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ATLAS DROP 11

Kaiserslautern's 5th Quartermaster Detachment trained with the Utah National Guard and the Ugandan People's Defense forces in Atlas Drop 11. 3



AFN OPENLINE

Local leaders will participate in an AFN Openline program on transformation 10 a.m. May 18. 4

SCOUTS IN NORMANDY

Mannheim's Pack 137 were part of a contingent of 3,000 scouts who gathered on Omaha Beach in Normandy April 15-17. 8

FALSE POLICE VEHICLE

A false police car traveling in Europe uses a rear-window LED scroll to pull over travelers to rob them. 8

HELMET SAFETY RULES

Helmet safety is included in the SAFER Exposition and Summer Safety Day 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 5 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. 12

JUNIOR ROTC

Heidelberg High School Junior ROTC students participated in a field training exercise at the Schwetzingen training area March 31-April 3. 13

Defense Details

NATIONAL GUARD

About 900 National Guard members are responding to floods, fires, tornadoes and other emergencies in six states after weather reports forecast more rain in the already flooded areas of North Dakota, Missouri, Indiana, as well as tornadoes in Arkansas and ongoing wildfires in Texas. Operations in Minnesota are wrapping up.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

A partnership the Defense and Energy departments formed last year to conserve energy in the military is the perfect union to lead the nation in conservation, Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III said at a Energy Security Forum Tuesday.

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Moving the big birds

Afghan-bound Chinooks go by river, ground before flight

By Capt. Greg Jones
21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

At 26 tons with two turbine engines capable of hauling 12 tons of payload, the CH-47F Chinook heavy transport helicopter is one of the heaviest rotary wing aircraft in the U.S. military.

A dozen of these heavy haulers were delivered to the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Ansbach April 14.

They are of the "F" variety, the latest in a series of Chinook helicopters which have been in service since the beginning of the Vietnam War. This version offers numerous improvements to include its avionics and

see **CHINOOKS** page 18

Capt. Greg Jones
New CH-47F Chinook heavy transport helicopters destined for the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Ansbach are offloaded from a sea transport vessel (foreground), staged on docks (middle ground) and ultimately loaded onto a river transport vessel (far) by members of the Theater Aviation Sustainment Manager-Europe during recent port operations conducted in Antwerp, Belgium. The barge traveled downriver to Lampertsheim where the Chinooks were offloaded and taken by tractor to Coleman Barracks in Mannheim where they were refitted and flight tested.

Public works director earns top award

By Rick Scavetta
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Walk across any Army post in Kaiserslautern and you'll see the accomplishments of Willimore Mack, director of U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's public works.



MACK

Construction and maintenance, repairs and renovations, land care and environmental improvements – these are the thankless tasks that fall under the watchful eye of the Army civilian who has dedicated much of his life to improving the quality of life for Soldiers, civilians and family members.

For his efforts, the U.S. Army Installation Management Command selected Mack for this see **MACK** page 18



Dijon Rolle

Master Sgt. Tony Hockensmith prepares to conduct a short patrol around Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg using the T3 Motion April 18. The electric vehicle was added to the garrison's military police fleet last month and is designed to reduce noise and air pollution.

Electric car comes to town

By Dijon Rolle
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Military police in Heidelberg are testing a new vehicle that's proven to be a plus for the planet and the garrison's pocketbook.

The T3 Motion is a three-wheeled, battery powered electric vehicle predominantly used by law enforcement, security, government and military agencies. The vehicle doesn't require fuel to operate, and it's designed to reduce air and noise pollution and cut costs.

The T3 Motion arrived last month and was christened during the Month of the Military Child kick-off walk on Patrick Henry Village April 1. Master Sgt. Tony Hockensmith, provost sergeant, led a procession of military children, parents and community members through the streets quietly zipping along to ensure the crowd's safety.

"It runs off two battery packs and the battery packs can take up to four hours to charge but usually not that long. There's see **T3 MOTION** page 18

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Make your legacy problem-free, prepare documents before crisis occurs

Patton Law Center

Your legacy is more than the assets in your estate. It includes ensuring your affairs are in order to lessen the burdens on grieving survivors.

You need to make the right preparations to avoid causing problems for loved ones at a time when they are least prepared to deal with them. This is especially true if your spouse is elderly, not a U.S. citizen or you have

a blended family.

If you do not have a will or other estate planning documents, such as a living will, medical power of attorney and financial power of attorney, you should think about preparing them.

If you have a will and these other documents, you should periodically review them to ensure they are accurate and reflect your wishes.

You should also ensure your heirs and executor know where to find your

will and your other important documents.

You should also include a list of your assets and where these can be found to aid your family members and executors.

It is not uncommon for survivors in Germany to have no idea what assets the testator had or where they are located. You are not doing your family a service by controlling all the financial and other important decisions

for them without providing them with some basic knowledge of what you possess and where your account information and other pertinent information can be found.

Legal assistance offices are available in many military communities to help you and your family.

It is far better to contact your nearest legal assistance office for help in estate planning now rather than wait until an emergency or crisis arises.

Grant powers of attorney with caution

Patton Law Center

A power of attorney is a written legal document that allows you to authorize your agent to conduct business for you or to do something on your behalf.

There are two types of Powers of Attorney. A general power of attorney gives your agent broad authority to act for you in a number of matters.

A special power of attorney is more limited and focused and only gives your agent authority to act for you in certain specified matters.

Powers of attorney are used in the military community more frequently than in the general

public. The demands and requirements of military service, overseas assignments, deployments and temporary absences often mean we are not able to conduct all of our business for ourselves.

Thus, powers of attorney can be particularly useful instruments for members of the military community.

But granting the power should be done with care and caution. Generally every act performed by your agent under the authority of the power of attorney will be legally binding on the person granting it.

For this reason, powers of attorney should only be given to those who are trusted completely and then only

when absolutely necessary.

You should also give a special power of attorney, rather than a general power of attorney, in most situations.

It is also generally wise to put an expiration date on the power of attorney. It is possible to revoke a power of attorney once given, but this process can be cumbersome and not particularly effective.

If you revoke a power of attorney, you must deliver notice of the revocation to your agent as well as all third parties whom you know relied on the power of attorney or who may rely on it in the future.

In the case of a general power of attorney, it may

almost impossible for you to know who all these parties may be.

A power of attorney does not survive the death of the grantor, but it can survive the incompetence or incapacity of the grantor if it is "durable."

All legal assistance offices can prepare durable powers of attorney. Also, no third party can be required to accept a power of attorney and many institutions may require you to use a particular format.

Specialized power of attorney formats are common in property sales or in completing documents in real estate closings. It is often a good idea to check

Legal Assistance

Heidelberg and Mannheim

Patton Barracks, Bldg. 107
DSN 373-5058, civ. 06221-17-5058
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and Fridays and 1:30-4
p.m. Thursdays

Kaiserslautern

Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3210
DSN 483-8848, civ. 0631-411-8848
9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays and 1-4
p.m. Thursdays

with your bank or real estate agent if you wish the power of attorney to be used in conducting business with them.

Your nearest legal assistance office can advise you on powers of attorney and prepare any you may need.



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<http://myBWnow.ning.com>

DISCUSSION BOARD

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

Ok, BWnowers, during Earth Week, what did you or your family do to help take off some of the stress of Mother Nature? What should we do to keep it up year round?

"We've been recycling our candy wrappers ... lots and lots of them. Coffee cups too :)"

—BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Working at the commy, I have noticed that there are a lot of people who buy organic stuff then they buy styrofoam plates and paper plates. How does this make any sense? I don't think that busting a few suds will hurt anyone. If you go organic, then help the planet out as well as yourself. Makes sense to me!"

—Erika Reddin, BWnow Facebook fan

"Riding the bicycle to work more than just ... one day!"

—Peter Buttner, BWnow Facebook fan

"How about not using disposable cups but everyone get a 'real' cup and a thermos for on the go. Recycling is good but eliminating the plastic would be even better!"

—Helena Kovac-Giese, BWnow Facebook fan



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Riggers prep chutes in tough conditions, train with Ugandans

By Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones
UTAH NATIONAL GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SOROTI, Uganda – U.S. Army parachute riggers assigned to the 5th Quartermaster Detachment, 21st Special Troops Battalion, 21st Theater Sustainment Command out of Kaiserslautern and the Utah National Guard's 197th Special Troops Company trained with the Ugandan People's Defense Forces in support of Atlas Drop 11.

Atlas Drop, an annual joint aerial delivery exercise sponsored by U.S. Army Africa, brings together U.S. servicemembers with their counterparts from the Ugandan People's Defense Forces and was designed to enhance the readiness of both countries' resupply and logistical capabilities.

The two-week training April 11-21 consisted of classroom instruction and a field training exercise. It increased the capability of UPDF and U.S. forces to resupply Soldiers operating in remote areas.

During the exercise, the riggers' main role was to train with their Ugandan counterparts on various aerial-delivery systems, more specifically, the low cost, low altitude 'copter box and free drop box systems.

The riggers learned about the systems and devised ways

to effectively rig parachutes to the systems and ensure the contents inside remained safe upon landing.

The riggers were forced to improvise when they prepared parachutes for aerial resupply missions. Even with all the proper equipment – tables, tension devices and weights – rigging parachutes is a rigorous task.

Prepping 'chutes in a dusty aircraft hangar in eastern Uganda on old desks and cardboard proved challenging for even the most experienced riggers.

"Basically, what we had to do today was improvise," said Sgt. Roger Montanez, an Ogden, Utah native, and parachute rigger assigned to the 197th Special Troops Company, UTARNG.

"We had no packing tables. We had no packing weights. So we had to improvise to accomplish the mission. We set up cardboard to maintain parachute integrity, so we didn't compromise the parachute in any way," Montanez said.

"We did everything we could to accomplish the mission the proper way, the safe way and the right way with what we have," he added.

