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Fourth grader Michael Prater, dressed as Albert Einstein, speaks with Allison Peltz, Patrick Henry Village Elementary School principal during "The Living Museum" event held at the school Feb. 18. To prepare for this event, each student read a biography about a person, formulated a speech, created picture clues to aid with memorization, dressed in original outfits, and answered questions. Parents, students, and community members were given the opportunity to learn about these individuals from the past and present. With touch of a button, the famous person came to life and shared his or her life story.

AAFES streamlines fuel purchases

By Lt. Col. Wayne Morotto AAFES-EUROPE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

United States Army Europe and the Army & Air Force Exchange Service - Europe will transition to a self-enforcement policy for fuel sales at AAFES gas stations beginning Germany wide March 22.
The AAFES gas stations at the United

States Army Garrison-Wiesbaden will begin a pilot program at the Hainerberg station March 8 and at the Mainz-Kastel station March 10.

"This new policy will result in the complete elimination of pre-fuel purchase checks - no more dreaded registration and Esso fuel card checks prior to pumping," said Col. Chuck Salvo, commander, AAFES-Europe. "This will significantly speed up fuel purchases at AAFES facilities across Germany.'

The transition to the self-enforcement policy will also eliminate letters from the see FUEL PRICES page 12

Heidelberg opens Warrior Zone

By Ina Stiewitz

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After months of hard work, the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks opens Friday and will offer a new place for Soldiers and their guests to hang out and socialize.

Multiple video gaming systems, a TV lounge with big flat-screen TVs, a computer room, and a multi-purpose room, which will be used as a chill-out area or club room with music and dancing on the weekends, will provide different ways for Soldiers to spend their free time.

"I recommend Soldiers stop in and take advantage of the Warrior Zone," said U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Command Baden-Württemberg Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber. "It's a great place to blow off some steam, unwind, and have fun. In addition it's open to not only young Soldiers but older Soldiers, too."

"It's very important to have a place like the Warrior Zone, especially outside the continental United States, because not only is it free but it's an opportunity to meet fellow Soldiers of all ranks."

-Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber, USAG Baden-Württemberg command sergeant major

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SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The new policy allowing access to social media from computers connected to the Defense Department's unclassified network balances the mission value of Web 2.0 tools and the need for security, a top defense official said.

Since being hired as principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs in June, Price B. Floyd has made waves as the Pentagon's "social media czar," promoting the use of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social networking tools.

"This means all [Defense Department] components have been told . . . that the default switch on access is to be open," Floyd said. "It's balanced with the need to be security-conscious and tells the combatant commands to continue to deny access to sites when people try to access them inappropriately."

The new policy comes largely as a result of a culture shift outside the Defense Department, Floyd said. That shift needs to be carried over into the department's culture. he added, as young people, many of whom have grown up using sites such as MySpace and Facebook, join the military.

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COMMENTARY

Army Community Covenant – Europe's Special Contribution

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

In America, The Secretary of the Army created the Army Community Covenant in 2008 to build mutual relationships and strengthen bonds between Soldiers, Families and American communities.

The ACC has been a valuable tool in fostering and sustaining effective state and community partnerships with the Army to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families on home

The ACC accomplishes two things by recognizing the selfless service and contributions of community volunteers, and also shows Soldiers the compassion and support of the American public.

Though the Army Community Covenant is not a formal program at European garrisons, Europe has long carried the torch as a pillar of support for the U.S. Army, ever since we helped liberate it from the bonds of tyranny during World War II and the bonds of oppression during the Cold War.

I fully understand that Europe's positive impact on the strength of the Army Family overseas is a jewel in our Nation's crown.

Much the same as the ACC in the states, Soldiers and Families who call Europe their home away from home enjoy fabulous friendship and selfless support from community leaders, business owners and average citizens

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-It. Gen. Rick Lynch, IMCOM commander

in numerous German, Italian, Belgian and Dutch communities who empathize with the sacrifices of forwardstationed Soldiers and Families, and speak volumes through their deeds of support to them.

In my travels, I hear countless stories of the extent to which our European community partners strive to support our Soldiers and Families before, during and after the many deployments, without the expectation of reward.

These partnerships strengthen ties between our Soldiers and host nation hosts, and the bond of fellowship this develops certainly builds added resilience in our Families as they deal with numerous hardships. The generosity of Europe's neighborhoods, towns, cities, and counties is astounding.

Just as in America, every day communities surrounding our European Army garrisons devise new ways, both small and large, to demonstrate their appreciation for Soldiers and Families.

Here are a few initiatives that give you an idea of the scope of this sup-

- Adults, children, and organizations

support Family Readiness Groups in supporting efforts to support deployed Soldiers from the local area.

- Reduced-fee or gratis incentives provided by cities to families and Soldiers to attend host nation community, cultural and tourism events that enhance cultural understanding.
- Host Nation Visitation Tours for Soldiers and Families to German political centers to enhance understanding of host nation socio/political workings
- Host Nation volunteers from the KONTAKT program at Germany garrisons, who donate thousands of hours annually to support events at garrisons that enhance the experience for Soldiers and Families.
- School exchanges/partnerships that encourage cross-cultural awareness, understanding and appreciation, and develop bonds of friendship
- The reliance of Army communities on critical life and safety support provided by host nation law enforcement. medical and fire first responders that safeguard our communities and, when called upon, selflessly risk their lives for our Soldiers and Families.

- Garrison sports exchange programs and competitions that develop comradeship between sports organizations and enhance cultural understanding.

- Access to host nation medical care facilities for Army families that ensures the health concerns and priorities of Soldiers and their Families are effectively addressed in a timely manner.

These examples of support on part of European nations are great examples of how foreign citizens and organizations directly enrich the lives of our Soldiers and Families and strengthen our resiliency.

When you eventually return to the U.S., the Community Covenant will pick up where your gracious European hosts left off, and I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the program at www.army.mil/community where you can see the best practices of Soldiers, Family members, leaders, and community organizations in the states.

Perhaps you will even discover something you can adapt to your European community, or see an opportunity to let me know about something that has worked for you overseas that we can use here in the U.S.

Relationships are everything, and I encourage you to take every opportunity to thank the members of your host nation community for their sincere and active caring for Soldiers and their Families in Europe.

The Army is eternally grateful and thankful for their support.



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BLOG ROLL

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

Some of you may be familiar with the term "BRATs", it refers to our children who grow up living a "nomadic" lifestyle, moving from base to base around the world. Donna Musil describes in her movie "BRATs: Our Journey Home," that although their passports may say "United States" — our children really are citizens of the world. I couldn't agree more Just reflecting for a minute on my two children both age 6. Cavan and Mikaely already are intimately familar with places like Iraq, Kuwait, Oatar, That is

where Mom and Dad have been (off and on) for the past five years! Although Germany is their first PCS, Cay and Mikaely go to school and play with children who have lived in England, Korea, and Italy. Many of their friends' parents are currently serving in Afghanistan! Wow - alot for a couple of six year olds! Imagine what their experiences will be like in five or ten more years! Let's not forget the DODDS-E curriculum where our children get Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES) and Host Nation classes not to mention

programs like Girl Scouts that promote "WORLD THINKING" - where Mikaely most recently learned about Haiti! I am pretty sure that my kindergarten encounters in upstate New York were nothing in comparison to this!

-LTC Lisa Griffin, USAG Mannheim Commander and



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Heidelberg community readies for AER

Staff Report

Members of the Heidelberg community are preparing to jumpstart their fundraising efforts in support of the Army Emergency Relief campaign.

The campaign runs here from March 15 through April 30.

AER assists Soldiers, family members, Army National Guard, Army Reserve Soldiers, retired Soldiers, widows, orphans and the family members of fallen Soldiers, financially with emergencies such as personal disasters, medical expenses, emergency travel, funeral expenses, rent, food, utilities, car repairs and other special circumstances.

The aide comes in the form of a no-interest loan or grant.

"I think the AER program is an excellent way to utilize Army funds," said Capt. Joshua Zeldin. "This program provides company level commanders and 1st Sgts. the opportunity to provide assistance immediately without having to go through all of the red tape... I've used this program for the past two years and it has given my Soldiers a better quality of life when in emergency situations."

