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### INSURGENTS DETAINED

A combined Afghan and coalition security force detained several suspected insurgents during an operation in the Washer district of Afghanistan's Helmand province Monday, military officials reported. The force was searching for a senior Taliban leader who is responsible for providing attack guidance to subordinate insurgents.

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## NAACP honors Soldier

By Spc. Adam P. Garlington  
USAREUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Master Sgt. Mark Jordan, the U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg equal opportunity senior enlisted advisor, received the Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award July 26 during the 102nd Annual National Association for the Advancement of Colored People conference held in the Los Angeles Convention Center.



JORDAN

Roy Wilkins was a prominent civil rights activist in the United States from the 1930s to the 1970s and leader of the NAACP for more than 20 years. In 1969, he created the Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Division of the NAACP to support African Americans in the military. Jordan reached the pinnacle of the Army equal opportunity program by being selected as the Roy Wilkins winner, but he waited more than a decade of his military service to start his ascent in the EO field.

In 1997, about 11 years into his Army career, he was managing inventory in a warehouse as an automated logistical specialist when his battalion needed an equal opportunity leader. Need- see JORDAN page 12



# Learning to call emergency services

## Students get life-saving lessons in fire safety

By Farrah Hamlett  
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The children of the Englisches Institut in Heidelberg were ablaze with enthusiasm and excitement as U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Fire and Emergency Services Fire Inspector Harald Büschel queried them about fire safety.

In return, students who correctly answered the series of questions received a LEGO fire truck. Students jumped at the chance to receive these trucks, but many confessed that they were happy to learn about fire safety because it could save them

and their families' lives.

"Fire safety is important because if it happens to you, you will know what to do," said 9-year-old Aidan Pendred.

Classmate Olivia Brunnenkant, 9, agreed with Pendred about being aware of how to calm a fire.

"Now I know how to ask for help and what to do in case of an emergency," she said.

Nine-year-old Daisy Otter learned that the most important thing to do if you or someone you know catches fire is to stop, drop and roll.

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Students watch as a classmate at the Englisches Institut in Heidelberg learns how to contact emergency services while participating in mock calls with Fire Inspector Harald Büschel who pretended to respond to calls detailing a home fire. (Photo by Farrah Hamlett)

## Army alters installation gate services

USAREUR, IMCOM-E Public Affairs

U.S. Army garrisons in Germany, Italy and Belgium began Monday to alter services at their gates much like U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg

has done on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg at the gate near the commissary.

A change was recently implemented at that gate adjusting its hours to 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Officials stress that al-

though the gate is often referred to as the commissary gate, the change does not affect the hours of operation at the commissary. Commissary hours remain unchanged.

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## COMMENTARY

# We never really know as much as we think we do

By **Elizabeth Casebeer**  
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When I arrived in Heidelberg in mid-April, I smugly thought I had an advantage over my fellow newcomers. I have wanted to live here ever since I can remember.

I lived in Europe as a child. I visited one of my best friends here each year for two weeks.

I took a year of weekly German classes in Los Angeles and best of all, my fiancé is German.

So on my first day, when my sponsor took me Army Community Services, I politely smiled as the lady told me about Families Learning About Germany (now called Culture College) but did not sign up, partly because I work for the Herald Post and did not think it was fair for me to be away from work, but mostly because I figured it was for folks who were anxious about living here. I was the exact opposite.

The ACS representative could not stop singing the praises of instructor Havi Lepage, a Bermuda native who has lived here off and on for a number of years.

I figured there might be one or two tiny things I didn't know, but would eventually figure out in the coming months.

As for what I didn't figure out on my own, I had the home advantage.

I don't actually know what made me change my mind but I found

myself signed up for the June 13-15 evening class and, oddly, looking forward to it.

If nothing else it would be fun and maybe I could meet some nice people. I'm glad to say both happened.

The first night, Havi brought a nice spread of cookies, coffee, candy and hot chocolate and the dozen or so of us settled in for stories ranging from her as a young bride in Germany a few decades ago to crashing a neighbor's party by mistake.

Over the next few days, she explained why the winters tend to be on the rainy side in Heidelberg (we're in a valley) and that Leimen (where I was staying before the house was ready) is notorious for its pollution from the cement plant and is partly blamed for allegedly high incidences of asthma.

Havi also suggested that instead of drinking water from the tap, to either filter it or buy bottles.

The various numbers on dishwasher detergent mean different things and some of them already include salt so there is no need to add it when doing dishes (and there are no white streaks in the dishwasher anymore).

We also learned a few things about being a good neighbor. Traditionally, quiet hours are 1-3 p.m. daily because the husband came home for lunch around that time and the whole family ate their largest meal then, including the kids. After 10 p.m., the music must come to an abrupt stop, and

there's no walking your friend to his or her car and loudly closing out your conversation outside. German dogs and children tend to be more well behaved than our own, maybe because there is arguably more discipline for both, and former are allowed in most restaurants as long as they behave.

Havi even took us on a field trip and showed us how to purchase strassenbahn tickets and how to maneuver around the bahnhof. We learned some German phrases and compared the differences in Bavarian culture, which seems to be what most Americans picture the entire country to be like. Bottom line, the class was more than worth my time. Despite all my advantages, I learned a lot.

Along the way, I learned a few small things on my own, like how it's economically sound to buy 1½ liter bottles of water at 19 euro cents a pop and save the bottles to turn back in for the pfand refund than it is to buy them at the commissary (sorry DeCA).

Nutella tastes better when it's locally produced. German washers and dryers may take a really long time (at least to us) but never have my clothes been cleaner, and I can feel better about the environment since ours conserves water and is A+++ rated. You can almost always spot Americans by the type of car they drive or even worse, the Monster drink stickers smeared all over the back. The staff at the Deutsche Post speak Eng-

lish. I found out I really like spargel. Strawberries are delicious in-season as well, but unlike the states, it's not a great idea to buy them other times. The backerei also makes batches of fresh bread in the early evenings, and you can get basic rolls for a dime at some places.

German products are just as good as ours and in some cases, even better and less expensive.

There is a way to control the white gunk buildup in your sinks and showers: Lime Away.

I've learned to unstaple the SOFA card in my passport since criminals can see it.

I learned it's a good idea to get an international driver's license to avoid fines in the event you get pulled over by the police.

And I discovered you really can sit at a restaurant with your friends for hours on end if you so choose and the waiter won't signal it's time for you to scam.

I've realized that if you at least attempt to speak German, most people will appreciate the effort.

I've learned you really don't have to produce so much garbage at home: it's been four weeks since the black bin was at our curb and it will be another two weeks before it's picked up, as it's only two-thirds full right now.

Even though I've only been here a few months, I've learned a lot and I know without a doubt my experiences will surprise me for years to come.



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

"How do I look at the housing on post? We are moving there in December and I would like to look at what the housing looks like and I'm not having any luck."

—Amanda Hanson Frappier, BWnow Facebook fan

"Amanda, we spoke with housing officials and currently they do not have any official online method

to view on-post housing options but you can e-mail them directly at [hsginfo@eur.army.mil](mailto:hsginfo@eur.army.mil) for personal assistance and questions. Our garrison website at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/Newcomers/housing](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/Newcomers/housing) also has lots of info. Welcome to the community and we hope to see ya soon :)."

—BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Everyone, the Ketsch Fish Fest starts this Friday! I went last year and was blown away—the fish is delicious. And for those who remember the fish fries in the South, the fish in Ketsch will take you back—it's that good. I live in Ketsch so I'm riding my bike there. [www.ketscher-backfischfest.de](http://www.ketscher-backfischfest.de)."

—Saunya ODwyer, BWnow Facebook fan



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# Bridge replacement prompts detours in Mannheim

**Staff Report**

The city of Mannheim recently announced the six-week closure of the railroad overpass on Waldstrasse, a main commuter road between Benjamin Franklin Village and Coleman Barracks.

As of last Friday, the bridge is closed to all traffic.

The closure is necessary to allow for demolition of the old and insertion of the new structure and is estimated to last until Sept. 10. Detours (Umleitung or U 1 through 5), which have been set up for the ongoing construction, will be in effect.

Traffic authorities recommend commuters between Sandhofen (Coleman Barracks) and Käfertal (Benjamin Franklin Village, Sullivan and Funari Barracks) use the autobahn A6 and the B38 highway as alternate routes to bypass the construction site and its immediate vicinity.

Traffic lights along the most heavily traveled detour routes will be adjusted to meet the changed requirements and improve traffic flow.

Information in German is at [www.mannheim.de/presse/erneuerung-riedbahnbruecke-mannheim-waldhof-vollsperrung-vom-29-juli-10-september](http://www.mannheim.de/presse/erneuerung-riedbahnbruecke-mannheim-waldhof-vollsperrung-vom-29-juli-10-september).



# Vigilance stressed during anti-terrorism awareness month

**INCOM Europe Public Affairs**

For the second year in a row, the Department of the Army has designated August as Anti-terrorism awareness month. U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg anti-terrorism officers intend to use the opportunity to train, educate and increase overall awareness.

The purpose of the program is to get the word out to Soldiers, families and civilians about how they can help prevent terrorism and protect their community. This can be accomplished by educating them on the concepts, principles, roles, responsibilities and suspicious activity reporting procedures.

"We are in the process of implementing the new iWatch and iSalute online portal program. This report portal is accessible on the USAG Baden-Württemberg website at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/iwatch](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/iwatch)," said Tim Harmon, USAG BW iWatch program manager.

In addition to the online programs, Harmon plans to post a display at the Community Activities Registration and Education Fair at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion Aug. 27. Last year's security awareness brief for high school students was so successful Harmon and the staff intend to do it again this year, and include middle school students as well.

With the upcoming 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 and

the recent death of Osama bin Laden, the founder of al-Qaeda, the jihadist organization responsible for the attacks, force protection officials will focus their efforts on heightening awareness and vigilance in order to protect the military communities from acts of terrorism.