In the end, 'chutes were packed on a makeshift table made of old desks with a concrete pillar to stabilize the desks and act as a tie off

to ensure proper tension. Others used pillars and cardboard. Finally, all 'chutes were packed.

Montanez, a rigger for 11 years, said regardless of circumstances, a Soldier with a job to do has to get it done.

"It's an experience that better me as a parachute rigger," said Spc. Jordan Parr, a Clearfield, Utah, native and a rigger assigned to the 197th STC.

In their first full day together, the 19 riggers – 11 Soldiers from Germany, seven from Utah and one from 3rd Squadron, 108th Cavalry Regiment, Georgia National Guard – packed 36 T-10 parachutes for upcoming practice drops.

After a day of packing 'chutes, the riggers began training with their UPDF counterparts on how to prepare the aerial delivery systems.

These resupply systems provide them and the U.S. Army with the ability to resupply units operating atypical resupply routes and means.

"Everyone's absorbing the knowledge really well," said Sgt. Aaron DeHaven, a native of Marion, Ohio, and a rigger assigned to the 5th Quartermaster Detachment.

"But for me personally, training with the UPDF has been very rewarding. I've



Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones, Staff Sgt. Ian Eggbert, and Spc. Jordan Parr, a rigger with 197th Special Troops Company, Utah Army National Guard, attach a wing to a 'copter box aerial delivery system at Soroti Airfield, Uganda, during Atlas Drop 11 April 14.

learned a lot," DeHaven said. Whether rigging under the most difficult working conditions or training with UPDF

Soldiers, the AD11 riggers have lived up to the motto they learned at rigger school, "I will be sure always."



Elizabeth Casebeer
Taryna Blake, 7, standing with her mother, Master Sgt. Myra Knowles, Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe, shows off her Easter basket she won at the Easter egg hunt held at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg Sunday.

No egg goes undiscovered at Easter hunt

By Elizabeth Casebeer
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Not a square foot of lawn on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg was left uncovered Sunday when more than 400 dashing children searched for some 4,600 plastic Easter eggs.

The mission? Find 10 eggs to win a chocolate bunny, or find one of several specially-marked eggs to choose a basket filled with goodies.

Less than 30 minutes after the 12:30 p.m. start time, the lawn was all but empty and the Village Pavilion filled with flushed kids waiting for their coveted prize.

In its second year, the

Easter Egg Hunt is a joint collaboration with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Child, Youth and School Services and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, said Les Green, Family and MWR special events coordinator.

"This year, we changed how we did things to give every child a fair chance in finding eggs and to keep it more organized. We divided them into three age groups: 4 and under, 5 to 7 and 8 to 10," Green said.

The youngest group had the entire front lawn of the Village Pavilion, while the middle group was along the Copper Lounge side and the oldest group, behind the Village Pavilion.



Elizabeth Casebeer
Before the event, two attendees read the rules for Easter egg hunting Sunday at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg.

The Easter Bunny and the Peep chick were also available for photos after the main event.

Green emphasized the hunt would not have been possible without its 10 volunteers, mainly BOSS Soldiers who hid the eggs, made sure each child re-

ceived a bunny or basket and at the end confirmed the lawn was clear of overlooked eggs.

To learn about BOSS or to volunteer, visit www.facebook.com/heidelbergboss. Membership is open to single, unaccompanied and single-parent Soldiers.

AFN Openline on Transformation May 18

Staff Report

American Forces Network will air a special AFN Openline on transformation May 18 featuring the leaders of U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg, Wiesbaden, Mannheim the Heidelberg Medical Department Activity and the Exchange.

Readers and listeners who want direct answers to their questions are welcome to call in during the show which begins at 10 a.m. and will last up to two hours depending on the number of questions received.

Call DSN 389-4590, civ. 0621-4608-5595 or e-mail to openline@afn.dma.mil.

The openline show has generated many of the questions and answers that appear in the Herald Post in the

AFN Openline Information

The program airs 10 a.m. May 18 featuring USAG BW Commander Col. Bill Butcher, USAG Wiesbaden Commander Col. Jeffrey Dill, Heidelberg Medical Department Activity Commander Col. Paula Underwood, Mannheim Base Operations Manager Ralph Santaliz, Exchange General Manger Frank Niccoll and U.S. Army Europe Deputy Relocation Task Force Dave Fulton. DSN 389-4595, civ. 0621-4608-5595 or e-mail ahead of time to openline@afn.dma.mil.

AFN Heidelberg – 104.6 FM, 1143 AM

AFN Mannheim – 107.3 FM, 1143 AM

AFN Wiesbaden – 98.7 FM, 870 AM

transformation update.

“At least one reader feels our answers are ‘vague and non-responsive’ as indicated in a recent communi-

cation. We appreciate that kind of honest feedback, and we hope readers will call and submit questions directly to leaders who can respond. We appreciate it when our readers keep us straight,” said Herald Post editor Donna Walker.

Some Herald Post readers submit questions to the newspaper e-mail usaghd.post@eur.army.mil and get those answered in the weekly column. Others submit comments on the garrison Facebook page (www.facebook.com/bwnow) or the BWnow site (<http://mybwnow.ning.com>).

“We encourage folks to listen May 18. There’s typically a wealth of information announced on AFN Openline programs,” Walker said. Information is also available on the garrison website at www.bw.eur.army.mil.



In Memoriam Freddie Jefferson

Freddie (Jeff) Jefferson, 58, passed away April 11 in Mannheim. Jefferson

was employed by U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg at the Benjamin Franklin Village Bowling Center, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation for many years and served as a U.S. government employee for more than 30 years. Jefferson was born in Fort Valle, Ga., on Jan. 30, 1953. He served three years in the U.S. Army. Jefferson was a Mason and a member of the American Legion. A memorial service was held Friday at the BFV Chapel in Mannheim. He is survived by his wife Barbara and four children – Freddie Jr., Leroy, Vivian and Melvin. He is also survived by three grandchildren – Latoya, Julian and Leon.

transformation UPDATE

Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

I keep hearing different dates for when Tompkins Barracks is scheduled to close – 2015 was put out last year when base closures were announced, but now I have heard 2012. Can you help shed some light on this for me?

Tompkins Barracks will close no later than November 2012. Prior to that time, closures of facilities will take place. Nearby Kilbourne Barracks is scheduled to be vacated by December.

Facilities Operations Changes

Mannheim DEERS, ID Cards, Passports – The DEERS, ID cards and passports offices will be closed tomorrow, April 29, to relocate to Bldg. 246, room 101. They will re-open 8 a.m. May 2. The Passport office will re-open 1 p.m. May 2 for walk-ins.

Mannheim Education Center – The Education Center on Sullivan Barracks will be open from May through July with classes running as long as class minimums are achieved. The center will be open Monday-Friday (except USAREUR training holidays). A counselor will be on site 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and remote counseling will be available 1:30-4:30 p.m. The center is closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. A night monitor will open and close the education center for evening classes 6-10:30 p.m.

Mannheim Personal Property Processing – The Mannheim Personal Property Processing office, also known as the Transportation office is closed. Mannheim customers will use the Heidelberg Personal Property Processing Office on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, room 267. The hours for the Heidelberg PPPPO will change May 2: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday. The office is closed daily 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Exiting Mannheim – The exit gate at Friendship Circle on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim has changed hours for traffic leaving the installation. The gate opens for exiting traffic and pedestrians (exiting and entering) at 6 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m.

Mannheim Customs Field Office – The Customs office in Mannheim is now located in Bldg. 256 (the Military Police station).

Mannheim Army Community Service – Army Community Services will move from Bldg. 255 into Bldg. 246 May 16. The ACS Lending Closet services will relocate from Bldg. 250 into Bldg. 246 Monday.

One number, two communities – The 24-hour sexual assault and domestic violence hotline is now valid for Mannheim and Heidelberg. The Mannheim-specific number is no longer valid. The hotline for both communities is civ. 0170-609-2862.

Parent Central Services – Mannheim's Parent Central Services and Family Child Care have relocated to the Youth Services Bldg. 696 with new hours: 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone numbers remain the same: DSN 380-9135, civ. 0621-730-9132.

Tompkins Launderette – The launderette on Tompkins Barracks is closed due to low usage. Many Soldiers have washers and dryers available in their barracks and a large launderette is located on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg in Bldg. 4517, across from the Teen Center.

AAFES Gas Station – The gas station in Mannheim on Benjamin Franklin Village South will change its operating hours June 1. New hours will be 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays.

Popeyes and Taco Bell – Beginning July 1, Popeyes and Taco Bell on Benjamin Franklin Village South in Mannheim will be closed Mondays.

Coleman Shoppette – The shoppette on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim has expanded its hours to 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and U.S. holidays.

Mark Twain Village Shoppette – The shoppette on Mark Twain Village in Heidelberg will close June 3. The Campbell Barracks shoppette will expand its hours on weekends – 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays – to support the Soldiers and family members who live on MTV.

Burger King – Burger King on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg will close May 30.

Subway – The Subway restaurant on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim will close May 20 and reopen on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg June 13.

Spinelli furniture – The furniture store on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim will close June 27. Some furniture has moved into the Exchange on Benjamin Franklin Village South.

Mannheim Drivers Testing – Mannheim's Drivers' Testing Station located on Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 253, has closed. All drivers' testing services are offered in Heidelberg on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, room 136, with operating hours 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 370-7889, civ. 06221 57-6681.