Last year, Soldiers in the Heidelberg footprint received \$162,925.33 in emergency assistance, \$37,060.14 of which, was given as grants and \$14,300.00 authorized through the Commander's Referral Program.

In 2009, the Heidelberg community contributed \$33,275.84 to the AER campaign.
This year the community's goal is

"The annual AER Campaign is a great opportunity for us to remind the Heidelberg community about AER and its assistance programs," said Ainhoa Revuelta Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program Manager for Heidelberg.

"I believe that all Soldiers, and particularly the younger ones, should know that AER is here to assist them during financial emergencies. Too many times, we see young Soldiers pay for emergencies by depleting their savings accounts or getting further in debt... by contributing to the campaign, Soldiers can help other Soldiers that are going through some tough financial times."

Anyone wishing to donate to this year's AER campaign should contact their unit representative or AER campaign coordina-

For the USAG-Heidelberg AER section call DSN 370-6975/8014 or civ. 06221-57-6975/8014. You can also visit the website www.aerhq.org.

For a complete list of what AER can and cannot support, visit *mwrgermany.com/hd/acs* and click on financial readiness.

Wind damage



Mark Heet

A worker cleans up debris caused by high winds on Pulaski Barracks in Kaiserslautern Monday. Wind damage estimates for U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg are still being calculated.

Spring Bazaar shows shoppers European treasures

By Christine June

USAG-KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Known as a chance for shoppers, the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Spring Bazaar takes place Friday to Sunday at the Special Events Center on Rhine Ordnance Barracks.

"A chance for people who are about to leave to get their last European treasures to take back home," said Gudrun Schuler-Heilman, the garrison's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation financial management chief, who has been organizing bazaars for more than 15 years. "It's also a chance for those who just got here to see what is available."

About 100 international vendors will be at this year's Spring Bazaar.

"They will be selling a variety of European goods – typically those items that Europe-stationed service members like to take back home, such as jewelry, porcelain, rugs, antiques, heavy Belgium furniture, oil and military paintings, cutlery, pots and pans, purses, gloves, Easter decorations, pewter...," said Schuler-Heilman, who added there are much more items – she just couldn't list all of them.

Garrison bazaars – five throughout the year – are sponsored by the garrison's FMWR, which means proceeds generated go back into the directorate's budget. These proceeds, said Schuler-Heilman, are used as reinvestments into family facilities and programs.

Family friendly is one of the goals of the garrison's bazaars, said Schuler-Heilman.

She cites wide walkways for strollers and a large tent with tables and benches outside the bazaar for eating or just resting. Also outside for families are a carousel, bouncy castle and petting zoo, which are all free.



Christine June

About 100 international vendors will be at this year's U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Spring Bazaar to be held Friday to Sunday at the Special Events Center on Rhine Ordnance Barracks.

Another family friendly idea was to have a mobile Automatic Teller Machine available as a convenience to shoppers, said Schuler-Heilman.

"People like to pay for smaller purchases with cash and now they can (with the mobile ATM) right there at the bazaar," she said.

Volunteers are mostly needed on Sunday evening from 5 to 9 p.m. to assist with event breakdown, said Billie Burgard, the garrison's FMWR budget assistant, who has been in charge of bazaar volunteers for about five years.

Bazaar Operating Hours are: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday.

The event is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders, and shoppers must present proper identification at the entrance.

The next USAG-K bazaar will be the Mother's Day mini-bazaar held April 26 to 29 at Heaton Hall in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center on April. At this bazaar, there will be about 12 vendors, said Schuler-Heilman.

HHS students loosen up with new production

By Jonathan Ochart

et ready to rock to the beat of Heidelberg High School's upcoming performance of "Foot-

With a cast bringing back the '80s through acting, singing and dancing, "Footloose" is sure to be "totally rad."

"It's about a new kid (Ren) who comes to a small town in Texas from Chicago. In this town, dancing, music and parties are not allowed because of a terrible accident," said Director Christopher Harbach, who has been teaching for 20 years.

Due to involvement with the military, community members can relate to Ren and his move from a large community to a smaller one offering a myriad of new experiences.

Community members may also connect to the music that has been popular for over two decades.

Although the performance will "incorporate all the pop music from the 80s movie starring Kevin Bacon," Heidelberg High School's rendition will "fit the songs into the context of the play, making it feel more like a musical," the director said.

While the performance will exude captivating rhythms and animated dances commonly associated with musicals, organizing the production is a bit less harmonious.

Harbach deals with "getting the costumes together, organizing schedules, working around everyone's commitments, trying to get the set built, the sound right, the orchestra schedule, and all the singing parts taught in addition to teaching full-time. It goes on and on," the director said.

However, similar to several musicians playing as one, Harbach is beginning to see the show's parts come together.

While "Footloose" has a number of

characters whose personalities clash, the young actors of Heidelberg High School get along well behind the scenes and enjoy putting on the masks of oth-

Aaron Steffen plays the conservative Reverend Shaw, who is "Ariel's father, and lost his son a few years before. He blames the death on dancing and music, and convinces the town council to ban those actions," Steffen said.

Even though the reverend has a serious attitude, Steffen has fun while practicing for the performance.

"I get to sing, which I've never done before, and I get a lot of acting experience," he said. However, Steffen notes that "singing is the most difficult aspect" of theater. "Since Reverend Shaw's songs are very emotional, I have to put that emotion in my singing."

Nevertheless, Ren, played by junior Rob John Koschade, attempts to instill the joy of music within the small Texan town.

"He's kind of like me," Koschade said.
"We both like to party, go clubbing and dancing. A lot of people think he's worse than he actually is."

Senior Katelyn Garner will alternate playing the role of Ariel and the main character's friend, Urleen.

"I like playing Ariel because she has a great part and being in the dances is so fun. It looks really good when everyone dances together and is really into the music," Garner said.

"I love the scene 'The Girl Gets Around.' It's when Ariel shows her wild side and acts different while singing with the bikers," the actress said.

Although Garner savors performing, she notes that it takes a lot of dedication and time for a successful performance.

"Remembering the singing and harmonizing is hard, especially since I'm not a professional singer," she said.

"Sometimes I'm really frustrated if people aren't paying attention, but



Jonathan Ochart

The cast of "Footloose" rehearses for the upcoming production showing at the Heidelberg High School auditorium. The first performance is tonight at 7 p.m.

when we all get together it looks great and I hope everyone will be in awe of us," the actress said. "I want them to think 'I can't believe high-school kids can put on a show like this!"

Morgan Lacy takes on the role of Wendy Jo, who the actress believes to be "out there and lost." Nonetheless, Lacy enjoys the role, "because in school you don't want people to think you're out there. When you get to play something you're not on stage it's so much fun," Lacy said.

In addition to impacting the audience through dance moves and catchy tunes, Lacy hopes to influence the audience in another manner.

"The show is about a new boy and there's a struggle in the town," Lacy said. 'It's about the town being close-knit like a family. I think that Heidelberg is almost like the town in a way, since we're such a small community. When something happens, everyone knows about it and everyone's there to

give support."

Hopefully, Heidelberg High School's performance will imprint the lives of the community and bring members closer to one another as in "Footloose."

"I think the audience will enjoy the music and the dancing. There are songs familiar to people, a really great teenage energy, and truthfulness and the honesty of what it means to be a teenager. I think people will be engaged by that exuberance that the cast will embrace," Harbach said.

The production will be shown in the Heidelberg High School auditorium on Mark Twain Village 7 p.m., March 4, 5, and 6, followed by a 3 p.m. performance March 7.

"Footloose" will continue the following week 7 p.m., March 11, 12 and 13 at and at 3 p.m. on the 14th.

Tickets cost \$8 for front-row seats and \$6 for back-seats. To purchase tickets, contact Jon Hodge at jon.hodge@eu.dodea.edu.



21st TSC, USAG-K celebrate black history month

By Staff Sgt. Michael Taylor

21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For Africa to me ... is more than a glamorous fact. It is a historical truth. No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he arrived at his present place. – Maya Angelou

Songs, cheers, clapping hands and laughter filled the air as Soldiers, Army civilians and family members from throughout the Kaiserslautern Military Community gathered at the Kaiserslautern Community Activity Center here Feb. 25 to observe black history month during the 21st Theater Sustainment Command and U.S. Army Garrison-Kaiserslautern black history month celebration.

