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

### Program offers helping hand to college students

By Charles M. Belluomo

Most full-time college students spend their summer breaks either vacationing or working. This year, 34 college students did both by participating in the Workforce Recruitment Program with the U.S. Army in Europe.

The program is a partnership between the Department of Labor and Department of Defense that coordinates summer internships for college students with disabilities, explained Rafael Reyes, the U.S. Army Europe Equal Opportunity manager. Universities in the U.S. host annual on-campus recruitment visits. Program recruiters interview, rate and categorize student applicants in a national database. Federal and non-federal employers can search database candidates for temporary and full-time employment.

But the WRP isn't just an employment program.

"WRP doesn't hire. We simply coordinate the effort," Reyes said. Jobs depend on military and civilian managers who can mentor and develop the students.

The goal is to match students with positions relevant to their areas of study or professional interests, but this is not always possible, Reyes explained. The program's aim is to provide developmental internships for participants. Employment is not always available in their chosen area of study, but students can still accept jobs in other fields, he added

Students are eligible for the program see **WRP** page 12



Travis Vowinkel

The Heidelberg recycling center will host an open house 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Sept. 3 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the community's recycling program. Students from Patrick Henry Village Elementary School in Heidelberg hold a millipede, one of nature's natural recyclers, during waste expert training. See story on page 12.

### Fire guts shoppette on Kleber Kaserne

By Rick Scavetta

USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Firefighters from the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force and local German fire stations worked throughout the night Sunday to contain a blaze that destroyed the Kleber Kaserne shoppette and several nearby offices.

The convenience store,

a regular stop for Soldiers, civilians and family members, caught fire just before midnight. A woman driving past noticed flames and reported the fire. Within minutes, dozens of firefighters received late-night calls.

Thick smoke billowed into the night sky as Axel Pollmann, the garrison's deputy fire chief, exited the autobahn in Kaiserslautern's east end. Pulling onto post, Pollmann saw 50-foot flames leaping skyward.

"The whole building was engulfed in flames," Pollmann said. "Five minutes later, the roof collapsed and flames were spreading out. It was a pretty tough fire."

U.S. Air Force officials at Ramstein dispatched firefighters from a nearby Air Force fire station. City fire-fighters from Kaiserslautern also responded. Then, U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's civilian firefighters from Sembach Kaserne and Miesau Army Depot joined the fight.

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#### LANGUAGE TRAINING

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta visited the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Tuesday to praise the next generation of military linguists. Panetta told about 2,500 students the language training they receive at the Presidio of Monterey is critical to the nation's interests and its future.

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#### **COMMAND MESSAGE**

### Know the dos, don'ts of passport usage worldwide

By Mindy Campbell
USAG BAMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAMBERG – The idea of passports or some type of document that identifies you and your nationality has long been a part of history.

Some of the earliest references to passports can be found in the Bible and date back to about 450 B.C. when a man named Nehemiah was given a letter from the king asking distant officials to allow the man safe travel as he journeyed to Judea, according to the book "The Passport: The History of Man's Most Travelled Document."

In the United States, states began issuing passports in 1775. The document was designed by Benjamin Franklin, then the minister to France, and was based on the look of the French passport. It wasn't until 1856 that Congress granted the Department of State sole authority to issue passports.

Today's passports look different but their purpose hasn't changed much. However, they are much more complex documents than the original.

Many people often get confused by the differences in the types of passports and how to use them. There are: tourist (blue cover), official (maroon cover) and diplomatic (black cover).

In addition to the regular tourist passport, there is also a no-fee tourist passport, which also has a blue cover. While an official or diplomatic passport is considered a no-fee passport, the blue no-fee tourist passports are typically issued to family members who are traveling on orders for the U.S. government, according to the Department of State website.

Community members are allowed to have both a no-fee and tourist passport at the same time.

But, when is the right time to use the no-fee passport?

According to the Department of State, a no-fee passport should only be used when traveling overseas on official orders. For example, when you are traveling to a new duty station, you would use your no-fee passport. When traveling for leisure or personal reasons, you must use your tourist passport, said Don Johnson, the Bamberg military passport acceptance agent.

In fact, it is against the law to use your no-fee passport when on leisure travel, said Johnson.

"You could get fined," he said. If you have only a tourist passport, you are technically only allowed to stay in a foreign country a maximum of 90 days every six months.

So, what happens if you came to Germany with just a tourist passport?

No need to worry, said Johnson. If you just have a tourist passport and do not have a no-fee passport, you can go to the passport office and apply for a Status of Forces Agreement, or SOFA, card that can be inserted into your tourist passport.

If you are applying for a tourist passport, the process can take up to four weeks, he said. An official passport can take between four and six weeks to get back. Johnson recommends starting the renewal process at least 90 days before the passport expires.

In addition, while the passport office doesn't process Visa applications, they do have information packets to let you know what you need to do to get one. Johnson encourages community members to start thinking well in advance about applying for a Visa if needed.

"Sometimes it can take up to a year to get through the Visa application process," he said.

If community members have a baby overseas, they will also have to apply for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad before applying for a passport. Parents can also apply for a newborn's social security card at the passport office as well.

The Heidelberg Passport Office on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, Room 232, is open 8-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 8-11:45 a.m. Thursday. DSN 370-3921, civ. 06221-57-8487.

The Mannheim Passport Office on Sullivan Barracks, Bldg 246, Room 101, is open 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Thursday and closed Fridays through Sept. 30. DSN 385-3093, civ. 0621-730-3093.

#### Clarification

In a commentary in the Aug. 4 edition of the Herald Post, "We never really know as much as we think we do," the author suggested that unstapling a SOFA card from a passport may protect individuals from criminals. While such action may make an American abroad slightly less recognizable by local criminals, it may also cause more serious problems. According to the Chief of Passport Services, U.S. Consulate General in Frankfurt, immigration officials may consider the unstabling your SOFA card, or removal of a page containing the SOFA stamp from the bound passport, as an alteration to the passport. They may find it suspicious if a passport has holes from staples and there is nothing there, or they find a loose passport page, and consider the passport

Additionally, future passport applications could be denied if a sufficient and credible explanation of the altered passport is not provided. To avoid potential problems, citizens should not tamper with their passports. Citizens should leave SOFA cards attached. Unstapling or otherwise removing a SOFA card from a passport might help in protection from criminal activity, but it will more likely draw the ire of border officials and cause delay or denial of the ability to travel later on.

SOURCE: USAREUR Public Affairs

Reports of birth are by appointment only.

For information, visit http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\_1738.html.



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#### **DISCUSSION BOARD**

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

(At the) USAG BW Town Hall meeting in Heidelberg, what questions or issues would you like more info on?

"A doggie clean up station or TWO along Alamo Circle, please!! There is not even one on Alamo and despite the recent community campaign to improve the dog poo situation, it's not much better over this way. And, kids destroying the playgrounds."

– Rachel Moxley Madsen , BWnow Facebook fan

"A doggie station will be relocated to the Alamo Circle area. Thanks for your comment on this. We all need to do our part to clean up after our pets ... Your concern about the playgrounds was addressed by a community member at the town hall meeting. There are three courses of action: call the housing office (DSN 387-3346, civ. 06221-4380-3346) and let

them know the location and the problem, whether it's broken playground equipment, graffiti or debris; submit an ICE comment (http://ice.disa.mil); or call in a work order to the DPW service order desk (DSN 387-3310, civ. 06221-4380-3312. If you observe someone destroying the playgrounds, please call the MPs (DSN 388-2222, civ. 06221-678-2333)."

-BWnow Facebook Administrator

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### EFMP makes big splash with summer camp

By Farrah Hamlett

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Workers in the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Exceptional Family Members Program provide special needs children with the togetherness and support of a family through an unconditional readiness to extend a hand.

"I'm happy that children can get a boost of confidence and feel good about themselves when they go on trips with EFMP because they get attention and it makes them feel very special," said Caroline Daniels, leader of the EFMP summer camp.

Daniels was teary eyed and passionate about her job and described the joy she gains by giving children a chance to feel special and loved. To Daniels, every child registered in the EFMP is a star and deserves to be honored.

The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg EFMP is a program that helps military and civilian agencies to deliver services to accommodate those families with special needs and provide care in the areas of community support, housing, medical, educational and personnel issues.

From Aug. 8-12 children registered in EFMP par-



arrah Hamlett

Mannheim and Heidelberg children in the Exceptional Family Member Program watch a zoo employee while standing above the seal habitat along with their adult escorts who volunteered to be buddies for the trip to the Heidelberg zoo as part of the EFMP summer camp held Aug. 8-12 in Heidelberg.

ticipated in a summer camp and traveled to the Heidelberg Zoo and the Jump Inn in Heidelberg and the Luisenpark and Buffalo Park in Mannheim.

Fifteen children from Heidelberg and 11 from Mannheim ventured to the Heidelberg Zoo Aug. 9.

Before they boarded the bus outside the Lion's Den, volunteers along with representatives from Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Soldiers from 515th Transportation Company at Coleman Barracks, the 214th Aviation Company at Coleman Barracks, 51st Transportation Company in Mannheim and seven soldiers from AFN were assigned as buddies for the children's visit to the zoo.

Daniels was amazed at the amount of volunteer support and was proud that people understand the importance of EFMP in the community.

The children who received the opportunity to visit the zoo were equally amazed at the animals and their habitats.

"I am most excited to see the lions, because they roar loud and I also want to see the monkeys because they play a lot and I like to play too," said 12-year old Andre Ross.

Many of the children were eager to see animals they felt

represented their personality and spirit.

"I think I am like a lion and eagle because I run a lot and I often wish I could fly like an eagle," said 9-year old Brianna Smith.

Along with the excellent vision Smith attributes to eagles, soaring in the sky that day were threats of rain, but it didn't damper the spirits of the children. They were quite thrilled to see the sea lions put on a performance.

"My favorite animal is the sea lion because they make a funny noise and a big splash," said Jeremiah Gardner.

Not only did the sea lions make a big impression on the children, but the presence of EFMP brought delight to some of the host nation citizens.

Caroline Daniels told of an encounter at the sea lion show with a German family who was happy to see these young children with disabilities full of energy and gave them a warm, approving smile.

The EFMP welcomes volunteers. For information, go to www.mwrgermany.com/efmp.html, call DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221- 57-6883, or visit them in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg.



