serve "as a distraction to the negative feelings associated with a deployment," he explained. Another, unexpected predictor of deployment stress was a child's belief that the American public supports the war, he said.

"Sports as a diversion for deployment stress, that makes sense and youth sports programs are relatively easy to create," he said. "But that the strength of a child's perception of the American support for the war would be associated with their deployment stress was a surprise, and it's a much more complex issue to deal with."

In addition to looking at what factors influence the magnitude of stress, the study also examined how well adolescents coped with deployments overall. Along with the previous factors such as strong families, activities and a child's belief that America supports the war, the largest predictor of stress was a child's belief that the soldier is making a difference in the world.

This finding is surprising, yet intuitive, Wong noted. "These children

understand that the Army is a 'greedy' institution demanding all of time, energy and focus of a soldier," he said. "They also understand from personal experience that the family is a greedy institution that requires constant attention and care. They see deployed soldiers caught in the middle of both noble institutions.

Looking ahead, Wong noted the importance of building strong families and focusing on activities such as sports to help mitigate stress. A child's belief system, however, may be a more complicated factor to tackle, he said. "The factors of the children's beliefs, what they feel about the Army, what they feel about the nation, make a difference," Wong said. "And so how do you influence a child's beliefs? That's a critical question and that will have us thinking for a long time."

While the studies are useful, more work remains to be done on behalf of military children, Chandra said.

"Both of our studies really point to the needs of older youth," she said. "What we hope from this work is that it starts to identify some of the needs of older youth and teenagers so we that can look at the programs we currently have and try and figure out if we are aligning our programs with those needs, and particularly with adolescents, and particularly those older adolescents."

GET OUT!

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March 27

The American Army in World War I – Learn about Alpine Sergeant York, the “Lost Battalion”, Col. George S. Patton, Capt. Harry S. Truman, and Gen. “Black Jack” Pershing – all on this tour. We will arrive at the place where the American Expeditionary Force matured as an army, the battlefields of the Meuse River and the Argonne Forest. We will move across the ground where George Patton’s tanks fought, Harry Truman’s Battery D provided fire support, and Sgt. York became legend. On the positions of the “Lost Battalion”, we will discuss the heroism of this epic stand. Please bring your own lunch, as facilities in this area are very limited. Leading this tour will be Mr. Kevin McKedy, who taught military history at West Point and who served as a historian for U.S. Army, Europe. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinneckar>.

Prague Tour – Spend an exciting day at “the crossroads of Europe”. After a breakfast stop we will take a guided tour. Our fascinating route takes in the four most interesting and important parts of the city: The New Town, The Old Town, The Jewish Quarter and Prague Castle. Our guide can provide you with tips and information on using the public transportation; to help you explore the city at your own pace. Highlights to visit on your free time are the town square, the Astronomical Clock, the changing of the guard at the Castle and the Charles Bridge. Please wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing. You will have an opportunity to exchange dollars or Euros into the local currency. You must have a valid US Passport. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinneckar>.

April 1

Safari – Take a USO trip you are sure not to forget. Go on a safari thru the incredible jungle of San Foleodya and see lions and tigers and bears. Your awesome tour guide, Ziggi, who you will not soon forget, will lead the hunt for some of the rarest animals (and some very unusual human specimens as well) ever to be seen on the first day of April. We will canoe along hippo-studded rivers, view lions from the official USO open-hatch Land Cruisers, and see polar bears lazing on windswept tundra from our official bright yellow USO helicopter, piloted by Peg, our very own Tours Manager. Continue to Kiddintown, for a short stop at Beseerious Beach, where you can view the penguins dancing on the icebergs and posing eagerly for pictures with unsuspecting tourists. Sponsored by Quirk Expeditions, you will return to Ushouldnobetta via the Nodu Passage, knowing you are one of the few people in the world that would consider signing up for such a unique trip. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinneckar>.

