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## AFN Openline tackles transformation

**By Dijon Rolle**  
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Recently several leaders and representatives from U.S. Army Garrisons Baden-Württemberg, Mannheim and Wiesbaden, U.S. Army Europe, the Exchange, the commissary and the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe crowded into an Amer-

ican Forces Network radio studio to discuss the latest transformation changes.

The Feb.16 show was the third in a row to deal with the topic.

"From my perspective, eight months into this, we are certainly accomplishing the goals and the intent that we set out to," said USAG Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. William Butcher. "First off, we are respecting the peo-

ple. We understand that it's affecting the community and it's affecting both our local national and U.S. work force and we have great respect for them as they go through this process. We are working together to ensure we're doing what makes sense."

Others participating in the panel included USAG Mannheim Commander see **OPENLINE** page 12

## Pie in the Eye



Jonathon M. Gray

To help the cause, 1st Sgt. Jose Jaquez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Signal Command, completes a pushup into his pie during a pie-in-the-face fundraiser to raise money to support the upcoming European Cyber Ball. Soldiers and civilians of the 5th Signal Command raised over \$1,700 by casting pies of whipped cream and toppings into their leaders' faces through an auction. The highest bid for a single pie was \$570.

## Army Emergency Relief campaign starts Tuesday

### ACS Marketing

The Army Emergency Relief yearly campaign begins Tuesday and runs through April 30.

"Worldwide the econo-

my is shrinking and therefore the AER Campaign 2011 is especially important," said Barbara Baeck, Heidelberg AER officer.

Last year, Soldiers in Heidelberg, Kaiserslautern

and Mannheim received \$700,020.14 in aid, Baeck reported.

Of this, \$111,197.28 were given to Soldiers, retirees, orphans and widows of retirees or fallen Soldiers. Commanders and first sergeants alone approved \$85,441.45 for their Soldiers under the see **AER CAMPAIGN** page 12

### What is AER?

Army Emergency Relief is a private, non-profit organization incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. AER's mission is to provide emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to active duty Soldiers, retirees, surviving spouses and their dependents. Grants are considered based on the individual circumstance. AER also assists spouses and children with their AER scholarship applications.

## COMMENTARY

# Prepare for reintegration: talk it out, plan ahead

## 45 to 60 days after return from deployment, challenges begin

By **Brittany Carlson**  
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This week is my husband's last week in Afghanistan. It's been a year. You name the ways – 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days – I've counted it backward and forward more times that I can remember.

In seven days or so (give or take a few), I'll get a phone call from my husband's unit telling me that his plane has landed at the local airfield and when the Soldiers will arrive at the gymnasium for a welcome home ceremony.

I'll have three to five hours to be there, ready to welcome him home. Thinking about it gives me an excited – but nervous – feeling in my gut.

I've been making arrangements for weeks for his return, from cleaning the house to making a meal plan with all of his favorite foods. I've gotten a haircut, bought new clothes and purchased a welcome home banner.

However, I know what matters the most will be how we interact with each other, especially after the "honeymoon" phase wears off, about 45 to 60 days from now.

Like other spouses, I've heard stories about reintegration, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and the many challenges of living together with a spouse after a year of separation due to a deployment.

I don't really worry about building our relationship again, especially since I was able to talk to my husband on the phone during the deployment.

However, I want to do everything I can to help us adjust and prepare for anything that may happen in the future.

So, I met with a chaplain to talk about reintegration.

The first thing he told me was that I was already ahead of the game simply by coming and requesting information.

He said it's often the couples who think, "It couldn't happen to us" who end up having reintegration issues down the road, frequently because they are unprepared.

Many redeploying Soldiers may have trouble completely relaxing for the first few months because their minds have not had a break in so long, he said. He called it "nervous energy."

His advice to me was to keep a relaxed schedule, especially during

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block leave, to help my husband unwind.

He also suggested focusing on the positive and, instead of thinking of all of the things my husband and I missed in each other's lives during the past 12 months, work on creating new memories together.

While not everything the chaplain said was new information to me, it was so good to just sit down and talk with someone about reintegrating.

My worries were put into perspective when I said them out loud to someone who truly understood.

It was also helpful to hear from a Soldier who had been downrange, like my husband, and remembered how it felt to return home.

His best advice to me was probably "Be yourself"

While time budgeting and staying positive are both important after

### Family Life Center

In U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg, community members can call Chaplain (Maj.) Jimmy Nichols at the Family Life Center on Patton Barracks, Bldg. 101, third floor, to receive information about reintegration counseling and programs available. Nichols also has a satellite office at the Benjamin Franklin Village Chapel to meet with Mannheim members. The Family Life Center also provides information about Strong Bonds retreats, a unit-based, chaplain-led program which assists commanders in building individual resiliency by strengthening the Army family. DSN 373-6488, civ. 06221-17-6190.

deployments, Soldiers just want to be with their spouse and family, the chaplain said.

So, instead of getting myself worked up and trying to be the "perfect spouse" for my returning husband, I think I'll take the chaplain's advice and relax.

In fact, since my visit with the chaplain, I don't feel so nervous.

I understand that reintegration issues are common, but I also know that by preparing myself, I can be ready to deflect potential problems and turn them into opportunities for my husband and I to grow closer.

It's also comforting to know that, should there be any problems that we can't solve on our own, there are people in my community who can help.



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## DISCUSSION BOARD

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

"As expected the TARP training was disaster. 200 seats and 500 people waiting to get in. That is poor planning. But since EVERYTHING here is mandatory..."

—Daniela Rode, BWNOW Facebook fan

"Next TARP training session is scheduled for May 11 and Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at the PHV theater."

—BWNOW Administrator

"It stated on the BWNOW Facebook page that a story was being written about last night's town hall. Is it going to be posted here, on Facebook, or what? ..."

—Steve Borden, BWNOW Facebook fan

"Once the story is ready it will be posted. In the meantime you and any of our other users are always welcome to share your thoughts on the meeting last night

... (especially) since you were in the audience."

—BWNOW Administrator

"Glad to hear it's coming out soon. I look forward to it. It was nice to finally have some of those issues addressed ... certainly hope those who do read it pass the word ..."

—Steve Borden, BWNOW Facebook fan



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# Social media lends a voice to citizens issues

## Town hall meeting raises issues of virtual community members, Facebook fans

By Donna Walker  
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The open forum of social media has made a difference in town hall meetings, at least at the one held Feb. 16 in Heidelberg.

Residents voiced their opinions on the U.S. Army Garrison's Baden-Württemberg Facebook page and in the command's virtual community on [myBWnow.ning.com](http://myBWnow.ning.com). Their issues were addressed at the garrison's quarterly town hall meeting at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion.

Big on their minds is dog feces and Commander Col. William Butcher led the meeting by addressing the pet policy.

But that's not all.

Traffic violations, unsupervised children and the cleanliness of stairwells were among the topics that originated on social media and found their way to the commander's forum.

Nearly every response to

the garrison's question of the week – "What issues would you like to see addressed at the town hall meeting?" – included concerns about violations of the dog walking and dog leash policy.

"We, this community, have to step up and say, 'No, you're not going to do that,'" Butcher said, after announcing the command was reviewing the policy to "put more teeth" into it.

He said walking a dog off leash puts people at risk and cited the case of an unregistered dog that had been removed from the installation for biting someone.

But one woman wanted to know about senior leaders.

"Senior leadership are the ones violating the rules. How do you tell them (they) have to comply?" she said.

Butcher told her residents need to talk to building coordinators when they have concerns like this. "The building coordinators have the responsibility to tell me," he said.