The AT awareness month themes are:


- ◆Recognizing and reporting suspicious activity and high risk behavior
- ◆Active shooter response procedures
- ◆Application of anti-terrorism doctrinal principles
- ◆Integrating anti-terrorism into the operations process

Unfortunately, extremist ideologies and terrorism continue to threaten the Army and the nation as a whole. The culture of the Army must evolve in order to recognize that the threat may come from within our own perimeter. If someone says or does something that can be described as suspicious, it is your duty to report that activity. You are the first line of defense against terrorism.

Community members must understand the terrorist threat, take actions to detect and deter terrorists and report all suspicious activities, officials said.

To learn more, visit the USA-REUR iWatch page at [www.eur.army.mil/vigilance/iWATCH.htm](http://www.eur.army.mil/vigilance/iWATCH.htm) and the USAG Baden-Württemberg iWatch page at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/iWatch](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/iWatch).

August is ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH



"Every year European authorities arrest some 200 individuals and prevent a handful of plots, and many in Europe believe that trend will continue in the foreseeable future."

RAND National Defense Research Institute/International Security and Defense Policy Center study, July 2011

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# Units change command

## 18th MP Brigade

### 21st TSC Public Affairs

The 18th Military Police Brigade welcomed Col. Brian Bisacre at a ceremony on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim July 15. Bisacre is a native of Wakefield, Mass., who has served with the 25th Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 8th Military Police Brigade and the U.S. Northern Command.

Outgoing commander Col. Tom Evans, a native of Columbia, La., retired after 32 years of service.

## 60th Engineer Geospatial Planning Cell

### 21st TSC Public Affairs

The 60th Engineer Geospatial Planning Cell Commander Lt. Col. Craig Guth relinquished command to Lt. Col. John Byrn on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg July 15.

## 5th Signal Command

### 5th Signal Brigade Public Affairs

The reins of 5th Signal Command were entrusted to Col. Bruce T. Crawford at a change of command ceremony held at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield July 25. Crawford served as the coordination group director for the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army and as chief of the Land-WarNet Integration Division for the Chief Information Office, G6, at the Pentagon.

Outgoing commander Brig. Gen. Jeffrey G. Smith, Jr., served 41 months as 5th Signal's commander and will assume duties as the director of proponentcy for U.S. Army Cyber Command at Fort Meade, Md.



Frank Schleeheuer

Fifth Signal Commander Col. Bruce Crawford, right, meets with Col. Bernd Bauer, commander of Hessen State Command. Bauer is the senior military advisor to the Hessen State Minister President responsible for civil-military cooperation.

## transformation UPDATE

### Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

### Facilities Operations Changes

**NEW – 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. For information, pick up a "Guide to Host Nation Health Care" at the Heidelberg Health Center or visit <https://ermc.amedd.army.mil/heidelberg/index.cfm>.

**New – Mannheim Physical Therapy** – The final day for physical therapy services in Mannheim will be Aug. 11, according to health clinic officials there. Currently, Physical Therapy only serves the active duty population, but after Aug. 11 patients will have to go to Heidelberg for this treatment.

**New – Mannheim Social Work Services** – Social Work Services has moved to the Health Clinic, Bldg. 739, on Benjamin Franklin Village. To contact SWS call the Health Clinic front desk at DSN 380-9500, civ. 0621-730-9500. For emergencies, call the MP station: DSN 114, civ. 0621-730-114.

**New – Mannheim SATO** – The last day of operation for the SATO travel office will be Aug. 24. SATO handles travel for official and leisure purposes and also books car rentals, 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 both German and American holidays. DSN 370-6615, civ. 06221-985-0690. SATO in Mannheim until Aug. 24: DSN 380-4694, civ. 0621-727-680. [www.satovacations.com](http://www.satovacations.com).

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

**Security Office** – The Security office for USAG-Baden Württemberg has moved to Bldg. 110, Room 104, on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg.

**Mannheim Middle School** – Mannheim seventh and eighth grade students will attend Heidelberg Middle School on Patrick Henry Village next school year which begins Aug. 29. Sixth grade students either will attend school in Mannheim at the elementary building in a self-contained fifth and sixth grade classroom or go to Heidelberg Middle School. Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe has been watching enrollments and noted a steady decline in registered students and it became clear the best possible educational program for these students would be at Heidelberg Middle School. The middle school is a 25-minute bus ride from Mannheim. A separate bus will take high school students to Mark Twain Village to attend Heidelberg High School.

**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 offices are closed on American and German holidays. Mannheim TMP is located 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.

**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.

**Heidelberg 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.

**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. 001-877-272-7337.

**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. 06221-57-1760.

**Vehicle Registration and Inspection** – Heidelberg's vehicle registration office is 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. GPS: Am Aubuckel, 68259 Feudenheim.

**Mannheim Base Operations** – With the deactivation of Mannheim there are two names for community members to keep in mind – Ralph Santaliz, Base Operations Manager, and Master Sgt. Romeo Satsatin, Base Operations NCOIC. They are located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks and are ready to assist the Mannheim community. DSN 385-1500, civ. 0621-730-1510, [rafael.santaliz@eur.army.mil](mailto:rafael.santaliz@eur.army.mil), [romeo.satsatin@eur.army.mil](mailto:romeo.satsatin@eur.army.mil).

**Mannheim DEERS, ID Cards, Passports** – The DEERS, ID cards and passports offices have relocated to Bldg. 246, room 101 on Benjamin Franklin Village.

**Mannheim Personal Property Processing** – The Mannheim Personal Property Processing office, also known as the transportation office, is closed. Mannheim customers will now use the Heidelberg Personal Property Processing Office on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, Room 267. The hours for the Heidelberg PPPO have changed to 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday. The office is closed daily 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. daily and on American holidays.

**Subway** – The Subway restaurant on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim has closed and reopened on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg.

**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.

**Spinelli furniture** – The furniture store on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim is now closed.

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

**Mannheim Army Community Service** – Army Community Services and the ACS Lending Closet have moved to Bldg. 246.

### Video Blog

See Director of Emergency Services Melvin Jones discuss vehicle registration on the BWnow command video blog at [www.youtube.com/BWnow](http://www.youtube.com/BWnow).



## Landstuhl achieves highest trauma care verification

### LRMC Public Affairs

The American College of Surgeons has verified Landstuhl Regional Medical Center as a Level I Trauma Center, making it the only Level I ACS-verified Trauma Center outside the United States.

"The system of care is unique here and the attitude of everyone here from the doctors and the nurses to the different services is absolutely flawless," said Dr. Donald Trunkey, the ACS lead reviewer.

For Level I status, trauma centers must also serve as a teaching facility and conduct trauma research and injury prevention.

During its two-day inspection in May, the ACS Verification Review Committee found zero deficiencies and cited more than 25 accolades. LRMC is now among only 142 U.S. hospitals with Level I Trauma Center designation.

Initially verified as an ACS Level II Trauma Center in 2007 and re-verified in 2010, LRMC is both a founding and a cornerstone member of the DOD Joint Theater Trauma System.

The JTTS was created to optimize treatment and functional recovery for injured Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. LRMC remains the only JTTS site that renders direct care to every casualty strategically evacuated from the combat zones by the U.S. Air Force aeromedical evacuation system.

Col. (Dr.) Jeff Clark, hospital commander, said the aeromedical evacuation system and its role in the entire continuum of care, from down-

range medics and surgeons to stateside doctors and nurses deserve credit for the achievement.

"As the prism for the global continuum of care for wounded warriors, LRMC has treated more than 64,000 patients from Afghanistan and Iraq to include patients from 48 coalition countries. Being verified as a Level I facility further validates our commitment to those we are privileged to serve," Clark said.

The strict standards of compliance for ACS Level II verification consisted of more than 230 criteria focused on immediate and comprehensive trauma. ACS is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that began in 1913. ACS works to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient by setting high standards for surgical education and practice. ACS does not designate trauma centers; instead, it verifies that hospitals meet the strict criteria defined by its manual "Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient."

LRMC, with a staff of over 3,000 Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers, local nationals and civilians, provides medical care for more than 245,000 U.S. military personnel and their families within U.S. European Command.

LRMC is the largest American hospital outside of the United States and serves as the strategic evacuation medical center for major military commands in Europe.

The LRMC footprint also includes the Vicenza Health Center and a total of six U.S. Army Health Clinics in Italy, Belgium and Germany.

## 2010 campaign raises 91K

### USAREUR Public Affairs

The quality of life in U.S. Army communities in Europe got a \$91,227.33 boost at a Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas check presentation July 19.

Major Gen. James C. Boozer, the U.S. Army Europe chief of staff and Kathleen Marin, the acting Installation Management Command-Europe regional director, accepted the check from Renee Acosta, president and chief executive officer of Global Impact, the Department of Defense's campaign management organization for CFC-O.

## Faces of the community: Strike Zone



Max Lancaster

Strike Zone employee Maranda Lee assists customer Jason Cahela with his order at the Strike Zone bowling alley snack bar located in Bldg. 4545 on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. The bowling alley and the snack bar are open from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday and 11a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

## Unlocked cars, visible items tempt thieves

### OPM Public Affairs

U.S. forces personnel can easily become victims of car break-ins and often unwittingly tempt thieves, warns officials from the U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal.

Satellite navigation devices are the most popular items for crooks but laptops, ID cards, gas cards, passports, purses, cameras, cell phones, radios, license plates and military clothing are also regularly stolen from cars and vans.

"The main problem is that property is left in plain view inside military and civilian vehicles," said Capt. Richard K. Robinson, OPM's law enforcement staff officer.

Another problem is some people don't lock their vehicles, OPM officials added.

"It is not only important to lock your vehicle when it is unattended, but it is also the law in many countries in Europe," Robinson said.

But a locked vehicle alone

is no deterrent, the captain warned. If thieves see something valuable in plain sight inside, they will gladly smash a window or cut open a canvas top to grab it.