Mannheim to Heidelberg Shuttle Buses – Mannheim's community shuttle bus service now stops at the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility located on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg in Bldg. 3850. The bus stop at the Heidelberg Community Support Center also serves as the hub for the Heidelberg community shuttle bus that serves Tompkins Barracks, Patrick Henry Village, Mark Twain Village and Patton Barracks. Shuttle buses run four times a day, Monday through Friday, from Coleman, Spinelli and Sullivan Barracks and the hotel on Benjamin Franklin Village to the Shopping Center in Heidelberg and the Heidelberg Medical Clinic on Nachrichten Kaserne. Signs posted in bus stops indicate times and routes. Schedules are available at the in and out processing center, from building coordinators and at the hotel on Benjamin Franklin Village. The shuttle is for Soldiers to conduct official business. However, if space is available, family members and civilians can also ride. DSN 373-6410, civ. 06221-17-6410.

Mannheim Military Personnel Division – Mannheim's MPD has transferred to U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg MPD. Mannheim services that have relocated include community in and out-processing, reassignments processing, Soldier personnel actions, military personnel records updates, transition services, ACAP, casualty and memorial affairs and post retirement services. Mannheim services that will remain are located in Bldg. 246 on Sullivan Barracks and include passports, ID card services and ration card services. An announcement of when these services will relocate to Heidelberg will be made at a later date. Some personnel services such as Soldier readiness processing, pre-deployment processing, re-deployment re-integration and unit group out-processing will be conducted in the community most convenient for Soldiers. These activities will be coordinated between units and the supporting garrison. DSN 370-3347, civ. 06221-57-3347, Czernyng 14, 69115 Heidelberg, www.bw.eur.army.mil/DHR/DHR_milpo.html.

Mannheim In and Out Processing – Mannheim personnel now in-process and out-process through the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility in Heidelberg. When in-processing, the Sponsorship Bus (S-Bus) from the Frankfurt Gateway Reception Center no longer stops on Sullivan Barracks. Personnel assigned to Mannheim units will be transported to the Patrick Henry Village Guest House in Heidelberg. DSN: 388-9387, civ. 06221-33-89387. GPS: Grasweg, 69124 Heidelberg. S-Buses depart the Frankfurt FGRC at approximately 11 a.m. (arrive 12:30 p.m.) and 2:30 p.m. (arrive 4 p.m.). Before the S-Bus arrives in Heidelberg, units will be contacted by the Baden-Württemberg CPF staff for sponsors to greet newly-arrived personnel at the PHV Guest House. When out-processing, Soldiers leaving Mannheim will coordinate through the USAG-BW CPF at the Community Support Center at the Heidelberg Shopping Center Kaserne. The CPF is open daily 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. In-processing: DSN 370-6711, civ. 06221-57-7687. Out-processing: DSN 370-8480, civ. 06221-57-6711.

AFN broadcasters take home awards

By George A. Smith
AFN EUROPE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

American Forces Network Europe dominated the 2010 Department of Defense Thomas Jefferson broadcast excellence awards, by winning an impressive 11 of 17 categories with AFN Heidelberg taking home top honors.

The results were announced this week.

"Many of our awards resulted from us giving people more of the travel, high school sports and human interest stories they want," said AFN Europe Commander Col. Bill Bigelow.

Starting in May, AFN will air 16 fresh short travel pieces every month."

The Outstanding New DOD Broadcaster of the Year, Airman 1st Class Tori Fleck of AFN Benelux, submitted a travel story on a beach in Belgium and a feature on a Belgian Oktoberfest.

Other winning entries included stories on SCUBA diving in Italy, playing high school football in Mannheim and puffing through aerobics in Belgium.

The Thomas Jefferson awards are held annually to honor the best military civilian print and broadcast journalists in the Department of Defense.

Local winners are listed.

♦**Radio spot production:** AFN FAQS, Gerard Cormier, AFN Kaiserslautern

♦**Radio sports report:** Final home game, Lance Milsted, AFN Heidelberg

♦**Radio information program:** Mannheim Bison final home game, AFN Heidelberg

Faces of the community: Kaiserslautern Veterinary Clinic



Christina Winesette, 10, right, assists an Air Force veterinarian at the Kaiserslautern Veterinary Clinic as she examines a five-month-old German Shepherd named Addison during job shadow day April 19 at U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern. The clinic offers pet vaccinations, examinations, X-rays and some surgical procedures. The facility is located on Pulaski Barracks and is open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. DSN 493-4444, civ. 0631-3406-4444.

Lea Scavetta

Avoided shutdown reinforces need for financial planning

By Douglas DeMaio
USAG BAMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAMBERG, Germany – Earlier this month, many servicemembers, Department of Defense employees and family members breathed a sigh of relief. An 11th hour compromise between Washington politicians helped narrowly avoid a government shutdown April 8.

The situation served as a stark reminder for the need to save money for a rainy day.

"Everybody loves the sunshine and nice weather, but it does rain in our life," said Eugene Woods, a financial readiness program manager.

"Saving money is an arduous task, but being persistent and disciplined in saving money can allow people to avert financial calamity.

"In my briefing, I always tell Soldiers and family members that we save money for emergencies, but we don't do it well," he said. Woods explained that people should set aside money for two different types of financial situations.

"Part of our budget should be put-

ting money into emergency savings. I'll always say that long term savings is the most critical one. Long term is critical, but emergency is just as important."

The recent events in Washington further helped to reinforce Wood's wisdom.

"Soldiers, family members and civilians anxiously awaited a political debate that almost sparked a government shutdown, but people who have saved money over the years were financially prepared.

"The emergency fund prepares us for the unforeseeable event that impacts our livelihood in a negative way," Woods said.

Woods is optimistic the financial readiness classes he provides to community members can help people cope with a situation that might result in a financial hardship.

"The financial readiness program is about awareness and education," he said. We continue to encourage Soldiers and family members to do what they need to do and that is to put a small portion of their pay away.

"Start with \$50 or \$100 every two

weeks and put it to the side and discipline yourself to do it," he said.

Woods recommended tracking finances, budgeting and saving spare change as key measures to increase savings and create a safety net for future emergencies. All these measures are a part of financial discipline, he explained.

"You would be surprised how much small change adds up," Woods also advises his clients to limit their spending during the week. Watch what you are purchasing during the week during those small purchases," Woods said.

"During the month, you spend more on small purchases on weekdays than during the weekend ... On weekends, people will spend large amounts of money, but are more thoughtful about large purchases," he said.

"If it's a need, justify it, but if it is just a want then make the sacrifice," Woods said. "What you will be doing is putting that money back (in your wallet) for a rainy day."

Woods is also an advocate of sharing sound financial wisdom and

"Saving money is an arduous task, but being persistent and disciplined ... allows people to avert financial calamity."

—Eugene Woods, Bamberg ACS

practices onto the next generation of consumers.

"Do what parents, teachers and advisers have been telling us all along. Practice what we preach by putting that small amount away for those rainy days. When you take those values and your kids see you doing that, then they will inherit those values," Woods said. "They will learn from those good practices you are doing."

Several options are available to help servicemembers and their families prepare for a rainy day.

Contact Army Community Service offices on financial planning classes or speak with a financial readiness program manager.

Local scouts get big history lesson

Staff Report

Fifteen Mannheim area scouts from Pack 137 took part in a rally on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, April 15-17.

Some 3,000 American Boy Scouts from throughout Europe paraded on Omaha Beach, forming the phrase, "Normandie, Land of Liberty."

The goal of the operation was to provide support to have the five beaches (Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword) of the World War II invasion known as Operation Overlord listed as part of UNESCO's World Heritage.

Since 1994, the Boy Scouts of America organize a triennial rally in Normandy.

The director of the Normandie Mémoire Association explained the Scout organization proposed its member Scouts take part in a memorial workshop around the Allied Landing and the Battle of Normandy.

This year the Mannheim area scouts who took part in the

event gained historical knowledge and the experience of camping, a first-time adventure for many of them in their early scouting careers.

"The event was a tremendous opportunity for our youth to learn more about history and truly appreciate the freedoms that we enjoy today because of our brave World War II veterans," said Lt. Col. Lisa Griffin, U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim commander, who attended the event with her family.

"To hear our National Anthem played on Omaha beach and to watch our youth and their families proudly render a scout salute or place their hand on their hearts was incredible," she added.

The scouts were joined by dozens of veterans who landed on the Normandy beaches in June 1944.

A closing ceremony was held at the Omaha National Cemetery where scouts laid wreaths to honor the fallen and families decorated the graves with tulips.



Above, an April 17 French newspaper showcases 3,000 American Boy Scouts on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, forming the phrase "Normandie, Land of Liberty." Since 1994, Scouts throughout Europe have rallied every third year to encourage financial support for the five beaches involved in World War II Operation Overlord. Right, Cub Scouts from Pack 137 carry wreaths as part of a triennial scout rally on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, April 15-17. Dozens of veterans – including those who landed on the beaches in June 1944 – also attended the rally, which supports the five beaches involved in the Battle of Normandy: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.



Earth Week Graffiti Wall Contest



Brandon Spragins

Aaron Wiley, one of the many teen who participated in this year's graffiti wall competition at the Lion's Den on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg on Saturday, works on his first place design which used spray paint and an eco-theme. The contest sponsored as part of Earth Week activities in the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg April 18 through Saturday.

False police vehicle targets unsuspecting travelers

OPM Public Affairs

U.S. Army Europe police officials warn travelers of a false police car traveling the roads in northern Europe.

The United Kingdom Joint Service Unit in Brunson has reported the presence of a vehicle posing as an unmarked police car on the main roads in Belgium and The Netherlands.

The car is using a scrolling LED notice on the rear windscreen to pull other vehicles over. The sign displays the message "Police. Follow me." The rogue car then turns on blue lights before pulling over.

The occupants then rob the victims in the vehicle at gun point.

Officials advise anyone who sees the car to call the national police emergency number (112 in Belgium and in The Netherlands).

There are many official unmarked police vehicles in this region and police want to clarify authenticity and provide advice to travelers.