"We didn't just want this event to be something everyone just came out and watched," said Sgt. 1st Class James Ligons, the USAG-K equal opportunity advisor. "We wanted it to be something everyone could participate in and be a part of."

The program began with a soulful rendition of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," sung by Kali Holman, an Army spouse.

During the song many of the audience members displayed their high spirits as they joined in and sang along.

The attendees were then enlightened as the guest speaker, Sgt. Maj. Linda Freno, the U.S. Army Europe equal opportunity sergeant major, addressed the audience.

During her speech she commented on the theme of the program, which was the history of black economic empowerment.

She also touched on the contributions that African-Americans have made to the collective American culture.

"African-Americans have made and continue to make vital contributions to our nation and the world," said Freno. "Recognizing and learning from history, including the struggles and triumphs of our diverse populations, has strengthened our nation."

Throughout the entire program, the hostess, Master Sgt. Gail Langford, the outgoing equal opportunity advisor for the 7th Civil Support Command, asked



Staff Sgt. Michael Taylor

The audience listens as the Vogelweh Choir sings two songs during the black history month program in Kaiserslautern Feb. 25

Also during the program, Kali Holman, an Army spouse, sang a soulful rendition of the Negro Anthem.

the crowd various black history trivia questions.

Hands flew in the air as children and adults were eager to display their knowledge and possibly win a

Following the guest speaker, the lights dimmed and everyone became silent as a touching slide show presentation was presented.

"I enjoyed the entire event, but my favorite part would have to be the black history video," said Sgt. Alex Casaretto, a postal noncommissioned officer with the Human Resources Sustainment Center-Europe. "I was really moved by it and surprised to see the variety of people represented in it," he said.

The program ended with two songs from the Vogelweh Choir, an upbeat Jazz selection from Marion Kaufman and presentations from Command Sgt. Maj. Richard D. Jessup, the USAG-K command sergeant major, to various people who helped put the event together.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed. – Booker T. Washington





U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program bobsled pilot Sgt. John Napier and teammate Steve Langton are greeted at the finish line of the Olympic two-man bobsled finals Feb. 21 at Whistler Sliding Centre. Napier drove USA II to a 10th-place finish with a four-run combined time of 3 minutes, 29.40 seconds.



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Sgt. Russell Gildnest
A Soldier patrols with Afghan soldiers to check on conditions in the village of Yawez in Wardak province, Afghanistan, Feb. 17. The partnership between U.S. and Afghan
soldiers is proving to be a valuable tool in bringing security to the area. The U.S. Soldiers are assigned to Company
A, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne
Britagale Compatt Team Brigade Combat Team.



Staff Sqt, Christine Jones Sgt. Jose Gonzalez gives snacks to Afghan children during a patrol in Dagyan village in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 21. Gonzalez is assigned to Company C, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment.



Capt. Carl Subler, right, a chaplain, celebrates Catholic Mass for soldiers at an abandoned compound during Operation Moshtarak in Badula Qulp in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 21.



Air force lech. Sqt. Eften Lopez
Soldiers gather around a fire to stay warm during an operation in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 14. The Soldiers are assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment.

Sexual assault reporting changes for adult civilians

By Staff Sgt. Patricia Deal

USAREUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A six-month pilot program began Mar. 1 that gives adult civilian beneficiaries of the military healthcare system in U.S. Army Europe the option to file a restricted report for

According to Department of Defense policy, restricted reporting allows victims to confidentially report the sexual assault and seek appropriate medical care and advocacy services without triggering a criminal investigation.

Unrestricted reporting allows victims to still seek appropriate care and services, while immediately initiating an official investigation of the sexual assault.

USAREUR Commander Gen. Carter F. Ham gained approval for an exception to current Department of Defense policy that prevents non-service members who report sexual assault through military channels from filing a restricted report. Ham pointed out in his request that civilian beneficiaries in the states have many options to seek any medical care and advocacy help through their civilian community without having to involve either military or civilian law enforcement or the judicial process.

"This is not true in Europe," Ham said. "While initial

medical treatment may be received at host-nation facilities, follow on services must be obtained through the military healthcare system, even if only for referrals to host nation assets. As a result, civilian victims of sexual assault are forced to choose to endure the investigative process of an unrestricted report or to forego vital treatment in exchange for confidentiality.

"I really think we need to eliminate this inconsistency,"

To report sexual assault, call the USAREUR Sexual Assault Hotline at DSN 486-5469, civ. 06371-86-5469 or toll free: civ. 00800-0-277-2858 (00800-0-ASSAULT) or the U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline at civ. 0170-609-2862.

You can also contact your installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Victim Advocate, health care provider, or chaplain.

Heidelberg Soldiers, civilians participate in Battle of the Bulge commemoration

Heidelberg Sergeants Major

Four Heidelberg-based Soldiers and civilians joined more than 1,500 participants in celebrating the 65th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge with a 23-kilometer road march, Feb. 20.

The Soldiers, Maj. Alex CMorris, Headquarters McMorris, and Headquarters Company, USAREUR, and Sgt. Charles Johnson, V Corps Special Troops Battalion, along with Amaury Ochart and Veronica Carreon, U.S. Army Garrison, Baden Wuerttemberg, traveled to the Belgian villages of Brume, Rahier, Cheneux, La Vaux Renard and La Gleize to participate in the march.

This year the march was held as an homage to the troopers of the famous 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, which was part of the 82nd Airborne Division," Ochart said. "It was an unforgettable and unique experience to walk the roads and trails taken by the various 82nd Airborne units. We trekked the routes and crossed the village of Cheneux where these units fought a battle regarded by historians as the bloodiest in the Battle of the Bulge."

More than 18,000 American Soldiers were killed, wounded or captured during a battle that took place between Dec. 16, 1944 and Feb. 25, 1945, Ochart explained.

After marching 19 kilometers, the participants arrived at the village of Cheneux in the early afternoon, where they observed two minutes of silence in honor of the great Soldiers of the 504th PIR.

"This was a moment of silence to reflect on how they fought, gave their lives and liberated the people of Belgium," Ochart said.

Cheneux dedicated a memorial to the 504th PIR. Several 82nd Airborne Division veterans who had witnessed the battle participated in this year's march alongside reenactment groups from several countries.

Among the World War II veterans participating in this year's march were Pvt. 1st Class Richard "Dirk" Fields from the 551st PIR and Pvt. Ray Fary from the 80th Army Antiaircraft Battalion

The Heidelberg team shared a special time with them and several other WWII veterans. On Jan. 6, 1945, the 551st PIR fought one of the few WWII battles in which bayo-

net attacks were employed. Following that battle, fewer than 90 Soldiers survived; the 551st was disbanded and the survivors were sent to other 82nd Airborne units as replacements.

commemoration marchers then followed the first lap of the escape route taken by the 800 German soldiers, survivors of "Peiper's Kampfgruppe", who were trapped in the village and who successfully fled on foot despite being surrounded by U.S. troops including the 504th PIR of the 82nd Division.

During the march the participants fought the elements of nature: mud, snow, rain, and rough terrain; but it did not compare to the brutal weather the 82nd Airborne Division soldiers experienced in the winter of 1944-45.

That winter was the most brutal the region experienced in over 80 years.

"It was a wonderful opportunity," Ochart said. "We were able to see first-hand the terrain and conditions the American Soldiers faced during the battle We visited the museums in the area and saw some of the most well-preserved artifacts from the battle, including one of the few German Royal Tiger Tanks still in existence.

"Best of all, we met and spoke with Battle of the Bulge veterans who brought the historic battle to life for us.



Pvt. 1st Class Roger Cruz, a Soldier assigned to the 69th Transportation Company, 28th Transportation Battalion, was convicted by an enlisted panel at a General Court Martial Feb. 19 of one specification of violating Article 86. Uniform Code of Military Justice, AWOL; two specifications of violating Article 89, disrespect to superior commissioned officer; two specifications of violating Article 90, willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer; one specification of violating Article 107, false official statement; one specification of violating Article 120, aggravated sexual assault; one specification of violating Article 125, forcible sodomy; and two specifications of violating Article 134, adultery and breaking restriction. Cruz was sentenced to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 10 years and to be discharged from the Army with a dishonorable discharge.