April 3

Dinner Theater – Members of the Off Main Street Theatre, Coleman Barracks, Mannheim will perform the play, ‘Jake’s Women’. Jake, a novelist who is more successful with fiction than with life, faces a marital crisis by daydreaming about the women in his life. The willy comic and sometimes moving flashbacks played in his mind are interrupted by visitations from actual females. Jake’s women include a revered first wife who was killed years earlier in an accident; his daughter who is recalled as a child but is now a young woman; his boisterous and bossy sister; an opinionated analyst; his current wife who is leaving Jake for another man; and a prospective third wife. Show starts at 7:30 p.m April 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Show only 3 p.m., April 11. Children under five cannot be admitted to any performance. DSN 373-5020.

Amsterdam By Night Tour – With more than 40 concerts and theatrical performances a day, 1,400 cafes and bars, 40 discos, 800 restaurants, 40 theaters, and hundreds of establishments that can’t be categorized, Amsterdam’s nightlife truly has something for everyone. The tour will leave Saturday morning, have lunch (not included) en route at a Dutch restaurant, and visit one of the oldest wooden-shoe makers in the area. Upon arrival, there will be a city orientation and then you will have the until 3 a.m. to explore. This tour is restricted to participants 18 years old or older. No children or infants. U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports recommended. Travel documents are the responsibility of the customer. Tour price includes transportation, city orientation, and a USO tour guide. <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern>.

April 10

Polish Pottery – This tour is for serious shoppers who are interested in Polish pottery, wicker, and amber jewelry. Charming Polish pottery from the Boleslawiec region is hand-painted and made from natural ceramic clay, found in nearby deposits. Please bring dollars and Euros for purchases and meals. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a pillow, blanket, snacks and water. Tour price includes transportation, tour guide, and two seats per person. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinneckar>.

Boxing Match – There will be a sanctioned Ultimate Fighting Championship fight at 6 p.m. at the Heidelberg Boxing gymnasium located on Redtenbacher Str. 6 Heidelberg 69126. Doors open at 5 p.m. There will also be a small bar for refreshments and food. Tickets are €25. <http://www.boxgymnasium.de>.

April 15

Liberty Trail Ride – Registration is now open until April 15 for the Normandy Liberty Trail ride June 4-6. This challenging recreational cycling trip will take you through some of the most beautiful countryside and militarily significant regions of France’s Cotentin Peninsula. The ride coincides with D-Day memorial observances. The event is an annual pilgrimage for cyclists throughout U.S. Army Europe and begins with the traditional church service in Pèriers and departure from the city hall with commemorative ceremonies along the way, including Ste-Mère-Église. The daily rides will begin and end in Pèriers, with a midday meal and mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. The full daily distance is broken up into four segments of about 30-35 Kilometers. The registration cost of 83 Euros. Price includes an event jersey and tickets for three lunches plus mid-route snacks. Fee also covers the cost of the motorcycle escort, emergency medical and roadside repair services, and a “sag” bus. Registration is limited to only 400 cyclists and only road/racing bikes are allowed. This is not a competitive event, but it does require participants to be fit. Cycling routes average 120-130 Kilometers per day. To download a registration form visit www.voiedeliberite.fr (choose the English version then choose the tab that says “Registration by Courier”) or email ron.rasch@eur.army.mil.

April 24

Holland Tulip Trip – This special overnight tour will enable you to fully experience Tulipmania and the charms of the Netherlands. After a good Dutch breakfast buffet (included), we’ll drive through the beautiful countryside to the coastal town of Noordwijk to take our position along the parade route to observe the annual flower parade, Holland’s version of the rose parade. After lunch on the famous Scheveningen Boardwalk, we’ll check in to our 4-star hotel and then take a guided tour of The Hague. In the evening, you can visit the boardwalk or The Hague downtown or the Madurodam Park. After breakfast in the hotel (included), we go to the famous Keukenhof Gardens, the most beautiful spring flower show in the world. In the afternoon, we’ll continue on to Delft, where we’ll visit one of three remaining Delft Blue factories. After our factory tour, we’ll continue into the quaint town of Delft for a city orientation around its canals, churches, and 16th century homes. U.S. (blue), EC, or Canadian passports are required. Tour price includes transportation, breakfast, one overnight in a four-star hotel, Keukenhof Gardens entrance fee, guided tour of The Hague, guided tour of Delft factory and city, and USO tour guide. <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern>.