But if myBWnow is to be believed, community residents themselves will be videotaping violations of owners not picking up the dog's feces.

"We started taking pictures, too, of poo offenders and caught someone this past weekend letting their dog relieve itself right near the building and sidewalk. We snapped the photo from out bedroom window," said G. Scott Martin on myBWnow.

Butcher also talked about the curfew policy.

"A rash of things have come to me and much of it could be prevented by sponsors enforcing the curfew policy and by us enforcing the curfew policy," he said.

Deputy Director of Emergency Services Maj. Tulip Frazier said underage drinking, larceny of personal and private property and assault were some infractions by youth who should have been home.

Town hall meetings are platforms for open discus-

sions such as these. Typically the commander and staff present information on services and programs to the community and citizens air their grievances. Often, issues are resolved right on the spot. At the least, questions get answers.

For example, a Mark Twain Village resident asked about responsibilities for clearing quarters now that they won't be occupied after current residents depart.

Will they still have to fix the wood floors? The answer was that residents' clearing requirements are being reduced and wood floors won't have to be fixed in quarters that won't be filled.

Commanders often hear from neighbors, spouses, coworkers and supervisors about problem areas to address at town hall meetings but social media is not a traditional source of information.

Now, even Steve Borden, an active Facebook and myBWnow fan, gets an ear. Borden has said he is "ignored all the time," and he posted a list of items for the town hall meeting. In the open forum, Butcher addressed the issues

### Social Media Sites

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/BWnow](http://www.facebook.com/BWnow) – Get up-to-date announcements, news and community events delivered to your Facebook account.

**Virtual Community:** <http://myBWnow.ning.com> – Blog about your experiences, ask and answer questions about life in Europe on the discussion boards, search for on- and off-post events, make friends, share photos and more.

brought up on social media including Borden's.

The meeting ended with Butcher advising folks to obey traffic laws, lower their car radio volume, not allow small children to go unsupervised and use the proper checkout lane at the commissary.

"Our MPs do a great job patrolling," Butcher said, adding that they communicate with each other and the military police station by cell phone. He asked residents to understand that when they observe what appears to be an infraction.

Join the Baden-Württemberg virtual community at [mybwnow.ning.com](http://mybwnow.ning.com) or be a friend on the garrison Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BWnow](http://www.facebook.com/BWnow).

# U.S. Army units recognized for \$2.3 million fund-raising effort

IMCOM Europe Public Affairs

The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas received \$2.3 million from the contributions of service members and civilians.

U.S. Army Europe and Installation Management Command Europe Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas held an awards ceremony Feb. 14 at Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg to recognize those responsible.

USAREUR Deputy Commander Maj. Gen. Terry A. Wolff thanked the U.S. Army Europe team for the efforts to make this year's campaign a success.

Approximately 215 bronze, silver, gold, platinum and special merit awards were presented to IMCOM-E and USAREUR units by Wolff and Diane M. Devens, IMCOM Europe director.

The 3rd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, based in Baumholder and the U.S. Army Garrison Hohenfels each earned CFC special



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merit awards. The award is given to a unit from each component for its remarkable generosity, exceptional participation, and extraordinary volunteer spirit.

"The unit representatives drove the campaign by engaging the Soldiers weekly or even daily to get the point across," said Capt. Robert Jones, 3-4 Infantry, rear detachment commander. "We wanted to convey the message that your contributions make a difference.

"The team effort really got the message across to all the Soldiers."

Capt. Cherith Boycan from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Ansbach and Isha Greene from U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach received Outstanding Community Area Project Officer awards.

"The Outstanding CAPO award goes to those project officers who go above and beyond in trying to

get the word out about the campaign," said Victoria Adams, executive director of CFC-Overseas. "Our awardees made great use of the online publicity kits, and you could see that from the results in contributions from their areas."

Adams said the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas brought in more than \$14 million this year.

"I look forward to next year and hope we do even better."

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

The Combined Federal Campaign helps to raise millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15 support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

# Survey starts Tuesday

USAREUR Public Affairs

About 1,000 Soldiers in the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg will soon be asked via e-mail to participate in the Overseas Housing Allowance utility and recurring maintenance survey starting Tuesday.

All service members who have lived in a private lease dwelling under the OHA program in Germany for at least the past six months are eligible to take the on-line survey. The Department of Defense uses data from the survey to determine the utility and recurring maintenance allowance for service members residing in the survey country.

This year, each service member eligible to take the survey will receive a unique Web link to the survey, as well as detailed instructions, at the e-mail address shown for the individual in the military pay system.

Because accuracy is important, survey participants should use their records and receipts to help them report the average monthly cost of each of their utilities, as well as the average monthly cost of any routine maintenance expenses.

Participants may stop the survey at any time, for example to research costs or search for receipts, and start again where they left off. Service members and their family members may contact their unit personnel office with questions.

## From the COURTROOM

On Feb. 16, Staff Sgt. Robert Boyd, 557th Medical Company, 421st Multifunctional Medical Battalion, was convicted by a military judge at a general court-martial of five specifications of violating Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for sexual assault of a child under the age of 16, and one specification of violating Article 125 for sodomy of a child under the age of 16. Boyd was sentenced to be confined for 20 years and to be dishonorably discharged from the U.S. Army.

On Feb. 14, Pfc. Elliot Gilliard, 2-18th Infantry Battalion, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team was convicted by a military judge at a general court-martial of one specification of violating Article 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice for being absent without leave, one specification of violating Article 87 for missing movement and one specification of violating Article 128 for assault consummated by battery. Gilliard was sentenced to be confined for four months and to be discharged from the U.S. Army for bad conduct.

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

# Safety Streamer



Staff Sgt. Lynne Lantin

391st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion commander Lt. Col. C. Scott Luekenga places the Army Safety Excellence Streamer on the 70th Transportation Company guidon Feb. 11 at the gymnasium on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim. The company earned the streamer for 12 consecutive months without a Soldier in the unit at fault for a class A or B accident and for completing 100 percent of Composite Risk Management training within the last 24 months at the time of submission. Luekenga placed a streamer on the 51st Transportation Company guidon for the same accomplishment.

## Enlisted can join cadets' long gray line

By Sgt. Fabian Ortega  
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U.S. Army Europe Soldiers have an opportunity to walk the same halls and get the same education as some U.S. presidents and four-star generals.

The Soldier Admissions Program at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., annually offers 170 active duty, reserve and National Guard service members the opportunity to attend West Point and receive an education at our nation's oldest service academy.

"We give them a chance to renew their commitment to the nation. We provide them with a first class education and, most importantly, we prepare them to transition from serving in the enlisted ranks to service as commissioned officers," said West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr.

Cadetships are competitive.

Huntoon said Soldiers who demonstrate leadership potential and good academic skills are good candidates. Soldiers must be single with no dependents and 17-23 years old.

The most competitive candidates generally have an Army General Technical score greater than 115, SAT scores greater than 1050 under the old scale and 1500 under the revised scale and an ACT score of greater than 22. The superintendent said he chose to attend West

point in 1969 for the same reason others do today. "I was looking, as the son of an Army officer, for the same kind of commitment and duty that I saw in my own family. I think that's what young men and women want to do today. They are looking for something bigger than themselves. They're looking to serve in a selfless way, in a profession that makes an extraordinary contribution to the nation."

The training and experience prior-service Soldiers bring to West Point often leads to a successful 47 months at the academy.