Farrah Hamlet

Government Relations Advisor Harry Connors, left, Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber and U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bryan DeCoster, right, stand at the new Park and Ride lot on the east side of the Heidelberg Hauptbahnhof prior to a ceremony to mark the opening of an overpass Aug. 16. The lot, not yet filled with cars, includes a bicycle lot in the area recently occupied by the USAG B-W Directorate of Public Works. The extension of the Bahnhof comes with much planning, negotiation and cooperation between local city leaders and the USAG B-W. Heidelberg Lord Mayor Dr. Eckart Würzner, Head Regional Director of Deutsche Bahn Sven Hantel and Deutsche Bahn Corporate Representative Eckart Fricke praised the Army for the partial relinquishment of the property so the park and ride lot could be built. Construction is now complete and the extension of the Bahnhof terminal overpass above the rail tracks is accessible by a passenger elevator and stairs to the parking lot. Travelers will be able to park in this lot and pass over the train tracks using the overpass.

# Mannheim guest lodging to close Sept. 30

Community members will be directed to Heidelberg or local area hotels

By Elizabeth Casebeer

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As part of ongoing transformation efforts, the Franklin Guesthouse on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will close Sept. 30.

Customers who require lodging will be directed to the guest-house on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg, including those on permanent change of station orders.

If no rooms are available at Patrick Henry Village guest lodging, customers will receive a certificate of non availability for hotel accommodations off post.

Guesthouse hotel manager Isa-

iah Seals said he realizes moves are stressful. On a case-by-case basis, if customers are unable to travel to Heidelberg due to an already-shipped vehicle or other travel hindrance, a CNA will be issued by the lodging staff.

Customers will then be allowed to stay on the economy, as long as local per diem rates are met.

"We are here to help and are fully committed to making this as easy as possible," Seals said. "(For example), we are merging our staff to provide the same level of service as before, and the hours of operation in Heidelberg will remain 24 hours a day."

Through Sept. 30, Franklin Guesthouse hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For information, contact the PHV lodging front desk at DSN 370-1700, civ. 06221-795-100.

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# New housing policy applies to specialists and below

By Elizabeth Casebeer

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Army in Europe recently changed its family housing assignment policy to ensure inbound accompanied Soldiers in the grades of E4 and below are assigned to government-controlled housing that is nearest to on-post facilities.

The policy is intended to reduce the financial burden associated with residing in privately rented housing for junior enlisted families and to reestablish fair housing distribution for accompanied Soldiers in the grade of E5 and above, including officers.

"Soldiers already living on-post are adequately housed in accordance with Army Regulation 420-1, and the garrison is not looking to move them off-post," said Don Meyer, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg housing division chief.

Housing inventory will be allocated to house all Soldiers in the grade of E4 and below in government-controlled housing.

If housing is not projected to be available within 60 days after the Soldier arrives, the Soldier has the option to accept a certificate of nonavailability to seek off-post private rental housing.

Personnel will automatically be issued a CNA if housing availability is projected to exceed 90 days after arrival.

Individual servicemembers currently residing in on-post Army family housing who want to move off-post can submit a request for an exception to policy asking to move off-post, Meyer said.

"The exception to policy request will be staffed at the housing office and forwarded with a recommendation from the housing office to the garrison commander for approval or disapproval. If approved by the garrison commander, the move would be considered a convenience move and all costs associated with the move would be at the servicemember's expense, as outlined in the Joint Federal Travel Regulation," Meyer said.

"Servicemembers (who have permanent change of station) orders to other communities in Europe still have the option to live off-post as outlined in the new USAREUR policy.

"Servicemembers should contact the housing office at their gaining installation concerning local assignment policy, housing availability and waiting times for quarters," Meyer added.

The housing memorandum is available at https://aepubs.army.mil.

### 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.

#### **Facilities Operations Changes**

New – Mannheim School Age Center – The School Age Center on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will move Monday, Aug. 29, to Bldg. 699 next to the elementary school. DSN 380-4321, civ. 0621-730-4321.

New – Mannheim Tax Relief Office – The Tax Relief Office on Sullivan Barracks viil have new hours of operation starting Sept. 15. It will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and closed Tuesdays, Thursdays, weekends and federal holidays. DSN 385-3616, civ. 0621-730-3616.

New – Coleman Postal Service Center – The Postal Service Center on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim has changed its hours of operation. The new hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Monday - Friday. The change doesn't apply to Consolidated Mail Room customer service. The CMR customer service package pick-up window hours remain the same: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Both facilities are closed to customer service on federal holidays.

New — Tompkins Gym — The Fitness Center on Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen has new hours: 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and the facility is closed Saturday, Sunday and U.S. holidays. DSN 379-7700, civ. 06202-80-7700.

New – Mannheim Health and Dental Clinics – The Health and Dental Clinics on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will close Sept. 30. Active duty servicemembers stationed in Mannheim will be assigned in the Coleman Troop Medical Clinic and command sponsored family members at the Heidelberg Health Center. Mannheim Health Clinic patients may begin changing their enrollment site immediately. Servicemembers residing in Heidelberg with duty in Mannheim may have the option to enroll at the Heidelberg Health Center. Active duty and family members may visit the TRICARE enrollment office to make the enrollment change. Offices are on the Shopping Center in the Central Processing Facility and at the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne in Bldg. 3613, Room 2047. Both are open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 371-2445, civ. 06221-17-2445, After Sept. 30. servicemembers will receive dental care on Coleman Barracks and family members at Patrick Henry Village Dental Clinic. BFV Dental Clinic: DSN 380-4545, civ. 0621-730-4545. Coleman Dental: DSN 382-5262, civ. 0621-779-5262. PHV Clinic: DSN 388-9500, civ. 06221-338-9500.

New – Mannheim Area Retirees – Retirees and their family members enrolled at the Mannheim clinic will be disenrolled Sept. 30. The Heidelberg Health Center will offer these beneficiaries care on a space available basis. Retirees will also have the option of picking up prescription medications at the Coleman pharmacy. Customers should be aware that this pharmacy does not carry geriatric products. The Mannheim TRICARE Service Center may assist retirees by providing names and contact information for German primary care physicians upon patient request.

New – Mannheim Social Work Services – Social Work Services is located in the health clinic, Bldg. 739, on Benjamin Franklin Village. On Oct. 1, SWS will move to the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne. To contact SWS call the Health Clinic front desk at DSN 380-9500, civ. 0621-730-9500 or, in Heidelberg, DSN 371-2084, civ. 06221-17-2084.

New – Mannheim Base Operations – For assistance in Mannheim, residents should contact the following individuals: Sgt. Damien R. Hunt, who is now the Base Operations NCOIC located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks, DSN 385-1610, civ. 0621-730-1610, civ. 07622-70-0535, damien.r.hunt@eur. army.mil; Ralph Santaliz, Base Operations Manager, rafael.santaliz@eur.army.mil, or Master Sgt. Romeo Satsatin, acting USAG Baden-Württemberg command sergeant major, romeo.satsatin@eur.army.mil, DSN 373-1300, civ. 06221-17-1310.

Heidelberg Acute Care Clinic — The Acute Care Clinic on Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg will close Sept. 30. Enrolled beneficiaries will be seen at the Family Practice Clinic and emergency care can be found on the economy by host nation providers. During the months of August and September, the Acute Care Clinic will be closed Sundays and federal holidays. Pick up a "Guide to Host Nation Health Care" at the Heidelberg Health Center or visit https://ermc.amedd.army.mil/heidelberg/index.cfm.

Mannheim Physical Therapy – Physical therapy services are no longer offered in Mannheim. Currently, Physical Therapy only serves the active duty population, who now need to go to the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne for this treatment.

Mannheim SATO – The last day of operation for the SATO travel office was yesterday, Aug. 24. SATO handles travel for official and leisure purposes and also books rental cars, hotels, cruises, day trips and bus tours. Customers can still use the SATO offices in Heidelberg on the Shopping Center and on Campbell Barracks. The SATO office on the Shopping Center is in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, and is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed on German holidays. DSN 370-6949, civ. 06221-57-6949. SATO on Campbell Barracks is in Bldg. 31 and is open 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed on German and American holidays. DSN 370-615, civ. 06221-985-0690.

Spinelli Auto Skills — Spinelli Auto Skills has new hours of operation. It is closed Mondays, Sundays and U.S. holidays and open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Fridays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and training holidays. DSN 373-5196, civ. 06221-17-5196.

Mannheim TMP – Due to customer demand the Mannheim Transportation Motor Pool is now open 8 a.m. - noon and 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Customers can also use the Heidelberg Transportation Motor Pool, open 7:30 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Both are closed on American and German holidays. Mannheim TMP is in Bldg. 1563 on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim. DSN 384-6353, civ. 0621-730-6353. Heidelberg TMP is located in Bldg. 157 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. DSN 373-8350, civ. 06221-17-8350.

Army Emergency Relief – The Army Emergency

Relief office in Mannheim now processes requests for emergency travel only. All other AER requests are processed at Army Community Service in Heidelberg on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, Room 250. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6975. American Red Cross after hours service for emergency travel in Heidelberg: DSN 370-1760, civ. 06221-57-1760 and civ. 001-877-772-333.

Patrick Henry Village Commissary – The Patrick Henry Village commissary hours have not changed even though the gate near the commissary has recently reduced hours. The commissary is open 7:30-9 a.m. every day for early bird shopping, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.

Barber Shops — Hours of operation at Tompkins and Patton Barracks Barber Shops have changed. Services are now offered at the Patton Barber Shop in Heidelberg 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Tompkins shop in Schwetzingen serves customers 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mannheim Drivers Testing — Mannheim's Drivers' Testing Station located on Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 253, is 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 Red Cross – The Red Cross office in Mannheim is now closed and all services have transferred to the Heidelberg station, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center. In cases of a family emergency when a communication message is needed, the Heidelberg number will reach an emergency caseworker. The Heidelberg station is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 370-1760, civ. 0621-157-1160

Vehicle Registration and Inspection - Heidelberg's vehicle registration office located inside of the Community Support Center is now closed. Heidelberg offers a satellite vehicle registration office at the Military Police station on Patrick Henry Village, Bldg. 4511. This office is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. to provide limited services. Civ. 06221-678-2586. The Mannheim vehicle registration office on Spinelli Barracks, in Bldg. 1567 directly next to vehicle inspection, has extended its hours to serve customers 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. in issuing license plates and registrations for the Mannheim and Heidelberg communities. Please bring checks or money orders for transactions at vehicle registration. Cost is \$30 per year per transaction. A consolidated vehicle inspection station for the Heidelberg and Mannheim communities is available on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim. Telephone numbers are: vehicle registration manager DSN 384-6100. civ. 0621-730-6100; support DSN 384-6911, civ. 0621-17-6911; fax for vehicle registration DSN 384-6127. civ. 0621-730-6127; vehicle inspection DSN 384-6120, civ. 0621-730-6120.