"It is best to never leave anything valuable in a car," Robinson added. "Crooks know all the hiding places for electronic devices." If you have to leave something in the car, the trunk is the safest place, he said.

Robinson also cautioned about a trick criminals use that often targets women driving alone.

Someone indicates there is something wrong on the driver's side of the vehicle, he explained, and while the driver is distracted, an accomplice opens the passenger door or reaches through an open window and steals the driver's purse.

Robinson offered some tips for people who will be driving on vacations this season, to help reduce their chances of becoming victims of crime.

- Keep baggage and valuables out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk. When staying overnight, take valuables inside.

- If you have a detachable satellite navigation system or radio, always take it out when you leave the car.

- Always lock your car while driving, while getting gas, at rest stops and when parked.

- Never leave valuable documents such as passports or ID cards in your vehicle – always keep them in your possession.

- Maps and guidebooks on the dashboard show that you're a tourist – keep them in the glove box.

- Stay away from cars driving erratically.

- Never pick up hitchhikers.

- Report thefts to military and local police, regardless of the country you are in. You may need a police report to file an insurance claim.

For information visit the National Crime Prevention Council website at [www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/theft](http://www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/theft).

# Garrison 'Dustoff' Soldiers return to Landstuhl

By Rick Scavetta

USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Dashing across the helicopter hangar, 2-year-old Gavin McKinstry scrambled into his father's outstretched arms.

Sgt. Darrell McKinstry, an Army flight medic, was among dozens of Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment, who returned July 17 from Afghanistan, where unit helicopter crews – known as “Dustoff” – flew medical evacuation missions over the past year. McKinstry hoisted Gavin upon his shoulder, embraced wife Rachel and smiled down at his 4-month-old son, Emmett.

“It’s wonderful to be back, after a job well done by all the guys in our unit,” he said. “It’s great to be home with my family. I missed them tremendously, especially the little ones.”

During their first week back, Soldiers work half days. U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern supports returning Soldiers by offering reintegration classes at Daenner Kaserne, on everything from reuniting with family, finances and counseling to local recreational opportunities, said William Dial, a garrison reintegration management specialist. The garrison also provides transportation for returning Soldiers upon their return and free day care.

“The garrison strives to make the transition from deployment to home station as easy as possible for returning Soldiers and their families,” Dial said. “This effort is supported by all our resources.”

They get briefings from Army Community Service, Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation and the chaplain’s office. Then come medical and dental checks, plus other unit-run classes, Dial said. At the unit, weap-

ons need cleaning, equipment needs repairing and a change of command needs planning. Once that’s done, Soldiers get a well-deserved break.

During the deployment, families also relied upon community support, said Alexa Zenk, wife of Maj. Patrick Zenk, the company commander.

Programs offered through the garrison’s ACS and Family and MWR, really helped, Zenk said. A great plus was free child care for spouses of deployed Soldiers, to attend FRG meetings, ACS events or to simply take a break.

“We have tapped into those resources like there’s no tomorrow,” Zenk said. “And because of those resources, a lot of our families have grown, learned and now know what they’re made of.”

While deployed to southwest Afghanistan, where U.S. Marines are currently fighting Taliban insurgents, Dustoff crews flew nearly 4,000 hours and cared for roughly 3,000 patients, said Maj. Shane Miller, the rear detachment commander. Often, they faced small arms and rocket fire while evacuating wounded troops. Soldiers earned several awards, to include five bronze stars, 60 air medals, 30 combat action badges, 14 Army commendation medals, 10 Army achievement awards and one combat medic badge.

A documentary crew that filmed unit crews in Afghanistan will be on hand today when the company holds its official welcome home event – planned to be a fun celebration for Soldiers and families, said Sgt. 1st Class Richard Simmons, the rear detachment first sergeant.

Roughly 110 Soldiers deployed in waves from July to November 2010. Most returned between June and July, however, one flight platoon will remain for several more months, Simmons said. In Landstuhl, unit personnel supported Soldiers by helping



Rick Scavetta

Sgt. Darrell McKinstry, a Company C, 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment flight medic, hugs wife Rachel and sons Gavin and Emmett during a July 17 homecoming event in Landstuhl.

families, Simmons said.

“Seeing them reunite with family, that’s the most rewarding part,” he added.

On Sunday, Rachel McKinstry woke up thinking, “He’s coming home today. I hope he doesn’t get delayed.” Her husband deployed twice before, to Iraq, and now to Afghanistan. Waiting, especially the last few hours, can be the hardest part for families and loved ones. Many are full of excitement and anticipation.

“It’s a ball of nerves,” she said. “You want to make sure everything is perfect.”

Inside the Landstuhl hangar, families gathered to wait. Children clutching small U.S. flags darted circles around groups of anxious mothers. Whispers passed – the bus from Ramstein was coming. Moments later, huge hangar doors parted to reveal rows of gray-

clad Soldiers, tired but smiling as they marched inside. Then, the blissful command, “Dismissed”

Kids and moms rushed forward. Soldiers knelt to pick up children. Tears were hidden tightly in hugs. Friends shook hands and produced gifts.

When Pfc. Charles Milazzo, 24, of Denver, Colo., deployed, his roommate Pfc. Jason McKinley, knew he’d miss his buddy.

“So, I replaced him with a cactus and named it Charles,” said McKinley, 21, of Raeford, N.C., adding that the plant received sips of beer over the past six months.

When Milazzo returned McKinley presented him the cactus. McKinley said was glad to see his best friend return safely from Afghanistan. Handing over the cactus was a joyful moment.

“He can give it beer now,” McKinley said.

## Tech Expo

From left, students Nick Endrikat, Jonathan Cedenro, along with Staff Sgt. Alexander Romo, listen to a briefing from Mark Hargrove, a representative from the Oracle Corporation, about one of the company’s virtual desktop iPad applications during the technology expo at the Campbell Barrack’s fitness center July 29 in Heidelberg. More than 55 organizations participated in the one-day event sponsored by the 43d Signal Battalion. Technology expos are held annually at the Department of Defense, Intelligence and federal agency locations around the world including the Pentagon, National Security Agency, Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg and Central Intelligence Agency. Expos are typically four hours in duration and attract 20-50 exhibitors and 200-600 attendees.



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Sgt. 1st Class Michael R. Noggle

The vehicle transporting Sgt. 1st Class Leroy A. Petry, 75th Ranger Regiment Medal of Honor recipient, passes Santa Fe, N.M., locals, family and friends on Interstate 25 July 29. Petry visited his hometown for the first time since receiving the Medal of Honor July 12.



U.S. Army

Reserve Soldiers of the 652nd Engineer Company, located in Hammond, Wis., remove tension in bridge bays before disconnecting them on the Arkansas River as part of a training event called River Assault 2011, at Fort Chaffee, Ark., July 26. River Assault culminated with the construction of a floating improved ribbon bridge across the Arkansas River.

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U.S. Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jonathan David Chandler

An engineer assigned to the British Army's 59 Commando Squadron, Royal Engineers, secures concertina wire for a security barrier in Lashkar Gah District, Helmand province, Afghanistan, July 25. The engineers built the station for the Afghan local police, a local security force made up of handpicked individuals from the community.



Kevin Goode

Members of the 101st Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Company train to handle domestic disasters during a mass casualty decontamination validation class July 20 at the Fayetteville, N.C., Municipal Airport. The training was an opportunity to simulate conditions of a potential chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear threat.



# Music creates a whole new forever

By Iben Merrill

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ex Soldier turned jazz and soul singer Jimi Carrow performed at the Lindbergh restaurant in Mannheim July 25, his energetic performance an embodiment of soulquity, a word he created meaning making souls dance.

Since his arrival in Germany in 1995 Carrow has worked for the Exchange. Currently an employee at the Shopette on Patton Barracks, his path to here began in New York.

Carrow, born in Manhattan in 1956 and raised in Queens, grew up with music all around him.

"My father is an African drummer and dancer. My mother is a singer and an African dancer. So it is in the blood," he said. On Sundays they would listen to Gospel while cleaning the house.

"During the week there (was) no telling. You'd hear everything from Aretha Franklin to Yma Sumac," he said.

Carrow, who is also a percussionist, first learned the skill from his dad.

"My dad left the house when I was 4, but one of the things I do remember was him standing in front of a conga and telling me to hold a particular beat while he was holding the other drums. I guess that's one of the best things he ever did for me," Carrow said.

"We used to go to Central Park a lot. You'd put your drums on your back. You'd either take the train or a few of us would just make a whole day of it, ride our bikes from Queens to Manhattan. At the park you'd just listen to where the sound of the music was coming from and you'd go there, and there would be a huge circle of people just jamming."

Music was a lifestyle for Carrow. "My mother and my mother's boyfriend would take me to a bar and I would get up and play late at night. I was 12 or 13 maybe."

Carrow was originally into the hip-



CARROW

pie scene. However, when Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin died, he along with many others started wearing black armbands. From then on, he immersed himself in the Rhythm and Blues scene encountering highs and lows along the way.

Carrow grew up during the civil rights movement and was bused to an all white school. It was a troubled time, but his performance in track led to some acceptance.

"As a matter of fact, my 8x80-yard relay team was the fastest in New York City. We ran for state and we won the 8x80-yard relay, and that's one of the proudest moments of my life," he said. There was even talk of the Junior Olympics.

"That is a nice little perk, but (as) an unguided child I went the wrong way. One thing happens after another, and I end up having to repeat the seventh grade. Before I could finish that I (was) strung out, wound up going to rehab," he said. He spent a year in rehabilitation. He was not yet 15.

Carrow got his life back on track earning his general education diploma, serving eight years in the Army and working his way to the top in radio in Killeen, Texas.

Some time later, his daughter sent him a ticket to her high school graduation in Germany. "At the time she only had enough for a one-way," he recalls.