"They just have a maturity that is very useful when they come to West Point. They rapidly, over a period of those four years, tend to become natural leaders in the chain of command in the U.S. Corps of Cadets," Huntoon said.

"More importantly, ... they know what it is like to have been led and what the successful traits are to lead Soldiers in turn."

Soldiers interested in applying to West Point are encouraged to talk to their chain of command, Huntoon said.

Pfc. Michael Walker will join the 2011 plebe class this fall. Walker, a systems analyst with the 5th Signal Command, applied to West Point through the Soldier Admissions Program in September 2010.

After graduating high school with test scores to attend almost any school of his choice, the

21-year-old from College Station, Texas, decided to earn real world experience by joining the Army.

"I was inspired by my brother and father's military service and decided that enlisting would be a great way to kick-start my career," he said. Almost a year and half into his enlistment, Walker received an e-mail from West Point about the Soldier Admissions Program.

"I wasn't completely sure I was ready to move on from being enlisted to commissioning but when I visited the campus and saw all of the opportunities they have, I instantly wanted to be there," Walker said.

Walker is one of the 85 active duty service members awarded a cadetship this year through the Soldier Admissions Program. The offer to attend West Point was extended to him by Huntoon's staff at a West Point Founders Day dinner in Schwetzingen Feb. 12.

Now he's preparing for West Point's version of basic training known as 'beast barracks' in June.

"I'm most looking forward to the academic classes. I sat in on a few classes when I visited the academy and I was really impressed with the discussions and problem solving that the professors had with the cadets," he said. "I'm a little rusty since it has been almost four years since I graduated high school but I am looking forward to the challenge."

## 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

**Coleman Shoppette** – The shoppette on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim expanded its hours Feb. 26 to 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and U.S. holidays.

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

**Burger King** – Burger King on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg will close May 30. As the community of Heidelberg enters its early phase of transformation, AAFES has the responsibility to minimize operational losses.

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

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

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

**Patton Gym** – Effective March 12, the fitness center on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg will have new weekend hours. The center will be open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Weekday hours will remain the same: 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 373-6110, civ. 06221-17-6110.

**Nachrichten Recovery Room** – Effective March 15, the Recovery Room on Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3608, will have new hours. It will be open 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 5 p.m.-3 a.m. Friday-Saturday and closed Sunday-Monday. Also, March 12 will be the last day lunch will be served at the Recovery Room. DSN 371-2762.

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

## Five receive human resources awards

By **Spc. Adam Garlington**  
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The U.S. Army in Europe recognized four Soldiers and one civilian for their quality service and leadership at the first G-1 Frederick E. Vollrath Human Resources Award for Excellence ceremony Feb. 16 in Heidelberg.

The winners are:

- ◆Capt. Danielle K. Cork of the 172nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team
- ◆Chief Warrant Officer 2 Vincent G. Freeman of the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command
- ◆Sgt. 1st Class Willie Gordon III of the 66th Military Intelligence Brigade
- ◆Spc. Timothy J. Meyers of the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command
- ◆Vanessa Corigliano of the USAREUR Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Engineer

Retired Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, a 45-year professional in the human resources field, was one of the guest speakers at the ceremony, and he told the attendees that there are two things haven't changed during his time in the human resources business.

"First, the human resources business is nothing but a service business. The only reason we exist is to take care of other people by providing good service. Just giving somebody what they would like isn't, in my experience,

a definition of good service. The key to good service is the 'how.' In the human resource business, you have to pay attention to the 'how' not the 'what.'

"Second is leadership. True leaders figure out how to create change. If you want people to follow you, you have to do things differently. You have to take a risk and that is the key to leadership. Look for innovative ways to get out in front and take care of Soldiers and their families."

Award recipient Capt. Danielle K. Cork of the 172nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team shared Vollrath's perspective

"The key to success is to genuinely care about what you're doing and who you're doing it for. If you do that you will be successful in the Adjutant General branch, the Army and life," Cork said.

Vollrath said he felt humbled that the award is named after him.

"I still can't comprehend that this has happened. It normally happens when you're dead," he said.

However, Vollrath is very much alive and offered this closing piece of advice to the award recipients.

"I hope you continue to provide great service and that every one of you steps up to the plate in the future to be the best leader possible, because your Army needs it and your Army requires it."



### In Memoriam

James Elbert Jones Sr., 68, died Jan. 22 of double pneumonia. Jones worked as a postal supervisor in the Heidelberg Army Post Office on Campbell Barracks before retiring in August 2006 as postal supervisor for Mannheim's 566th Postal Company. He served in the U.S. Army beginning in Aug. 28, 1961, and retired April 1, 1986. From 1976 to 1978, Jones worked in the surgical and orthopedic clinic at the 130th Station Hospital in Heidelberg following an assignment as a medical specialist with the Second General Hospital in Landstuhl. He is survived by his wife Maria, sons James Jr. and Ronny and five grandchildren.

## Faces of the community: Sahin's Kebap

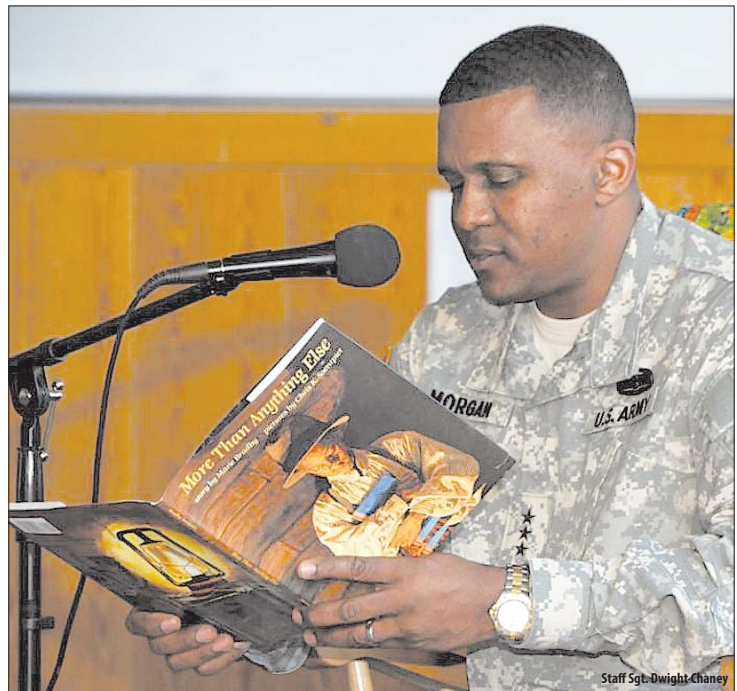


Brandon Spragins

Spc. Paul Crawford a Soldier of the 1st of the 214th Aviation takes a break to get a Yufka döner combo at Sahin's Kebap across from the Exchange on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim. Sahin's is open Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

## Tell Me A Historical Story

Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, Commander Allied Forces Command Heidelberg, reads "More Than Anything Else" by Marie Bradby about Booker T. Washington and his strong desire to read during the Feb. 13 Parent to Parent event at Mannheim Elementary School. The book was chosen to highlight the significance of African-American History Month for families in the Mannheim and Heidelberg communities and to foster in the children present a desire to read and an understanding of the importance of education. Each family that attended received a free copy of the book.



Staff Sgt. Dwight Chaney

## Twins reunite, serve together as paralegals in Europe

Story by Staff Sgt. Tramel S. Garrett  
21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A set of twins entered basic training with strong intentions of becoming Soldiers and serving their country. They began to train, giving everything they had to achieve their common goal.