Courts-Martial Results

The results of courts-martial associated with the Heidelberg, Kaiserslautern and Mannheim communities are published in cooperation with the V Corps and 21st Theater
Sustainment Command Judge Advocate General.



Black History Month

Harriet Tubman, played by Melissa Waddy-Thibo deaux, the president of "A Flying Geese" Produc-tions, shares her story with Soldiers and civilians from the Heidelberg community and students from the Heidelberg Middle School at the Patrick Henry Village Theater in Heidelberg, during a Black History Month celebration Feb. 24. Waddy-Thibodeaux, who is from Houston, travels around the world spreading her message and encourage ing audiences to gain knowledge and freedom

FUEL PRICES

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Provost Marshal through the customer's chain of command for routine violations, such as exceeding monthly ration allowances.

This allows customers to manage their ration balance and handle their own violations not the Provost Marshal.

"I think the new policy is great," said Danny Batara, a Mainz-Kastel Vehicle Registration clerk. "If a person needs more fuel rations, come to the vehicle registration office and request an exception to policy through your chain of command for more fuel rations.

Customers must submit an AE Form 600-17A through their chain of command to HQs USARE-UR for additional rations that will be loaded to

WARRIOR ZONE

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the facility's program that will be offered.

The Warrior Zone is soon to open its doors and ever since I have heard about the plan to open a facility like this in Heidelberg, I was all sorts of excited," said Spc. William Perkins, president of the USAG Heidelberg Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

"There has been a lot of ideas collected, surveys sent out and questions asked about how we can make this facility the best one around,"

The BOSS program will host a barbecue on the patio, beginning 5:30 p.m., with proceeds going to the BOSS program.

After the official opening ceremony, the cover band "Heads Up" performs live music and a disc jockey plays records in the club room, beginning at 7 p.m.

Gaming tournaments on the different video gaming systems start at 6 p.m. and movies are shown in the movie room at 8 p.m.

"The Warrior Zone is a great Army project," Weber said. "It shows our continuous effort to take care of our own, our Soldiers.

The new facility offers a good alternative to the Soldiers' barracks.

"It's very important to have a place like the Warrior Zone, especially outside the continental United State, because not only is it free but it's an opportunity to meet fellow Soldiers of all ranks," Weber said. "The Warrior Zone is a place where Soldiers can relax on our instal-

According to Perkins, the Soldiers see what has been set aside for them.

"I know the hard work people have been doing will surely pay off," Perkins said. "I encourage every Soldier to come out and see what this Warrior Zone is all about.'

their fuel card.

Customers who exceed their authorized fuel rations or have an invalid or deactivated fuel ration card at AAFES gas stations will be charged German fuel prices found on the local economy which can easily be 100 percent more than AAFES fuel prices.

"I think it's a good idea and fair," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Brian Marquardt, the Medical Equipment Maintenance Officer in Charge, 421st Multifunctional Medical Battalion at Wiesbaden Army

"Charging the German price is a reasonable mea-

sure (for exceeding fuel rations)," Marquardt said. Customers are still required to show their vehicle registration, fuel ration card and military identification at the time of payment.

According to the USAREUR Provost Marshal Of-

fice, once the new policy is in place customers who exceed their ration allowance will not be in violation of AER 600-17 because the customer will pay the local economy price, not the non-taxed price.

The PMO does not plan to refer violations for administrative or UCMJ actions and no MP report will be generated.

The new self enforcement policy will streamline procedures to purchase fuel and will save customers time.

Customers who exceed their tax free fuel ration amount will pay the taxed fuel rate for the amount of fuel that exceeds their rations.

"Customers must know their monthly fuel ration status prior to pumping or it will cost them at the pump when they exceed their ration allocation," Salvo said.

BOSS visits PHES



c. Jonathan Modarski, BOSS member, reads with third grader Aaron Steil during a BOSS visit to Patrick Henry Village Elem tary School Feb. 24. The BOSS members were integrated into the science lesson and discussed planets with the students. The Heidelberg BOSS program volunteers twice a month at the school.



ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: KEEPING THE PROMISE

GREECE



Marcel Germain

Oia, in Santorini, Greece, remains one of the foremost tourist attractions of the Aegean Sea. The famous Oia sunset, considered by many as one of the most beautiful in the world, keeps tourists flocking down to the castle, waiting for the moment when the sun slips down on the calm sea of the caldera.

Island hopping offers a little something for everyone

By Emily Athens

Up for a little Greek island hopping? With many islands scattered throughout the Ionian and Aegean Sea, making up one-fifth of Greek territory, one may want to do just that.

The easiest way to venture out and visit different Greek islands would be to board a cruise ship and let them provide the transportation.

Cruises can often take away the stress of planning every last detail when going from one island to the next and may provide excellent day long excursions when docked at any port of call. Greece boasts exotic beaches, cultural getaways, historical sightseeing and much more.

Each island presents its own unique flare offering endless entertainment and attractions for almost every personality. Three Greek islands, in particular, make up part of the must-see list for those wanting to venture out for five to seven days into the Greek isles: Patmos, Santorini and Mykonos.

Patmos

Patmos is a quaint island bustling with mopeds and mingling shoppers. Small pebbled beaches line the shore tickling the feet of those who wish to get their feet wet.

The island is rich in history and remains a popular place for those seeking low-key touring and relaxation. As it is with most small islands, boats retrieve passengers from cruise ships at bay and bring them to shore.

This can be exciting in itself as it affords a perfect opportunity to capture a panoramic view of the island, namely, St. John's monastery, which sits on top of the highest point of the island.

Once on shore, vendors welcome the guests with handmade jewelry, clothing, and souvenirs of all kinds for sale, but this won't be the only opportunity to shop as numerous shops on the island sell similar items with even more selection. Carrying a map of the island is unnecessary as getting lost on the maze of streets just adds to the excitement of exploring the island.

For those who enjoy a vigorous hike, begin the uphill climb towards St. John's monastery. With the hot summer sun, the walk can be physically demanding but offers incredible panoramas of the island at higher altitudes. At the end of the trek, the magnificent fortress stands, built in honor of St. John the Apostle, dating back more than 900 years. Accounting for the length of time it takes to get to the top, the visit may need to be short.

Taking a different route on the long haul back down provides more insight to the culture of Patmos as tourists can wind through the small towns and take in the modest lifestyle of the residents. Clothes hang outside to dry, windows are open due to the absence of air conditioning, driveways accommodate bikes and mopeds instead of cars.

Making it back to the shore, passengers are transported back to the cruise ship, but not without once again taking in the view of picture perfect Patmos.

Mykonos

Mykonos epitomizes what most people think of when they hear about Greece: white houses with blue roofs and doors overlooking mesmerizing water. Approaching Mykonos by boat can be utterly delightful as bright colors of the architecture catch the eye with the silhouette of windmills in the distance.

Though appearing small, tourists can wind through the many side streets finding endless shops, churches, restaurants and sightseeing attractions. Upon disembarking the cruise ship, a waiting bus can take tourists to the nearby city of Mykonos where visitors swarm the streets. The town of Mykonos is one of the most popular harbors on the island, constantly flourishing with activity.

The capital city of Mykonos, Chora, is where sightseers will find the famous plateau of windmills lining the shore, remaining the most renowned attractions of the island. Their conspicuous white cylinder bases and pointed wood roofs sit quaintly on the shore picking up wind, as Mykonos is known for its gusty breezes.

Although they are no longer operable, the windmills remain a symbol of the island's rich past. It is in the town of Chora where visitors can also feed the pelicans, visit a restaurant on the harbor, and tour the many museums.

The beaches on Mykonos are likened to paradise and vacationers should not miss what they have to offer.

Although generally busy, they are worth the trip with white, soft sand and clear, blue water. Public transportation is reliable and can be utilized in lieu of renting a vehicle to get around. After the quest of exploring the island, take the time to enjoy watching the sunset over the water while sitting at a waterfront restaurant, where it is possible to dip your feet into the sea from the restaurant table.