Photos by Iben Merrill

Jimi Carrow's band, Jimi's Souliquity, plays with other local bands at the Lindbergh restaurant in Mannheim July 25. Carrow is a 16-year employee of the Exchange in the Heidelberg area.

Carrow describes coming to Germany in 1995 as one of the best things that ever happened to him. "For the first time after five years I was able to stay clean and now it is over 17 years," he said.

By 1999, however, Carrow felt there had to be more to life than just work, and he decided to take up playing again. "I would go up to jam sessions and sometimes I'd pay just to get to play. Because if your life contains, I get up, I go to work, I come home, I spend. I get up, I go to work ... that's your life. It just wasn't working for me.

"When I started playing my drums again life took on a whole new fresh meaning. I really was happy to be alive," he said.

Having performed with various bands he decided to start Jimi's Souliquity in 2004. Carrow defined the made-up word soulquity as "that which makes your soul dance." Although it can be anything, music had this affect on him.

"Once I started playing again, it just put a whole new forever in me,"

he said.

"I only play what I know and that's classic jazz and soul. I'm not looking to make a big record. I want to have people like what I like, of course with an entry fee," he smiled.

Carrow also joins swing, jazz and reggae bands from time to time and has played across Germany, Switzerland, France and England.

"I live one day at a time. My motto is: Do something good for yourself and do something good for somebody from your heart and your day is done," he said.

Through his music he does exactly that. Performing not only makes him happy but also everyone else present as was evident at the Lindbergh where listeners were grooving to the beat and his soulful voice.

Although he mainly performs at private events Carrow can be found regularly at the Lindbergh, Baden-Baden Casino and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation events. Join Jimi Carrow on Facebook to find him at upcoming events.

## Watch out for upcoming debit card changes

By Denise Fesel

USAG KAISERSLAUTERN FINANCIAL READINESS

Every time you swipe your debit card, the bank charges the merchant a fee for processing – one cause for the recent increase in costs of purchases.

Now, some banks are changing terms for debit cards in reaction to the Durbin Amendment.

The amendment, part of last year's Dodd-Frank Act, caps debit card "swipe fees" to help merchants who say they're powerless to negotiate rates

with networks like MasterCard and Visa. On June 29 the Federal Reserve Board issued its final rule setting the transaction interchange fee cap at 21 cents with allowable adjustments for fraud losses and prevention. This is a significant reduction in fee revenue previously collected – on average 44 cents per transaction.

No one really knows the law's effect on customers or banks. But some banks already changed fee structures and rewards programs.

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don't plan to change current terms, said Capt. Chris Wurst, 266th Financial Management Center, U.S. Army Europe banking and credit union liaison officer.

Meanwhile, companies like JP Morgan are projecting huge revenue losses that could exceed \$1.3 billion annually. To prepare, JP Morgan no longer offers rewards programs and has implemented a \$59 annual fee for high risk creditors on newly issued cards.

Banks lobbied against the proposal because it generated

roughly \$16 billion in revenue in 2009, according to the Federal Reserve. In response, the board delayed its initial effective date (July 21) until Oct. 1.

Retailers say they will be able to offer price breaks for every time a card is swiped to buy things like gas or groceries. But, banks warn this will be crumbs, and they will be forced to make up the loss.

Retailers pay an estimated \$18 billion annually in interchange fees. The savings is not guaranteed to the consumer because the retailer is the one

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 DSN 493-4151, civ. 0631-3406-4151;  
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that would pass these savings on and many are silent on what they will do with the reduction of the cost.

Unfortunately, the amendment also doesn't offer clear details on how the law will be implemented nor does the law require retailers to cut prices. However, banks have said fee hikes will make up for any lost income.





Students from the Engliches Institut in Heidelberg watch as their classmate Nick Schmidt-Thienne, third from left, listens to the instructions of U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Fire Inspector Harald Büschel on how to use an extinguisher to control the flames of blazing embers.

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Students at the Engliches Institut learned how to place a call to Emergency Services followed by a series of mock calls, where Büschel responded to simulated calls detailing a fire in the home.

"I know what to do if I am alone and most importantly what number to dial for the fire engine," said 8-year-old Samiya Junker-Khan who was fascinated most by this demonstration.

Students moved from the theoretical aspect to the practical aspect of fire safety by learning how to smother flames using fire extinguishers and the style of dress that firefighters don to fight combustions.

Büschel explained to the children why the clothing is important by pointing out the flammable material and the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and answered a question posed by the group, "Why does it produce a strange noise?"

Büschel explained in German and then trans-

lated his response.

"It makes a strange noise because it's a membrane that prevents air from coming in from the outside and allows exhausted air to flow back into the environment."

Students at the Engliches Institut were all happy to receive information that could possibly save their families and homes should a fire ever break out.

Jessie Watson, 9, now feels confident that she would know what to do in the event of a fire.

"The training was helpful, because if my house caught on fire I would know what to do," she said.

Clara Schreiter, 8, chimed in with the same sentiment.

"I know how to react to a fire and what to do to stop a fire from spreading," Schreiter said.

The lessons the students learned from the USAG BW Fire and Emergency Services were ones that could possibly save their lives and those of the people closest to them.

## GATES

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U.S. Army Europe and Installation Management Command Europe officials have developed a plan to adjust contract guard manpower to meet current Department of the Army standards, said Tom Blackwell of USAREUR's Office of the Provost Marshal.

The plan is a workable method to maintain services and provide security within budget limits, Blackwell said. As USAREUR continues its transformation, all parties will refine the plan and adjust man-hours as necessary.

He stressed that the changes will not degrade installation security, and he said any future changes will be managed to ensure a consistent level of protection.

OPM officials said that the changes may create delays for some drivers entering Army installations in theater during high-traffic periods. They said commanders may use other manpower to reduce

the problem or consider adjusting work hours to reduce congestion.

Blackwell added that most vehicles enter installations occupied by a single person and suggested that carpooling could help ease the volume of traffic at gates.

Blackwell also recommended that anyone with an unregistered ID card register it now at their local Installation Access Control office in compliance with Army in Europe Regulation 190-16 (Installation Access Control).

"People approaching the gates with unregistered ID cards significantly increase customer wait times, especially during high traffic," Blackwell said.

"When a gate guard checks a driver's or pedestrian's identification, the process takes less than 15 seconds," he said. "To manually look up an unregistered or forgotten ID card can take up to three minutes, pulling guards away from the lane and holding up traffic."

## JORDAN

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ing points to help get himself promoted, Jordan accepted the EOL position.

"While I was at the EOL school, the training started lining up with my values and principles of equality and treating people with dignity and respect," said Jordan. "It confirmed what I was doing as a person. That is why I fell in love with the EO program, because it mirrored my lifestyle," Jordan said. "I have a strong religious background, but the EO program isn't about religion. The tenets of my religion value people, so it was a win-win situation for me. My best tool is to be able to value people in a way that matches the Army policy."

Jordan fell in love with his part-time EOL additional duty, and he decided that he wanted to make a career out of valuing people and advising commanders about EO policy. The only way he could work in the Army EO program full-time was to become

an equal opportunity advisor.

Jordan worked diligently toward his goal for eight years, and he was selected to the EOA school in 2008.

"It was the highlight of my career," said Jordan of his selection to become an EOA.

Two years later, Jordan became the USAREUR equal opportunity senior enlisted advisor, and he said that his responsibilities are to coach, mentor, train, educate and advise more than 25 EOAs in the USAREUR community.

He has planned, organized and executed symposiums and training conferences that have equipped his EOA teams with the newest diversity tools for advising their commanders and serving Soldiers throughout the command.

"I consider the position of an EOA to be a force multiplier and the greatest opportunity to enhance mission readiness," Jordan said. "Equality is important to me because people are important to me. Every person deserves to be treated with dignity and

respect. When dignity and respect are compromised, the mission suffers.

"The opportunity to empower, educate and teach people will be here until the end of time," said Jordan. "Winning the Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award is a culmination of empowering and recognizing people. Since becoming an EOL in 1997, I've always wanted people to operate at a greater capacity."

The Wilkins award is presented annually by the Department of Defense and the NAACP to military service members who make significant contributions in civil rights, race relations, equal opportunity, human resources and public service over a two-year period.

"I'm very proud of Master Sgt. Jordan, and proud to be part of his Army," said Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, USAREUR commanding general. "He has clearly made the Army values his values, and his service is a great example of what right looks like."



# Vienna waits for you

*Coffee houses, parks pander old world flavor*



Photos by Anemone Rueger

A tantalizing cappuccino at Cafe Schwarzenberg harkens customers wishing to relax in the dark-paneled eatery in Vienna. Right, tulips in a Vienna park, the inside of Cafe Schwarzenberg, the Karl's Kirche and Schönbrunn Park grace the Austrian city with their worldly charm.



**By Anemone Rueger**  
USAG WIESBADEN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

There are two things that come to mind when I hear “Vienna” – breathtaking parks and outrageously alluring bohemian Kaffeehauses.

Actually the coffee houses ought to be mentioned first since they have helped endear Vienna to its visitors for centuries.

A Vienna coffee house offers a trip back in time to when people would go to one of these discreet meeting points just to read the newspaper or to discuss politics and literature for hours over a cup of coffee, always offered with a glass of water on a silver tray by a waiter dressed in a black three-piece suit.

Some of the Kaffeehauses proudly claim not having undertaken any major renovations for 100 years, such as the Jelinek in Otto Bauer Gasse. An oven has been added, carrying “American Heating” in artful letters. The worn green plush armchairs, the mottled mirrors on the wall, the carbon black on the wallpaper behind the oven – it’s supposed to be just like that.

The exquisite Schwarzenberg near the square of the same name, wearing dark wooden paneling, heavy chandeliers all around, offers live music at the grand piano in the evenings. Café Prückel across from the Museum of Applied Arts has conserved an authentic post-war flair through its original 1950s furniture.