Shortly after Angel and Jasmin Hunter's training began at Fort Jackson, S.C., Angel was forced to leave the Army due to a medical condition. The sisters looked each other in the eyes and said goodbye. After being inseparable for 18 years, they were forced to take different paths for the first time ever.

However, Angel didn't give up on her military aspirations. She began training and studying with the help of her sister who was stationed in Korea on a one-year short tour. Angel was able to enlist in the Army for a second time, and finally, after graduating basic training and advanced individual training with honors about a year after her sister, she reported to the 21st Theater Sustainment Command in Kaiserslautern.

Now the private first class and specialist are both paralegals assigned to the 21st TSC's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate – back together again after spending a year and a half apart.

"It was hard for me to talk to other

people," said Angel about the separation. "It felt like an eternity to me. We have that bond. Whenever I needed something, she was always there for me."

"It felt so long because we are so close," added Jasmin.

Growing up they were not only sisters but best friends, according to the twins. They share a bond that continues to grow stronger with every day that passes.

Angel and Jasmin both earned college scholarships but decided to serve their country by joining the Army instead.

"Our parents are really proud of us. I'm very happy to put smiles on their faces," said Jasmin.

Angel, who was stationed in Germany, wasn't completely happy about her sister being so far away. She informed her chain of command about her twin sister in Korea and asked if there was any way they could be stationed together here. The command team at the 21st TSC and the SJA responded and were able to get the same assignment location and unit for Jasmin.

"As a twin it's easy to be a Soldier because you always have your best friend," said Jasmin.

The twin sisters and best friends both smiled when they recalled an incident Angel found herself in as a



Staff Sgt. Tramel Garrett

Twins sisters Spc. Jasmin Hunter and Pfc. Angel Hunter, both paralegal specialists assigned to the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, pose for a photo in the courtroom on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern.

brand new private in basic combat training.

Angel stood at parade rest with fear in her eyes as her drill sergeant shouted at her at the top of his lungs, "You are not where I told you to be, private." With a confused look on her face, Angel responded, "But you didn't tell me to go anywhere, drill sergeant."

At that very moment Jasmin walked by, and with a confused look on his face, the drill sergeant turned back to the Angel and yelled, "Move out Soldier."

"We get mistaken every day. We just play along and say hello to people we don't recognize. It's more fun that way," said Jasmin.

## EOD company deploys



Staff Sgt. Lynne Lantin

Capt. Clinton Pierce, 720th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 391st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, commander and 1st Sgt. Daniel Hope case the company guidon during a ceremony Feb. 11 at the gymnasium on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim. The company deployed Feb. 15 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## New 'mail.mil' e-mail address, more inbox space coming soon

By Kristopher Joseph  
5TH SIGNAL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WIESBADEN, Germany – The Army is introducing the Department of Defense's global e-mail system called Enterprise Email, changing all e-mail addresses to "@mail.mil" and more.

5th Signal Command (Theater), headquartered on Wiesbaden Army Airfield, will oversee the Enterprise Email transition starting this Spring for all "@eur.army.mil" users, unclassified and classified, in U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Army Africa, European Command and African Command.

This move will bring the following improvements and perks to overall e-mail experience:

- ♦The Global Address List will be expanded to include all Department of Defense forces. All DOD users of Enterprise Email will be able to locate anyone in any branch of the military directly from their Microsoft Exchange address book.
- ♦E-mail storage will increase to 40 times current capacity.
- ♦Everyone is assigned a new e-mail address that will stay with them wher-

ever they go to include change of duty station and unit relocations.

- ♦Anytime, anywhere access from any authorized, Common Access Card, CAC, enabled computer.
- ♦Sharing of individual, organizational and resource calendars across the enterprise.

Enterprise Email is one part of a the Army Chief of Staff's Global Network Enterprise Construct that aims to transform and consolidate Land-WarNet computer services, networks and data into one secure and well-organized environment.

"Enterprise Email will be a seamless transition for our users here in Europe," said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey G. Smith Jr., commander, 5th Signal Command.

"This initiative is a big step forward as we continue to transform and improve communications for our warfighters and valued regional customers."

Enterprise Email will save \$100 million a year as a result of the switch said Neil Guillebeau, a spokesman for 7th Signal Command (Theater).

For information and updated questions and answers visit <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/649406>.



Staff Sgt. Araceli Alarcon

Spc. Zacchaeus Hardrick (right), a boxer representing the U.S. Army team, punches Air Force Staff Sgt. Gary Griffin (left), during their bout at the Armed Forces Boxing Championship at the Chaparral Fitness Center Feb. 15. The AFBC is an elite competition between military service branches. Winning a gold medal in the event qualifies the athlete to compete in the 2012 Olympic team trials.

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Spc. Jeanita C. Pisachubbe

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Rebecca Wagner, Mahomet, Ill., effects coordinator and female engagement team officer in charge, Headquarters Headquarters Company, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, International Assistance Security Force, counts with the Afghan children of the Red Crescent Society orphanage and school Feb. 12 when the 4th CAB delivered school supplies, clothing items and toys.



Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod

Paratroopers with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team move through heavy rain during a 12-mile ruck march, the final event of a week of testing to win the Expert Infantry Badge Feb. 4. All 65 candidates who began the march finished in the allotted three hours.

# 'Superstar' friends, families get Valentine's Day treat

## 95th MP Battalion returns from Afghanistan

By Sgt. Adrienne Burns  
18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The usually quiet, early morning hours of Coleman Barracks in Mannheim were interrupted by loud music and even louder cheers as friends, family members and fellow Soldiers pulled themselves out of bed Feb. 14 to get to Coleman Gym.

They went to welcome home the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 95th Military Police Battalion, as they returned from their 12-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Despite the fact the gathering was held at 2 a.m., the gym was buzzing with activity and energy as the "Superstars" made their way home.

Col. Thomas Evans, the commander of the 18th Military Police Brigade, recognized the effort and resilience of the friends and families as they waited through delays to greet their Soldiers.

"Thank you for hanging in there tonight and in the early morning hours as we bring these heroes home from Afghanistan," Evans

told the crowd as they passed the last few minutes before seeing their Soldiers.

As he thanked the crowd of supporters for their patience, Evans also made a point to thank the family members for what they went through during their Soldiers' deployments.

"I thank you for your service and sacrifice," Evans told them, "because you, too, have served and sacrificed over the last year."

As the first Superstar Soldier marched into the gym, it was clear that any difficulties or trials from the year-long deployment were pushed to the side as the crowd gave its Soldiers a rousing welcome, drowning out the booming music with their cheers.

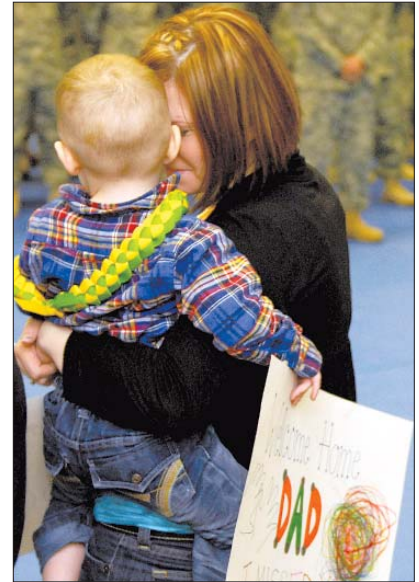
In an effort to get the troops back to their families as soon as possible, the formalities were kept to a minimum, but not before Lt. Col. Duane Miller, the commander of the 95th MP Battalion noted that, "I could go on all night long talking about the great things (these Soldiers) have done."