**Popeyes and Taco Bell** — Popeyes on Benjamin Franklin Village South in Mannheim is now closed Mondays. Taco Bell will remain open on Mondays until further notice.

www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/transformation

### Follow these back-to-school safety tips

### School starts Monday

#### **USAG Baden-Württemberg Safety**

Children go back to school Monday and that means it's time for a back to school safety check. Use this list to prevent your kids from harm when they are at school, at home and at play.

#### **Playgrounds**

Each year, more than 200,000 kids are treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms for playground injuries. Most occur when a child falls from the equipment. Look at the surfaces of your local playground. There should be a 12-inch depth of wood chips, mulch, sand, pea gravel or mats made of safety-tested rubber or fiber material.

#### **Bike Helmets**

Children riding their bikes to school should follow simple biking rules.

- •Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- •Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic.
- •Use appropriate hand signals.
- •Respect traffic lights and stop signs.
- •Wear bright colored clothing to increase visibility.
- •Know the rules of the road.

#### **Backpacks**

Textbooks, notebooks, lunch, toys ... how much weight is your child toting back and forth each day? Take the load off your child by following these backpack safety tips.

- •Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.
- ◆Pack light. Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. The backpack should not weigh more than 10-20 percent of the student's body weight.
- ◆Use both shoulder straps. Slinging a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles.
- Consider a rolling backpack. This type of backpack may be a good choice for students who must tote a heavy load. Remember that rolling backpacks still must be carried up stairs, and they may be difficult to roll in snow.

#### Eating During the Day

- \*Most schools regularly send schedules of cafeteria menus home. With this advance information, you can plan on packing lunch on the days when the main course is one your child prefers not to eat.
- Try to get your child's school to stock healthy choices such as fresh fruit, low-fat dairy products, water and 100 percent fruit iuice in the vending machines.
- ◆Each 12-ounce soft drink contains approximately 10 teaspoons of sugar and 150 calories. Drinking just one can of soda a day increases a child's risk of obesity by 60 percent. Restrict your child's soft drink consumption.

By being aware of potential accidents, parents are better prepared to prevent mishaps and to keep their children safe.

### Faces of the community: Subway



Sandwich artist AK Abdul-Musawwir prepares a veggie sub for a customer at the Subway restaurant on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg. Employees said the most popular sandwiches are the Italian BMT (biggest, meatiest, tastiest with salami, pepperoni and ham) and the chicken breast sub. Subway serves toasted or untoasted 6-inch or 12-inch subs, salads, kids' meals and fresh cookies. It is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

### Walk, talk, ride safely to school

#### **USAG Baden-Württemberg Safety**

Research shows that school-age children are nine times more likely to sustain an unintentional injury than to be the victim of school violence. In fact, an estimated 2.2 million children ages 14 and under are injured in school-related accidents each year, according to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign.

Keep your kids free from harm with these safety tips from SAFE KIDS, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

- •Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with few street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.
- ◆Walk the route with your child beforehand. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there aren't many people around.
- ◆Teach your child never to talk to

strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. A stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.

- •Be sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend or neighbor.
- ◆Teach your kids whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school - to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.
- ◆When driving kids, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are in the schoolyard or building.
- •If your child rides a scooter to school, make sure she wears sturdy shoes, a helmet, kneepads and elbow pads. Children under age 12 should not ride motorized scooters, according to recent recommendations from the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- Teach children to arrive at the bus stop early, stay out of the street,

wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the street, watch for cars and avoid the driver's blind spot.

- •Remind your children to stay seated at all times and keep their heads and arms inside the bus while riding. When exiting the bus, children should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, exit from the front using the handrail to avoid falls and cross the street at least 10 feet (or 10 giant steps) in front of the bus.
- •Tell your child not to bend down in front of the bus to tie shoes or pick up objects, as the driver may not see him or her before starting to move.
- Avoid any drawstrings on the hood or around the neck of jackets and sweatshirts. Drawstrings at the waist or bottom of jackets should extend no more than 3 inches long to prevent catching in car and school bus doors or getting caught on playground equipment.

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### Guardian Shield strengthens command's readiness

**By Sgt. Frank Sanchez III** 21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers and civilians of 21st Theater Sustainment Command and the 7th Civil Support Command conducted foreign consequence management operations in response to crises during an annual exercise conducted on Rhine Ordnance Barracks and Panzer Kaserne in Kaiserslautern Aug. 1-9.

During exercise Guardian Shield 11, the 7th CSC tackled a scenario involving a nerve agent terrorist attack in a European city affecting over 250,000 people.

Col. Joseph Tirone, Support Operations Officer for the 21st TSC, led a cell of foreign consequence subject matter experts from U.S. European Com-

mand, U.S. Northern Command, U.S. Army Europe and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, who focused on assessing the 7th CSC's response to a nation's request for U.S. Government assistance.

The 7th CSC supplies trained and ready forward-stationed consequence management command and control, civil support teams and civil affairs capabilities.

It may be tasked with providing immediate response or augmenting the effort to provide assistance to host nation authorities through the Department of State or lead federal agency as directed by USAREUR.

Bill Grant, a consequence management specialist for the 7th CSC, said the exercise allows many agencies to

come together and improve cooperation between all the different agencies involved in dealing with a crisis situation.

"This provides the 21st TSC and the 7th CSC a chance to practice what we would be doing in a real world event," Grant said.

"There are certain tactics, techniques, and doctrine that are written in any scenario that are not scripted. It gives us a chance to practice the techniques we would use in the real world in order to refine and correct what needs to be corrected; before it really matters," he said.

Members of the 7th CSC Incident Management Team gathered into their respective sections to discuss any sudden changes within the exercise requiring problem solving while keeping the exercise on track.

GS11 also included a field training exercise which brought the Emergency Management Assessment Team from Schwetzingen, the 12th Chemical Company from Schweinfurt and the 773rd Civil Support Team from Kaiserslautern together for the first time to train as one coherent unit.

"In the end this exercise gives participants a structure with all the tactics, techniques and procedures that we have established," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nadine Johnson, the transportation integration branch land section chief for the 21st TSC working as a transportation officer for sustainment operations during the exercise

### Bresell selected for career broadening opportunity

**DODDS Public Affairs** 

WIESBADEN – Acting Department of Defense Education Activity Director Marilee Fitzgerald has selected Dr. Nancy Bresell to temporarily serve as the DoDEA principal deputy director and associate director for Education.

During the 90-day career broadening assignment, Bresell will be responsible for the instructional and educational programs for DoDEA's 192 schools throughout the world. She will also oversee personnel operations involving more than 13,000 DoDEA employees who support military families overseas and in the

United States and its territories.

Bresell will report for duty in Arlington, Va. on Aug. 18.

Having previously served as the director of the DoDDS Pacific schools, Dr. Bresell will bring her keen awareness of the operations, opportunities and issues in both the Pacific and European theaters to her new assignment.

Dr. Dell McMullen, Kaiserslautern district superintendent, has been named as the acting senior leader for DoDDS Europe.

McMullen has been in Europe for two years. Prior to her assignment at Kaiserslautern, she was the superintendent of the DoDEA Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools at Fort Benning, Ga. Community Schools and later, was named as the superintendent of the Georgia/ Alabama district.

DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates, and manages pre-kindergarten through 12th grade education programs for DoD dependents who would otherwise not have access to a high-quality, public education.

DoDEA schools are located in Europe, the Pacific, the United States, Cuba, Guam and Puerto Rico. DoDEA also provides support and resources to local education activities throughout the United States that serve children of military families.

#### In Memoriam

Lewis Woodrow
"Woody"Gingery, 64,
passed away July 29
in Heidelberg.
Gingery, a long-time
Heidelberg resident,
recently retired as
the Air Force as Treaty
Compliance Officer.



He is survived by his wife Margaret "Nan" Brion-Gingery of Heidelberg, a USAREUR Vehicle Registry employee.

A funeral is planned for later this year at Arlington National Cemetery in Northern Virginia. A memorial ceremony will be held 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Mark Twain Village Chapel in Heidelberg. In lieu of flowers, there will be a list of supported charities available at the chapel.

### **Moving On**



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Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber receives a plaque celebrating her accomplishments as the garrison command sergeant major and as a senior noncommissioned officer during a farewell gathering Aug. 18 at the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. The customized plaque featuring Weber's likeness was one of several gifts presented to her by members of the garrison. Weber served as both the U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg and Baden-Württemberg command sergeant major during her three-year tour in Heidelberg.

### Army coins available

The 2011 Army Commemorative Coins are available for ordering until Dec.15.

The coins consist of a \$5 gold coin, a silver dollar and a copper-clad half dollar offered by the U.S. Mint.

They are the first and only coins in American history to afford unique public recognition of the U.S. Army and the service and sacrifice of American Soldiers past and present.

The themes of the coins are "Army Service in War," "Modern Army Service" and "Service in Peace."

Symbolically, the design of each celebrates the storied history and traditions of the U.S. Army from the colonial period to the present.

For information, go to www.armyhistory.org or www.usmint.gov.





U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Alexandra Hoachlander

Staff Sgt. David Duhart from Dracut, Mass., Charlie Company, 1-182nd Infantry Division, of Provincial Reconstruction Team Farah assesses security during a mission to a vocational school, Farah City, Farah Province, Afghanistan, Aug. 17. The Farah Director of Social Affairs and members of the PRT visited the school to discuss the recent completion of the school.

A U.S. Soldier shows Afghan citizens his camera outside

of Combat Outpost Caren

in Afghanistan Aug. 14. The Soldier is assigned to the 4th Infantry Division.



gt. Michael J. MacLeo

A grader for the new Army Physical Readiness Test ensures that a paratrooper completes the new 60-second pushup event correctly Aug. 10 on Fort Bragg, N.C. Unlike the two-minute pushup event in the current Army Physical Fitness Test, Soldiers can no longer pause, choose their own hand position or "sag in the middle."



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Spc. Cliff Coy

Members of the 341st Engineer Company based out of Fort Chaffee Ark., attach pieces of an improved ribbon bridge Aug. 14 during the 2011 Warrior Exercise on Fort McCoy, Wis. The 2011 WAREX is one of several major exercises conducted by the U.S. Army Reserve.