coming to THEATERS

THE BOUNTY HUNTER

(Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler) Milo Boyd, a down-on-his-luck bounty hunter, thinks he’s seeing an upswing in fortune when he gets the call to bring in his bail-jumping ex-wife, a reporter named Nicole. Milo considers the job an easy payday, but Nicole quickly escapes to chase a lead on a murder case. The ex-spouses play an escalating game of one-upmanship, until they suddenly find themselves on the run for their lives. Rated PG-13 (sexual content including suggestive comments, language and some violence) 107 minutes

THE SPY NEXT DOOR

(Jackie Chan, Amber Valletta) Bob Ho, an undercover operative for the CIA, decides to give up his career and marry his girlfriend, Gillian. However, before Bob can do that, he has one more mission to complete: gain the approval of Gillian’s children. Bob volunteers to babysit when Gillian is called away, but the operation hits a snag when one of the kids mistakenly downloads a top-secret formula, and a Russian terrorist takes aim at Bob’s prospective family. Rated PG (Sequences of action violence and some mild rude humor) 92 minutes

PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

March 26 – THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 7 p.m.; NINE (PG-13) 9 p.m.
March 27 – THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 4 p.m.; THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 7 p.m.; THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 9 p.m.
March 28 – THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 4 p.m.; THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 29 – THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 7 p.m.
March 30 – THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 31 – THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 7 p.m.
April 1 – THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Mannheim, Schuh

March 26 – GREEN ZONE (R) 7 p.m.
March 27 – THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 4 p.m.; NINE (PG-13) 7 p.m.; GREEN ZONE (R) 9 p.m.
March 28 – THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 4 p.m.; NINE (PG-13) 7 p.m.
March 29 – GREEN ZONE (R) 7 p.m.
April 1 – THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

March 26 – 7 p.m. NINE (PG-13)
March 27 – 3 p.m. THE BOOK OF ELI (R); GREEN ZONE (R) 7 p.m.
March 28 – 3 p.m. THE SPY NEXT DOOR; GREEN ZONE (R) 7 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

March 26 – THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 12:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:40 p.m.; THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; NINE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.
March 27 – THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 12:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:40 p.m.; THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; NINE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m.
March 28 – THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 12:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m.; THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; NINE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m.
March 29 – THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 12:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m.; THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; NINE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
March 30 – THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 12:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m.; THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; NINE (PG-13) 11:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
March 31 – THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 12:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m.; THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
April 1 – THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; NINE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 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 for updated listings and more movie descriptions

community HIGHLIGHTS

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins in Europe on Sunday. Until then, time zone differences between most of the U.S. and Europe will be one hour less than usual. In the European Union, Summer Time begins and ends at 1 a.m. Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time). It begins the last Sunday in March and ends the last Sunday in October. In the EU, all time zones change at the same moment.

Community Bank Holiday Closing

Due to the Easter holiday all Community Bank centers will be closed April 2-5. For customer convenience, ATMs and online banking are available.

Pre-Retirement Seminars

CHRA-E HRDD is offering pre-retirement seminars for employees, five years or less, away from retirement. The seminars will provide employees with an increased understanding of their retirement system, FEHB, FEGLI, TSP and Social Security. Employees should select the seminar associated with the retirement system they are under. Local class dates for CSRS are April 6 in Schwetzingen and April 12 in Kaiserslautern. For FERS, April 7 in Schwetzingen and April 13 in Kaiserslautern. Enrollment is through CHRTAS. For details contact John Fouch at DSN 483-5845.

KAP Krimson and Creme Ball

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc will hold its Annual Krimson and Creme Scholarship Ball. 6 p.m. April 17 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. Dr. Bresell, Director DODDS-E will be the guest speaker. Entry is \$45.00. All proceeds will go towards Scholarships for DODDS seniors Contact civ. 016099162144.