A "first kiss raffle" was held, giving one family the opportunity to give the first welcome home kiss

to their Soldier before the entire formation was dismissed, but then the hugs and smiles that abounded were a great start to Valentine's Day for many loved ones who had been eagerly awaiting the return of their Soldiers.

"It's just nice to have him home. That's all I care about," said Kara Jacquet, who planned on just relaxing with her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Jean Jacquet, the noncommissioned officer in charge of operations for the detachment, for their Valentine's Day celebration.

But, regardless of how elaborate or simple their plans for the holiday might be, friends and family members all echoed the same theme — it's just nice to have them home.



Thomas Killoran, 2, holds a sign for his dad, Spc. Ryan Killoran, Feb. 14 at Coleman Barracks in Mannheim while waiting for the Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 95th Military Police Battalion, to be released from their formation during their welcome home ceremony. The "Superstars" served 12 months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Alicia and Ethan Hoover pass the time by posing for pictures while they wait for the return of the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 95th Military Police Battalion, at a welcome home ceremony at Coleman Barracks in Mannheim Feb. 14.



Cpt. Ryan Goltz embraces his wife, Jennifer, in the early morning hours of Feb. 14 during a welcome home ceremony on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim after returning from a 12-month deployment with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 95th Military Police Battalion.



The Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 95th Military Police Battalion, receive a rousing welcome from friends and family members Feb. 14 during an early morning welcome home ceremony on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim.

Photos by Sgt. Adrienne Burns



## Celebrating History



Donna Walker

Attendees at the opening reception of artist Andrew Washington's exhibit Saturday view a historical piece that is part of the exhibition at the Arts and Cultural Center titled "The World is My Canvas: Celebrating Black History Month" at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg.

## Civil affairs unit trains with Italian Red Cross in Italy

By 1st Sgt. Bobby J. White  
457TH CA BATTALION PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LONGARE, Italy – As part of the unit's international partnership, a 7th Civil Support Command civil affairs unit conducted military to military training with doctors, medics, physicians and first responders from the Military Corps of the Italian Red Cross here Feb. 5-6.

The M2M training, hosted by A Company, 457th Civil Affairs Battalion, 361st Civil Affairs Brigade from Vicenza, Italy, was focused on medical and disaster response.

The two-day training event included a demonstration of various methods to evacuate and move casualties in a hostile or peacetime environment and culminated with situational training exercise lanes. The lanes combined situational awareness with medical evaluation and evacuation.

"This was a very informative and instructive event in which we were faced with two different medical treatment techniques, American and Italian," said Lt. Mauro Baratto, an instructor for the Italian military from Padova, Italy.

For the first round of M2M training, the civil affairs Soldiers focused on combat life saver training a year ago, and for the second round of M2M training, the Italian military built on these CLS skills by providing instruction for

this year's training.

This learning process will help tremendously to increase the life expectancy of someone injured on or off the battlefield, said Baratto.

Five local national instructors at the Longare conference facility center provided the training to about 15 civil affairs Soldiers and 25 members of the military corps of the Italian Red Cross.

"I think it is very important that we train together with other armies and military corps to build cooperation, especially during peacetime so that together our combined efforts will help us understand how different working techniques can be used to complete the mission" said Capt. Luciano Prestipino, a liaison officer for military corps of the Italian Red Cross, 5th Mobilization Center in Verona, Italy.

As the doctors, medics, first responders and civil affairs personnel honed their medical and crisis training techniques, they continued to strengthen and build on their international partnership, creating a much stronger bond.

"This was an amazing opportunity, and I think everyone learned something," said Capt. Timothy Byrne, the executive officer of the 457th CA Battalion. "It has been a great opportunity to work on common medical skills and see how difficult that can be with a language barrier."

## OPENLINE

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Lt. Col. Elizabeth Griffin, USAG Wiesbaden Commander Col. Jeffrey Dill, Director of Wiesbaden Transformation and Stationing Dr. Roger Gerber, USAREUR Chief Relocation Task Force Col. George Seiferth, Exchange General Manager Frank Niccoll, DODDS-E Heidelberg District Superintendent Frank Roehl and Heidelberg Commissary store manager Cheryl Ludington.

AFN North Operations Manager George Smith hosted the two-hour broadcast. Listeners called in and e-mailed questions on issues such as facility closures, civilian benefits, quality of life concerns, new facility operating hours and more.

Panelists jump started the live discussion with their insights on the Round 56 announcement. The announcement directed 22 USAREUR installations to close and several units to inactivate or relocate between fiscal years 2010 and 2015.

Callers also voiced their concerns on plans to relocate units to Wiesbaden. Some callers wondered if the community was ready to welcome the influx of new Soldiers and families.

"The community of U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden is doing quite a lot to prepare here for the U.S. Army Europe headquarters and various supporting units' movement into the community," Dill

said.

"We've completed a family entertainment bowling center and we will open a new Army lodging facility or at least cut the ribbon on it in the next week or so. We have numerous housing renovations going on to improve the quality of our housing. ... Here in the not too distant future we will start on an AAFES PX and DeCA commissary complex ... There are lots of things going on," he said.

Garrison leaders said they

would like to do another Openline radio show in April or early May to provide more updates and to answer questions about ongoing transformation efforts. If you missed the latest AFN Openline show or just want to hear more, visit [www.afneurope.net/Radio/AFNOpenline/tabid/701/Default.aspx](http://www.afneurope.net/Radio/AFNOpenline/tabid/701/Default.aspx). The entire Feb. 16 show can also be downloaded. For transformation updates visit the garrison transformation page at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/transformation](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/transformation).

## AER CAMPAIGN

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Commanders Referral Program. Retirees received \$28,409.16. In 2010 U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg members contributed \$136,334.67 to AER.

"It is important for Soldiers and retirees to give to Army Emergency Relief because it is one of the best tools that leaders have to help Soldiers regardless of pay grade," Baeck said. "It provides help with real emergencies. Clearly, AER can be Soldier's best friend when it comes to responding to their emergencies."

AER assists Soldiers, family members, retirees, National Guard and Reserve and the family members of fallen Soldiers. Emergencies may involve personal disasters, emergency travel, rent or utilities, food, medical, clothing or car repairs.

Soldiers and retirees wishing to donate should contact their unit representatives who can explain donation options such as allotments, cash and checks. Civilians may donate by cash or check.

AER does not have the ability to draw allotments from civilians.

Local AER Officers and locations and in USAG Baden-Württemberg are:

**Heidelberg:** Barbara Baeck, Heidelberg Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, Room 250. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883/6975.

**Kaiserslautern:** Denise Fesel and Charlene Sanchez-Licciardi, Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2917, DSN 493-4015, civ. 0631-3406.

**Mannheim:** Mei Shan Josephine Kammer, Sullivan Bks, Bldg. 253, DSN 385-2455, civ. 0621-730-3835

### Five New AER Assistance Categories

- ◆ Travel funds for relocation: This assistance is intended to help the Soldier and family meet reasonable expenses related to a permanent change of station move.
- ◆ Repair for HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning): Unexpected home repairs for equipment, replacement of window air condition units and central heating and cooling units are authorized.
- ◆ Purchasing and repairs of stove or refrigerator: Assistance is intended to help Soldiers when required to establish a residence or repair items which may have been damaged through normal usage or a natural disaster such as a flood.
- ◆ Child car seats: In the best interest of child safety, AER assistance may be provided to purchase a quality car seat.
- ◆ Cranial helmets: Cranial helmets, or remodeling bands, are often a medical necessity for the treatment of moderate to severe head deformities. AER assistance is authorized when a helmet has been prescribed by appropriate medical authority, but has not been authorized by TRICARE.