Vienna claims not less than 1,100 coffee houses, each offering criminally delicious pastries, from apple strudel to poppy seed cake to variations of the famous Sacher cake. Diets should be postponed when one sets out for Vienna.

And now the parks. Let’s

start with Schönbrunn, probably the most well-known as it hosts the Schönbrunn Palace with its history dating back to the Middle Ages.

Visitors strolling along the strictly geometrical sequences of the park will pass the world’s oldest animal park, before being offered the option of ascending the hill up to the “Gloriette,” built in 1775. The climb is worth every step as each turn of the path offers a more breathtaking view of the palace.

The approach to the baroque multi-level park leading up to the Belvedere Palace is not a time to put the camera away, either. Numerous fountains and gardens and statues lead from the lower to the upper building of the palace, built for the Prince of Savoyen some 300 years ago.

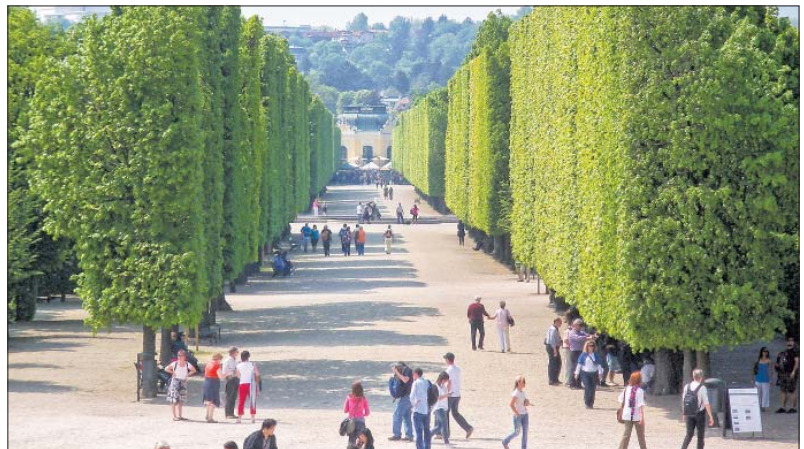
The Volksgarten adjacent to the Museum of Natural History offers many an inviting spot to stop and enjoy life.

The Prater Park is home to what was once the largest Ferris wheel in the world when it was set up in 1897 on the occasion of the 50th coronation anniversary of Emperor Franz Josef I.

The Steinhof Park, a little heaven in spring overlooking the city, has quite an unusual building tucked away between the trees – the Otto von Wagner Church. The builder created a jewel of art nouveau architecture off the beaten path as the city fathers were not too keen on his vanguard ideas back in the day.

Vienna is just about a 90-minute flight, or a seven-hour train ride from Frankfurt.

Visit [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) for train tickets. Information about the city is available at [www.wien.gv.at](http://www.wien.gv.at) – or stop by your local library.





## GERMAN NEWS

### Insect Infestation

The recent rain throughout Germany, has created what experts say is the perfect breeding conditions for insects like wasps, mosquitoes and gnats. Mosquito larvae have thrived in the standing water, and they'll start swarming as soon as the sun comes out for an extended period. There is a larger population of wasps than normal this year because of the unusually low number of hornets – wasps' mortal enemies. Municipal authorities throughout Germany say they are working on plans to fight back this year against insect swarms. Workers believe they can attempt to exterminate excessive numbers of mosquitoes using a biological agent that is harmless to other plants and animals.

### Public Taps Fail

A survey taken for an upcoming documentary program found poor quality tap water in about half of Germany's public buildings. Of 50 water sources sampled in 10 major cities, half showed microbial contamination, including E.coli, Coliform and Legionella bacteria. The surveyors informed the seriously affected buildings but have not pinpointed the contamination source. The results come after recent concerns about the quality of tap water in the Berlin district of Spandau and nearby Potsdam. Dead animals were believed to be the trigger for the warning by health authorities in mid-July that some 3,700 residents of Potsdam should boil their water before using it. Authorities in Spandau gave the all-clear Monday after chlorinating the water supply, but the cause of the coliform contamination remains a mystery.

### Taliban targets Germans

A suicide bomber and two gunmen attacked the office of a German security firm responsible for protecting aid workers in Kunduz, Afghanistan, Tuesday. All three attackers were killed, along with three policemen, in the two-hour gun battle that followed. Various reports said up to 10 civilians were injured but none appear to be German. The attacks come amid a deteriorating security climate in the area, which is garrisoned by German troops, since the Taliban began using it as the launching ground of its northern front against the Afghan government and NATO. The governor and police chief of Kunduz were both killed in the past year.

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DEAR MS.  
**Vicki**

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*Dear Ms. Vicki,*

*I'm in a difficult situation. A friend of mine, "Caleb," was in a relationship with "Ashley." They never married, but had a child together. Caleb joined the Army to provide for them.*

*After quite a few problems, the two split and ended up with joint custody. The problem is, Ashley is ignoring the custody agreement and since Caleb is currently in AIT that really isn't the current issue right now. It's the small things: blocking him from her Facebook page, not taking calls, not sending any pictures and not even talking to his mother.*

*A few months ago Ashley was given a court order to allow the child to be at Caleb's basic training graduation, which she also ignored. Now she is trying to shut him out completely, claiming he abandoned his son by joining the military.*

*Ms. Vicki, is there anything useful I can tell Caleb? I sent him a picture of his son, but I feel like I can't really do anything else.*

*In a perfect world, parents would always get along but Ashley is upset and bitter and I'm so afraid this little boy is going to be the one to suffer. Will Caleb's command help him? Does Ashley have any merit to her abandonment charge based solely on his joining the Army?*

*Thanks for taking the time to read my message ... A Concerned Friend*

**Dear Friend,**

Joining the Army doesn't make you guilty of child abandonment. It sounds like Ashley is upset that Caleb has moved on and started a new life without her. She is using his son as a pawn. This is sad.

I'm not sure if this is an issue for Caleb's command, but he has access to legal advice on base. He is within his legal rights because he has a court order allowing him visitation.

I also think he should try to talk to other family members who have some influence and encourage her to make good decisions regarding her son and his relationship with his father.

This is not a good situation and honestly, it could lead to years of trouble from the child's mother. I wish I could help more.

**Dear Ms. Vicki,**

*I am new to the military life, and we are in a state far from our hometown. How do I meet other military wives in our area? It would be nice if I could meet people with the same interests as me. K.B.*

**Dear K.B.,**

It can be difficult moving to a new place a long way from family and friends. Trust me, you will find your niche, meet new people and build friendships.

Here are some suggestions: have your husband introduce you to his friends and their spouses. This will give you contact with other spouses

and will also be a great way of supporting and keeping each other informed at the same time.

Secondly, try volunteering in your community. The American Red Cross and the family services center on base will happily let you know about volunteer opportunities.

I have often worked outside the home in some capacity, either part-time or full-time. My co-workers have been a great source of support and continued friendship for me.

Lastly, discover what interests you have or something that you are passionate about and begin to network with people who share the same interests.

For example, I recently met a Marine spouse who has a great interest in photography, so she joined a local photography group, which was just what she needed. She has signed with 12 couples to do their wedding photos this year.

Overall, I believe you will be just fine. Whatever you do, enjoy the new journey and please stay in touch with me when you can.

**Response to previous columns:**

**Dear Ms. Vicki,**

*I'm so happy that men are writing to you about their cheating wives, even though I felt bad for the guy who wrote to you about his cheating wife. Men always get the worst rap about cheating.*

*Ms. Vicki, it's the women who are the cheaters, not the men. Women know how to work it in a way that their man will never know his woman is cheating. Men need to wake up. If you think your wife, fiancée or girlfriend is being faithful you are sadly mistaken. No woman is faithful; women are the true dogs.*

*Sorry Ms. Vicki, but the truth is the truth.*

# Children's eye care an important part of health

**By Wendy LaRoche**

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

One of the best ways to help your children in school is to ensure their vision is checked at least every two years by an eye care professional.

Vision and eye health are key to a student's ability to do well in the classroom and when studying at home.

Children with poor visual skills may struggle to read, have a short attention span, perform poorly in sports and develop low self-esteem.

In most cases, unless a child complains about a vision problem, parents don't ask questions concerning their vision.

Research also demonstrates that children tend to not complain about subtle problems with their eyesight.

Some common signs that may indicate a problem with vision or eye health are tearing, squinting, unusual light sensitivity, eye redness or discharge, a jiggle in one or both eyes, persistent head turning, frequent headaches, droopy eyelids or a misalign-

ment of the eyes.

Other signs to look for are changes in your child's academic performance, including trouble focusing on reading, reversals in writing and reading skills and holding reading materials closer than normal.

Talk with your child's teacher and primary care physician if you witness any of these signs.

As with any condition, earlier diagnosis leads to better outcomes. Taking advantage of regular screenings is one way to check your child's vision.

Many elementary schools offer vision screenings that are carried out by volunteer professionals, school nurses or other properly trained persons.

Screening can be done quickly, accurately and with minimum expense by one of these individuals. These screenings detect the more common eye and vision problems (for example, nearsightedness) in children.

If you suspect your child may have a vision problem, make an appointment with an eye-care professional, either an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Take the screening information from your Primary Care Provider with you, as it will be beneficial

when assessing your child's vision.

Although screenings are an important way to determine changes in vision, they are not a complete eye exam and do not evaluate eye health. Routine vision and health examinations are recommended, even for children who do not require vision correction.

The American Optometric Association recommends that all children receive a professional eye and vision examination at critical stages in their visual development.

These critical stages are at six months, 3 years, before first grade and every other year between the ages of 6 and 18.

TRICARE Prime, Standard and Extra cover vision screening for children up to age six during well-child exams.

For school-aged children over 6 years of age, TRICARE generally covers yearly exams for active-duty families.

For information on children's eye health, visit [www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/index.jsp](http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/index.jsp) or [www.aoa.org/x9419.xml](http://www.aoa.org/x9419.xml).