MBA Scholarships

The American-German Business Club e.V. and the Goethe Business School are offering scholarships to applicants who want to study in the Goethe Executive MBA in Alliance with Duke or the Goethe Full-Time MBA program. The scholarship granted may cover up to a maximum of 50 percent of the tuition fee. Applicants may apply for these scholarships through the AGBC Frankfurt chapter. All those applying to the Goethe Business School should do so by April 19. Contact Klaus W. Nierendorf of the AGBC Frankfurt civ. 0171-173-9894, or 069-97358-275. www.goethe-business-school.de

local EMPLOYMENT

Job Fair

USAG Kaiserslautern Army Community Service is hosting a job fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 22 at the Kazabra Club. Get information, apply for jobs; meet with education center and university representatives. Bring a resume and dress to impress for on-the-spot interviews and hiring. DSN 493-4029 or civ. 0631-3406-4029.

WIC Overseas

Administrative Assistant. High school diploma or equivalent with secretarial/business office experience or education. Business training or associate's degree preferred. Experience in health-related field desirable. Must type 40-60 wpm. Job requirements include good communication and customer service skills. Must be a U.S. citizen. E-mail your resume and cover letter to: alicia.kunz@eur.army.mil or fax to civ. 0621-730-4424 (380-4424). You may also drop your information off at the Ramstein WIC Office.

KAISERSLAUTERN Education

• **University of Maryland** - The University of Maryland University College office in Bldg. 3205 on Kleber Kaserne is now open on Mondays during non-registration. A UMUC field representative is available during non-registration from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except U.S. federal holidays. DSN 483-7539 or civ. 0631-411-7539.
• **Scholarship Deadline** - Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief is extending the Major General James Ursano Scholarship Program deadline to April 1. The MG James Ursano Scholarship Program helps Army Families with undergraduate college expenses for their dependent children. This program is for dependent children of active, retired and deceased Soldiers. DSN 493-4151 or civ. 0631-3406-4151.

Community

• **SAEDA Briefings** - The Subversion and Espionage Directed Against U.S. Army briefings will be held 1 - 2 p.m. (in English) and 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. (in German) March 26 at the Galaxy Theater, Bldg. 2062 on Vogelweh. SAEDA training is a mandatory requirement for all personnel working for the U.S. Army. DSN 493-4226 or 0631-3406-4226.

• **Pet Vaccinations** - The Kaiserslautern Veterinary Treatment Facility is hosting a vaccination clinic 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 27 at the facility, Bldg. 2928 on Pulaski Barracks. For appointments call DSN 493-4444 or civ. 0631-3406-4444.

• **CYS Survey** - Complete the CYS services parent survey online before March 31 and receive a one-time five percent discount on your CYS service fee. Valid on one child only. Contact the CYS Services office DSN 493-4516 or civ. 0631-3406-4516. www.mwgermany.com.

• **DOL Holiday Closing** - The U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Directorate of Logistics will be closed April 2 and 5 in observance of local host nation holidays. For emergencies, call DSN 483-8259, for transportation call civ. 0631-411-8259, for supply and services DSN 483-8364 or civ. 0631-411-8364, for plans and operations DSN 483-7915 or civ. 0631-411-7915 and for overall logistics questions DSN 483-1540 or civ. 0631-411-1540.

• **Easter Eggstravaganza** - Join the community for this free Easter egg event. The egg hunt starts at 11 a.m. April 3 at Pulaski Park on Pulaski Barracks. Gates open at 10:45 a.m. Open to the community and for children up to 12 years old. DSN 493-4117 or civ. 0631-3406-4117.

• **Warrior Zone Opening** - Celebrate the grand opening of the USAG Kaiserslautern Warrior Zone inside of the Java Café 4 p.m. April 5. on

Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 273. This new facility features the latest in gaming and digital entertainment, four flat-screen TVs, and surround sound system, headphones, and DVD capabilities and is free for all Soldiers and guests 18 and over to use. DSN 493-2623 or civ. 0631-3406-2623. www.mwgermany.com.