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Crawling through mud, Pvt. Charles Shidler, Alpha Company, Special Troops Battalion, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Ohio National Guard, searches for the next covered fighting position during individual movement techniques training at the Camp Ravenna Joint Maneuver Training Center, Ravenna, Ohio, April 17. The IMT is just one of more than 200 common training tasks that Shidler, as well as about 3,600 other Soldiers of the 37th brigade, must complete before they are scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in the fall in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



1st Lt. Michael Johnson

Sgt. Justin Sneed, a 15th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade, machinist from Belton, Mo., welds traction tracks on a trailer that is commonly used to haul heavy loads and equipment. These tracks are a small part of the overall weld, but are critical to successful trailer maintenance as they provide a frictional surface for vehicles to drive onto trailer beds during loading operations in preparation for transport.



U.S. Army

Spc. Ahren Blake, a combat medic from Clinton, Iowa, with Company D, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment, Task Force Ironman, a part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Task Force Red Bulls, holds two puppies he found at an observation post in the Aziz Khan Kats Mountain Valley range near Jalalabad, Afghanistan, April 15. The puppies had been living with the Afghan National Army Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 201st Infantry Corps, which man the Ops that 3rd Platoon visited.

Staff Sgt. Hector Hoyas (right), an aerial delivery field service department instructor, and Air Force Senior Airman Matthew Phillips, turn away from the rotor wash as a Nevada National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter takes off with a Humvee at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., during sling-load training on April 15.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



U.S. Army

Maj. Gen. Michael T. Harrison, the commanding officer for U.S. Army Japan I-Corps (Forward), high fives a toddler displaced by the Great East Earthquake in Matsushima, Japan, April 15. Harrison visited schools, train stations, shower points and shelters for displaced citizens to reaffirm the U.S. military's commitment to the helping the Japanese people.

Experienced cyclist credits helmet for saving his life

By Sgt. Fabian Ortega
U.S. ARMY EUROPE PUBLIC AFFAIRS



KOBA

Col. Michael G. Koba said the driver of the vehicle that caused him to slam into the ground helmet first, compressing his spine and damaging four vertebra, didn't see him riding his bicycle one Saturday afternoon in October.

"I was crossing an intersection when I saw a car coming toward me. In order for me to avoid the car I slammed on my brakes," Koba said. The car didn't hit him, but that action flipped Koba and his bike in the air.

Koba, U.S. Army Europe deputy chief of operations, has been cycling on and off again since high school. He arrived in Germany in 2009 and bought a bike to get to and from work.

Koba learned Europe is full of flat lands, river valleys, canals and bike trails.

"I discovered that Germany had some great biking opportunities ... I began biking seriously again," he said.

The accident left Koba hospitalized for 14 days. He had a broken wrist, and had a vertebrae replaced, requiring two rods and eight screws to hold it in place.

"I had significant injuries as a result of the accident, but they would have



Dijon Rolle

From left, military police officer Spc. Caleb Dorsey, USAG Baden-Württemberg Environmental Division Chief Dan Welch, Recreation Specialist Holly Ogren and Fitness Coordinator Steffani Paoletti meet on Patrick Henry Village to kick-off the Earth Week Bike to Work event April 21 in Heidelberg. Participants biked to Campbell or Patton Barracks instead of driving to work.

been much more extensive, if not life-threatening, had I not worn a helmet, which was the first point of impact," he said.

The helmet was completely crushed, but it did its job.

"Head injuries are a big concern," said USAREUR safety division chief Dave Scott.

"Bicycling is popular, so the prob-

ability of serious accidents is there for youth and adults," Scott said.

"Broken bones, lacerations, road rash and head injuries are the painful reminders of being thrown from a bike," he said.

Like motorcycle helmets, bicycle helmets are a Department of Defense requirement for anyone cycling on military installations.

Summer SAFER

Bicycle safety will be included in the Mannheim and Heidelberg Soldier and Families Evaluating Risk Exposition and Summer Safety Day 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 5 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. The day promotes healthy lifestyles by presenting safety training and information. DSN 373-1670, civ. 06221-17-9082.

"It's also a requirement for Soldiers to always wear a helmet whether on or off the installation, on or off duty," he added.

"A helmet should always be replaced after an accident, even if it does not appear to be damaged," said Scott. Helmets absorb the impact by compressing internally. The hidden damage will significantly reduce its effectiveness," he explained.

Koba's advises fellow cyclists, "Pay attention to vehicles on the roads around you because they aren't always paying attention to you. I thought my biggest vulnerability was the darkness to and from work," he said.

Getting injured in broad daylight on a Saturday afternoon was almost ironic, Koba said.

Still undergoing physical therapy for his injured spine, Koba said his goal is to participate in the 2011 "Road to Liberty" in Bastogne, Belgium, and offered one last bit of advice.

"Be safe and don't be afraid to ride. It's a great way to see Europe," he said.

AFAP Heidelberg and Mannheim AFAP issues

Army Family
Action
Plan

The Mannheim and Heidelberg communities identified major issues of concern at the February AFAP conference. The command prioritized 13 issues. One issue is featured in the Herald Post each week. **Next week:** Exceptional Member Family Program, EFMP, information awareness for newly identified dependents

Issue: Victim Advocacy program for minors

Scope

Minors are not covered by the Army Community Service Victim Advocacy Program. Victim Advocacy Program policy provides services only to active duty and adult family members who are medical treatment facility eligible. In the United States and its territories, advocacy services are provided by non-profit and state agencies. These services are not accessible to minors stationed outside the United States. As a result, minors do not have an advocate to guide them through the

processes associated with domestic violence, sexual assault and dating violence.

Recommendation

- ◆ Provide ACS victim advocacy services to minors.

Command position

"This is a step in the right direction. All members of our community should be entitled to advocacy services if they are facing issues of domestic violence or sexual assault," said U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bill Butcher.

What do you think?

Express your opinion of this issue on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bwnow) and BNow (<http://myBNow.ning.com>) by answering the Question of the Week: What is your opinion of the fact that minors don't have an advocate to guide them through the processes associated with domestic violence, sexual assault and dating violence?

BNow feedback on last week's issue: DODDS lunch programs

Does your child eat all of the school lunch provided? Why or why not?

"My daughter rarely eats the lunch. What she loves is the salad. I have to say I was surprised that PHV

Elementary changed a lot this year. I had watched Jamie Olivers Food Revolution and wanted to take a look into the meal plans. I saw they added ... salads and baked more than fried and I had the feeling the cafeteria personnel are really interested in making it

more healthy. But there is still a lot of room for improvement. For the new school year, my daughters insist on lunch from home."

— Bettina Corter, BNow Facebook fan

"One of mine likely eats it all ... the other ... if he doesn't eat it, it's probably because he's a slow poke rather than because of food quality."

— Stizzle Bizzle, BNow Facebook fan

Junior ROTC toughs it out during spring training

Students get adventure training off school grounds

By Cadet Demi Fox
HEIDELBERG HIGH SCHOOL JROTC

More than 70 cadets from Heidelberg High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps participated in its first-ever field training exercise at Schwetzingen training area March 31-April 3.

JROTC instructors and volunteers supervised the exercise, which included basic first aid training, how to establish and set up a bivouac area, cadet planning and leading procedures, day and night land navigation, a leadership reaction course, physical fitness training, a one and two-rope bridge, a 12-kilometer road march, survival training and other various team-building activities, said retired Lt. Col. Michael Fleetwood, the program's senior army instructor.

The FTX was incorporated into this year's curriculum so cadets could live and interact with their peers in a military setting. They also had the chance to both lead and follow direction given by their fellow cadets, Fleetwood said.

"We wanted to provide a safe, healthy and fun training environment for our cadets (while providing) them adventure training not normally available during normal class periods," Fleetwood explained.

Senior cadets were responsi-

ble for the plans, coordination and execution of every phase of the FTX, which challenged and reinforced leadership, discipline, critical thinking, writing skills, teamwork and self-confidence. Both junior and senior cadets were placed into various leadership positions, which were later evaluated, Cadet Ryan Nelson, battalion executive officer, said.

"Although the cadets were tired at the end of the exercise, they all agreed that the spring JROTC field training exercise was challenging and fun and should be conducted every year," said Cadet Katelyn Bronnell, battalion commander.



Photos by Cadet 1st Lt. LaQawzia Smith
Heidelberg High School Junior ROTC first and second-year cadets receive a briefing from Cadet Master Sgt. Acosta-Torres on the details involved in the land navigation course at the Schwetzingen Training Area in Heidelberg March 31-April 3.



Cadet Pfc. Jared Nelson assists his squad in negotiating an obstacle during the leadership reaction course, part of the training exercise at the Schwetzingen Training Area in Heidelberg March 31-April 3.



A group of cadets plot and validate their movement during the land navigation course at the Schwetzingen Training Area in Heidelberg March 31-April 3.

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Fight to the finish

Sgt. Kevin Lopez (lighter jacket), 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, and Pfc. L.C. Johnson III (darker jacket), 181st Signal Company, 43rd Signal Battalion, compete during the combative tournament held at the Sports Arena on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim. Combatives is part of Cyber Regimental week (April 18-22) which focused on paying tribute to the Signal Corps and developing camaraderie and unit cohesion.

Jonathon Gray

GERMAN NEWS

Schwetzingen Arrest

German customs reports agents seized two rifles, a pistol, several weapons barrels, three laser pointers as well as firearm parts at the home of a 29-year-old Schwetzingen man on April 13. Customs officers at Frankfurt Airport inspected a package from the United States addressed to the man and discovered two laser pointers fitted with mountings for firearms. These are banned in Germany. The accused has no firearm permits officials believed he wanted to build or rebuild weapons. What the man wanted to use these weapons for is unclear.