The menus usually offer some of the best tasting calamari, which can be washed down with a locally brewed beer. As the sunlight runs out, so does the time, but the next port of call aboard the cruise ship is not to be missed: Santorini...

Santorini

Approaching Santorini can be a bit intimidating. Cliffs hang high over the sea, water hitting the jagged shoreline. White houses sit atop the cliffs and a single road zigzags its way up to the top. A small boat once again

transports cruise passengers from the ship to the shore.

Getting onto the island and looking up can be simply magnificent, but many may think, "How do we get up there?" There remain three options: taking a cable car up for four euro a person, riding a donkey up the winding dirt road, or walking. Some will agree that it's impossible to go to Santorini without climbing on a donkey and taking a ride to the top.

Though chaotic at times with numerous donkeys pushing their way through, it's worth the five Euro trek. Once on top, tourists can meander the many side streets and paths lined with shops, cafes, and resident houses. Renting a moped or a four-wheeler is a great way to navigate the island offering breathtaking views from high up while riding in style.

All that's needed is a stateside driver's license and the freedom to explore will be granted at a reasonable price of about 30 Euro. A rental allows visitors to tour the island on their own time and check out the many beaches — with black, white and red sand or fine pebbles - Santorini has to offer.

Tourists can also enjoy a different array of cuisine, ranging from traditional Greek dishes, to American cheeseburgers, to international gourmet dinners. Prices range tremendously from one restaurant to the next so browsing the options while checking out prices is recommended.

The same goes for the shopping whether it be for art or other merchandise. Many shops sell original art work for a hefty price, so some tourists may want to keep a look out for prints that are similarly impressive, but offered for a significantly cheaper rate. Sadly, all vacations must come to an end, but you'll have something, whether souvenirs, mementos or memories, to take back with you.



German Rouladen

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 4 thin slices of beef
- 1 small bundle of Leek
- 2 Oranges
- 4 teaspoon medium mild mustard
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- +400 ml Beef bouillon (broth)
- •200 ml Orange juice
- *1 slice dark bread without rind
- +2 tablespoons honey
- •2 tablespoons orange jam
- *200 ml crème fraiche (or sour cream -regular fat) w

Directions:

- ◆ Clean and wash leek. Cut in approx. 4" long stripes.
- Peel and filet the oranges and remove white skin.
- + Slice bread in small pieces.
- Spread the rouladen on a cutting board and dry them with paper towel. Spread and cover the upside of each rouladen with 1 tee spoon of mustard, salt and pepper. Place leek and half of the oranges on the rouladen.
- Tightly roll up the meat with the filling. Fasten with rouladen sticks, or wrap them with kitchen yarn, or wooden tooth picks, so as they do not come apart during cooking.
- Place rouladen in frying pan and fry all sides quickly in hot oil.
- Add beef broth, orange juice and the bread chunks.
- Stew at medium heat for approx. 60 minutes.
- Mix crème fraiche, orange jam and honey. Take meat out of pan. Stir sauce, add crème fraiche mixture. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Quickly heat up the rest of the orange filets in the sauce and use them as decoration on the plate.
- Serve with noodles

SOURCE: Kaufland advertisement

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 story 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.

My wife's cousin moved in with us over five months ago. I thought we were helping her get her feet on the ground and to get a new start. I've noticed how strange my wife acts when she is around her cousin.

I have to admit, I had never met this cousin and had never heard my wife even speak of her. I'm in the field a lot and I'm getting ready to be deployed again this summer.

I agreed to let my wife's cousin move in for a couple of months and I thought she would have moved on by now. She is really infringing on my time with my wife and their behavior is puzzling me and I'm trying not to be accusatory. This is what I've seen so far.

First of all, her cousin does not work and is not trying to find a job. They are always lying in bed together and many times they are almost butt naked. My wife get's angry when I come home unannounced. Like, "what are you doing here"?

Why are they lying all over each other like they are sexually involved, even when we they are watching television. It's like they are cuddling together and I get stupid looks like "what are you looking at and why are you here"?

This was the final incident that really made my flags go up: my neighbors both male and females have commented on how they have seen them interact and the noises they have heard coming from our home when I am at work.

One female neighbor asked me, "are you sure she is your wife's cousin"? I was too embarrassed to ask her why she asked me that question.

My wife won't even talk to me most of the time now. She is too involved with her cousin. You would think we would be getting closer and spending more time together before my deployment, but that's not happening.

I'm not getting any intimacy with my wife and "no play" at all. I think the both are having all the fun without me and there is no telling what is going to happen when I leave.

Ms. Vicki should I ask her cousin to leave or try to find out who this shorty is and how they are related? No one in her family seems to be answering any questions about it. I'm wondering if I'm being played.

From SFC, Dear SFC,

Come on now. Are you really asking me are you being played? What do you think? What else do you need to see? It doesn't matter to me if this is her cousin (which I highly doubt) or who this lady is. You can definitely ask her to leave your home.

However, what you should be prepared for is for your wife to say she is leaving too. Are you ready for that possibility? It could very well happen.

Your marriage is in trouble and your upcoming deployment doesn't have anything to do with this. Conversely, it will be an all out love fest when you deploy and leave the house to them.

Listen, you don't become a SFC

without being assertive. I'm not trying to "gas you up", but this is a mess and I think you know it is. Please don't play the victim. I will advise you to talk to your wife. Tell her you that you don't agree with her behavior.

If you won't tolerate it, let her know that too.

I also recommend you to speak with a professional counselor or therapist before you deploy or perhaps a close family member you can trust to give you some advice and support. I really wish you all the best.

While deployed, you will need to be able to focus because you will have to take care of yourself and others will also need you to be at your best.

This situation will definitely impede your ability to perform well and will only add stress. Please keep in touch with me and let me know how you are doing from time to time.

Responses to previous columns:

Hi Vicki.

I learned a long time ago to never loan money to anyone because you never get the money back. It can result in hard feelings

It can result in hard feelings and people not ever speaking again. Loaning money can ruin friendships and even relationships between families.

The mother who wrote you last week is obviously in pain because of her son's behavior towards repaying them. I think you hinted that this mother should just "get along-just to get along" with her son.

In essence, forget about the loan just for the sake of family. I totally disagree, her son is wrong, and should apologize to his parents and he should repay immediately. Especially when it is obvious that he has the funds to do so.

If he doesn't repay, his parents should have no problem cutting him off.

Healthy Recipe Challenge returns to Heidelberg Health Center

HMEDDAC Public Affairs

The Nutrition Care Branch staff at the Heidelberg Health Center dining facility wants to create a little "healthy" competition in honor of National Nutrition Month in March.

For the second year, the staff is inviting anyone interested to enter a healthy recipe in the challenge.

Recipes should promote fresh fruits and/or vegetables to go along with the month's theme of "Nutrition from the Ground Up."

"We ask anyone who is interested to submit a recipe," said Capt. Karen A. Rowey, chief of the Nutrition Care Branch. "The focus of National Nutrition Month this year is enjoying simple and economical healthy foods, food preparation and family meals at home. We hope that people will use

this recipe challenge as a way to think about and promote healthy eating habits."

The five best submissions will be prepared according to the recipe. A panel of judges, including a registered dietician, food service specialists and guest judges from the HMEDDAC command group, will evaluate the recipes based on the use of theme, cost, ease of preparation, taste and flavor, and appearance.

The winning recipes will be showcased in the National Nutrition Month specialty meal at the health center dining facility March 25 and the top three contestants will be rewarded.

- Contest guidelines are:
- Create one or more original recipe for a side, salad, dessert or soup that features fresh or frozen fruits and/or vegetables.

- Total preparation time for the recipe must be less than 45 minutes.
- Recipes must list all ingredients in common U.S. household measurements, step-by-step preparation instructions, cooking times and utensils. Servings per recipe must be specified.
- Ingredients must be currently available to Commissary shoppers.
 Include a brief statement on the inspiration for
- Include a brief statement on the inspiration for your recipe and how it relates to this year's theme.
 Recipes submissions can be e-mailed to Karen.

rowey@amedd.army.mil or delivered in person by March 12.

For more information, call DSN 371-2358. For more information on building a healthful diet from the ground up, visit www.eatright.org or www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org.