#### Holan attends academy

**USMA Public Affairs** 

WEST POINT, N.Y. - Cadet Joshua Lee Holan, son of retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Wray Holan of Creighton, Neb., and Suk Holan, completed Cadet Basic Training at the U.S. Military Academy. Holan entered West Point on June 27. Also referred to as "Beast Barracks," CBT is one of the most challenging events a cadet encounters in their four years at the

The initial military training program provides cadets with basic skills to instill discipline, pride, cohesion, confidence and a high sense of duty to prepare them for entry into the Corps



West Point Cadet Joshua Holan, a Heidelberg High School 2011 graduate, completes weapons qualification Aug. 12 at Camp Buckner, N.Y.

of Cadets. Areas of summer instruction included first aid, mountaineering, hand grenades, rifle marksmanship and nuclear, biological and chemical training. Holan graduated from Heidelberg High School in 2011. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2015 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant.

### Wereth 11 to be honored Sept. 11

By Maj. Lawanda Warthen USA HEALTH COMMAND

Eleven African-American Soldiers killed during the Battle of the Bulge will be honored 11 a.m. Sept. 24 in Wereth, Belgium.

Those wishing to attend should register by Sept. 3 to ride the bus departing from the Vogelweh Bowling Alley in Kaiserslautern.

The Soldiers were part of a unit that was reactivated as a 155-mm howitzer battalion a year before their deployment. In their first six months of combat, they were separated from their unit. While seeking food and shelter, they found the

Mathius Langer house and the family took them in.

Later, a German patrol found them, shot them and dumped their bodies into a ditch where they remained until mid-February.

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

The Soldiers remained unknown until 1994 when Herman Langer, son of Mathius, erected in the corner of the pasture where they had been murdered a small cross with their names: Curtis Adams, George Davis, Thomas J. Forte, Robert Green, Jim Leatherwood, Bradley Meagler, Nathaniel Moss, George W. Moten, William M. Pritchett, James A. Stewart, Due W. Turner.

The Wereth Massacre documentary premiered Feb. 19 at the World War II Museum in New Orleans. In May, the film was honored with the Founders' Choice Award at the GI Film Fes-

For information, see http://robchild.blogspot. com/2011/05/wereth-elevenwins-founders-choice.htm or http://themoderatevoice. com/13097/the-alabamaeleven-the-black-gis-ofwereth-belgium-memorial-

### \$25 million Germersheim facility environmentally friendly, sustainable

By Jennifer Aldridge LISACE PLIBLIC AFFAIRS

Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Europe is currently preparing to occupy a \$25 million, environmentally friendly distribution center in Germersheim.

The 250,000-square-foot Logistics Distribution Center Europe will enable Defense Logistics Agency Distribution to more effectively support the military in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Upon completion in early 2012, all DLA Distribution Europe offices and supply chain operations will be under one roof.

Combining several outlying warehouses into one building will gain efficiencies associated with co-located functions

"We will be able to receive, store and transport all of the items that go through DLA Europe more efficiently," said Lt. Col. Andre J. Baldanza, DLA Distribution Europe commander.

The new facility will be a one-stop shop for daily operations and will increase the capacity of the distribution center.

"Right now we have nine bays and (in the new facility) we will have 26," Baldanza said. "Storage will be right there where the docks are. We will pick, pack and ship right from our consolidated facility. Everything will be closer."

The additional space and consolidation of operations will increase DLA's efficiency and eliminate multiple handling of materials. Providing items like repair parts, barrier and construction materials and clothing and textiles to the military members in a timely manner is a key part of DLA's mission.

"We will be able to get items to the warfighter faster," said Baldanza. "We worked with engineers and architects to design the building to meet our mission. We are building to industry standard as opposed to trying to fit our mission into an existing structure."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DLA worked together to include a variety of energy-efficient features. Baldanza said the distribution center will be almost entirely self-sustainable.

One of the environmentally friendly, sustainable solutions that USACE designed into the facility is a biomass heating system, which was selected over traditional boilers. The biomass system will allow the distribution center to generate nearly 100 percent of its heating onsite.

"We have two boilers that are biomass fed. These two boilers will provide all of the heating for the facility," said Baldanza.

This innovative green technology is relatively new to USACE and the LDCE has "one of the first biomass heating systems being utilized by the Army in Europe," according to David Scott, USACE project engineer.

Biomass heating is only one of the features helping to make the new DLA distribution center sustainable.

'Solar panels, radiant heat flooring and energy-saving lighting will enable the facility to save money," Baldanza said.

Solar panels will line the roof of the LDCE to capture sunlight and generate electricity. Eventually, the DLA would like to add enough photovoltaic panels to satisfy all of the electrical needs of the building.

'We will use solar panels to gain daily energy for the building. They will provide up to 330,000 kilowatts of electricity annually," said Daniela Heath, DLA Distribution Europe facility manager.

Radiant heat flooring is another unique feature of the building. A grid of piping has been placed under the concrete floor allowing hot water to be pumped throughout the warehouse. Hot water will heat the facility, keeping workers more comfortable during chilly winter months. The radiant heating will also



The 250,000-square-foot, eco-friendly DLA Logistics Distribution Center Europe being constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District is nearing completion. The facility, located on Germersheim Army Depot, is scheduled to be completed in early 2012.

save on energy expenditure and costs.

The design of the LDCE provides for copious amounts of natural light through the use of enormous skylights allowing the facility to consume less electricity and is seen as another bonus in the building compared to the current facilities, which use fluorescents. The current DLA warehouses do not let in natural light; all light is entirely artificial, Scott

All of the sustainable environmental solutions incorporated into this building have been carefully thought out and planned by DLA Distribution and USACE.

"We feel very blessed because we were able to build to our specifications. The corps played a definite role in enabling us to do that. They took every suggestion we had and incorporated it into the design. From my experience I don't think that happens often (with other construction agents)," Baldanza said.

DLA employees who will be working in the completed facility were given an opportunity to provide input and suggestions to USACE during the design phase.
"This build

building, when opened, will have a lot of ideas from folks who are actually working the floors of our warehouses," Baldanza. said

As this project nears completion, DLA Distribution employees look forward to the day they can occupy the new facility. The staff routinely looks out their windows, checking on construction progress across the street.

"So far there are no delays and we are on track," Heath

#### FIRE

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over the interior attack," Pollmann said.

More U.S. Air Force firefighters arrived. Two ladder trucks doused flames from above. German volunteers from Otterberg arrived with another ladder truck. In all, roughly 50 firefighters took part. Their cooperative effort was exemplary, Pollmann said.

"This could have been a lot worse if we didn't work together," Pollman said. "I mean, the whole building could be gone."

Firefighters agreed it was the largest structure fire ever on an Army post in Kaiserslautern. They cut power off the building's power and soaked flare-ups until dawn.



Rick Scavet

Axel Pollmann, deputy fire chief at U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, inspects the charred entrance to the Kleber Kaserne shoppette. Army, Air Force and German civilian firefighters battled the blaze throughout the night Sunday, containing the largest structure fire ever on an Army post in Kaiserslautern.

By 5:45 a.m., smoke lingered from charred embers as age

investigators attempted damage assessments. The cause of

the fire is under investigation. No one was injured.

Garrison leaders worked with Exchange officials to stock a temporary store inside a nearby tent, said Jason Rosenberg, Exchange Kaiserslautern area manager.

"The Exchange is doing everything possible to get the temporary store up and running as quickly as possible to avoid any prolonged disruption of service to the community following this event," Rosenberg said. "We have all hands on decks and using all available resources to get the temporary facility up and running by this weekend."

Offices and classrooms for contracted security guards and civilian training were also destroyed. The building houses civilian personnel records. Workers removed undamaged files Monday.

Behind the store, the Child Development Center sustained some damage and was expected to be closed for at least a week, said Steven Pelletier, the director of Family and Morale. Welfare and Recreation, who oversees child and youth services.

On Monday, a training holiday for most U.S. Army Soldiers in Europe, CDC staff called families to explain the situation and offer alternative sites for care. Most children and staff will go to the Landstuhl CDC. A few will receive care at Sembach Kaserne. Also, hourly care will be offered at Miesau until further notice, Pelletier said.

### Recycling center's open house celebrates 10 years

**By Travis Vowinkel** 

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG SOLID WASTE MANAGER

A decade ago, a new recycling program was introduced to the Heidelberg community. The program was designed to protect the environment, promote conservation efforts and cut waste disposal costs for U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg.

Years later, the program is still going strong and the organizers plan to celebrate with an open house 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Patrick Henry Village Recycling Center.

One of the program's main facets was the use of recycling islands near the housing areas where residents could sort their trash.

The first island was set up in Mark Twain Village in 2001. The islands were phased in with the last one completed in 2005 on Patrick Henry Village.

In addition, members of the Directorate of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division, set out to inform the public about how and why they should recycle.

They created the "Rumbling Rubbish" program to periodically spot check the recycling islands to ensure residents were sorting their trash correctly.

The "Heidelberg Recycling Journal" and brochures about recycling practices were produced.

An operations and maintenance website was set up so interested resi-

dents could find information on how to dispose of their trash and recyclables properly.

"Rumbling Rubbish" was aimed at providing residents in Army family housing with the knowledge of how to properly separate their waste.

Local schools also became actively involved. Students have traipsed through the rain and snow to visit the training center at the recycling center on Patrick Henry Village where they examined gobs of gooey messes that would later be transformed into sheets of gray paper.

Students also took educational quizzes developed and taught by the Heidelberg University of Education, and examined natural recyclers such as stick insects and millipedes from a nearby terrarium, to discover how these natural recyclers can also play such an important role in our daily lives.

During the open house visitors can try their hand at decorative arts recycling, take part in an in-depth study of one of the Earth's most precious resources and meet a few of nature's natural recyclers up close and personal.

The Heidelberg recycling center is located on Patrick Henry Village in Bldgs. 4829 and 4830 behind the middle school. They are open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact DSN 388-9321, civ. 06221-338-9321 for information.

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from the time they enter college until one year after graduation. Graduating participants said that extra period of eligibility is especially beneficial and encouraging for those preparing to enter an increasingly competitive job market.

The opportunity to complete an internship is also beneficial.