• **Health Clinic** - The Kaiserslautern Health Clinic will observe temporary operating hours for April 9 and 12 due to the USAREUR/ERMIC/LRMC training holidays: 7 a.m. to noon April 9 for all services; the pharmacy will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; 7 a.m. to noon, April 12 for all services. The pharmacy will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Normal clinic hours will resume 7 a.m. April 13. The LRMC Pharmacy is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to pick up medications on Training Holidays. For medical emergencies, dial 112 (off post) or 116 (on post) or go to the nearest Emergency Room.

• **Flea Market** - Visit the Indoor Flea Market March-October for exciting deals on interesting treasures. Looking to sell? We can help you with that too. Flea Market dates for are 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16. Call Army Outdoor Recreation or go to www.mwgermany.com.

HEIDELBERG Education

• **Red Cross Classes** - CPR/AED classes for the professional rescuer are being offered 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 3 at the Shopping Center Bldg 3850 Rm. 272. Cost is \$50. DSN 370-1760.

• **Spring Registration** - The Heidelberg Complex Schools will host their annual Spring Registration for new and returning students for school year 2010-2011 at the Village Pavilion 9 a.m. 4 p.m., April 5 and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., April 6. All new and current students attending Heidelberg Middle School, Heidelberg High School, Mark Twain Elementary School and Patrick Henry Elementary must register or re-register their children for the next school year, which starts August 30.

Community

• **Vehicle Registration Closure** - The Heidelberg Vehicle Registration office will be closed on March 30-31 to conduct upgrades to the computer system. Customers can contact DSN 386-7280 or 386-7279 for the Mannheim OPM Registration office.

• **ACS Classes** - Heidelberg Army Community Service is offering the following classes; POWER Workshop 8 a.m. -12 p.m. March 29-30; Caring for the caregiver and Intro to MS Outlook, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. March 29; Fair Fighting in Relationships 1-3 p.m. April 1; EFMP Teen Social 7-9

p.m. first Friday of the month, PHV Panther's Place; Community Orientation Briefing 12-3 p.m. every Monday at the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, Room #141; Re-integration Briefing every Tuesday 9 a.m.

• **Spring Carnival** - Mark Twain Elementary School is hosting a Spring Carnival 5-7 p.m. March 26 at the Heidelberg High School. The cost is \$10 for a pre-paid wristband and \$12 at the door. Price includes admittance, one cake walk chance, jumpy castle, and games. Food will also be available for purchase. There will also be a silent auction for several themed baskets.

• **Volksmarches** - The Heidelberg International Wandering Club is hosting volksmarches March 27-28 in Huetenthal, Frankfurt-Bergeng-Enkheim and Ketsch (Sunday only). The volksmarch on April 2 in Ludwigshafen is cancelled. www.hiwv.de or hiwv@yahoo.com.

• **International Ski Club** - Enjoy a Wild West evening 7 p.m. March 31 at the Hotel Zagreb in Schwetzingen. The club is also taking reservations for Memorial Day. There are also weekend trips to Danube for biking and St. Veit for Golf. Both are open to members and non-members.

• **AFAP conference** - Heidelberg's AFAP conference is scheduled for March 30-April 1. Issues are now being collected and can be submitted online at www.mwgermany.com/HD/acs/afap.htm. Contact ACS for more information at DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6975.

• **Diabetes Education** - The Heidelberg Health Center is offering diabetes education for all diabetics, family members and friends of diabetics and those interested in learning more about diabetes. The class will be 9-11 a.m. April 1 in the Health Center Dining Facility VIP room. The class is offered the first Thursday of every month. DSN 371-3130, civ. 06221-17-3130.

• **Easter Trash collection** - Due to the Host Nation Easter Holidays on April 2 and April 5 the refuse and recyclables collection, bulk item pick-up and recycling center opening times will change. March 29 will move to March 27 (bulk items); March 30 will move to March 29; March 31 will move to March 30; April 1 will move to March 31. (Mark Twain Village) April 2 will move to April 1 (Patrick Henry Village). Those areas normally serviced the week after Easter April 5 will move to April 6 (bulk items) April 6 will move to April 7; April 7 will move to April 8; April 8 will move to April 9 (Mark Twain Village); April 9 will move to April 10 (Patrick Henry Village). The Recycling and Reuse Center will be closed on April 2 and April 5 but will be open on April 3. Bulk item

pick-up will change from March 29 to March 27.