GET OUT! area events

More events online at http://myBWnow.ning.

March 6

Heidelberg Arts Ensemble Concert — Heidelberg Arts Ensemble Concert. 7 p.m. at Kirche Jesu Christe HLT Wieblinger Weg 11 - 15, 69123 Heidelberg (Wieblingen) The Heidelberg Arts Ensemble is an emerging chamber music group featuring members of the USAREUR Band and professional musicians living in Heidelberg performing mixed works for winds, brass, strings and voice Civ 06221-648-6587 or 0151-2 148-6872 or mhancock512@ hotmail.com.

Outlet Shopping — Visit Mettlach for outlet shopping at Land's End, Villeroy and Boch, Birkenstock, Tigma and many more. http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinneckar.

Auerbach Knight's Meal - Experience a special evening out. Enjoy a feast at the medieval castle Auerbach. Spend three hours savoring a five-course meal and unlimited beverages. During dinner, enjoy the revelry of medieval times and animated period music. Certainly, an evening to remember. The castle is located off A5 between Heidelberg and Darmstadt. Transportation is not provided. http://affiliates.uso.org/ rheinneckar

Munich City Tour and Dachau Concentration Camp — Munich is Germany's third largest city and is the heart of German technology. Take a walking tour of the old-city and see the beautiful Residenz, Marienhof, Frauenkirche, Michaelskirche, Palace of Justice, the Viktualian Market. and more. Then you'll have free time to enjoy the city on your own. End the day with a more sobering visit to the first Nazi concentration camp in Dachau. This tour is not recommended for young children because of the graphic nature involved with the Dachau portion of the trip and because of the ambitious tour through Munich. Bring euro for meals, and wear comfortable shoes. Tour price includes transportation, Munich city tour, entrance to Dachau, and USO tour guide. http:// affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern/

Comedy Show -Looking for a good laugh at a comedy show? Comedian Mario Barth is coming to the SAP Arena in Mannheim The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are available now at the SAP Arena. Also showing March 7.

Cats — Never and forever. Based on the beloved poetry of T.S. Eliot, Cats tells the story of the annual gathering of Jellicle Cats where one special cat is selected to ascend to the Heaviside laver. A magical evening of song and dance, Cats is a true musical phenomenon. It is one of the world's best known and best loved musicals, thrilling audiences of all ages. Showing at the Road Side Theater on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg, Show times: 7:30 p.m. March

6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 and 3 p.m. March 7 and 21. For reservations and tickets, DSN 373-5020 or civ. 06221-175020.

Spring Bazaar - Shop with over 100 vendors from around the world March 5-7. This giant bazaar will be held at the Rhine Ordnance Barracks Special Events building. Bldg. 237. Food and beverages will be available. Kid friendly activities include a hippity-hop and petting zoo. Strollers welcome. DSN 493-4184, civ. 0631-3406-4184. www.mwrgermany.com

March 9

Weinheim Orientation - Travel by streetcar for a day of shopping, sightseeing, and exploring in this romantic city. This nearby town has more than its share of interesting stories from the plague to banished queens. The Market Square is perfect for lunch at one of the many quaint cafes. Please don't forget Euros for meals and purchases. Please note: take the 5R OEG Strassenbahn line to Käfertal Wald stop to get to the Mannheim USO. Cost is 10 Euro. http://affiliates.uso.org/ rheinneckar

March 13

Evelin's Wellness Paradise - Enjoy a day of relaxation and beauty treatments at Evelin's Wellness Sna. There will also be time for shopping and lunch. http://affiliates. uso.org/rheinneckar.

Paris Tour - Affectionately known as the City of Lights, Paris evokes images of romance, adventure and culture. With its incredible museums, cafes, stores and specialty shops, excitement is around every corner. Experience the one and only Paris and make memories that will last a lifetime. This tour includes a two-hour sightseeing tour You will have plenty of free time for exploring on your own, http://affiliates.uso. org/rheinneckar.

Hidden Villages — This is a tour for those of you who have taken all of your visitors to the Heidelberg Castle. We'd like to show you some of lesser known sights, a pilgrimage church with a statue of a Black Madonna said to work miracles, 15th century frescoes in the oldest church in Heidelberg, the hidden castle there which was the site of a curse and another gruesome story - and this riddle is still unsolved. For the wine lovers, we will visit the co-op wine store, where you can get very good wines at very low prices. In March, this tour will also include a visit to the first fest in the area, the Mathaisemarket, with many rides for children. We'll use the OEG train #5 and the tour involves getting in and out of the streetcar. Strollers are not recommended for this tour. http:// affiliates.uso.ora/rheinneckar

March 14

Luisenpark Orientation - Spend the day exploring Luisenpark. Tour leaves Mannheim USO at 10:25 a.m and returns at 5 p.m. Cost is 5 Euro. Price does not include park entrance fee of 5 Euro for adults and 2.50 Euro for children. http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinneckar. Harlem Globetrotters - The Harlem Globetrotters will perform in Karlsruhe 6-11 p.m. www.eventim.de/cgi-bin/tickets html?affiliate=evg.

Leigh Jones Concert - Pop and R&B Singer, Leigh Jones, will perform a free concert at Kazabra Club in Kaiserslautern 5 p.m. This concert will also feature hip-hop band Animate Objects and is being sponsored by BOSS, I.A.M. Strong, Army Entertainment, FMWR and the Army G-1 SHARP program. Ms. Jones will also make personal appearances at Landstuhl DFAC and USO Warrior Center. DSN 483.6252, civ. 0631-411-6252

March 25

Driving Miss. Daisy Performance

- Alpine Dinner Theater 7:30 p.m., March. 25 and 26. Show only 7:30 p.m., April 3. All performances will be held at the KCAC on Daenner Kaserne. To purchase tickets contact KMC Onstage at kmconstage@eur. army.mil, DSN 483-6626 /0631-411-6626 or

April 3

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

Ongoing

Free Billiard Class — Learn cue ball control, banking, and many new games during free billiard lessons. sponsored by the Heidelberg KONTAKT Club at the Billiard World behind Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg-Rohrbach on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Civ. 06226-785910 or 0151-12730208.

coming to **THEATERS**

COP OUT

(Tracy Morgan, Bruce Willis)

Two longtime NYPD partners on the trail of a stolen, rare, mint-condition baseball card find themselves up against a merciless, memorabilia-obsessed gangster. Jimmy the veteran detective whose missing collectible is his only hope to pay for his daughter's upcoming wedding, and Paul is his "partner-against-crime" whose preoccupation with his wife's alleged infidelity makes it hard for him to keep his eye on the ball. Rated R (pervasive language including sexual references, violence and brief sexuality) 110 minutes

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS?

(Sarah Jessica Parker, Hugh Grant)

New Yorkers Paul and Meryl Morgan seem to have it all - except for the fact that their marriage is crumbling around them. But their romantic woes are small compared to the world of trouble they find themselves in after they witness a murder. To protect them from an assassin, federal agents whisk Paul and Meryl away to small-town Wyoming, where their marriage will either finally crash and burn, or their passion will re-ignite. Rated PG-13 (violence, sexual references) 99 minutes

PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

March 4 - SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 7 p.m.

March 5 - PRECIOUS (R) 7 p.m.; COP OUT (R) 9 p.m.

March 6 - THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 4 p.m.; PRECIOUS (R) 7 p.m.;

COP OUT (R) 9 p.m.

March 7 - PRECIOUS (R) 4 p.m.; SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 8 - COP OUT (R) 7 p.m.

March 9 - DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 10 - PRECIOUS (R) 7 p.m.

March 11 - SHERI OCK HOLMES (PG-13) 7 n m

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March 5 - SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 7 p.m.

March 6 - SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 4 p.m.; DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? (PG-13) 7 p.m.; SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 9 p.m.

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March 11 - PRECIOUS (R) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy March 5 - SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 6 - PRECIOUS (R) 3 p.m.; SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 7 p.m.