SOURCE: Army Community Service

# Guys and Dolls

## High school presents classic '50s musical

By Linda Steil  
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG MEMBER

The students of Heidelberg High School are busy preparing for their upcoming production of the classic musical "Guys and Dolls."

The show, based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, takes place in 1950s New York City and involves a bunch of "mugs" trying to get a craps game going, while their girlfriends and members of the "Save-A-Soul" mission try to discourage them.

Of course, love ensues as Sarah Brown (played by Jennifer Jost), "a mission doll," falls for the "big guy" Sky Masterson (Aaron Steffen) while Nathan Detroit's (Zachery Richards) long engagement to Miss Adelaide (Erin Seage) is tested by his insistence on shooting craps.

Presented by the school's theater and music departments, "Guys and Dolls" is the latest in a string of annual hit productions, following last year's production of "Footloose" and the sell-out performance of "Grease" the year before. This year's show is a colorful, vivacious, endearing production of a musical that has entertained generations and is appropriate for all ages. The show's music is by Frank Loesser and is based on the book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. The show is presented in association with Music Theatre International.

The show runs 7:30 p.m. March 3-5 and March 6 at 3 p.m. in the Heidelberg High School auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for front seating and \$6 for rear seating. Reservations can be made online: [www.heidelbergdrama.net](http://www.heidelbergdrama.net).



Heidelberg High School student Jennifer Jost plays Sarah Brown who is engaged to "big guy" Sky Masterson played by Aaron Steffen.



Photos by Linda Steil

In the grand finale, from left, Jennifer Jost, Aaron Steffen, Rebecca Ellis and, as the bride and groom, Erin Seage and Zachery Richards perform during a dress rehearsal of "Guys and Dolls" to be performed 7:30 p.m. March 3-5 and 3 p.m. March 6 at the Heidelberg High School auditorium. Tickets are available at [www.heidelbergdrama.net](http://www.heidelbergdrama.net).



In the left photo student Paige Chase holds the arm of Colin Roche while conversing with Chelsea Rayburn. Above, from left, Austin Griffith, Jason Cahela and Max Lancaster sing about betting on the horse races. In the right photo, the tourist group from "Runyonland" open the show with a rousing song. They are, from left, Michela Robinson, Alison Adkins, Laura Jackson, Abrina Deltufo and Emily Hall with Colin Roche and Paige Chase in the background.



## GERMAN NEWS

### Winter's Last Gasp

Just a week before the meteorological start to spring, frigid weather has returned to Germany bringing biting winds and temperatures well below freezing. Snow is likely, but milder relief is on the way. The high-pressure system "Heike" could be winter's last gasp as temperatures hit bitterly cold lows near -18.5 degrees Celsius in parts of the country earlier this week. The clear, chilly weather will remain in most places, the German Weather Service reported Tuesday, but cloud cover will form soon, bringing milder temperatures. While clouds will eventually warm things up a bit, they are also likely to bring snow first.

### Schreck Gravestone

Max Schreck, the German actor who set the standard for movie vampires everywhere with his legendary portrayal of Nosferatu, has been honored with a new gravestone commemorating his place in cinematic history. Long before "Twilight" and "True Blood" tried to make the undead sexy, Schreck set the foundation for pop culture vampires way back in 1922. It was then he played the creepy Count Orlok in F.W. Murnau's film "Nosferatu" – now considered a horror classic. Schreck would go on to star in 40 films, but the whereabouts of his final resting place were unknown for many years.

### Fires Burning

North Frisians lit their traditional Biikebrennen bonfires Monday night, celebrating the new year and warding off evil winter spirits in one of northern Germany's most important folk festivals. More than 60 fires burned in coastal communities along the North Frisian Islands in the state of Schleswig-Holstein, in addition to some in nearby Denmark's South Jutland region. Since the 19th century, the Biikebrennen, which means "fire signal" in the regional dialect, has taken place Feb. 21 on islands such as Sylt, Amrum, Föhr, Pellworm and others, but the origins of the festival are uncertain. Just after sunset, towns and some private homes light their Biike, or fire, and some gatherings are accompanied by theatre, dance and a traditional kale dish.

SOURCE: [www.thelocal.de](http://www.thelocal.de)



**DEAR MS. Vicki**  
Vicki Johnson is a military spouse and clinical social worker with more than 12 years experience working with families in crisis. To contact Ms. Vicki, e-mail her at [dearmsvicki@yahoo.com](mailto:dearmsvicki@yahoo.com).

#### Dear Ms. Vicki,

*You always tell military spouses to get involved with the military community. I could not wait to get involved and volunteer with the many activities and programs including the Family Readiness Group. It's supposed include everyone, or so I thought.*

*I became involved, but much to my dismay everything is about rank. Certain positions in the FRG are based on the rank of your husband. For example, the FRG leader has to be the commander's spouse. If the spouse doesn't want the position then another officer's wife has to take it. It doesn't matter that a spouse married to an enlisted service member wants to take the position.*

*In my first meeting I was asked, "So what's your husband's rank?" I was immediately instructed as*

*to what my role could be. My husband is an infantry Soldier, "a grunt," so I was given grunt work, too. I'm pretty mad that I could not be a section leader or in a leadership position. It doesn't matter that I am organized, have good communication skills and am dedicated to military families in my husband's unit.*

*I've complained to my husband, but he says stay out of it and don't make waves. He doesn't want this to turn into an officers wives versus enlisted wives dilemma. So I guess we lose, after all. My husband doesn't have the rank and rank wins.*

*Now, my friends and I refuse to participate. In my opinion, nothing in the military should be about rank, especially among wives.*

*I know you are a military spouse too. What's your husband's rank? Have you ever been treated this way? If so how did you handle it?*

*No Longer a Willing Participant*

#### Dear Unwilling,

I must honestly say I receive letters regarding this matter on a weekly basis. It leads me to believe the issue of rank among spouses occurs too often.

The Family Readiness Group is a command sponsored program. In other words, the commander is the leader who gives guidance. If there are problems in the group I think the commander should be made aware of them.

The FRG's mission is to assist in getting resources and information to families to ensure "readiness," especially with deployments. It's not a wives club, or an

organization where spouses come together to gossip and pull rank.

The other side of the coin is your husband doesn't want his wife voicing her opinion or giving the perception that you are complaining. So if your husband won't speak to the commander and you don't feel comfortable doing so, then perhaps you can speak to the group and voice your concerns. Let them know that you believe the group is not fair and equitable.

Many times spouses write to me and say they refuse to participate. I discourage this. If things are going to change, then it will take a concerted effort from everyone.

Let your voice be heard. Spouses have asked me, "What is your husband's rank?" I ignore them or ask, "Why is my husband's rank an issue for you?"

By the same token, as I've matured, I realize what my focus should be and what organizations I'm supposed to take part in. Oftentimes people just want to be busy. I try to be busy with purpose. So, if there is a place for my purpose to be carried out with the family readiness group then I will participate. While I think this is a worthy battle, it may not be a battle for you to take. You have to be the one to decide this.

In the meantime, try to figure out other things that you enjoy. You can also volunteer on post on base in other capacities.

Another option would be to continue your education or seek outside employment. Both will provide enjoyment and will help you in the future.

## Kaiserslautern teens put their patriotic pens to paper

By Rick Scavetta

USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

When Caitlin Hutchison's started work on a Patriot's Pen essay, it was just another writing assignment for the busy start of eighth grade at Kaiserslautern Middle School.