Chernobyl Accident

Thousands of mostly German activists staged anti-nuclear protests along the border with France Monday, demanding reactors be closed on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl accident. Between 6,000 and 9,000 people took to different bridges on the Rhine River between Germany and France, with the main Easter Monday demonstration involving hundreds in a so-called "die in" at Strasbourg. The protests took place at the midway point on the Pont de l'Europe joining Strasbourg in eastern France and Kehl in Germany. The protests mark the worst ever nuclear accident at Chernobyl in the Ukraine on April 26, 1986, and Japan's ongoing meltdown at Fukushima. The protests were also aimed at getting France, proportionally the world's biggest user of nuclear power, to shut aging plants.

Audi Jobs

Audi expects to create more than 10,000 new jobs over the coming nine years as steady growth in sales translates into an increasing need for manpower, the car maker said last weekend. Audi, which belongs to Volkswagen, aims to take over BMW's position as the biggest maker of luxury cars in the world. Last year 1.1 million new Audis hit the roads, followed by an expected 1.2 million this year and a projected 1.5 million per year by 2015. This year Audi will hire 1,200 new workers worldwide and bring more than 200 contract workers on board as employees as well as giving 700 apprentices jobs. One focus of the expansion will be America, with sales there up 14 percent this year, but a decision on whether to build an assembly plant in the United States is still being weighed. Such a move would create up to 2,000 new jobs, but the United States is not the only market in Audi's sights.

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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've recently become an Army wife and I have been reading some of the letters from other wives and they are truly moving.

I'm curious about something. I've seen where husbands leave, cheat and don't take care of their responsibilities. I thought that the Army makes them take care of their wives until they are legally divorced. How are they able to just walk away from their responsibilities and then no one really helps the wives?

I'm an analyzer and that is something I've wanted to ask. I sat down with my husband, and I drove the message forward, the message of family and how important it is. Do they just put the wives and kids out on the street after the husband walks away?

Just Curious

Dear Curious,

Yours is a great question. I'm not sure what the Defense Department or what that specific military branch of service does about

infidelity or the servicemember kicking the wife out on the streets.

However, I do know if they live in base quarters assigned to the servicemember who decides to leave, the spouse has to make other living arrangements. I've heard some housing offices allow the spouse an additional 30 days. In other cases, the commanders and NCOs get involved and advocate for the spouse. Unfortunately, some do nothing. Many spouses reach out to their congressman or woman.

Many readers regret it when letters like these are printed. They believe it makes the servicemember out to be the bad guy and puts a dark cloud on military personnel as a whole. I believe military lifestyles, marriages and relationships are a microcosm of society and we have the same issues as anyone else in any other community.

Yes, many people have successful military marriages. On the other hand, infidelity is a huge problem in the military or I wouldn't get so many letters from people facing this issue. I'm not trying to attack anyone. I'm only trying to reach out and connect with people who write and share their stories with me, good and bad.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I'm a stay-at-home mom because putting our two children in daycare costs too much. My husband has been on recruiting duty for the past two years. During this duty he has come home very late, sometimes at midnight. Since I'm on my own for practically the entire day I surf the Internet.

There was one point in time when I considered leaving my husband for another man. This man wooed me and showed me attention but he was

in another state. On the day when I was going to begin packing to leave, I just couldn't do it.

I truly love my husband, but I feel like our spark isn't there. I've told him that and that he will have to win me back but so far he hasn't done anything. I'm hanging on to a fiber of my love for him and I fear that if he doesn't act fast I'll lose it. What should I do?

Hanging On

Dear Hanging On,

If you want your marriage to work then you will have to stop looking for love in the arms of another man.

We can all find another man who will woo us. However, in the end you will find this man is not who you are looking for, either.

I know it must be hard being home all day. Recruiters have grueling hours and spend a lot of time away from home. However, you must find ways to enhance your personal growth. I remember working in some positions not because the pay was great or because it was worth the daycare expense but for my personal growth.

Consider working out of the home, taking college classes or volunteering in the community with an agency that will pay for hourly care for your children while you volunteer.

Conversely, I must be honest with you. It sounds like you are not happy with your husband. However, if you are, it's time to talk to him about ways to increase intimacy. Have a heart to heart with him and discuss ways he can decrease his work hours even if it's minimally. I really want your marriage to work but if the spark isn't there, try tying a knot in the "fiber" of love that's left.

Diabetes education program begins

By **Kristen Marquez**

HMEDDACC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Heidelberg Medical Department Activity is beginning a diabetes education program for patients with diabetes and their families, friends or others interested in learning more.

The class, known as Friends for Diabetics, will be held at 1:30-4:30 p.m. May 20 at the Heidelberg Health Center.

Patients from the Stuttgart and Mannheim areas can visit their clinics to attend the class via video teleconference.

"Since we don't have a formal diabetes support group, Friends for Diabetics is a great opportunity for everyone to get together and learn from each other on managing this chronic disease," said Capt. Leilani Cesneros, RN,

Area Clinics

Heidelberg – DSN 371-3392, civ. 06221-17-3392
Mannheim – DSN 380-9306, civ. 0621-730-9306
Coleman – DSN 382-5137, civ. 0621-779-5137
Stuttgart – DSN 430-8911, civ. 0711-680-8911

MSN, Nurse Educator in the Family Practice Clinic at the Heidelberg Health Center.

"This is another step in reaching out to our patients and to show them that they are not alone," Cesneros said.

The first session will include speakers from nutrition, pharmacy and behavioral health departments who will cover topics such as proper menu planning, medication and stress management.

The Wellness Center will also discuss programs and classes they offer

for diabetics. Each topic will be specific to issues faced by diabetics.

The class will be scheduled on a quarterly basis with new topics for each session. Upcoming class topics may include special events for National Diabetes Month in November and a healthy heart class for February.

Future class topics can also be planned based on what patients would like to learn, Cesneros said.

"We will have experts from many of our clinics and sections available to speak to the patients and answer any questions they may have," Cesneros said. "The class is meant to be informative and interactive. If there is a specific topic or clinic the class would like to hear about, we can certainly schedule that for the future," Cesneros said.

Emergency Numbers

Heidelberg, Mannheim and Kaiserslautern Emergency – DSN 114

Heidelberg civ. 06221-57-114

Mannheim civ. 0621-730-114

Kaiserslautern civ. 0631-536-114

Fire and Ambulance – DSN 117

Heidelberg civ. 06221-57-117

Mannheim civ. 0621-730-117

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When traveling in Europe or Germany, dial 112 to reach emergency services.

Non-Emergency Numbers

Heidelberg – MP Desk-DSN 388-2222, civ. 06221-678-2333; German Police Liaison-

DSN 388-2564, civ. 06221-678-2581

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Kaiserslautern – MP Desk-DSN 489-7070,

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area events

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April 28

Munich Ballet Weeks – The annual Munich Ballet Weeks showcases the talents of the Bavarian State Ballet. This year's main performance will be a new variation of the classic Swan Lake, inspired by King Ludwig, the "Mad" Bavarian king who built Neuschwanstein Castle. The event runs through April 30. Performances take place at the National Theater located at Max-Joseph-Platz 1, 80539 in Munich. www.buzzoffbase.com.

Frankfurt Fair – Millions of people will attend the open air fair of the year on the Festplatz am Ratsweg in Frankfurt known as the Spring Dippemess Fair. There are huge fireworks displays, carousels, a rollercoaster, wine, beer and food. The fair is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through May 8 at Festplatz am Ratsweg, Am Bornheimer Hang 4, 60386 Frankfurt.

Munich Spring Beer Festival – Think Oktoberfest, then shrink it. The Munich Spring Festival is sometimes called the "Kleine Wiesn" (Little Oktoberfest) or the "Kleine Schwester des Oktoberfestes" (Oktoberfest's Little Sister). The fest runs until May 2 and takes place on Munich's Theresienwiese. www.buzzoffbase.com.

Formula 1 Motorsport Adventure – Get tickets now at a special price for German, British and American troops to a Formula 1 race July 21-24 at Nueburging, Nueburging Boulevard 1, 53520 Nueburg. Children up to 14 years old are admitted free if accompanied by a ticketed adult. Those 15-17 get half off the ticket price. Camping is available. For tickets, go to www.bist-du-schnell-bist-du-dabei.de/Buchung_F1_2011_eng.pdf and click on the English pdf icon to navigate to the fillable form which must be faxed in with a valid e-mail address.

April 29

Segway Tours – See the sights of Nueburg on a Segway tour. Segways are two-wheeled electrically powered vehicles that are operated by shifting your weight forwards and backwards to control speed and direction. Segway tour Nueburg is located at WeiBgerbergasse 10, 90403 Nueburg in the center of town and offers two tours. Call civ. 0911-93-3250 to book a tour. www.segwaytour-nuernberg.de/index.html.

Roxette Concert – Tickets are now on sale for the Roxette concert. The Swedish pop duo will play the SAP Arena in Mannheim, 8 p.m. Oct. 16. Tickets: civ. 0621-10-1011, online at www.rheinneckarticket.de or www.bb-promotion.com and at local ticket agents.

Frankfurt Children's Museum – The Children's Museum is part of the Frankfurt Historical Museum and develops and

presents exhibitions especially for children on topics of local historical and cultural relevance. It offers not only direct access to authentic historical objects, but also a hands-on learning experiences. In all exhibits, visitors are encouraged to play an active role. Touching, testing, trying out: independent thinking and an autonomous learning environment are central to the Children's Museum. The museum is located at An der Hauptwache 15, Frankfurt, Germany, 60313. Civ. 06921235154. www.buzzoffbase.com.

April 30

Merengue Competition – Armstrong's Community Club on Vogelweh Housing in Kaiserslautern will host a merengue competition 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Prizes awarded for first, second and third places.

Kiddie Volksmarch – To celebrate the Month of the Military Child, the Heidelberg International Wandering Club will host a free Kiddie Volksmarch on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. Children receive a certificate upon completing the 5-kilometer trail. Children up to 12 years are invited to walk and must be accompanied by an adult. Start 9 a.m.-noon in front of the library. E-mail hiwv@yahoo.com, www.hiwv.de.