A Rutgers University study conducted in May showed that nearly two-thirds of all recent college graduates "believe they will need more formal education if they are to be successful in their chosen career" and that students who completed internships while in school earned roughly 20 percent more than those who

did not

Karen Anderson, a former WRP intern, said the program helps employers as well.

"The program is also a great resource for private companies and federal agencies tasked with special projects but who don't have the manpower to complete them or the budget to hire additional employees," she said.

Reyes said hiring departments incur no additional costs for employing WRP candidates, since the Department of Labor pays their salaries.

No cost to the employing agency is one more reason the Department of Defense, IBM and Prudential Insurance like supporting the program, he added

Reyes also said the program here is growing each year.

This summer he helped 34 students from 16 states and Puerto Rico get jobs in Germany, up from 19 hires in 2010.

In fact, the Army in Europe employed 31 percent of all Army hires under the WRP for this year, while the majority of the remaining students hired by federal agencies were placed in locations such as Washington, D.C., Japan and South Korea.

The number of students hired by the Army in Europe shows its support of President Obama's executive order to increase federal employment of people with disabilities.

The Department of Labor calls the program "a model strategy" for complying with the order.

Wesley Tipton, a 22-year-

old graphic design student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville talked about his WRP experience in Germany.

"This has been a great opportunity. I've gotten paid to travel and live in Europe while gaining valuable work experience," he said.

Tipton said living in a foreign country and working for the DoD has given him insight into the government and U.S. tax dollars at work.

"Working for the Army has also been a great experience that I never would have gotten if not for the program," Tipton said.

"When I first got here, I was expecting it to be all, "Yes sir, No Sir," because I was working for the Army. I then realized the Army is made up of much more than just Soldiers and that there are thousands

of civilians that make up this fantastic workforce," he said.

Jeff Greer is a high school teacher and doctoral candidate finishing his master's degree at Texas Tech University.

At age 60, Greer is older than the average WRP participant, but his full time student status keeps him eligible for the program.

Greer said participating in the program has been a good experience and that Reyes has "just done an incredible job.

"He goes out of his way to help in any way he can. He is like a family member taking care of details.

"He goes above and beyond anything he would have to do."

To learn more about the workforce recruitment program, visit the program's website at https://wrp.gov.

### Wounded warriors mount up for a three-day bike tour Community invited for Sept. 11 ride and picnic

By Ignacio Rubalcava

USAG BAUMHOLDER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Wounded warriors from U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg, Baumholder, Kaiserslautern and other military communities are mounting up on hand crank bikes, recumbent bikes and regular road bikes for a three-day ride in the nearby state of the Saarland and in the Rheinland Pfalz Sept. 9-11.

On the first day of the ride the warriors will warm up on the four mile track around Bostalsee, which is near Baumholder. They will ride three times around the lake, covering a little more than

"The second day we're going to do an 18 mile track and warm them up a little bit more and get them ready for the next day," said Daniel Schnock, director of Soldier Ride, Wounded Warrior Project.

We're actually going to take them from point A, straight down a railroad track toward Trier and finish down toward Trier.

"The warriors will then have lunch on a cruise ship and spend some time walking through the city of Trier," Schnock said.

On the third day, Sept. 11, Soldier Ride participants will return to the Bostalsee for a ride around the lake and they are inviting the community to participate.

Start time at Bostalsee for the community Soldier Ride is 9 a.m. All community members are welcome, whether to cheer from the sidelines or cycle the Soldier Ride route.

'You can do the 4-mile loop (once around the lake) or the 12-mile loop on that day. It's totally up to you, your skills and what you want to do," Schnock said.

The course is flat and should not be any problem for even the novice cyclist. After the community ride is completed there will be a picnic.

"It's a win-win situation. If you come out Sept. 11, we're going to have a great 'ole time at the community picnic."

-Daniel Schnock, Soldier Ride director

"Soldier Ride is an adaptive cycling event for our wounded warriors that gives them a chance to learn what their new normal is," Schnock said.

'We get them on bikes, whether a bicycle hand crank, a recumbent bike or a regular road bike, but we give them a chance after being wounded to say, 'I can get back out there and get on a bike and still do things that I could do in the past even though I might have a new normal or new injury."

Even though this is the first Soldier Ride WWP has sponsored in Europe, Schnock said the community rides are popular in the United States and are held in 12 cities nationwide throughout the

"We do rides in the states where we call it a registered ride," he said. "We find the community comes out and it inspires the warriors and then of course the warriors inspire the community. It's a win-win situation. If you come out Sept. 11, we're going to have a great 'ole time at the community picnic."

Reminiscing about previous rides, Schnock said, "I've seen kids out there on single speed bikes riding alongside these warriors. I've seen professionals go flying by me. We look forward to seeing the community come out and support these warriors. I promise we'll have a great time.'

To register, visit www.soldierride.org/germany. There is no fee to register but a headcount is needed to ensure enough food is purchased.



Hal Honeyman, Wounded Warrior Project™ Soldier Ride's Team Adaptive Bike Technician, right, explains some of the bicycle features to Warrior in Transition Sgt. 1st Class James Samuels during a bike clinic held in Baumholder, Aug. 16. The clinic was part of preparations for the first European Soldier Ride sponsored by WWP. Military community members and host nation neighbors in the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg and around Europe can participate in a Community Soldier Ride with 50 wounded warriors Sept. 11 at Lake Bostalsee, near Baumholder.

#### What is Soldier Ride?

Soldier Ride is a Wounded Warrior Project initiative that provides rehabilitative cycling opportunities to help wounded warriors restore their physical and emotional well-being. Soldier Ride is also an opportunity for the public to participate in a cycling event that honors the men and women of the military who sacrificed so much, while promoting a positive message of recovery. The event raises funds for WWP programs and initiatives that ensure this generation of wounded warriors is the most successful, well-adjusted generation in U.S. history.

### How to see English language movies in Mannheim

By Brooke Brown

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG STRINGER

Living as an American in Germany can have its challenges.

Take for example, going to the movies. It's the classic American date night, naturally equipped with a massive tub of butter-coated popcorn.

But if you can't make the movie time on post, don't want to fight the crowd or want to see a movie outside the selection of our small theaters, what can you do?

I recently found a solution to this

If you're a hardcore Harry Potter fan like me, you know how essential it was to see the final movie on opening night.

Since I wasn't willing to wait a day longer, I did some research and found an alternative: English-language movies at the Cineplex or CinemaxX Mannheim.

But before you rush out to catch

Captain America in 3D, there are a few essential things to know about German movie theaters

The first is that Germans serve beer at their movie theaters, which only makes sense in this beer-loving

The next is that Germans reserve specific seats when they buy tickets for a movie.

I suggest doing this in advance, on the theater's website, www.cineplex.de. On the homepage you will see a link for "English Movies" either on the left or in the center.

Then you will see the list of movies and their posters.

Click on the show time you'd like to the right of the movie picture, and maybe Google the German weekday names just in case.

Then type in your Nachname (last name) and Vorname (first name) your e-mail, then click "Reservieren."

Next select the seats you would like on the seating chart (click on the seats you want and they'll highlight) and . click "Weiter."

You'll receive an e-mail with all your seats, the price and your reservation number.

have reserved seats at the Cineplex or CinemaxX. which are two different, but very close by, locations in Mannheim.

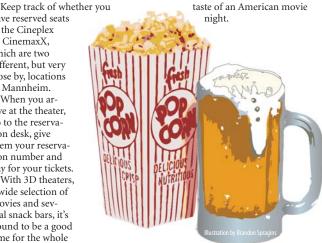
When you arrive at the theater, go to the reservation desk, give them your reservation number and pay for your tickets.

With 3D theaters, a wide selection of movies and several snack bars, it's bound to be a good time for the whole

family.

While the popcorn doesn't hold a candle to our beloved buttery buckets back home, Mannheim's big, fancy and fun theaters have the delicious

> taste of an American movie night.



## GERMAN NEWS

#### **Deutsche Post Thefts**

Thousands of letters and packages are being stolen each year within Deutsche Post's delivery chain in what German police say is a growing trend. At least 700 packages were reported stolen in Berlin in the year's first quarter, and even though national statistics are not publicly released, there were 3,240 incidents reported last year and likely a number of unreported cases. Deutsche Post has been a private company for more than a decade and it's unclear why the problem seems to be escalating, although unsecure mail receptacles may be the reason.

#### **Mountain Climbers Missing**

Officials announced Tuesday they believe two Germans who went missing several days ago along the Salang Pass, a major route through the Hindu Kush mountains in Afghanistan, may have been kidnapped. Taliban insurgents are not thought to be active in the area where they vanished, but the governor of Abdul Basir Salangi in Parwan suspects the men may have been kidnapped by Kuchi nomads. Dozens of foreigners have been taken captive in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion ousted the Taliban from power, sparking a deadly insurgency, but most have been released unharmed, often after the payment of a ransom. A massive search by Afghan police, army and intelligence forces is ongoing.

#### **Wikileaks Files Destroyed**

German National Daniel Domscheit-Berg, the former spokesman of Wikil.eaks, said he destroyed thousands of documents taken for safekeeping before leaving the controversial website, in order to ensure his sources were not compromised. Among the information said to be lost forever are the U.S. government's "no-fly" list, as well as inside information from 20 far-right extremist organizations. In a written statement, the Wikil.eaks organization accused Domscheit-Berg of blackmail and said he had threatened to make the documents available to "forces that oppose Wikil.eaks." A release from Assange attacked Domscheit-Berg and accused him and his wife of having contact with intelligence agencies. Domscheit-Berg has been a controversial figure since he left Wikil.eaks after being suspended by the group in 2010 after Assange said his stability and reliability came into question.

Source: www.thelocal.de



#### Dear Ms. Vicki,

I moved to my location about a year ago. At the time, my neighbor's husband was deployed and my husband soon followed. Since we lived in the same building, had kids around the same age and our husbands worked together, the neighbor and I started a friendship.

Every once in a while, she confided that her husband has rarely communicated with her.

For example, he went from Reserve to active duty and also volunteered to move overseas without discussing it with her.

I didn't think any of this boded well for their marriage, but I said nothing and just listened. She was quite shocked and wistful to hear that my husband called or e-mailed almost every night and that we made most decisions jointly.

Just before the unit redeployed, I found out her husband had a longterm "deployment relationship."

I was shocked and angry but said nothing since she was so excited for

his return. I prayed he would become a man and be the husband and father he should have been all along.

After their block leave in the states, my friend and her children didn't come back. The husband said they had some things to work out. I don't think they should be separated by miles and time zones if they need to work through things, but obviously I wasn't there for their discussions.