# GET OUT!

## area events

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

### August 5

**SAAR Spectacle** – This free water sports event is one of the biggest in Europe and Germany. Participants head to the Saar River for a weekend of fun featuring jet skiing, canoeing, barefoot water skiing and rafting activities. [www.saarspektakel.de/de/startseite](http://www.saarspektakel.de/de/startseite).

**Backfischfest** – A fish fest with live music, fireworks and rides is open daily at 3 p.m. Aug. 5-14 (except Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 10 at 2 p.m.) in Ketsch. GPS: Festgelände im Bruch, 68775 Ketsch.

**Summer Nights** – Visit this traditional Sommernachtsfest on the lake in Murrhardt-Fornsbach. The night festival runs through Aug. 8 at the Waldsee and also features amusement rides.

### August 6

**Chess Classic** – If you have a passion for the game of chess, then head to Mainz for the Chess Classic event now through Aug. 8. Visitors can follow the matches live on big screens and televisions in the Rheingoldhalle, annotated by several Grandmasters. Rheingoldhalle, Rheinstraße 66, 55116 Mainz. Civ. 0619622926. [www.chessstigers.com](http://www.chessstigers.com).

**German-American Volksfest** – Experience the 50 states in the American village with themed highlights during the German-American Volksfest in Berlin. Enjoy live music, a beauty contest, exhibits, shows and lots of local shopping. There's also a super fairground with more than 100 rides. Fest runs through Aug. 14. Heidestraße 30, 10557 Berlin.

### August 7

**Custom Car Show** – There will be a Harley and Custom Car show at the Sinsheim Technik Museum. The show is open to all custom, American, off-road and Harley Davidson motorcycles. A convoy will leave Patrick Henry Village Park in Heidelberg at 9 a.m. <http://sinsheim.technik-museum.de/de/de/custom-us-car-treffen>.

### August 8

**Swing and Jazz Festival** – Elmstein hosts the Swing and Jazz festival at NaturFreundehaus Elmstein, Esthaler Straße 63, 67471 in Elmstein. Festival begins at 1 p.m. and admission is free. [www.tc-bigband.de](http://www.tc-bigband.de).

### August 13

**Rhine in Flames** – Flowerpower is the theme for this year's show between Spay Braubach and Koblenz. Festively illuminated boats paint the romantic villages, castles and palaces in a colorful and awe-inspiring light. Show begins at 8

p.m. [www.rhein-in-flammen.com](http://www.rhein-in-flammen.com).

**Bratkartoffelfest** – The U.S. Army Europe Chorus will perform at 9 p.m. in the Sommerfesthalle in Otterstadt (near Speyer).

**Burgspiele Landstuhl** – The Nanstein Castle Play, or Burgspiele, is held annually now through August at the castle in Landstuhl. A troupe of performers act out comedy sketches in the old, local dialect. Enjoy music and lots of food and drinks. This year's play is *The Count*, based on the novella *The Clothes Make the Man* by Gottfried Keller. Admission is €8 for adults and reduced rates are available for students and children. For dates and times check [www.burgspiele-landstuhl.de](http://www.burgspiele-landstuhl.de).

**Stuttgart Zoo** – The Stuttgart zoo is located at the Wilhelma Park, the largest zoological and botanical gardens in Europe. The large historical park is home to more than 9,000 animals, exotic plants and 19th century buildings in Moorish style. Visitors can also see a newly designed polar bear enclosures, an aquarium and more. <http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern/files>.

### August 14

**Backfischfest** – The U.S. Army Europe Chorus will perform at 4 p.m. in the fest tent in Ketsch.

**Rothenburg ob der Tauber** – Spinelli Outdoor Recreation offers a trip to the famous medieval German town. The Middle Ages come alive when costumed townspeople participate in pageants and colorful markets. Visit the Master Builder's House, Meat and Dance House and the Old Forge. Bus departs 8 a.m. from the Mannheim Schuh Theater. DSN 384-6300, civ. 0621-730-6300, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### August 19

**Mall Trip** – Spend the day shopping at the Centro Mall, the largest mall in Europe, located in Oberhausen, north of Düsseldorf. Centro Mall houses more than 200 stores and boutiques and more than 20 restaurants, snack bars and pubs with authentic Irish, Louisiana style, and Mexican foods. The mall also features an aquarium, model train exhibit, amusement park and plenty of outdoor cafes. <http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern/files>.

### August 20

**In Mark Twain's Footsteps** – This annual tour is being offered in English 3 p.m. Aug. 20 starting at the Lion Fountain on the University Square in Heidelberg. The tour starts at the Student Prison and the festive Alte Aula auditorium following in the footsteps of Mark Twain and other famous personalities from England and America.

The meeting place is on the Grabengasse, or Moat Alley, just off the Hauptstrasse. Buses 31 and 32 go directly there (bus stop at Universitätsplatz) from Bismarckplatz or from the Hauptbahnhof. The tour takes about two hours and costs €7 (students €5) plus a fee of €3 for the student prison and the Alte Aula. Civ. 06221-43-6880.

### August 21

**Army Fest Band** – The U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus' Fest Band will perform at 8 p.m. in the fest tent in Markgröningen (in greater Stuttgart area).

### August 24

**Stuttgart Wine Festival** – Experience the Stuttgart wine festival for yourself. 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 samples. Schillerplatz, 70173 Stuttgart. Festival runs through Sept. 4.

**Sesame Street** – The Sesame Street/USO experience for military families introduces Katie, a military kid on Sesame Street who is moving to a new place 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24-25 at KMC Onstage on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern. To get free tickets, send an e-mail with your name, number of tickets, performance date and time to [kmconstage@eur.army.mil](mailto:kmconstage@eur.army.mil). DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-41-6626.

### August 27

**Open Air Music Fest** – Lots of music will be played 4-10 p.m. in an open air concert 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](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### August 28

**Mirabelle Fruit Fest** – Discover the beautiful French city of Metz with its cathedral famous for its stained glass windows, the oldest church in France, remnants of its former protective wall and more. During this weekend, Metz celebrates its annual Mirabelle or yellow plum Fruit Fest. <http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern/files>.

### September 9

**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. This annual festival is one you will not want to miss. GPS: Auf den Brühlwiesen, 67098

# THEATERS

## CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE

(Steve Carrell, Kevin Bacon)  
At forty-something, straight-laced Cal Weaver is living the dream – good job, nice house, great kids and marriage to his high school sweetheart. But when Cal learns that his wife, Emily, has cheated on him and wants a divorce, his perfect life quickly unravels. (Rated PG-13 for coarse humor, sexual content and language)  
110 minutes.



## PLAYING THIS WEEK

### Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Aug. 4 - THOR (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Aug. 5 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 7 p.m.; THE HANGOVER PART II (R) 9:30 p.m.  
Aug. 6 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 4 p.m.; THE CONSPIRATOR (PG-13) 7 p.m.; PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 10 p.m.  
Aug. 7 - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 4 p.m.; CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Aug. 8 - THE CONSPIRATOR (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Aug. 9 - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Aug. 10 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Aug. 11 - THE HANGOVER PART II (R) 7 p.m.

### Vogelweh, Galaxy

Aug. 5 - CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE FIRST AVENGER (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Aug. 6 - THOR (PG-13) 4 p.m.; BRIDESMAIDS (R) 7 p.m.  
Aug. 7 - THOR (PG-13) 4 p.m.

### Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

Aug. 4 - CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE FIRST AVENGER (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; THOR (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; BRIDESMAIDS (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.  
Aug. 5 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; THE CONSPIRATOR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m.; PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; THE HANGOVER PART II (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.  
Aug. 6 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; THE CONSPIRATOR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m.; PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; THE HANGOVER PART II (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.  
Aug. 7 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE CONSPIRATOR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m.; PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; THE HANGOVER PART II (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m.; HOP (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m.  
Aug. 8 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE CONSPIRATOR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m.; PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; THE HANGOVER PART II (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m.; HOP (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m.  
Aug. 9 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE CONSPIRATOR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m.; PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; THE HANGOVER PART II (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m.; HOP (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m.  
Aug. 10 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE CONSPIRATOR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m.; PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; THE HANGOVER PART II (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m.; HOP (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m.  
Aug. 11 - CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; THE HANGOVER PART II (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 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](http://www.aafes.com) for updated listings and more movie descriptions  
Mannheim, CinemaxX, P4 13, 68161 Mannheim, civ. 01805-62-5466, [www.cineplex.de](http://www.cineplex.de)

## Mannheim, CinemaxX - English Language movies

Aug. 4, 7, 8 - BRIDESMAIDS (R) 4:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:45 p.m.  
Aug. 5-6 - BRIDESMAIDS (R) 4:30 p.m., 10:45 p.m.  
Aug. 4-8 - SMURFS (PG) 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m.  
Aug. 4-8 - GREEN LANTERN 3D (PG-13) 8:15 p.m., 11 p.m.



## community HIGHLIGHTS

### Threat Awareness Training

As directed by Army Regulation 381-12, Soldiers, civilians and host nationals are required to attend Threat Awareness Reporting (previously SAEDA) training annually. The English language brief is 10-11 a.m. followed by the German version from 1-2 p.m. Aug. 10 in the Patrick Henry Village Theater in Heidelberg. DSN 373-9804, civ. 06221-17-9804.

### European Adjutant Generals Ball

Members of the Human Resources and Adjutant General community, as well as active duty, retired personnel and guests are invited to the European Adjutant General's Regimental Ball 6 p.m.-midnight Aug. 20 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. DSN 370-8057, civ. 06221-57-8057.

### Army Career Tracker

The Army Career Tracker is a leadership development and career management tool that integrates training, assignment history and education into one personalized, easy-to-use portal. Users can search for multiple education and training resources and monitor career development, which will allow them to manage their career objectives and monitor their progress toward career requirements and goals. [www.us.army.mil/suite/page/659786](http://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/659786).