Sound of Music Tour – Come relive the magic of this all-time favorite movie during the 45th anniversary of its filming. Visit several of the sites made famous in the movie and enjoy the beauty of Salzburg and Berchtesgaden. <http://affiliates.usa.org/Kaiserslautern>.

Stuttgart Spring Festival – Travel to Stuttgart for the Spring Festival, Europe's biggest and most attended festival that attracts 1.5 million guests to the Cannstatter Wesen fair grounds between mid April and the beginning of May. Enjoy modern and traditional fairground rides, side-shows, beer tents and catering stalls full of family fun and entertainment. <http://affiliates.usa.org/rheinmain/files>.

Maimarkt – Mannheim's May Fair, April 30 through May 10, boasts a tradition of over 400 years as a regional fair among Germany's largest. Over 1,400 vendors on the fairgrounds near Mannheim's SAP Arena offer everything from tools, building materials, livestock, home entertainment, travel information, sporting goods and farm supplies. The fair is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Advance tickets are now on sale. A good bargain is the VRN Maimarkt ticket which combines a public transportation return ticket from anywhere inside the VRN network available at more than 300 outlets in the region. www.maimarkt.de.

May 1

German National Museum – View a

huge collection of international and local artwork depicting Germany's colorful history. The museum houses ancient artifacts and sculptures, musical instruments and special items to entice even younger visitors. Admission is free on Tuesdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesdays.

May 5

Special Olympics – The annual Special Olympics Deutschland competition will be held at the German police academy in Enkenbach-Alsenborn near Kaiserslautern 9 a.m.-3 p.m. www.mwrgermany.com.

Sade Concert – Sade's European tour comes to Germany. The legendary songstress and her band perform at the Festhalle Messe in Frankfurt 8 p.m. Sade will also perform in Stuttgart 8 p.m. May 7. Tickets: www.Worldticketshop.com.

May 6

Yabadoo Fun Park – Spend the day at Yabadoo indoor-play park in Mehlingen near Kaiserslautern. This family-friendly park features trampolines, swings, bouncy castles, slides, soccer field, a toddler's play area and more. Snack bar also available. Civ. 06303-80-6069.

May 8

Mother's Day Cruise – Enjoy a trip on the Rhein river and cruise to the famous Loreley. You'll spot castles and beautiful scenery along this stretch of the Rhein. There will also be time for lunch, shopping and more sight seeing. <http://affiliates.usa.org/rheinmain>.

May 12

Prague Spring Music Festival – The Prague Spring International Music Festival showcases an outstanding roster of artists and performances – from symphonies and orchestras to world music ensembles. The first ever festival was held soon after the end of World War II, and takes place in various theaters around Prague, most notably at the Prague State Opera, Estates Theater, Rudolfinum, Municipal House and the National Theater. For a complete listing of events and locations visit www.prague-spring.net.

May 14

Art Exhibit – The opening reception for the exhibit Zev Paul: Kachinas and Other Lovers: A New Look at World Iconography begins at 7 p.m. The exhibit runs through May 29 at the Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338,9418.

THEATERS

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS

(Reese Witherspoon, Robert Pattinson) A handsome veterinary student falls for a married circus performer in this romantic drama adapted from author Sara Gruen's best-selling novel and directed by Francis Lawrence. When Jacob (Robert Pattinson) meets Marlena (Reese Witherspoon), it's love at first sight – their shared affections for an extraordinary elephant stirring profound feelings of compassion within both of them. Theirs is a love that could span lifetimes, though the wrath of Marlena's dangerously domineering husband, August, threatens to spell tragedy for all involved. (PG-13 for violence and creature terror and some sensuality). 120 minutes.



PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

April 28 - RIO (PG) 7 p.m.
 April 29 - GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 7 p.m.; WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 9 p.m.
 April 30 - GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 4 p.m.; JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 7 p.m.; WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 9 p.m.
 May 1 - JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 4 p.m.; WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 2 - JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 7 p.m.
 May 3 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 4 - GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 7 p.m.
 May 5 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

April 29 - RIO (PG) 7 p.m.
 April 30 - GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 4 p.m.; JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 7 p.m.
 May 1 - GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

April 28 - RIO (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; JUST GO WITH IT (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; I AM NUMBER FOUR (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
 April 29 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.
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 May 2 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.
 May 3 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.
 May 4 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.
 May 5 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; GNOMEO & JULIET (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

THEATER INFORMATION

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

Visit www.aafes.com for updated listings and more movie descriptions
 Mannheim, CinemaxX, P4 13, 68161 Mannheim, civ. 01805-62-5466, www.cineplex.de

Mannheim, CinemaxX

April 28-May 3 – FAST, FURIOUS FIVE (PG-13) 5:30 p.m. and May 2-4 at 8:15 p.m.
 April 28-May 4 – PAUL (R) 5:15 p.m.
 May 4 – UNKNOWN IDENTITY (PG-13) 7:45 p.m.

community HIGHLIGHTS

Optical Shop Closes Mondays

The Optical Shop on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg announces a temporary closure of the shop on Mondays until further notice. It will return to regular hours of operation as soon as possible. Civ. 06221-60-2146.

Heidelberg Health Center

The Heidelberg Health Center Same Day Surgery department is now closed. Also, the Acute Care Clinic is no longer open on Sundays. Pick up a host nation healthcare guide at the TRICARE service center inside the Heidelberg Health Center or go to <https://ermc.amedd.army.mil/heidelberg/index.cfm>.

Prescription Refills

Effective May 1, patients who need refills on prescriptions at the Heidelberg Health Center must now use the phone-in automated system to order refills and then pick them up the next day. The call-in system can be reached at DSN 486-5601, civ. 06371-86-5601.

SAFER Exposition

The Mannheim Heidelberg Soldier and Families Evaluating Risk Exposition and Summer Safety Day will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 5 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. The day promotes healthy lifestyles among Soldiers, civilians, students and family members by presenting safety training and information. DSN 373-1670, civ. 06221-17-9082.

Motorcycle Safety

Motorcycle Safety Days will take place in Heidelberg and Kaiserslautern in May. The 21st Theater Sustainment Command has scheduled a Motorcycle Safety Day at Kapaun Air Station in Kaiserslautern 9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6. Riders will have their motorcycles inspected, equipment and apparel checked, complete an obstacle course and conduct a 35-kilometer safety ride to Bann and Landstuhl and back. DSN 484-8446. The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Motorcycle Safety Day will be 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. May 26 at the Heidelberg Army Airfield. DSN 373-1670, civ. 06221-17-1670.

Communicating with commissary

Commissary customers seeking the fastest resolution for a local commissary concern should contact their local store director via e-mail on the store's web page. To access your local commissary page, go to www.commissaries.com.

Mega-Mini

Visit select facilities and events in U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg May 1-Sept. 30 to get an entry form for the Mega Mini-Cooper giveaway. DSN 373-9867, civ. 06221-17-9867, www.mwrgermany.com.

local EMPLOYMENT

Education Center

Central Texas College has substitute and part time positions available at the Patton Barracks Education Center for administrative assistant, test examiner and counselor aide. DSN 373-6176, civ. 06221-17-6176.

Volunteer Wanted

The American Red Cross is seeking a Health and Safety Services chairman to the deliver health and safety educational programs and materials. Stop by Bldg. 3850 on the Heidelberg Shopping Center, room 263. DSN 370-1760, civ. 06221-17-1760.

KAISERSLAUTERN

Education

•**German** – Free German classes are offered noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Landstuhl Library, Bldg. 3810, and Miesau Library, Bldg. 132 and on Fridays at Kleber Library, Bldg. 3205. Landstuhl: DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-8390. Miesau: DSN 481-3755, civ. 06372-842-4355. Kleber: DSN 483-1740, civ. 06371-411-1740.

Community

•**Military Child Celebration** – Be treated to food and entertainment 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 30 at Pulaski Park for the Month of the Military Child Celebration. DSN 486-8915, civ. 0631-354-9986, www.mwrgermany.com.

•**Gone Fishing** – EDGE! youth learn fundamental fishing skills to include knot tying, casting, baiting the hook and German fishing laws 4-6 p.m. May 4, 11, 18, and 25, location TBD. DSN 493-4122, civ. 0631-3406/4122.

•**Special Olympics** – The 2011 Special Olympics Deutschland takes place 9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 5 at the Enkenbach-Alsenborn Police Academy. DSN 493-4241, civ. 0631-3406-4241. E-mail: usaqkpa@eur.army.mil.

•**Comforts of Home** – EDGE! kids explore recipes, learn fun facts about as they learn to make signature dishes from the United States 4-6 p.m. May 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the Child Development Center on Landstuhl Post. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406.

•**Ready, Set, Action** – EDGE! youth explore digital filmmaking and direct, film, edit and create a movie 4-6 p.m. May 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the Youth Center on Landstuhl Post. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-4122.

•**Salsa Night** – Learn to salsa with a free one-hour free salsa lesson 9 p.m.-2 a.m. April 30, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at Armstrong's Community Club on Vogelweh. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

•**U.S. Army Soldier Show** – The 28th annual Soldier Show will be 7 p.m. June 8 at the Fitness Center on Vogelweh Housing. DSN 483-6252, civ. 06314116252, www.mwrgermany.com.

•**Knitting** – If you like to knit then stop by the Kaiserslautern Library 5-6 p.m. Thursdays on Landstuhl or 5-7 p.m. Thursdays on Kleber. Kaiserslautern Library: DSN 486-7322, civ. 06374-86-7322; Kleber DSN 483-1740, civ. 0631-411-1740.

•**Kazabra Karaoke** – Sing your favorite songs 8 p.m.-midnight Thursdays at the Kazabra Club on Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261.