She has not opened up to me since she's been gone, but she doesn't have a computer for e-mails and typing on her phone is too cumbersome.

I heard from another good friend of ours that the husband asked for a divorce. If that was all there was to it, believe me, I would mind my own husiness

Since his bedroom is above ours and I have ears and eyes, I know he has been with at least three other women in the past five months.

I have some concerns. First, I worry for my friend's health. If she catches a sexually transmitted disease from her philandering husband, it would be horrible, particularly since it could have been prevented.

Secondly, her husband is playing emotional games with her. He says it's her fault they are separated and that he stays away since she becomes suspicious that he's being unfaithful. Yet, he doesn't call and won't return her calls or e-mails.

I'm also worried that when they divorce, she won't get a fair settlement since she can't prove his ongoing infidelity.

She hasn't had a full-time job in a while since she's been the dutiful stay-at-home Army wife and mother during his multiple deployments.

Are you wondering how I know all this without speaking to her? Our mutual friend told me. I felt so guilty knowing and not saying anything that I broke down and cried. This mutual friend, the other families in our stairwell who see these girls come in and out and I are the only ones who know about his infidelities.

To add yet another log to the fire, her husband is a superior of my husband's. While her husband should be getting in trouble for fraternization, you know it's mine who will be in hot water if it comes out that I was the one who told her.

Do I continue to say nothing? It is breaking my heart to see her treated so badly. From: A Hurting Friend

#### Dear Friend,

I know your heart is breaking, but you have to stay out of it. Many people, particularly women, tend to disagree with me on this, but let me give you an example of what happened when I was about 27.

I had a close friend who was married to a dog. He probably slept with everyone on base, except me, of course. I, too, was concerned about her health, her children and her financial future. I wanted her to be informed so she could make her own decision. I didn't say I wanted her to leave him.

Long story short, they are still together and it affected our friendship forever. I was looked at as the one who exaggerated what I knew, but other people also told her the same things.

I've been in this situation many times since then, and believe me, I keep my mouth shut. I think the only way I would say something is if it had to do with my sister.

If you want to give her some advice, just call to check on her and tell her you miss her. If she opens up about an imminent divorce, suggest she get a good attorney and be a sounding board but don't reveal anything else.

Please let me know the outcome.

### Studies show happiness linked to better health

### Researchers find emotion has universal benefits for human body

By Moira Shaw

U.S. ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND

A happy life leads to a healthy life and a healthy life leads to a happy life.

The effects of happiness on health are strong and universal. A 2009 poll by the University of Kansas with 150,000 representatives from 140 countries found that happiness has a stronger association with physical health than access to basic human needs such as food, shelter and personal safety.

Greater happiness can even prevent the common cold. In a 2006 study, researchers at Carnegie Mellon University assessed emotions then exposed the subjects to the common cold virus.

They found that happy people were less likely to develop the common cold than unhappy people.

The experiment was repeated with the flu virus and it was found that happier people are also less likely to get the flu.

In addition, studies show that because happier people are less likely to get sick, they live longer.

Clearly, happiness is universally good for your health. So, where does the pursuit of happiness begin? Fortunately, research also paints a clear picture of what lifestyle choices lead to greater happiness. In 2006, the Pew Research Center polled 3,014 people to see what personality types are happiest.

The following tips are based on their findings:

\*Bide your time. Adults ages 18-29 are less happy than any other adult age group.

\*Believe in something, find a community. People who attend religious services weekly are happier than those who do not.

•Get educated. College graduates are happier than high school graduates.

•Make (enough) money. Happiness increases with greater income all the way up to the \$100,000 bracket. After that, money does not buy happiness.

•Soak up the sun (with sunscreen). Residents of

the sun belt (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and some counties in Nevada and California) are happier than residents of other states.

•Slow down. Those who feel their lives are rushed report feeling less happy.

•Get a job (or retire from one). The employed and the retired are happier than the unemployed.

•A calling is better than a career. Employees who feel passionate about what they do are happier than those who are waiting anxiously for the weekend.

•Get married. On average, married people are happier than single people.

Stay healthy. Good health leads to greater happiness.

There are exceptions to every rule and these are just a few factors that lead to greater happiness.

If these tips do not work, consider what will. The reward will be a life full of health and happiness.

### **GET OUT!**

area events

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

#### **August 25**

#### **Alvin Ailey American Dance Company**

– The world-renowned Aivin Ailey
American Dance Company will perform at
the Staatsoper in Hamburg. Performances
begin at 8 p.m. and run through Aug. 28.
The Staatsoper located at Dammtorstraße
28, 20354 Hamburg. Dancers from the
company will also offer public dance classes
beginning at 9 a.m. each day. Visit www.
alvinailey.org/calendar to purchase dance
classes and tickets to the performances. civ.
0621-10-1011.

Art Exhibit — London-based artist Tomma Abts applies myriad layers of oil and acrylic paints on huge canvases to create vibrant geometric works. Visitors can view 12 selections hanging at Kunsthalle Düsseldorf 11a.m.- 6 p.m. Tuesday - Sunday. Exhibit is open through Oct. 9. Civ. 0211-899-6240. www.kunsthalle-diisseldorf.de

Stuttgart Wine Festival – Experience the Stuttgart wine festival for yourself and savor samples of the many delicacies available at this annual event. Each year thousands flock to the festival to enjoy the delicious Swabian food and wine. More than 120 stalls are set up around the old Schillerplatz, offering good food and good times for festgoers. Schillerplatz, 70173 Stuttgart. Festival is located in the town center and runs through Sept. 4.

Night of the Open Museums – Berlin, the former divided city and beautifully refurbished capital of Germany, beckons to you to come on this special weekend. During a long weekend in Berlin, you'll have guided tours to the most popular sights: the Wall, the Brandenburg Gate, Potsdamer Platz, Unter den Linden, the Memorial Church, Checkpoint Charlie and Olympic Stadium. Twice a year, Berlin keeps all museums open until 2 a.m. The price of admission is included in the price of this tour. http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern/

#### **August 27**

**Open Air Music Fest** – Enjoy an open air concert 4-10 p.m. at the Warrior Zone on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim. Money Head and Dizzle Don Johnson will feature hip hop and Kojak for fest goers who like alternative rock. DSN 382-4410, www. mwrgermany.com.

#### **August 28**

Mirabelle Fruit Fest – Discover this beautiful French city with its cathedral famous for its stained glass windows and other historic sites. During this weekend, Metz will celebrate its annual Mirabelle or yellow plum Fruit Fest. Enjoy all that Metz has to offer and savor the sweet surprises awaiting you around every corner. http://

affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern/files.

#### September 1

Normandy Tour - The Allied invasion of France in Normandy on June 6, 1944, led to the liberation of France and the end of the Nazi regime. On this exciting and action packed military history tour you will experience the drama and tension of the Allied buildup and the massive deployment across the English Channel which led to the landing of five American and British Divisions on the beaches of Normandy. Over the course of this tour, the group will visit the historic sites of Omaha and Utah Beaches, Ste Mére Eglise, Pegasus Bridge, Arromanches, Pointe du Hoc, Avranches, and Mortain and of course the American Cemeteries at Colleville sur Mer and St. James. http://affiliates.uso. ora/rheinmain.

#### September 3

Mbolo Festival – Koblenz hosts the Mbolo African music and culture festival. Experience a variety of African art, food, films and live music during the four day festival. Festivities begin at noon. For details visit www.mbolo-afrika.de. Am Marienberg 1, 56179 Valendar.

Amsterdam — Explore exciting, beautiful Holland. Start your tour off with an early morning breakfast and visit to a wooden Shoe maker and cheese farm. Then enjoy a short orientation of downtown Amsterdam. From the Dam Square, visit Anne Frank's House, the famous Red Light District, the Royal Palace or some of the many other downtown sights, museums and shops. Those wishing to visit the Anne Frank House can reserve tickets in advance at http://www.annefrank.org/content.

asp?PID=754&LID=2. (When ordering tickets, indicate the 1823 p.m. time slot.) http://affiliates.us.o.org/kaiserslautem.

#### **September 8**

**George Michael** – Singer George Michael will perform at the SAP Arena in Mannheim. Concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets: civ. 0612-1819-0333, www.saparena.de or www.bb-promotion.com.

Stuttgart Planetarium – The Stuttgart Planetarium is one of the modern star theaters in the world and offers visitors a trip to outer space without leaving Earth. Ticket reservations are recommended. The planetarium is open 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and located at Willy-Brandt-Str. 25 in Stuttgart. Civ. 0711-162-9215.

#### September 9

**London Express**— Visit one of the most famous cities in the world - London. See world-famous sites such as the Tower of

London, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Globe Theater and St. Paul's Cathedral. You will also have time to explore, shop and dine on your own while sampling all that London has to offer. http://affiliates. uso.org/rheinmain.

Wurstmarkt Wine Festival – Even though it's called a Wurstmarkt (sausage market), Bad Dürkheim claims to host the biggest wine festival in the world through Sept. 13 and Sept. 16-19 on the fest grounds. GPS: Auf den Brühlwiesen, 67098 Bad Dürkheim.

#### September 13

Japanese Gardens — Within the heart of Kaiserslautern lies The Japanese Gardens which is a great place for all ages to enjoy. The Gardens are renowned for not only providing tranquility and an insight to Japanese culture in the middle of a city but they are also very popular with locals, tourists and expatriots. Enjoy the fresh air, admire exotic plants, traditional Japanese buildings and learn more about Japanese history and culture via guided tours. Free admission for children under 12, €1 for ages 12 to 16 years and €3.50 for adults. The gardens are open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Civ. 0631-370-6600. www.buzzoffbase.com.

#### **September 16**

101 Dalmatians – U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern and Kaiserslautern's Community Onstage, Kaiserslautern's Community Theater, present Disney's "101 Dalmations." Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. (Sunday mattinee) Sept. 18 and 23-25. The KMC Theater is located on Kleber Kaserne Bldg. 3232. DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-411-6626, www.mwrgermany.

#### September 17

**Oktoberfest** – Enjoy one of Germany's biggest celebrations with a trip to Munich for the world-famous Oktoberfest. This annual event draws visitors from around the world for unlimited food, fun and beer. A second trip Sept. 24. http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinmain.