### Equal Employment Opportunity

All civilian employees, military members or local nationals who supervise civilian employees are required to attend biennial classroom Equal Employment Opportunity training. Sessions are 1-2 p.m. Aug. 17 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg, Bldg. 128, Room 208. DSN 373-5494, civ. 06221-17-5215.

### HMEDDAC Soldier Medicine Team

The Heidelberg Health Center has a Soldier Team Clinic on Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3617, second floor for all active duty military. 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 via [www.Tricareonline.com](http://www.Tricareonline.com).

## local 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.

### Religious Support Office

The USAG Baden Württemberg Religious Support Office has a number of non-personnel service contracts available for musicians, parish coordinators, religious education coordinators and child care workers. These contracts are for both appropriated funds and non-appropriated funds (chapel tithes and offerings funds) positions located in Heidelberg, Mannheim and Kaiserslautern. DSN 373-7715, civ. 06221-17-7715.

### Central Texas College

Central Texas College is seeking adjunct faculty for classes in early childhood professions, automotive technology and emergency medical technology. Classes are taught evenings and weekends. Requirements include an associate's degree and experience in the field. DSN 382-5560, civ. 0621-779-5560, [www.europe.ctcd.edu](http://www.europe.ctcd.edu).

### KAISERSLAUTERN

#### Community

♦ **Disneyland Express** – Join Outdoor Recreation Aug. 6 for Disneyland Express in Paris. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

♦ **Military Officers Association** – The first European chapter of the Military Officers Association of America invites active duty, guard, reserve, former and retired commissioned and warrant officers to a picnic at the Kaiserslautern Pulaski Park lower pavilion (next to the running track) 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Aug. 6.

♦ **Caracalla Day Spa** – Spend Aug. 7 at the Caracalla Day Spa in Baden-Baden with Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

♦ **Cards for a Cause Club** – Make blank cards and small projects for Wounded Warriors and traveling Soldiers to send to family and friends 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 8 at Woodlawn Golf Course on Ramstein.

♦ **KMC School Bus Passes** – Families with students pre-registered for daily transportation for the upcoming school year can pick up their passes and school bus safety information Aug. 9-11. Ramstein: DSN 480-2877, civ. 06371-47-2877; Kaiserslautern: civ. 0162-270-1678.

♦ **Summer Adventure** – Registration is open for the youth Summer Adventure program. Weekly activities continue through Aug. 26. DSN 486-8656, civ. 06371-86-8658.

♦ **Miesau Library Closed** – The Miesau Branch library is closed through Aug. 31. Patrons can visit the Kaiserslautern Main Library, Landstuhl Post, Bldg. 3810. DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-7322.

♦ **Operation Rising Star** – Singers can 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 KMC On-stage, Bldg. 3232, on Kleber Kaserne. Sign-up required. DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-411-6626.

♦ **CYSS Apprenticeship Program** – Teens 15-18 should register now-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 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516.

♦ **Ramstein Toastmasters** – Overcome your fear of public speaking and listen, evaluate and present skills learned in a friendly, comfortable atmosphere at noon every first and third Tuesday of the month, Ramstein's Northside Chapel Conference Room. [www.ramstein.freetoasthost.net](http://www.ramstein.freetoasthost.net).

♦ **Newcomers Housing Brief** – Initial housing briefs for incoming active duty Soldiers are now 8 a.m. Mondays on Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3245, Room 006 and 1 p.m.

Wednesdays on Daenner Kaserne, Bldg. 3109, except holidays. DSN 483-7372.

♦ **Library Tour** – Join the Kleber Branch library to discover all the ways to use your Army Europe library card. The library offers free tours 11-11:30 a.m., 2-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-5 p.m. every last Wednesday of the month. No sign-up required.

♦ **SKIES Unlimited** – SKIES Unlimited is offering ABC Music and Me. The ongoing class focuses on early language and literacy development through music and story time.

Program open for children enrolled in child care or pre-K programs. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516.

♦ **Quilt Club** – Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild will have combined meetings the fourth Thursday in August starting at 6 p.m. in the Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses Association building on Pulaski Barracks.

### HEIDELBERG

#### Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – After "I do," 7:15-8:15 p.m. Aug. 5, 26 and Sept. 16, 30; Parenting with a Purpose, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 6; Single Parent Network, 1-2 p.m. Aug. 6 (all on Patrick Henry Village Pavilion, Bldg. 4461); Culture College, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 8-11 with field trip 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 13; Financial Readiness Training, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 10; Army Community Services Volunteer Orientation, 10-11 a.m. Aug. 10; Building Resiliency, 2-4 p.m. Aug. 11, Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622, Company B Conference Room.

♦ **UMUC Fall Enrollment Open** – Registration for Fall 2011 Session at the University of Maryland University College Europe is now open through Aug. 21 with classes starting Aug. 22. Field study courses include Expatriate Writers in Venice: 1800 to Present Oct. 15-22 in Italy and A Brief Literary History Oct. 15-22 in Ireland.

Register by Sept. 25. DSN 314-370-6762, civ. 06221-3780, [www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy).

#### Community

♦ **Parents Night Out** – Child, Youth and School Services offer parents night out 7 p.m.-midnight and parents day out 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 5-6, and 19-20, 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.

♦ **Berlin Beer Festival** – Take a trip with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers to Berlin and enjoy 300 breweries in 86 countries all in a one mile stretch with live entertainment Aug. 5-7. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282.

♦ **BOSS Meeting** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts a meeting 3:30 p.m. Aug. 17 in Bldg. 104 on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5275.

♦ **Paris Trip** – Better Opportunities

for Single Soldiers will tour Paris and visit Versailles Palace Aug. 19-21. Bus leaves evening of Aug. 18. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282.

♦ **CPAC** – The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be closed Aug. 19. For urgent matters, the customer assistance team will be open. DSN 370-8514, civ. 06221-57-8514.

♦ **Krakow, Poland and Auschwitz** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers visits Krakow, Poland and Auschwitz Concentration Camp Aug. 19-21. Bus departs evening of Aug. 18. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282.

♦ **Women's Equality Day** – Women's Equality Day will be observed with a static display at the commissary on Patrick Henry Village Aug. 20-26. Attend a cake cutting ceremony noon Aug. 26 at the commissary. To celebrate. Voting assistance officers will be on hand after the ceremony for questions. DSN 373-7955.

♦ **Heidelberg Middle School** – Heidelberg Middle School will host a school orientation for families of students grades 6-8 who are new to the area, 10:30 a.m. Aug. 26 in the school's multipurpose room. DSN 388-9310, civ. 06221-338-9310.

♦ **C.A.R.E Fair 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.

♦ **All You Can Eat Pizza** – Take the family for all the pizza and bowling they want at the Patrick Henry Village Bowling Center 6-8 p.m. Mondays through Aug. 29. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Hispanic Heritage Month** – Enjoy traditional cuisine served buffet style, Latin dancing, food contest, art exhibition and more 6:30-11 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. Food contest and art exhibition entry forms will be 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 held Sept. 25-27 at the International Gesamtschule in Heidelberg-Hasenleiser. Free T-shirt and food and drink coupons. Civ. 06227-841226, [www.hivc.de](http://www.hivc.de).

♦ **Commissary Gate** – 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.

♦ **Shooter's Bar and Grill** – Shooter's Bar and Grill has new hours: 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, 6-10

p.m. the second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday and closed Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Civ. 06202-927-9315.

### MANNHEIM

#### Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – Pregnancy Support Group, 1-2:30 p.m. Aug. 4; Be Your Own Personal Financial Manager, 8:30-10 a.m. Aug. 9; Enjoying Good Credit, Living Debt Free, 10:30 a.m.-noon Aug. 9; Investment Intelligence, 2-4 p.m. Aug. 9; Play Group, 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 10, Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 251, Room 112.

#### Community

♦ **Board Game Night** – Test your skills in chess, UNO, Pictionary and more 4:30-10 p.m. Aug. 8 and every Monday at the Warrior Zone on Coleman Barracks. DSN 382-4410, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Rothenburg ob der Tauber** – Depart from Schuh Theater 8 a.m. Aug. 14 for one of Germany's most famous medieval towns. Also visit the Master Builder's House, Meat and Dance House, the Old Forge and more. Pre-registration required. DSN 384-6300, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **GMD's European Comedy Tour** – Comedian Matt Collins, seen on Def Comedy Jams, performs at the European Comedy Tour (Part 2) 10 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Top Hat Club. There will also be an open mic night. Civ. 0175-671-2371.

♦ **Social Work Services** – Social Work Services have moved to the Health Clinic, Bldg. 739, on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-9500, civ. 0621-730-9500.

♦ **Spinelli Auto Skills** – Spinelli Auto Skills has new hours: closed Sunday, Monday and U.S. holidays; open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and training holidays. DSN 373-5196, civ. 06221-17-5196.

♦ **Warrior Zone** – The Warrior Zone on Coleman Barracks has new hours: closed Mondays, Tuesdays and U.S. holidays, 5-10 p.m. Open Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 4-9 p.m. Sundays. DSN 382-4410, civ. 0621-779-4410, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

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

♦ **Summer Specials** – Spinelli Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 1570, offers monthly discounts now through September. DSN 384-6300, civ. 0621-730-6232, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Youth of the Chapel** – Youth of the Chapel meet 3:30 p.m. (junior high) and 6 p.m. (high school) Wednesdays at the Sullivan Barracks Chapel across from the gym.

# NATO'S 4th ASOG wins softball

**Staff Report**

The double elimination of the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg unit level softball ended Monday with NATO-4th Air Support Operations Group beating the 529th Military Police Company 13-12.

Both teams will go on to compete in the Installation Management Command's European Championship in Hohenfels tomorrow and Saturday.

Eric Keller from NATSOG was named the season's most valuable player.

The regular season was May 11 to July 21 and the tournament was July 25-Aug. 1, said Thomas Benson, Heidelberg sports direc-

tor.