• **Spring Revival** - The Heidelberg Gospel congregation will host a Spring Revival at the Mark Twain Village Chapel. 6:30 P.M. April 7-9. Everyone is invited and the theme is "Restoration." Civ. 0160-975-10000 or latisha.d.faison@eur.army.mil.

• **CYS Spring Break** - Heidelberg Children Youth and School Services is organizing Spring Break activities for middle school students April 9-16. Permission slips must be signed by April 7. Contact DSN 388-9003.

• **Potluck** - If you are from Iowa, went to school in Iowa, have relatives in Iowa, or just want to be associated with people from Iowa, the USAREUR G3 is organizing an Iowa themed potluck at Patrick Henry Village Pavilion April 17. More details to follow.

• **Art Contest** - Army Community Service is sponsoring an art contest for children pre-school through high school. All artwork must be submitted to the Heidelberg ACS or the Arts and Cultural Center by April 14 by noon. The winner will be selected from five categories and announced at the Kid's Expo on April 29 at the PHV Village Pavilion. Contact ACS for details.

MANNHEIM Education

• **Testing office closure** - The Mannheim Testing Office on Sullivan Barracks is temporarily closed. The Patton Education Center in Heidelberg is available to all members of the Mannheim community for their testing needs. DSN 373-8700.

Community

• **Reading Exhibition** - The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is sponsoring a reading program from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. March 26 in the Multi-purpose Room at Mannheim Middle School. Prizes and certificates will be awarded.

• **Mannheim Tax Center** - You can go to the Mannheim Tax Center on Taylor Barracks, Bldg 332, to file your taxes for free with no appointment necessary. Hours of Operation are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you have rental property, itemize your deductions, or have stocks/bonds/mutual funds, please call DSN: 381-7978 or civ. 0621-730-7978 to schedule an appointment. If you have filed your taxes at the Mannheim Tax Center in previous years, please drop by to pick up copies of your tax records before June 15. The Mannheim Tax Center will be permanently closing after this year.

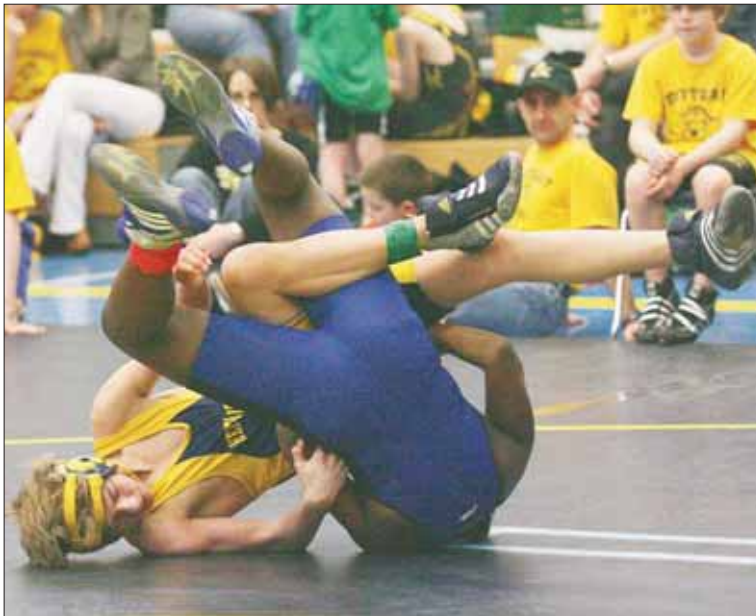
• **German Language Class** - Learn to speak German at the USO. Frau Ulla Heiss will teach this weekly course beginning 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning April 15 in the USO's basement classroom Bldg. 254. Cost is 50 Euros. Sign-up available at the USO.