National Theater — The National Theater in Mannheim is one of Germany's most famous and respected theaters. The theater presents top shows, opera, ballet and children's theater every day of the week. For details on performances visit www. nationaltheater-mannheim.de. Civ. 06211-68-0310. www.buzzoffbase.com.

#### September 25

**Volksfest** – The U.S. Army Europe Fest Band performs 4:30 p.m. at the Bürgerhaus in Wiesbaden-Erbenheim.

### **THEATERS**

#### **FRIGHT NIGHT**

(Colin Farrell, Anton Yelchin) Senior Charlie Brewster finally has it all — he's running with the popular crowd and dating the hottest girl in high school. But trouble arrives when an intriguing stranger Jerry moves in next door. He seems like a great guy at first, but there's something not quite right — and everyone, including Charlie's mom, doesn't notice. After witnessing some very unusual activity, Charlie comes to an unmistakable conclusion: Jerry is a vampire preying on his neighborhood. (Rated R for bloody horror, violence and language including some sexual references) 101 minutes.



#### **PLAYING THIS WEEK**

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Aug. 25 - X-MEN: FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 26 - FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 7 p.m.;10 p.m.

Aug. 27 - MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 4 p.m.; SUPER 8 (PG-13) 7 p.m.; FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 9:30 p.m.

Aug. 28 - MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 4 p.m.; FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 7 p.m.

Aug. 29 - FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 7 p.m. Aug. 30 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 31 - FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 7 p.m.

Sept. 1 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

Aug. 26 - FINAL DESTINATION 5 (R) 7 p.m.

Aug. 27 - MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 4 p.m.

SUPER 8 (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Aug. 28 - MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 4 p.m.

#### Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

Aug. 25 - FINAL DESTINATION 5 (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; GREEN LANTERN (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; X-MEN: FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; RAMONA & BEEZUS (G) noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m.

Aug. 26 - FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 4 p.m.; MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m. 6:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

Aug. 27 -FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.;

Aug. 28 - FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m. Aug. 29 - FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.;

MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.;

TALE OF DESPEREAUX (G) noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m. Aug. 30 - FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 11 a .m.,1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.;

MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.;

TALE OF DESPEREAUX (G) noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m.
Aug. 31 FRIGHT NIGHT (R) - 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.;

MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m., TALE OF DESPEREAUX (G) noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m.

Sept. 1 - FRIGHT NIGHT (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; TALE OF DESPEREAUX (G) noon, 3 p.m., 6 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 - English Language movies

Aug. 25-30—CAPTAIN AMERICA (PG-13) 5:15 p.m.

.ug. 26-27 — FINAL DESTINATION 5 3D (K) 11 p.m.; COWBOTS AND ALIENS (PG-13) :15 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Aug. 25-31— COWBOYS AND ALIENS (PG-13) 5:15 p.m.

#### HP

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Landstuhl Clinics Closed**

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center clinics will be closed Aug. 26 for Organizational Day. The LRMC pharmacy will be open 8 a.m.-noon. The emergency room will remain open.

#### **New Student Orientation**

Families new to the Heidelberg community who have middle school aged children are encouraged to attend orientation 10:30 a.m. Aug. 26 at Heidelberg Middle School. DSN 388-9311, civ. 06221-338-9311.

#### **Annual Pipe Maintenance**

Maintenance on hydrants and the unidirectional flushing program for water pipes on U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg installations starts Aug. 29 and should take three weeks to complete. During this time, harmless yellow, brown or cloudy water resulting from settled iron or dissolved air in water may appear in toilets, showers and sinks. Faucet screens or showerheads may need cleaning if they are clogged from rust particles. If the hydrants in your area are being worked on, flush the sink in the laundry room and run the washing machine empty before use. DSN 387-3213, civ. 06221-4380-3213/3214.

#### **Annual Protection Exercise**

An annual protection exercise is scheduled 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 17 on Patton and Coleman Barracks in Heidelberg. Delays are expected at both installation's gates. Coleman Barracks will have an alternate access point during maximum exercise play and controlled use of smoke devices will be used to enhance authenticity and training effect. The exercise is a joint effort with ferman police, fire department and medical services and is designed to enhance protective posture of the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg communities. DSN 373-7420, civ. 06221-17-7420.

#### **Bulk Trash**

The city of Heidelberg does not pick up bulky items inside recycling islands. Instead, place oversized items next to the bins and request a pickup at DSN 387-3217

#### **Army Mentorship Program**

The Army Mentorship Program is a web-based program that develops a relationship between a mentor and mentee and is characterized by mutual trust and respect. Studies show mentoring can help with personal and professional growth by improving leadership and interpersonal and technical skills. www.armya1.army.mil/hr/mentorship.

#### **HMEDDAC Soldier Medicine Team**

The Heidelberg Health Center has a Soldier Team Clinic on Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3617, second floor for all active duty. Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday. Appointments: DSN 371-2622, civ. 06221-17-2622 or www.Tricareonline.com.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### ACS Job Fair

Army Community Services will host a career fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. Recruiters include the Exchange, Microsoft and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's business division. Applicants should be prepared to interview on the spot.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### KAISERSLAUTERN

Community

- ◆ Quilt Guild The Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild has a meeting 6 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Landstuhl Spouses Association building on Pulaski Barracks. www.rpag.eu.
- EDGE! Survival Camping Youth enrolled in Child, Youth and School Services gain appreciation of the outdoors and learn the wonders of the natural environment 4-6 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Landstuhl Youth Center. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4122.
- ◆Zak The Zebra Zak the Zebra is at the Kids' Zone on Pulaski Barracks 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 27-28.
- Operation Rising Star Singers compete for a chance to win an all expenses paid, three-day professional recording studio experience in Hollywood, Calif. A capella auditions are 6:30 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Kazabra Club. Sign-up required. DSN 483-6626. civ. 0631-411-6626.
- Ramstein Welfare Bazaar
  The Ramstein Welfare Bazaar features over 140 vendors from across
  Europe. Hours are noon-8 p.m. Sept.
  15 (stroller friendly), 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
  Sept. 16 (stroller friendly), 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
  Sept. 17 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
  Sept. 18. www.ramstein-bazaar.org.
- ◆Comics On Duty Comedians Paul Ogata, Danny Villalpando, J.R. Brow and Tom Foss perform 2 p.m. at the Galaxy Theater and 6 p.m. at the Kazabra Club Sept. 16. Humor unsuitable for young children. www. comicsonduty.com.
- ◆CYSS Apprenticeship Program
- Teens 15-18 can register by Sept. 16 for the Child, Youth and School Services apprenticeship program, to help them prepare for college and the workforce. Fall term begins Sept. 26 in Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4416 civ. 0631-3406-4516
- Pulaski Kids' Zone— The Kids' Zone on Pulaski Barracks will discontinue service Oct. 1. The HUGS program will continue to meet in the Kids' Zone location.
- SATO DSN Line The SATO office DSN lines have been experiencing technical difficulties. To decrease wait time, customers are encouraged to use the SATO email address, kaiserslauternCTO@satotravel.com.
- ◆Sexual Abuse Support The incest, sexual abuse and assault support group meets 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays in the Yellow Ribbon Room, Bldg. 2926, on Vogelweh. Civ. 01609-797-8785.

#### HEIDELBERG

Education

- ◆ACS Classes Using Credit Wisely, noon-1:30 p.m. Aug. 26; Volunteer Management Information System, 10-11 a.m. Aug. 31.
- ◆ Master of Business Administration — Register through Sept. 13 for the University of Phoenix's M.B.A. program. Classes are held 5:30-9:30

p.m. Wednesdays starting Aug. 28 in the Education Center on Patton Barracks. Course can be completed in 12 or 18 months. DSN 373-7650, civ. 06221-588-0492.

- Open House The University of Phoenix holds an open house for prospective Master's of Education and Master's of Business Administration students noon-1 p.m. Aug. 31 in the Education Center on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-7650, civ. 06221-588-0492. Community
- imAlone Training Parents of middle schoolers can enroll now for Parent Central Services "imAlone" class 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 26 at the Panther's Place, Bldg. 4461, on Patrick Henry Village. Training focuses on ensuring the safety of youth while they are home alone and includes how to respond to emergencies, what to do when a stranger comes to the door and more. Classes are also scheduled in October, December, February, April and June. DSN 388-9240, civ. 06221-338-9240.
- Women's Equality Day Women's Equality Day will be observed with a static display at the commissary on Patrick Henry Village through Aug. 26 with a cake cutting ceremony at noon Aug. 26. Voting assistance officers will be on hand after the ceremony for questions. DSN 373-7955. civ. 06221-17-7955.
- A Day At The Park The Heidelberg Medical Department Activity and Europe Region Medical Command will hold a picnic at the Patrick Henry Pavilion park across from Burger King noon-4:30 p.m. Aug. 26.
- Health Center The health center pharmacy on Nachrichten Kaserne will close early (open 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) Aug. 26 due to the MED-DAC and ERMC organizational day. Acute Care Clinic hours, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., will remain the same.
- GMD's European Comedy Tour Comedians Matt Collins, Bengt Washburn and others are part of the European Comedy Tour (Part 2) 10 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Recovery Room. Civ. 0175-671-2371.
- •C.A.R.E and Career Fair The Community Activities Registration and Education Fair offers free food, games and big prizes at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 27.
- Parent Central Services Parent Central Services in Bldg. 4443 on Patrick Henry Village has new hours starting Sept. 1: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday; 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. DSN 388-9240, civ. 06221-338-9240.
- •Rome and the Vatican Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers departs the evening of Sept. 1 for three nights touring Rome and Vatican City. DSN 373-5275. civ. 06221-17-5275.
- ◆ Housing Division— The Housing

Division will be closed Sept. 2. DSN 387-3346, civ. 06221-4380-3346.