"We had a great season and the competition was great. The elimination ended in a great note with NATSOG winning with one run. They really played them tough," Benson said.

The teams were chosen based on their foul standings from the regular season. NATSOG was seeded number one and the 529th was number two, Benson said.

Teams consist of USAG Baden-Württemberg ID cardholders age 18 and older and exact season dates are in conjunction with IMCOM's calendar. Next season's dates have not yet been confirmed, explained Benson.

The sports office is already focused on its next unit-level

**Championship Results**

July 25 – The U.S. Army Medical Command vs. V Corps, 22-11; U.S. Army in Europe vs. U.S. Army Medical Department, 7-0  
 July 26 – NATO-4th Air Operations Support Group vs. MEDCOM, 11-8; 529th MP Company vs. USAREUR, 14-3  
 July 27 – V Corps vs. MEDDAC, 7-0; MEDCOM vs. USAREUR, 16-15; July 28: NATSOG vs. 529th MPs, 14-11; V Corps vs. MEDCOM, 6-2; 529th MPs vs. MEDCOM, 10-1

competition, with flag football starting Aug. 29. The last day to sign up to play is Aug. 22.

For information about USAG Baden-Württemberg's sports programs, visit [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

# Military World Games



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Nations come together to compete in style, accuracy and four-way formation skydiving during the CISM World Games is held annually at different locations throughout the world. This photo of the Army Golden Knights was taken in 2010 over Switzerland.

## Golden Knights take gold at military world games

**By Tim Hipps**  
 IMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RIO DE JANEIRO – The U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team won four medals, including gold in the coveted women's overall country competition to lead Team USA athletes at the fifth CISM Military World Games.

The parachute team of Soldiers skydiving from planes triumphantly brought home more than half of Team USA's medals.

Golden Knights Sgt. 1st Class Elisa Tennyson, Sgt. 1st Class Angela Nichols, Staff Sgt. Laura

Dickmeyer, Staff Sgt. Danielle Woolsey and Staff Sgt. Jennifer Schaben combined to win gold in women's formation skydiving and silver in team accuracy – giving them CISM gold in the women's overall country competition for the first time in program history, according to the U.S. Army Golden Knights website.

Team USA's quartet of Golden Knights Sgt. 1st Class Brian Krause, Sgt. 1st Class Kurt Isenbarger, Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Davidson and Staff Sgt. Sean Sweeney took the bronze medal in men's formation skydiving on

July 22.

Belgium won the gold and Germany took the silver.

The U.S. Army Parachute Team, The Golden Knights, is the Army's official aerial demonstration team that travels around the United States, performing parachute demonstrations at air shows, National Football League and Major League Baseball games and other special events to connect the Army with the American people.

The Golden Knights was founded in 1959 and remains stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the 82nd Airborne Division.

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**Heidelberg Sea Lions**

The Heidelberg Sea Lions will host a swim camp 8-10 a.m. Aug. 15-19 at the SRH pool in Wieblingen. Children must be able to swim 25 meters. [www.heidelbergsealions.com](http://www.heidelbergsealions.com).

**Sports Physicals**

The Department of Pediatrics at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center will offer increased availability in August for sports physicals for all children 5-18 enrolled with the LRMIC Pediatric Clinic. The primary care manager-booked appointment is to fulfill the school requirement for a sports physical. The appointment will not include medication refills, acute appointments, sick child visits, lab work or immunizations. Complete the Child and Youth Services Health Assessment/Sports Physical form prior to appointment: [www.vicenzamwr.com/pdfs/CYS%20Services/CYSS\\_Sports\\_Physical.pdf](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/pdfs/CYS%20Services/CYSS_Sports_Physical.pdf) or by an Internet search for AE Form 608-100A. Appointments: DSN 486-5762, civ. 06371-86-5762.

**Rod and Gun Club**

The Rod and Gun Club in Oftersheim will host an American skeet competition 10 a.m. Aug. 6, a hunter's meeting 7 p.m. Aug. 10, bluegrass night 7 p.m. Aug. 11, handgun safety course 5 p.m. Aug. 12, trap course 1 p.m. Aug. 13, a needle shoot 9 a.m. Aug. 20 that requires a hunting license, fun shoot 10 a.m. Aug. 21, shotgun safety course 5 p.m. Aug. 26, skeet course 1 p.m. Aug. 27 and fishermen's meeting 7 p.m. Aug. 31. Civ. 06202-51-193.

**Flag Football Officials Tournament**

A flag football officials clinic and tournament will be held Aug. 9-13. Official's classroom instructions will be 6-9 p.m. Aug. 9-12 at the Heidelberg Sports Office on Patton Barracks and the tournament is Aug. 13. Free entry for the first four unit-level teams that register. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

**Heidelberg Sea Lions**

The Heidelberg Sea Lions are enrolling swimmers for the 2011-12 season. Swimmers 6-19 years old can complete the swim proficiency test administered by the coach. Season begins Aug. 22 at the SRH pool in Wieblingen. [esfsealions@yahoo.com](mailto:esfsealions@yahoo.com), [www.heidelbergsealions.com](http://www.heidelbergsealions.com).

**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 and are due by Aug. 22. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

**Bowlopolis**

Children under 17 can bowl through Aug. 29 with a Bowlopolis card good for \$1 games and \$1 shoe rental before 5 p.m. daily at the Patrick Henry Village Bowling Center in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**20-20-20**

Landstuhl Fitness offers a three-part class: 20 minutes cardio, 20 minutes body sculpt with Yoga and Pilates moves and 20 minutes resistance training 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, on Landstuhl Post, Bldg. 3720, in Kaiserslautern. DSN 486-7172, civ. 06371-86-7172.

**Cosmic Bowling or Kids Free**

The Bowling Center on Benjamin Franklin Village offers Cosmic Bowling 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays. DSN 380-9528, civ. 0621-730-9528, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

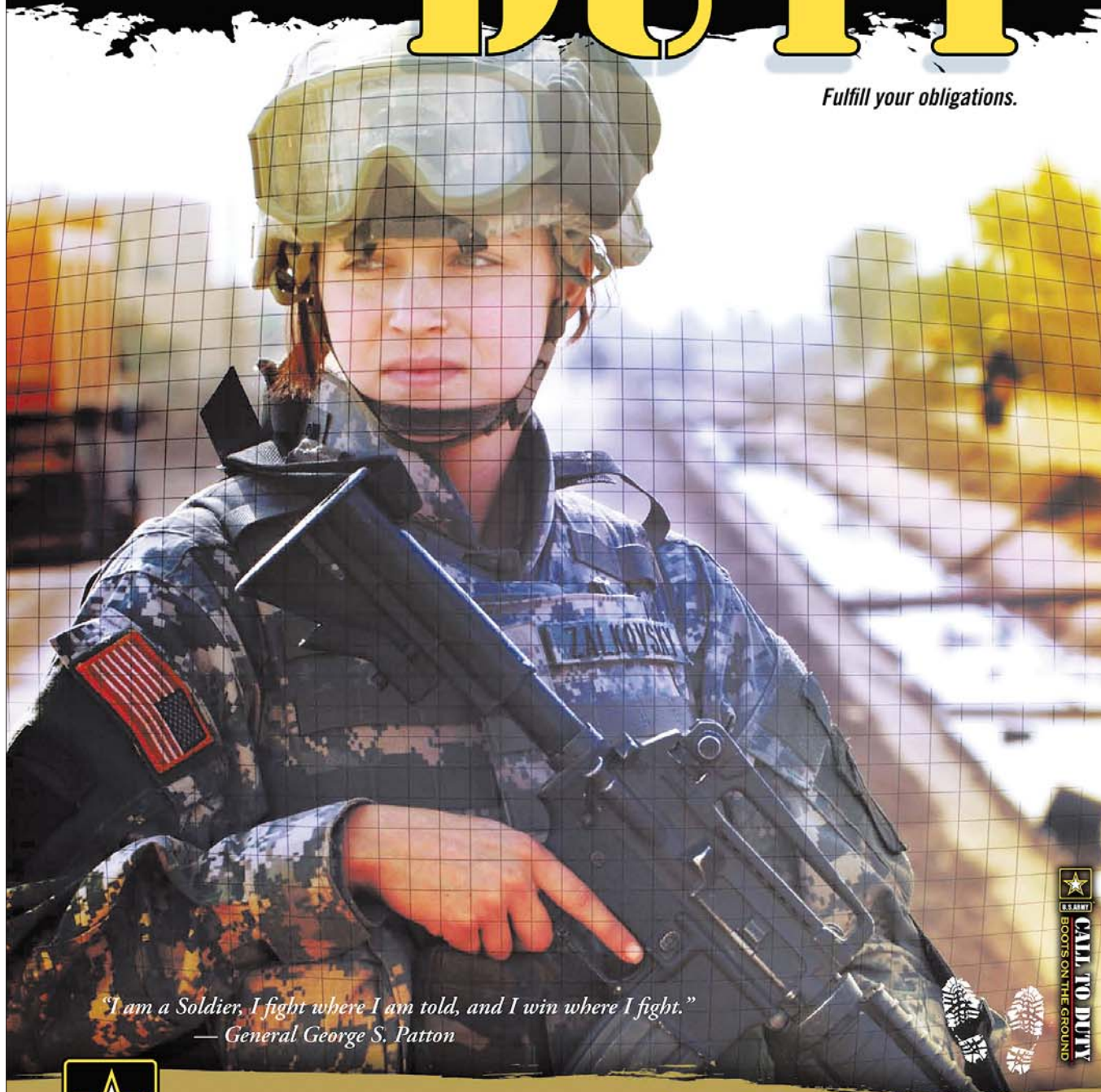
**Prenatal Fitness Classes**

Prenatal fitness classes include cardio, resistance training and gentle stretching for expectant and new mothers, 11 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, Landstuhl Fitness Center, Bldg. 3720. DSN 486-7172, civ. 06371-86-7172.



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