Across town, Chloe Rasic wondered what she'd write for a Voice of Democracy speech, so she bounced ideas off fellow Ramstein High School freshmen.

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors Patriot's Pen, a national writing contest for middle school students, and the Voice of Democracy, an audio-essay contest for high school students.

The assignments, however, compete with lots of things on teens' minds – reuniting with friends after summer, starting fall sports like soccer and football, plus the challenges returning to academia. Still, dozens of teens in the Kaiserslautern Military Community found time to enter VFW essays

this year.

For Patriot's Pen, students had fewer than 400 words to discuss the theme, "Does Patriotism Still Matter," a topic that's right before their eyes.

As Hutchison began writing, she thought about her father, Lt. Col. Kevin Hutchison, whose Army missions often kept him away from home. She thought of wounded troops she's seen at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. She thought about how she's seen acts of selfless service, often readily apparent in a U.S. military community overseas.

"Most people don't get to see that. They don't know," Hutchison said. "It makes you proud to see all these people willing fight for their country and do things in their life to make our world better."

Locally, the contests are sponsored by Kaiserslautern VFW Post 10614.

"It's one of our post's ways of community involvement," said retired Army Sgt. Maj. George Gilgore, post adjutant and quartermaster, who's

overseen the contest for the past decade. "These kids write some good essays."

This year, post judges read 165 entries, selecting the top three entries for the KMC's four middle schools; Ramstein, Sembach, Kaiserslautern and Landstuhl. Of those, 11 were advanced to the district level, Gilgore said.

Hutchison's essay won first place for her school. Once judged at district and state levels, her writing advanced to the national competition. The first-place prize includes a \$10,000 savings bond, plus a trip to Washington.

"It's now being judged against entries from each of the 50 states, plus Washington, D.C., the Pacific region and the Caribbean," Gilgore said.

Begun in 1947, the Voice of Democracy program also gives students a chance to voice their opinion on an annual patriotic theme. This year's topic was, "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future."

Rasic's friends at Ramstein figured

the answer would be easy, she said. But she wondered what her generation will do if our world drastically changed in the near future.

"A lot of people stuck to the idea that it's inevitable that we'll have a role," she said. "I wanted to explore the possibility that we won't."

She is among the finalists now competing for a \$30,000 college scholarship. In early March, Rasic heads to Washington, for the finals. In late March, all the KMC winners will be honored at an annual recognition dinner, Gilgore said.

Rasic's father, retired Air Force Maj. Clint Rasic, remembers recording his VFW essay onto cassette more than two decades ago. Chloe Rasic recorded hers into an iPhone, burning a disc using iTunes. She's proud to be following in her father's footsteps, embracing a tradition of writing, she said.

"It's the same competition," she said. "It's cool to see it lasted this long."

# GET OUT!

## area events

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

### February 25

**Shakira** – Tickets are on sale for the Shakira "Sun Comes Out" concert at the SAP Arena in Mannheim May 14 via the ticket hotline 0621-10-1011 or at [www.rheinneckarticket.de](http://www.rheinneckarticket.de), [www.bb-promotion.com](http://www.bb-promotion.com).

**Picasso at the Lapin Agile** – Picasso at the Lapin Agile known as "Steve Martin's comedy" will be performed 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25-26 at KMC Onstage, Bldg. 3232, on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern. Tickets: DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-411-6626.

**Dinner Theater** – The Off Main Street Theater on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim presents dinner at 6:30 p.m. and "The Quilters," a musical story of a pioneer woman and her six daughters at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25-26. DSN 373-5020. Tickets: [www.roadsidetheater.com](http://www.roadsidetheater.com), [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### February 26

**Fasching** – The International Fasching music festival "Guggenmusik," or Fasching music, festival is located throughout the town of Schwäbisch Gmünd and features 20 bands from Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany. The event starts at noon on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

### March 2

**English Language Stammtisch** – Enjoy conversing about the Rhein-Neckar Valley and other world topics at the English Language Stammtisch, a new organization meeting for the first time at 6:30 p.m. at the historic Ritter Hotel St. Georg in the heart of Heidelberg's Old City, Hauptstrasse 178, next to the Market Place. Entrance is free and all are welcome to join the lively discussions in English of topics of current interest in the Rhein-Neckar Valley and in the world. [lirica100@yahoo.com](mailto:lirica100@yahoo.com).

### March 4

**Usher Concert** – Rhythm and Blues singer Usher Raymond will perform at the Olympiahalle in Munich at 8 p.m. Tickets: [www.worldticketshop.com](http://www.worldticketshop.com).

**Spring Bazaar** – Over 100 vendors from around the world gather at Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 237, in Kaiserslautern through March 6. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. March 4, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. March 5 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 6. Follow the signs to the bazaar and find a merry-go-round and petting zoo for the kids.

**Apassionata** – Apassionata returns to Stuttgart through March 6 with its new show "In the Light of the Stars" featuring 40 breeds of horses. Spectators follow the adventurous journey of Leyla as she finds a fallen star and shares her luck with all of mankind. Tickets: [www.apassionata.de](http://www.apassionata.de).

### March 5

**Vampire Ball** – The 37th Vampire Ball invites all creepy people to this spooky event at the Heidelberg Stadthalle (Kongresshalle downtown near the river) starting 8:30 p.m. Live entertainment includes Renee Walker, the Freddy Wonder Combo, the Rocky Horror Picture Show on screen and as the "Time Warp." The club Havana next door invites you to disco dancing until dawn. Tickets available at USO on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg, downtown at Zigarren Grimm on the Bismarckplatz, [www.ticketonline.com](http://www.ticketonline.com) or ticket hotline, civ. 01805-447-0777.

**Comics Show** – The semi-annual Mannheim Comic-Tauschtag, or comics show, will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Großer Saal der Jakobus-Pfarrrei in Mannheim-Sandhofen, Domstiftstrasse 40. Entry to the event is free. Over 50 dealers attend with lots of comics and trading cards. Civ. 06206-91-0360.

### March 8

**Kick Out Winter** – Visit the small town of Wilhelmsfeld for the traditional Fastnachtsfeuer, wheel of fire, ceremony to kick out winter and welcome spring. Blazing wheels of fire are said to banish demons and protect the village for the upcoming harvest. A fluorescent wheel of fire, the classic symbol for the sun, shines its rays so they reach all the fields to protect them from harm. Watch firefighters perform the ceremony while keeping warm with Glühwein, Kinderpunch and hot dogs. Torch bearing firefighters lead the wheel of fire down the slope. The event starts at dark around 6:45 p.m. [www.wilhelmsfeld.de](http://www.wilhelmsfeld.de)

### March 10

**Pfennig Bazaar** – Heidelberg's German-American Women's Club holds its annual bargain bazaar through March 12 at the Internationale Gesamtschule, 69126 Heidelberg Hasenleiser. Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. March 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 11 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 12. Civ. 06221-41-2025, [www.GAWC.de](http://www.GAWC.de).

### March 11

**Heidelberg Theater** – See the classic play, "All My Sons" about the life of a family after a World War II hero returns home 7 p.m. at the Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. Recommended for mature audiences. Tickets: [www.roadsidetheater.com](http://www.roadsidetheater.com).

### March 12

**English Theatre** – Frankfurt's English Theatre presents "Beauty and the Beast" about a strong-willed woman, Belle, who breaks the spell that turned a prince into

a beast. The theater is at Gallusanlage 7. Park at Parkhaus am Theater, Kaiserplatz, Goetheplatz and Hauptbahnhof. Tickets: [box-office@english-theatre.de](mailto:box-office@english-theatre.de), [www.english-theatre.de](http://www.english-theatre.de), civ. 069-2423-1620.