Youth Services European Wrestling Tournament



Photos by Linda Steil

Heidelberg wrestler, sixth grader Jada Williams, pins Carter Murray, from Stuttgart, during the Youth Services European Wrestling Tournament held at Heidelberg High School Saturday. There were eight teams and close to 250 wrestlers, ages 5-14, from schools in Germany and Belgium. Williams won all three matches and went home with a gold medal.



Heidelberg seventh grader, Ian Johnson (blue and yellow), wrestles Jamison Golson from Hohenfels during the Youth Services European Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Heidelberg High School. Johnson won the match with a pin.

ACTIVE

AFN re-airing DoDDS Tournament

AFN Europe is airing a special encore of the DoDDS High School Basketball Championships 12-7 p.m. April 4 on the Pentagon Channel (Central European Time). AFN Europe is re-airing the DoDDS High School Basketball championships as a lead in to the NCAA Men's Division I Championship Basketball game. The NCAA Division I Men's Championship game airs on AFN|sports 3 a.m. April 6 (Central European Time).

USAG Kaiserslautern Tournament

Men & Women basketball teams from various military communities throughout Europe will be competing for first, second and third place and for the MVP Award. Tournaments are 6 p.m. April 16, 9 a.m. April 17 at Kleber and Miesau Gyms and 9 a.m. April 18 at Kleber Gym. Pre-Registration: is April 5-13. DSN 493-2087 or civ. 0631-3406-2087.

IMCOM-Europe Softball Clinic

If you would you like to become an official for Softball, you must register before April 5. There will be training April 6-11 at the Digital Training Facility on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg 2874 B. Registration is open to the community. DSN 475-7576 or email tony.leesr@us.army.mil

AFN U.S. Forces European Golf Championship

2010 US Forces European Golf Championship will take place at the Heidelberg Golf Course in Otfersheim, Germany on May 8-9. The tournament is open to all Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard military personnel on active duty; Retirees and Reserves and/or National Guard military personnel who are TDY in this command. Individual entry fee is \$40 per golfer. All fees must be paid at time of entry. The championship will consist of 36 holes of stroke play and 18 holes tournament play for each day of the two-day event. Applicants can call the Heidelberg Golf Club at civ. 06202-53767 to enter or download the form from www.heidelberggolf.com and email it to lamar.c.porter@eur.army.mil.

Exercise Classes

Zumba Classes are now being offered at Landstuhl and Kleber Fitness Centers. Enjoy the hot sounds of Cuban music and learn moves to help you get in shape. Classes at Landstuhl are open to families and adults. The family class schedule is 10-11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday and the adult class schedule is 12-1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at Landstuhl Fitness Center Bldg. 3720. DSN 486-7172 or civ. 0631-86-7172. The schedule for the Kleber classes for adults is 11:45am-12:45p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The Kleber Fitness Center is located in Bldg. 3235. DSN 483-7610 or civ. 0631-411-7610. www.mwrgermany.com.

Bowling Tournaments

Heidelberg Sergeants Major Association will host a bowling tournament Saturday at the Heidelberg Bowling Center at Patrick Henry Village. The \$20 per person entry fee includes three games of bowling, shoe rental and a pizza lunch. All proceeds go to the Mannheim Children's Hospital. Registration continues until all 26 team slots are full. Visit <http://sites.google.com/site/hsmag-germany/news> for more info and the registration form or contact DSN 379-9435, bruce.mersereau@us.army.mil; or DSN 370-8472, john.houck@us.army.mil.

BOSS will host a bowling tournament at the PHV Bowling and Entertainment Center 12-3:30 p.m. April 17. Cost is \$20 per person, four person teams, limited to 26 teams. Price includes three games, shoes and pizza lunch. Prizes for first, second and third place. Contact your unit BOSS rep. or DSN 373-5275. www.mwrgermany.com.

Spring Sports Registration

Mannheim - Register through April 1 for: baseball, t-ball, softball and soccer. To register, visit the Youth Sports and Fitness office located on Benjamin Franklin Village, Bldg. 696. DSN 308-9290, civ. 0621-730-9208-9290.