- ◆To Hell And Back Showing —
  The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will
  host a free showing for ID card holders of the movie "To Hell and Back"
  1 p.m. Sept. 2 at Wilson Theater on
  Nachrichten Kaserne in recognition
  of the 25th anniversary of the club
  and to raise awareness about post
  traumatic stress disorder. Parental
  discretion advised for minors due
  to war scenes, violence and adult
  language.
- ◆ Castle Illumination Join Heidelberg High School seniors on a Neckar River boat cruise and the last castle illumination of 2011. Dockside party starts 6:30 p.m. and ship sails 8 p.m. Sept. 3. Proceeds support the class of 2012 HHS graduation fund. Civ. 06224-909131.
- ◆ Kletterwald Ropes Adventure
- Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers takes on the Kletterwald Ropes course. Group will depart 11 a.m. Sept. 5 from the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks. Lunch included. DSN 373-5275, dv. 06221-17-5275.
- ◆ Wanda's Visit Auditions The Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks holds auditions for Wanda's Visit for adults 20 and up 7 p.m. Sept. 6-7. Show is Oct. 14, 15, 21 and 22. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020.
- Salsa and Mojito Party Free finger foods, music and salsa lessons 8:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570.
- ◆The Secret Garden—The Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks holds auditions for The Secret Garden 7 p.m. Sept. 12 for ages 8-14 and 7 p.m. Sept. 13 for ages 15 and up. Show is Dec. 2-Jan. 8. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020.
- ◆Parents Night Out Child, Youth and School Services offers parents night out 7 p.m.-midnight and parents day out 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 16-17, Oct. 21-22, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, Dec. 2-3, 16-17. Parent Central Services: DSN 388-9241, civ. 06221-338-9240.
- ◆ BOSS Meeting Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts a meeting 3:30 p.m. Sept. 21 in Bldg. 104 on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.
- Hispanic Heritage Month Enjoy traditional cuisine served buffet style, Latin dancing, food contest, an art exhibition and more 6:30-11 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. Food contest and art exhibition entry forms are available online, in the arts and cultural center and at select community locations. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418.
- Volksmarch Volunteers Volunteers of various skills and commitment levels are needed for the 37th annual Volksmarch Sept. 24-25 at the International Gesamtschule in Heidelberg-Hasenleiser. Giveaways

while supplies last. Civ. 06227-841226. www.hiwc.de.

- Religious Education The Catholic Religious Education Program for children Pre-K through 8th grade meets 10:30-11:45 a.m. Sundays sng Sept. 25 in the Patrick Henry Elementary School cafeteria. DSN 370-8238, civ. 06221-578237.
- DODDS Free or Reduced
- Lunch Parent Central Services is processing applications to determine eligibility for free or reduced fee school lunch for children enrolled in Department of Defense Dependent Schools. Bring Leave and Earnings Statement and sponsor's orders to Parent Central Services in Bldg. 4443 on Patrick Henry Village.
- ◆ Commissary Gate The Patrick Henry Village commissary hours have not changed even though the gate near the commissary reduced hours. The commissary is open 7:30-9 a.m. every day for early bird shopping, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.

#### **MANNHEIM**

Community

- ◆GMD's European Comedy Tour European Comedy Tour (Part 2) performs 9 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Top Hat Club. Civ. 0175-671-2371.
- Board Game Night Test your skills in chess, UNO, Pictionary and more 4:30-10 p.m. Aug. 29 and every Monday at the Warrior Zone on Coleman Barracks. DSN 382-4410, www. mwrgermany.com.
- ◆ Parent Central Services Parent Central Services in Bldg. 696 on Benjamin Franklin Village will have new hours starting Sept. 1: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday; 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday; and 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. DSN 388-9240, civ. 06221-338-9240.
- \* Kletterwald Ropes Adventure
- Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers takes on the Kletterwald Ropes course. Group will depart 11 a.m. Sept. 5 from the Warrior Zone on Coleman Barracks. Lunch included. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.
- BOSS Meeting—Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts a meeting 3:30 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Warrior Zone on Coleman Barracks. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.
- \*DODDS Free or Reduced Lunch
- Parent Central Services is processing applications to determine eligibility for free or reduced fee lunch for children enrolled in Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

  Bring Leave and Earnings Statement and sponsor's orders to Bldg. 699 on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-4850. civ. 0621-730-4850.
- Summer Specials Spinelli Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 1570, offers monthly discounts through September. DSN 384-6300, civ. 0621-730-6232, www. mwrgermany.

Thursday, August 25, 2011 SPORTS

### **Mini-Golf Stays**



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Thanks to a local boy scout troop, the Pebble Beach Mini Golf Course on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg will remain open and, until Aug. 31, it will offer free entrance to anyone wanting to play.

On Sept. 1, the Bowling and Entertainment Center will take

over management of the course.

Led by Alvin Orrico, scouts from local scout Troop 4 worked through the summer months cleaning, painting and landscaping the course so that it could be used by families.

About 50 scouts from Troops 26, 137 and Pack 284 and their families attended a Boy Scouts Appreciation Day Mini Golf tournament and ceremony to celebrate the opening Aug. 13.

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bryan DeCoster attended to recognize the scouts and present Orrico and the scout troop with a certificates of appreciation.

SOURCE: Linda Steil



Linda Steil

Ryan Glazier plays mini-golf at the Boy Scouts Appreciation Day Mini Golf tournament and ceremony Aug. 13 to celebrate the renovation of the facility led by Troop 4 scout Alvin Orrico.

### Soldier wins modern pentathlon

By Tim Hipps

IMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SAN ANTONIO – U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program Spc. Dennis Bowsher won his fourth national title at the 2011 U.S. National Modern Pentathlon Championships on Aug. 14 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Bowsher established himself as one of the leading men's modern pentathlon candidates to make Team USA for the 2012 London Olympic Games with a solid victory over Will Brady of Howell, Mich., and Air Force Maj. Els Bremer, a 2008 Olympian. He also topped Sam Sacksen, the other U.S. men's competitor in Beijing.

Bowsher capitalized on the combined running and shooting finale to win the five-sport event with 5,720 modern pentathlon points, followed by Brady (5,636), Bremer (5,584), Nathan Schrimsher (5,556) and Sacksen (5,524).

Bowsher posted the best back-to-back performances of his career with a fourth-place finish at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire's fifth Military World Games at sea level in Rio de Janeiro July 24, coupled with his triumph three weeks later in Colorado Springs, elevation 6,035 feet.

"I was pleased with how I swam and how I ran because we were at sea level for those couple weeks at the World Military Games and I was able to come back and get back into altitude shape right before the competition," said Bowsher, 28, a native of Dallas who is



Tim Hipp

U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program Spc. Dennis Bowsher of Fort Carson, Colo, rides Impacto in the show jumping event to finish fourth in the men's modern pentathlon with 5,740 points in July at the 5th CISM Military World Games in Rio de Janeiro. Three weeks later, Bowsher won his fourth national title at the 2011 U.S. National Modern Pentathlon Championships at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and lives across town at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

"I'm not feeling as much soreness as I expected, and that's always a good thing because I'm able to get right back into training. We have the World Championships in a few weeks and that's the next big, important one," he said.

Bowsher, Bremer, Brady and Sacksen will compete for Team USA at the 2011 Modern Pentathlon World Championships Sept. 8-14 in Moscow.

"The general goal is to go into each event and have a good result," Bowsher explained of the daylong competition that includes fencing, swimming, horseback riding, pistol shooting and cross-country running. "As far as plac-

ing, I would like to make the final, which would be a big deal because last year we did not have a U.S. guy make the final at the World Championships.

"Once you're in the final, it's whoever is feeling good that day."

Bowsher's best finish championships was 22nd in 2006.

"My swimming has been coming along," Bowsher said. "We've tweaked my stroke a little bit. My swimming at Nationals, aerobically it was one of the tougher races I've swam, but I was only .7 off what I did in Brazil down at sea level. I attribute that to a good stroke technique — being able to swim better when I'm tired and when the race doesn't feel that good. And I'm really getting the combined down."

### staying **ACTIVE**

#### Unit Level Flag Football League

Heidelberg Unit Level Flag Football League games begin 6-9 p.m. Aug. 29-Oct. 31. Units and components assigned to Heidelberg and Mannheim are authorized to participate. Letters of intent to participate can be obtained at the Patton, Tompkins and Campbell fitness centers. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032, www.mwrgermany.com.

#### Mannheim Bowling Hours

The Bowling Center on Benjamin Franklin Village will have new hours starting Sept. 1: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11-1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, 2-9 p.m. Sunday, closed Tuesdays and holidays. Try Wednesdays Penny a Pin and pay what y ou score or bowl Thursdays when kids bowl free when accompanied by an adult. DSN 380-9528, civ. 0621-730-9528, www.mwrgermany.com.

#### **U.S. Youth Soccer**

U.S. Youth Soccer and the Olympic development program for soccer will hold boys and girls camps Sept. 3-5. The girls camp will be in Kaiserslautern and the boys camp will be in Bitburg. The best players at the camps will be selected for the All Europe teams. http://usysa.qoalline.ca/index.php?team\_id=138974.

#### **Sergeants Major Annual Golf Scramble**

Registration is open until 24 team slots are filled for the Heidelberg Sergeants Major Annual Golf Scramble, with check-in time starting at 6:45 a.m. Sept. 9 at the Heidelberg Golf Course. Prizes awarded for first, second and third place, men's and women's longest drive and closest to the pin and more. DSN 379-7979.

#### **Freedom Run**

Register 8:30 a.m. Sept. 10 for the fourth Annual Freedom Fun Run and walk starting at 9 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Village Commissary. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489.

#### Fitness Day

IMCOM will host a Fitness Day 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Campbell Barracks Fitness Center. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489. Men lift 100 percent of their body weight, women lift 50 percent for a free T-shirt. Register on day of event. Open to Cardholders 18 and over and 15-17 year olds with parental consent. Free event. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489.

#### **Heidelberg Bowling Center**

Fall leagues at the Patrick Henry Village Bowling Center begin just after Labor Day and continue through May. Leagues are Tuesday Night MWR, Thursday Fun League, Freitag Mixed, Saturday Juniors and Sunday Adult/Junior. Weekday leagues bowl at 7 p.m. Saturday leagues bowl at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. King of the Hill tournaments are 1 p.m. every third Saturday beginning Sept. 17. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040, www. mwrgermay.com.

#### **Heidelberg Golf Club**

Register by Sept. 19 for the The Heidelberg Golf Club's Army and Air Force Challenge Sept. 24-25 beginning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start at the Heidelberg Golf Club Sept. 24 and a 9 a.m. shotgun start at Ramstein Air Base. The challenge is open to active duty, civilians and dependents with a verifiable handicap. First 50 players to sign up are on the team. DSN 379-6139, civ. 06202-53767, www.mwrgermany.com.

#### Ice Hockey

The Baden Bruins Army hockey team is looking for experienced ice hockey players for the upcoming 2011-12 season. The team, coached by ex-NHL player Bob Sullivan and ex-German National player Volker Lindenzweig, is open to ID card holders and local nationals, and all games and practices are held locally. The season begins in October and goes through mid April. Civ. 0172-6263642, info@badenbruins.com.