HEIDELBERG

Education

•**ACS Classes** – Stress Management, 1-3 p.m. May 3; Intro to MS Excel, 9-11 a.m. May 3-4; The New You – Transition to Civilian Life 10

a.m.-noon May 5 on Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622, Company B conference room.

Community

•**Detour** – Construction on the road outside of Patton Barracks, Speyerer Strasse continues until the end of May. A right turn onto the road by the German Fire Station followed by a u-turn is not possible. Motorists will need to travel to the next stop-light and use the traffic circle near ADAC to go back to Patton. Also, it is not possible to go left toward Patrick Henry Village when leaving Patton Barracks. Drivers must turn right and make a u-turn at the next light.

•**9/11 Remembrance** – AFN Heidelberg is looking for Americans and Germans living and working in the USAG Baden-Württemberg community who were significantly affected by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. To share your story, go to afneurope.net, click on the publicity request form and send it to www.hbg_traffic@afn.dma.mil with the subject line 9/11 Remembrance. Make sure to provide a phone number and e-mail. DSN 382-5073, civ. 0621-779-5073.

•**Bingo** – The seniors' parents association is sponsoring a polish pottery bingo night 6:30 p.m. April 30 at the middle school on Patrick Henry Village.

•**Volkmarches** – The Heidelberg International Wandering Club is registered for walks in Oberstenfeld, Bockenau and Wiesbaden-Frauenstein (Sunday only) April 30 and May 1 and Ramstein, Bitzfeld, May 8. www.hiwv.de.

•**Trash Pick Up** – The Easter holidays will change pick up dates for all trash and recyclables in Heidelberg housing areas and economy housing. Pick up this week will be postponed by one day ending with the Friday pick up April 30.

•**JROTC** – The Heidelberg High School Junior ROTC will compete in a drill meet 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 30 in the high school gymnasium.

•**Village Grille** – Starting May 1, the Village Grille will have new hours. It will be open for bingo 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 5-10 p.m. Fridays, 10 am.-10 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays. DSN 388-9447, www.mwrgermany.com.

•**Dental Buses Decommissioned** – The Europe Regional Dental Command will hold a decommissioning ceremony for two of its Mobile Dental Clinic buses 2:30 p.m. May 2 in front of the command headquarters, Bldg. 3609, on Nachrichten Kaserne.

•**Climb the Ropes** – Heidelberg BOSS, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, take on the challenge of the Tompkins Barracks Ropes Course 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 4. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

•**Stammtisch** – Join the English Language Stammtisch 6:30 p.m.

May 4 at the Hotel Ritter St. George on Hauptstrasse 178 in the Altstadt. Discussion will be Nuclear Strategy, Missile Defense and NATO's history and future with D.John Williams, the first foreigner to be head of a local political party in Germany. Civ. 06221-80-4976.

•**Summer Academics** – Parent to Parent is presenting the workshop "Preventing the Summer Slide: How to Keep Children Academically Engaged over the Summer" 8:30 a.m. May 6 at Patrick Henry Elementary School and 8:30 a.m. May 19 at Heidelberg Middle School. All parents are welcome.

•**Bread for Journey** – Respond by May 6 to hear Sister Maureen Colleary present "Eucharist, Bread for the Journey" 6 p.m. May 10 at Patrick Henry Village Middle School. E-mail: blesings06@aol.com.

•**Panther's Place** – The Middle School multipurpose room is the place for the Spring Fling dance 7-10 p.m. May 6. DSN 388-9396.

•**Bike Maintenance** – The library on Patrick Henry Village will host a basic bicycle maintenance and repair workshop 2-4 p.m. May 7. Bring your bike. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

•**Asian-Pacific Heritage** – "Leadership, Diversity, Empowerment and Beyond" is the theme of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. May 10 in the Casablanca room on Campbell Barracks. DSN 371-2719, civ. 06221-17-2719.

•**Old School** – For Reggae fans, the Recovery Room on Nachrichten Kaserne offers an old school party featuring Sauvage and disc jockey Mad Logic 9 p.m. May 14. DSN 371-2762, civ. 06221-17-2762.

•**BOSS** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers offers SCUBA diving and barbecue in nearby Kronau May 14. Transportation provided. Register at Outdoor Recreation. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5272.

•**Doctors and Nurses** – Dress as a doctor or nurse and join the party 7 p.m. May 14 at Slapshots on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5190, civ. 06221-17-5190.

•**Town Hall** – U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg will host a town hall meeting at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion 6 p.m. May 18.

•**Crazy for You** – The Roadside Theater presents "Crazy For You" 7 p.m. May 20-June 12 on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, www.mwrgermany.com.

•**Right Arm** – The next Right Arm Nights will be held 5-7 p.m. May 20, June 16, July 15, Aug. 18 and Sept. 16 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village.

•**Boat Cruise, Castle Fire** – The Rhein-Neckar Silver Chapter Warrant Officers Association is hosting its River Boat Cruise and Castle

Fireworks July 30 and the Wounded Warrior Heidelberg Castle Illumination on Sept. 3. DSN 370-5101, civ. 06221-57-5101, www.rhein-neckar-silver.com.

MANNHEIM

Education

•**ACS Classes** – Personal Financial Management Training, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 2; Key Caller, 9-11 a.m. May 2; Account and Budget Management, 3:30-4:30 p.m. May 2; Mommy and Me Signing Time, 3-4 p.m. May 3, Bldg. 251; AFTB Level III, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 3-5; Green Baby Group, 1-2:30 p.m. May 4, Bldg. 254; Pregnancy Support Group, 1-2:30 p.m. May 5, Bldg. 251. Classes are at ACS unless noted.

Community

•**Month of the Military Child Barbecue** – Wrap up the Month of the Military Child 3:30-5:30 p.m. April 29 at a barbecue for School Age Center family members in Bldg. 737. DSN 380-4321, civ. 0621-730-4321, www.mwrgermany.com.

•**Community Yard Sale** – Buy or sell at the community yard sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m. April 30-May 1 on Benjamin Franklin Village. Residents may set up in front of quarters except residents on Washington and Lincoln Streets who must set up in front of the Sports Arena. Rent tables from Spinelli Outdoor Recreation or on-site (at the Sports Arena). DSN 385-3169, civ. 0621-730-3169.

•**Cinco De Mayo** – The Youth Center, Bldg. 696, will celebrate one of the best days of the year, Cinco De Mayo, 4-7 p.m. May 5. DSN 380-4864, civ. 0621-730-4864, www.mwrgermany.com.

•**Stuttgart Zoo** – Spinelli Outdoor Recreation takes you to one of Germany's largest zoos in Stuttgart May 8, departing the Schuh Theater at 8 a.m. DSN 384-6300, civ. 0621-730-6300, www.mwrgermany.com.

•**Blue Sunday** – Enjoy blues and oldies and DJ Big Money at the Top Hat Club 5-9 p.m. May 15. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, www.mwrgermany.com.

•**Miramar Swimmbad** – The Youth Center sponsors a trip to the local Miramar Swimmbad 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 21. DSN 380-4864, civ. 0621-730-4864, www.mwrgermany.com.

•**Moving On** – Mannheim Middle School and Mannheim High School will host a "Moving On" celebration 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 9 on Woods Field. Entertainment will be provided by the U.S. Army Europe band, both schools' bands and drama students.

•**Salsa Lessons** – Learn to salsa 6-7 p.m. for level one and 7-8 p.m. for level two on Wednesdays at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, www.mwrgermany.com.

Soldiers compete in grueling race

By Spc. Glenn Anderson
221ST PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NÜRBURGRING, Germany – Two Army Reserve Soldiers of the 7th Civil Support Command were among 9,000 participants competing in the 2011 Fisherman's Friend Strongman Run April 17.

Maj. Daniel J. Meyers, the civil military operations chief for Bravo Company, 457th Civil Affairs Battalion, Bamberg, and Capt. Patrick Considine, the commander of Delta Company, 457th CA Battalion, 361st Civil Affairs Brigade, 7th CSC, sped across the starting line that took 20 minutes for all the runners to cross.

The 18-kilometer course, the size of 600 soccer fields, was littered with obstacles with names like Double Trouble, Alcatraz and Stairway to Heaven, pushing

even the fittest Soldiers to their physical limits.

"I know obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal, but those were some really tough obstacles," Meyers said. "I just wanted to get over the next obstacle and head for the one after that."

Competitors from 41 countries attempted to complete the Strongman run within the three hour, 30 minute time limit.

Capt. Bradley Stubblefield, assistant plans officer, 18th Engineer Brigade, came for the experience and the challenge.

"I came here for the excitement and adventure. It (the race) was very crowded and very challenging, but it was fun," Stubblefield said. "Pace yourself, it's a long run."

The Soldiers were not the only Americans to



By Spc. Glenn Anderson

Muddied participants in the Fisherman's Friend Strongman Run proceed down one of the obstacles encountered by close to 9,000 competitors in the 18-kilometer race at the Nürburgring April 17.

participate.

There were 60 other competitors, including two aged 71 who listed their nationality as the United States of America on the roster.

Strongman sponsors said 10,940 competitors signed up, but only 8,890 runners started, 8,547 finished and 7,316 finished in less than three

hours and 30 minutes.

Both 7th CSC Soldiers finished the race in less than three hours, 45 minutes and decided to return in 2012 for the next Strongmanrun.

"We trained for several months, but it looks like we could have trained a little more," Considine said. "I can't wait until next year to try it again."

High School Track, Youth Soccer



Linda Steil

Above, Sterling Jones, right, hands off to Andre Brown in the 4x100 relay Saturday in Ramstein. The team ran a time of 44:03 coming in second behind Ramstein and qualifying for European Championships. Above right, Lindsey Duckworth runs the 1500-meter race finishing in 5:21:84. She was third and qualified for Europeans. The girls team finished fourth overall with 85 points behind Patch 114, Kaiserslautern 118 and Ramstein 129. The boys track team came in second with 144.333 points behind winner Ramstein 178.5. Bottom right, Heidelberg player Andrew Guelle holds the ball as Mannheim's Ajay Limin approaches in a scrimmage played April 18 in Mannheim.