March 7 - DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? (PG-13) 3 p.m.;

SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 7 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

March 4 - INVICTUS (PG-13) 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.; BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m. March 5 and 6 - COP OUT (R) 12:15 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m.; SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; PRECIOUS (R) 12

p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

March 7 - COP OUT (R) 12:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6:15 p.m.; SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.; DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? (PG-13)

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PRECIOUS(R) 12 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 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

HIGHLIGHTS

AFN The Eagle Goes Green

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, AFN "The Eagle" is "Going Green" for the week of March 10-19 and needs your help. Do you have a subject matter expert on your base or post that would like to talk with AFN about what their organization does to promote environmental causes? Do you want to nominate a super recycler in your community or a shop that is doing all they can to save the environment? They're looking for experts, stories or readers. Contact DSN 634-6709 or chris.eder@afn.dma.mil

KAP Fraternity, Inc. Scholarships

The Germany Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is accepting applications for 2010 scholarships for graduating DoDDS seniors. Applications for the \$1000 and above scholarships must be submitted online by March 19. Visit http://kapsi-germany.com for complete details.

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. Application deadlines for the fall 2010 term are coming up. All those applying to the Goethe Business School should do so by April 19. Contact Klaus W. Nierendorf of the AGBC Frankfurt civ. 0.171-173-9894, or 069 - 97358-275. www. apethe-business-school.

University of Oklahoma

Now accepting enrollments for a Masters Degree in human relations and international relations program. Both degrees can be completed in a special dual-degree program. All courses taught on site by campus professors. DSN 379-7919 or 385-2076.

AWAG Annual Conference

The 54th Annual American Women's Activities Germany Conference will be held May 9-13 at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch. Registration deadline is March 26. www.awagonline.org.

EMPLOYMENT

Dog Groomer

The Army Career and The U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim, FMWR Department is looking for a qualified, English speaking licensed dog groomer to provide dog grooming services on post. This position would be on a contracted basis.Contact DSN: 468-7225 or civ 0981-1837-225 for details.

ACAP Counselor

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is currently seeking a full-time ACAP counselor in the Heidelberg-Mannheim area. Applicants must have a master's degree, be computer literate, and have a minimum of two years' training in job assistance, career or employment counseling, teaching, training, or a related field. Applicants can not be considered ordinarily resident and must have logistical support. DSN 370-7545, civ. 06221-57-7545, darla. Mckebus.arm.mil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAISERSLAUTERN Education

- ◆Civilian Training The Civilian Human Resources Agency European Region has a new National Security Personnel System transition-out page available at http://cpolrhp. belvoir.armv.mil/eur/transout/index. htm. This Web site has a link to the Government Service 101 Training course. The direct link is www.coms osd.mil/nsps/as101/index.htm. The training is for all employees with questions about the GS system. This course provides a training certificate employees can send to hrd.ed@eur. army.mil to get the training credited to their personnel records.
- Community

 Cards For A Cause Club Cards
 For A Cause Club will meet 11 a.m.4:30 p.m. at the Pinehurst Room,
 Ramstein AFB Woodlawn Golf Course,
 to make "spring holiday" cards and
 small projects for Wounded Warriors
 to send out to family and friends.
 Membership is open to all ID card
 holders, but children under 18
 must be accompanied by an adult.
 \$5 materials fee. Future meeting
 dates: March 10 A, pari 14, May 12.
- pejachowski@juna.com

 Library Events Kaiserslautern
 Main Library pesents: Lapsit Story
 Time for infants and their parents.

 9 9:30 a.m. March 30. Sing, dance
 and enjoy stories during this free

 4-week program. Sign-up through
 the library. DSN 486-7322 or civ.

 06371-86-7322(28)90 or www.
 mwaermank.com.
- CYS Survey Complete the CYS services parent survey online before March 31 and receive a one time 5 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. mwaremman.com.
- Easter Egg Hunt The Chaplain's Office and the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Community Chapel will host an Easter egg hunt 2 p.m. April 3 at the LRMC Chapel grounds. In case of bad weather, the event will be held at the Heaton Auditorium in LRMC. Contact DSN 493-4098 or civ. 0631-3406-4098.
- HUGS location move The HUGS playgroup has temporarily moved to the Vogelweh Community Center, Bldg. 2059. The group meets each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. 12 pm. HUGS is open to infants and children up to age four. Contact Army Community Service at DSN

493-4203 or civ. 0631-3406-4203

HEIDELBERG

Education

- German language class German language daytime and evening classes being offered at Patton Education Center starting March 22. The cost is 80€ for level 1 and 100€ for levels 2, 3 & 4 for 38 contact hours over 8 weeks. On Mondays and Wednesdays German 1 7:30 -9:15 p.m. and German 3 5:45-7:30 p.m. . On Tuesdays and Thursdays German 1 and German 2 5:45-7:30 p.m. and German 4 7:30-9:15 n m A German 1 daytime class is scheduled for April 12 - 30 9:00 -11:30 a.m. Classes held everyday but Wednesday. Register by e-mail at info@Germanatnatton com or contact DSN 373-6226, civ. 06221-17-6226.
- ACS classes Healthy Relationships. 1-3 p.m, March 4; Intro to MS Excel 9 a.m.-12 p.m., March 8 and 10; Federal Web-Based Application (RESUMIX) 9 a.m.-12 p.m., March 9; AFTB Level III 9 a.m.-2 p.m., March 9-11; From Couplehood to Parenthood 1-3 p.m., March 11.
 Community
- Shuttle Bus Beginning March 7, the community shuttle bus will no longer run on Sundays due to low ridership. Other transportation options are the German rail and bus transit system or Taxi Zentral. The German taxi cabs are an AAFES concessionaire and are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drivers are authorized to go on and off all Heidelberg military bases with the exception of Campbell Barracks. Contact civ. 6227-30203 for Taxis.
- Zentral.

 Heidelberg International Wandering Club Join the HIWC at the following volksmarches: March 6-7 Muehlhausen and Wolfstein. Overnight trip to Munich Mar. 13-14. Trips to Sprendlingen and Ruedesheim in April and Kufstein (Austria) in May. www.hiwc.de or e-mail at hiwc@yahoo.com.
- Blood Drive—Heidelberg MED-DAC is sponsoring a blood drive 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 5 in the Campbell Barracks Casablanca Room. DSN 371-2743.
- Membership Drive There will be a membership drive and tee-off social 6 p.m., March 10 at the Heidelberg U.S. Golf Club in Oftersheim. All female golfers, at least 18 years old, with or without a handicap, are invited to join the Heidelberg Women's Golf Association for the 2010 golf season. Join during the membership drive and receive a special gift. Alight dinner will be served to our members. HWGA2009@hotmail.com.
- Vehicle Registration There
 will be a temporary change in op-

- erating hours for Heidelberg Vehicle Registration beginning March 15. The new operating hours for vehicle registration, Bldg 3850, are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed the last working day of the month. Renewal Only facility located in the DPW Compound is temporarily closed until further notice.
- AIACS There will be a temporary change in operating hours for the Installation Access Control Office beginning March 15. The new hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.a.m. 4p.m. and Thursday 10.a.m. 4p.m. Closed the last working day of the month.
- Reuse Center The reuse center on Patrick Henry Village will be closed for reorganization March 11. The Recycling Center will be open regular hours.
- St. Patrick's Day dance Heidelberg Middle School multi-purpose Room 7-9 p.m., March 19. Snacks and drinks will be on sale and there will be free face painting. Tickets are \$3 in advance, and \$4 at the door. DSN 388-9003. www.mwrgermany.com.
- ◆ Poker Shoot The Rod and Gun Club is holding poker shot on the 25 meter range and executed with small caliber. 22 pistol 10 a.m. -1p.m., March 20 at An der Bundesstr. 291. Awards presented to the shooter with the best hand. \$20 entry fee. Contact civ. 06202-51193 mwrgermany.com.
- 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.mwrgermany.com/ HD/acs/afap.htm. Contact ACS for more information at DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6975.
- Grant Writing Workshop The next Workshop for Block 3 will be at 6:30 p.m., April 8 in the ACS conference Rm. 172. welfare@hcscheidelberg.com.
- Golf Club Masters Sign up is now open for the 2010 Heidelberg Golf Club Masters & a.m., April 11. Cost is\$30 plus applicable green fees. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place in the overall Low Gross and Net per each flight. Each player will draw a partner from the top 40. Visit www. mwrgermany.com or heidelbergoolf. com. for details or call DSN 379-6139.
- Organizational Funding The Heidelberg Community and Spouses' Club is looking to assist non-profit private organizations in need of funding. For guidelines and eligibilty visit www.hcsc-heidelberg.com and follow the welfare link. Deadline for submitting the grant application for Block three is April 23.
- Golf Scramble The Heidelberg