Linda Steil



Wendy Aldcroft

staying ACTIVE

Hole in One Club

Jeff Beaver made a hole in one at Heidelberg Golf Club's hole number four April 16 using a pitching wedge from 127 yards. Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Heidelberg High School

Heidelberg High School Soccer teams play at home vs. Hohenfels April 29 with varsity girls at 4 p.m., varsity boys at 6 p.m. and junior varsity boys at 8 p.m. Boys baseball and girls softball play double headers at home vs. Hohenfels April 30 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Track and Field team competes at home 10 a.m. April 30 against Ramstein, Bitburg, Kaiserslautern, Mannheim, Baumholder, AFNORTH and Ansbach.

Heidelberg Volleyball

Heidelberg unit-level volleyball games are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. – the Roughnecks vs. U.S. Army Europe – and 7:30 p.m. – 4th Air Support Operations Group vs. Heidelberg Medical Department Activity April 27.

Bodybuilding and Figure Invitational

A Bodybuilding and Figure Invitational will be held 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. May 7 at Kaiserslautern High School on Vogelweh. DSN 493-2088, civ. 0631-3406-2088.

Heidelberg Unit Softball

The registration deadline for Heidelberg Softball leagues is May 4 for the season May 11-Aug. 1 for military members over 18 years and not in high school. Teams may register at the Campbell, Patton and Tompkins Barracks fitness centers. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

Kaiserslautern Unit Softball

Sign up by May 18 for unit-level softball beginning 6 p.m. May 23 on Kaiserslautern Army Depot and Landstuhl Sports Field. DSN 493-2086, civ. 0631-340-2086.

Best Ball Golf

Register by May 21 for the two-person best ball tournament 9 a.m. May 28 at the Heidelberg Golf Club an der Bundestrasse 291, Offersheim. Players must have a verifiable handicap. DSN 379-6139.

Dog, Human 5-K Run, Fitness Fest

Dogs and owners can run or walk 5 kilometers May 21 at the Campbell Barracks Fitness Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the event begins at 9 a.m. Non-dog owners can participate. The event is conducted in conjunction with the commissary's Family Fitness Festival which offers family friendly activities all day. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489, www.mwrgermany.com.

Family, Fitness, Fun Festival

Find nutritious food from the farmers market while kids work up a sweat in the bouncing inflatables or play basketball toss. Adults can join the Zumba Fitness Party, get personal trainer assessments or tips on staying fit 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. May 28 at the Family, Fitness and Fun Festival in the commissary parking lot on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim. Civ. 0621-728-3626.

Head Coach Wanted

The Heidelberg sports office is accepting resumes for the position of Heidelberg Community Men's Softball Head Coach. Contact Heidelberg sports. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

Community Softball Coaches

The Heidelberg men's and women's community softball teams are conducting tryouts and practices 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Patton sports field in Heidelberg. Heidelberg and Mannheim players are invited. DSN:373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

Mannheim Bowling

Join the Memorial Day nine-pin bowling tournament 2-5 p.m. May 30 at the Benjamin Franklin Village Bowling Center. DSN 380-9528, civ. 0621-730-9528.

CHINOOKS

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navigational package which give the crew increased situational awareness said Maj. Shane Morris with the Aviation Branch of Program Executive Office.

Moving these new Chinooks through theater is not a new mission for the logisticians, transporters and aviation experts involved in the operation but one of many major shipments of aviation equipment the Theater Aviation Sustainment Manager-Europe supports.

"This organization has been involved with the incoming and outgoing of all rotary wing aircraft since World War II," said Lt. Col. Kye Allen, the commander of TASM-E.

"Whether it is via strategic airlift, line haul or sea-going vessel, the TASM-E has 'touched' all aircraft movements in the theater and without incident or accident," Allen said.

The helicopters were moved via a combination of heavy land transport, sea-going vessel, river vessel and even tractors when they were towed on their own wheels down a four-lane divided German highway at just a little bit faster than jogging speed.

Their journey began at the Boeing Factory in Philadelphia where they are manufactured.

They then moved by land transport

to the Port of Baltimore where they were loaded onto a cargo ship for the three-week crossing of the Atlantic alongside other military and non-military cargo such as servicemembers' cars.

After the sea voyage, the helicopters were offloaded from the sea vessel and transferred to a river barge.

The helicopters were so large that they had to be moved in two shipments of six.

Upon arriving in Lampertsheim after a two-and-a-half-day journey down the Rhine River, the helicopters were offloaded at a barge site regularly used by the 598th Transportation Brigade.

At about \$30 million each, these helicopters, while not delicate, are quite valuable cargo, and care is taken every step of the way.

Morris, a veteran Chinook pilot, was sent by PEO to help ensure effective delivery to the customer.

Acting as a sort of customer service representative and subject matter expert, Morris observed all stages of the shipment and coordinated directly with the receiving unit to make sure it got what it expected.

For Morris, the mission took on a personal importance as he helped facilitate the delivery of these helicopters to his fellow aviators.

"It's a great feeling seeing those air-



Capt. Greg Jones

A tractor operated by personnel from the Theater Aviation Sustainment Manager-Europe pulls a CH-47F Chinook heavy transport helicopter destined for the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Ansbach, Germany, during recent port operations conducted in Antwerp, Belgium, as part of a new equipment fielding effort supported by the 21st Theater Sustainment Command and other theater logistics organizations.

craft floating down the Rhine River knowing they are going to Soldiers giving them the latest technology," said Morris, referring to the river vessel that carried the helicopters from Antwerp to Coleman Barracks in Mannheim.

The helicopters will see combat service during the brigade's deployment to Afghanistan, a deployment

that will include the new CH-47F Chinooks. Their movement and delivery was made possible through the combined efforts of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army Europe Headquarters, 405th Army Field Support Brigade, 598th Transportation Brigade, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, Department of the Army and other organizations.

T3 MOTION

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a second set of batteries so if those run out we can just swap. Essentially it could run 24 hours non-stop," Hockensmith said.

Drivers must wear a helmet, eye protection and gloves before operating the T3 Motion. The vehicle supports one rid-

er at a time but an attachment is available to tow small loads.

"It was a cost-savings initiative trying to see what the capabilities and uses of the vehicle are and how we can apply it within the structure of the garrison in order to support the mission," Hockensmith said. He added that the vehicle produces zero emissions. "The only downside may be

the electricity use. Otherwise it doesn't draw on nature or environment and the charger will automatically cut itself off when the batteries are full."

The unit purchased the \$10,000 vehicle after it turned in one of its patrol cars.

"It is a fuel-efficient vehicle which allows us to interact with the public by reducing barriers and putting us closer

to (them)," said Melvin Jones, USAG Baden-Württemberg director of Emergency Services. He first spotted the vehicle at a convention last year and wanted to purchase it after test-driving one.

The T3 Motion's average speed ranges from 5 to 32 kilometers an hour and can be adjusted for training purposes. Jones added that he doesn't

know of any other garrison in Germany using the T3 Motion. Right now the directorate only has one T3 Motion but it is looking to expand the fleet.

"If the test pans out as we expect, we'd like to procure more vehicles and distribute them throughout the community because they're useful," Jones said.

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year's William C. Gribble, Jr., DPW Executive of the Year Award.

"Whatever success that I've had in my organization has been due to our team and to the commanders allowing us to do things we need to do," said Mack, who has led the garrison DPWs staff for nearly six years.

Each year, IMCOM recognizes superior performance and outstanding contributions of Army public works employees and organizations. Lt. Col. Kevin Hutchison, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern commander, recommended Mack, citing his knowledge of DPW operations, maintenance, sustainment, finance, resource allocation, and environmental stewardship.

"His exceptional management of personnel and resources, his leader-

ship, drive and common sense approach make him unique," Hutchison wrote in Mack's recommendation. "He is exceptional at what he does."

Raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mack, 66, served in the Reserve Officer Training Corps while studying architecture in college. Graduating in 1967, he was commissioned as an Army lieutenant and served tours in Vietnam, Korea and Germany. In 1975, during a force reduction, Mack hung up his Army captain's uniform but remained in Germany working as a government civilian in Zweibrücken. By 1992, he moved to Kaiserslautern, working within DPW ever since.

On April 7, Col. William Butcher, USAG Baden-Württemberg commander, notified Mack of his selection, saying he was proud of Mack's accomplishments and thanking him for his support of the Kaiserslautern

community.

William Holz, the DPW's deputy director, said his boss is a "go-to guy" who takes a "hands-on approach" to projects and works tirelessly to get things accomplished.

"There is no one more deserving of this award," Holz said.

However, Mack humbly credits the people working in the DPW for his recent recognition. Accomplishments are due to "good people, good team work and good commanders," he said.

As director, Mack oversees Army public works in the largest U.S. military community in Europe. That includes maintenance of 14 million square feet of building space, a budget of more than \$100 million, 80 employees – plus 290 contracted personnel.

The garrison DPW provides base operations support to 15 Army installations in the Kaiserslautern Military

Community including kasernes in Kaiserslautern, Landstuhl, Miesau and Pirmasens. They maintain 2,670 facilities, 7,750 acres of land, 18 miles of rail lines, 143 miles of paved roads and 60 miles of unpaved roads.

The DPW team is always looking forward, Mack said.

"We anticipate things," Mack said. "We have the attitude that we can always execute."

Last year, the DPW logged 14,000 service orders. Many work requests were part of the Army's transformation in Europe, with many more units moving or planning to move to Kaiserslautern. Quick turnarounds on work requests have led to high customer satisfaction, Holz said.

"The DPW is service organization," Mack said. "We exist to provide a service to our Soldiers and civilians. And that's what we do."