- golf club is hosting a Wednesday Night Scramble. Apr. 28-May 26 at 6p.m. Registation starts at 4p.m and goes to the first 60 paid participants only. \$10 fee for Annual Green Fee patrons, guests pay \$10 plus twilight fee. Open to all users with verifiable handicap. Contact DSN 379-6139 or www.mwrgermany.com or www. heidelberagolf.com for details.
- BOSS volunteers Volunteer opportunities are available through the BOSS program at Patrick Henry Village Elementary school 9 a.m. 2:30 p.m., April. 28, May 26., June 9, Sept. 8, 22; Oct. 13, 27; Nov. 10, and Dec. 8. www. mwrgermany.com.
- BOSS paintball challenge –
 BOSS will host a paintball challenge at the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club
 130-4:30 p.m. May 8, 22 , June 12;
 July 10; Aug. 14; Sept. 11. S20 fee
 includes gun rental, field costs and
 500 paint balls. More ammo can be
 purchased. Contact your unit BOSS
 rep. www.mwagermany.com.

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- Education
 Writing Seminar The University
 of Phoenix is presenting a Business
 Writing Seminar 7-8 p.m. March 5 at
 the Sullivan Education Center on the
 second floor. This is a free seminar
 open to everyone. Contact civ. 0176
 373 05936 or michael.schmidt@
 apollogrp.edu.
- Community
- Trade Show A comics and card trade show will be held at the auditorium of Jakobus Parrish in Mannheim-Sandhofen, Domstift-strasse 40 . 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 6 . Admission is free. Contact Hans-Peter.Frickinger@t-online.de
- School pre-registration
 There will be school preregistration 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., March
 23-24 at the Mannheim Elementary
 School Gym. Parents are strongly
 encouraged to register students
 for the upcoming school year. Early
 registration is important for accurate teacher staffing in Mannheim.
 Contact the Mannheim School
 Liaison Officer at DSN 380-4212 or
 civ. 0621 730 4212. Kris. Wheeler@
 eur.army.mil
- ◆ Pancake Breakfast Enjoy a free pancake breakfast at the USO ballroom. 7 9 a.m. March 10.
- New Community Center –
- This new facility is now open on Benjamin Franklin Village in Bldg. 2011, #59. The center is available to small groups of up to 49 people on a "first come, first served" basis. The facility has a spacious kitchen, living room, patio, large yard, and smaller rooms ideal for club meetings. For reservations contact Mike Groh, the installation coordinator at Civ. 0162 270 0556.

DoDDS-Europe tournament delivers excitement

By Diion Rolle USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

The final few days of February were intense for the 27 Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe and six international schools competing in this year's annual DoDDS-Europe basketball and cheerleading championships. The atmosphere was electric and quite similar to that of the NCAA's March Madness, only the high school version.

Teams from all over Europe spent a grueling four days competing in their respective divisions to capture top honors.

The final championship games were played Saturday in the Mannheim Sports Arena on Benjamin Franklin Village. The Mannheim community has hosted the DoDDS-Europe basketball championship games for several years running.

This year the Division III title went to the Rota boys who beat Sigonella 56-40, along with the Brussels girls who defeated Menwith Hill 26-22.

In Division II action, the Aviano boys defeated Hohenfels 49-38, repeating as Division II champs for the second straight year and the Bamberg girls beat Ansbach 35-30.

The Ramstein boys clenched the Division I crown, by beating Heidelberg with a close win of 65-63 in the title game, while the Wiesbaden girls sealed their title win with a 37-32 victory over Kaiserslautern.

The energy was just as intense a few miles away in downtown Mannheim where the DoDDS-Europe cheerleading competition was held at an off-post facility.

Rota took first place honors in the Division III cheer competition with Sigonella and Incirlik rounding second and third place.

In Division II action, the Bitburg squad secured the top spot in front of second place Ansbach and third place Mannheim and in the Division I, Heidelberg came in first place with Patch and Ramstein capturing second and third.

"It was a long process for us," explained Leslie Hogue, head cheerleading couch for Heidelberg High. "Because for the first time we had to recruit three football players that knew nothing about cheering, but after hours and hours of practice, we felt like we built the team we needed for this competition." Hogue also added that the majority of the team was new and that this was a rebuilding year for the squad.

In addition to the many parents, friends, family and teachers from all over Europe, gathered in the stands to cheer for their favorite teams, many more were also glued to their television sets and computer screens around the world.



The Ramstein Royals beat out the Heidelberg Lions 65-63 during the DoDDS-Europe basketball championship in Mannheim Satur-

American Forces Network Europe aired the basketball games live on the Pentagon Channel and streamed the coverage on the internet for worldwide availability, for the first time ever. They also assembled a team of broadcasters to provide play by play commentary during the action.

"It went very well", said George Smith, AFN Europe Public Affairs Officer
"We're still counting,

but as of last count, we had more than 600 emails from around the world saying thank you for putting the games on the Pentagon

Channel and thank you for putting it on AFNEurope. net... It's very unusual to get this much feedback. we had more positive feedback on it, then we did even with our DoDDS high school football championship. ..I hope that the audience enjoyed it as much as AFN Europe enjoyed providing it to them," he said.

While the network did not broadcast the DoDDS-Europe cheerleading competition live, Smith says they announced the winners during the basketball finals and showed lots of footage of the cheerleaders



Heidelberg cheerleading squad took first place in Division I during the DoDDS-Europe cheerleading in Mannheim

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Basketball Tryouts

Competitive Athletics Sports Europe will hold tryouts for their 2010 Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) boys and girls basketball teams. March 6 - Heidelberg (boys/girls at Patton) March 7 - Kaiserslautern (boys/girls at Miesau) March 21 - Stuttgart (boys at Panzer/girls at Kelly) The CASE teams will fly to Disney World in July to participate in the AAU National Championships. Civ.

0171-488-1171 or visit www.eteamz.com/compet

athlethicsportseurope. **Volleyball Tryouts**

Men's and Women's Community Volleyball Try-Outs for players and coaches 6 p.m., March 18 at the Miesau Gym in Kaiserslautern, DSN 493-2087 or civ. 0631-3406-2087 for details, www.mwraermanv.com.

Bowling Tournaments

The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc will hold a bowling tournament March 12-14 at the Galaxy Bowling Center on Panzer Kaserne in Stuttgart, Donations/ Registration; Scratch (\$35 entry) Prize Doubles 1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$150; Prize Singles (\$35 entry) 1st \$400, 2nd \$200.3rd \$100. Prize 9-Pin No Tap (\$25 entry) 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50. Civ. 0152-3473061 or 0160-99162144. Proceeds from this event will go towards educational scholarships for DoDDS students.

Heidelberg Sergeants Major Association will hosts a bowling tournament March 27 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/hsmagermany/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.

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

Spring Sports Registration

Heidelberg - Register through March 12 for: track and field, soccer, baseball, JV softball, little league baseball and little league softball. To register, visit the Central Enrollment Office located on Patrick Henry Village, Bldg. 4443 or call DSN 388-8240, civ. 06221-338-9240. Mannheim - Register through April 1 for: baseball, tball, 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. Kaiserslautern — CYS Services is now accepting registration for Spring Sports: T-Ball/Baseball, Softball, Track & Field. For details or to register, contact Pulaski Barracks Central Enrollment, Bldg. 2898, DSN 493-4516/4122 or civ. 0631-3406-4516/4122 or FMWR One Stop, Landstuhl, Bldg. 3810, DSN 486-8943/8991 or civ. 0631-3406-8943/8991. www.mwrgermany.com.

SAS Sports Surge

Heidelberg Child Youth and School Services is hosting a sport's clothing and equipment drive for new or gently used sporting equipment, clothing and gear. April 1-30. All sports, all sizes, adults and kids. Drop off point at School Age Services, bldg. 3850 Community Support Center. DSN 370-8994 or www.mwrgermany.com.