**Art Exhibit** – Heidelberg Arts and Cultural Center opens its John Kay exhibit 7 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. Kay is an American artist living in Heidelberg who has spent his life taking photographs and writing poetry. DSN 388-9421, civ. 06221-338-9421, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### March 15

**African-American Exhibit** – The Heidelberg Center for American Studies hosts the opening reception for the photo exhibition "The Civil Rights Struggle, African American GIs and Germany" 6 p.m. at the center located at the Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstraße 120, 69117 Heidelberg. The show, co-sponsored by the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., and Vassar College is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through April 21. Civ. 06221-54-3879.

### March 17

**Kiss Me Party** – Get your Irish on at the St. Patrick's Day "Kiss Me I'm Irish" party 7 p.m. March 17 at Slapshots on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. DSN 373-5194, civ. 06221-17-5194. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Ski Weekend** – Heidelberg Outdoor Rec travels to the majestic peaks and glaciers of Saas Fee in Switzerland on a weekend ski trip March 17-20. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### March 18

**Ski Switzerland** – Jump at a chance to ski the Matterhorn in Zermatt, Switzerland, March 18-20. Receive a discount on your ski equipment when you rent from Outdoor Recreation. DSN 338-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### March 27

**Bruno Mars** – Singer Bruno Mars hits the stage at 8 p.m. at Die Röhre in Stuttgart. Tickets are available now. [www.worldticketshop.com](http://www.worldticketshop.com).

### Ongoing

**Flea Market** – Don't miss the newest flea market in the area in Rumpelkammer Hockenheim every Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. It's inside unless the weather is balmy, then it moves outdoors. There's a first Friday flea market from 5-11 p.m. and a second Friday children's market from 2-7 p.m. Address: Speyererstrasse 1, 68766 Hockenheim-Talhaus. [www.rumpelkammer-hockenheim.de](http://www.rumpelkammer-hockenheim.de).

## coming to THEATERS

### BIG MOMMAS

(Martin Lawrence, Brandon T. Jackson)  
FBI agent Malcolm Turner returns as deep-cover alter-ego Big Momma. Turner and his stepson Trent go undercover at an all-girls performing arts school after Trent witnesses a murder. Posing as Big Momma and as hefty coed Charmaine, they must find the murderer before he finds them. Rated PG-13 (some sexual humor and brief violence) 83 minutes.



### YOGI BEAR

(Dan Aykroyd, Justin Timberlake) Martin Yogi must prove that he is "smarter than the average bear" as he and Boo Boo join forces with Ranger Smith to find a way to save Jellystone Park from closing forever. Rated PG (for some mild rude humor) 83 minutes.

### PLAYING THIS WEEK

#### Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Feb. 24 - JUST GO WITH IT (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Feb. 25 - BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 7 p.m.; LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13) 9 p.m.  
Feb. 26 - YOGI BEAR (PG) 4 p.m.; BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 7 p.m.; LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13) 9 p.m.  
Feb. 27 - YOGI BEAR (PG) 4 p.m.; BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Feb. 28 - LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Mar. 1 - BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Mar. 2 - YOGI BEAR (PG) 7 p.m.  
Mar. 3 - BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 7 p.m.

#### Mannheim, Schuh

The Schuh Theater is closed until further notice due to structural damage to the roof. Estimates for repair are being gathered and the USAG Baden-Württemberg commander is working with AAFES and others to look at alternative movie options. The community will be updated about findings as soon as they are known.

#### Vogelweh, Galaxy

Feb. 25 - TRON: LEGACY (PG) 7 p.m.  
Feb. 26 - YOGI BEAR (PG) 4 p.m.; JUST GO WITH IT (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Feb. 27 - JUST GO WITH IT (PG-13) 4 p.m.

#### Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

Feb. 24 - THE EXPRESS (PG) noon, 4 p.m., 7 p.m.; THE TOURIST (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; TRON: LEGACY (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.  
Feb. 25 - BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; YOGI BEAR (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13) noon, 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m.  
Feb. 26 - BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; YOGI BEAR (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13) noon, 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m.  
Feb. 27 - BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; YOGI BEAR (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Feb. 28 - BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; YOGI BEAR (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Mar. 1 - BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; YOGI BEAR (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Mar. 2 - BIG MOMMA'S: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; YOGI BEAR (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Mar. 3 - LOVE AND OTHER DRUGS (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; YOGI BEAR (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

#### THEATER INFORMATION

Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg, 06221-27-238  
Schuh Theater, Mannheim, 0621-730-1790  
Galaxy Theater, Vogelweh, 0631-50017  
Gateway Cineplex, Ramstein, 06371-47-5550

Visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) for updated listings and more movie descriptions

## community HIGHLIGHTS

### EEO Summit

An Equal Employment Opportunity Summit entitled "Living Life with a Disability" will be held 10 a.m.-noon March 3 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg to raise awareness about living with a disability. The day includes a no-host luncheon at 11:30 a.m. featuring Dr. Rory A. Cooper, a veteran with a spinal cord injury whose Army service included a tour with the 5th Signal Command in Germany. Cooper will also speak to Heidelberg high school students 2-2:50 p.m. March 2.

### Haus Rissen Seminar

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs is sponsoring seminars at Haus Rissen, an international institute for economics and politics in Hamburg. Speakers are scientists, teachers and journalists who discuss German and European geopolitical issues. Sending organizations pay only for travel and per diem for travel days. Officers, noncommissioned officers and U.S. and local national civilian employees with at least one year of service remaining in USAREUR are eligible to attend. Spouses can also participate in the seminars at their own expense. Seminar dates for noncommissioned officers are May 9-13 (deadline March 28) and June 6-10 (deadline May 23). Officer seminars are March 28-April 1 (deadline Feb. 28), May 16-20 (deadline April 28) and June 27-July 1 (deadline June 13). U.S. and local national civilian employees can register for any of the seminars. [ocpa.pi@eur.army.mil](mailto:ocpa.pi@eur.army.mil).

### TRICARE hours change

The TRICARE Service Center in the Heidelberg Health Center has changed its hours. It is now open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8 a.m.-noon Wednesdays and Fridays.

### Resumix Changing

Over the next two years the U.S. Army will transition from the automated Resumix recruitment tool to USA Staffing to advertise vacant civil service positions, accept applications and evaluate eligibility and qualifications. During the transition period, each job announcement will have instructions to guide job seekers through the application process for the specified recruitment tool. These are the differences between USA Staffing and Resumix: USA Staffing uses assessments to determine the best qualified candidates instead of Resumix skills; announcements will be available on [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov) and [www.armycivilianservice.com](http://www.armycivilianservice.com); applicants must apply through USA Jobs-application manager, not the Army resume builder; applicants must answer assessment questions for each vacancy; applicants can upload supporting documentation, for example DD-214 or SF-50; managers will receive a referral list by logging in to an automated system called Selection Manager instead of receiving a PDF referral list via email. Army officials recommended creating a resume in both Resumix and USA Jobs-Application Manager. For information about the transition go to [www.armycivilianservice.com](http://www.armycivilianservice.com) and to [https://cpolrhp.cpol.army.mil/eur/employment/Application\\_Process\[1\].pdf](https://cpolrhp.cpol.army.mil/eur/employment/Application_Process[1].pdf).

## local EMPLOYMENT

### Nurse Case Manager

The Heidelberg Health Center is now accepting resumes for a Nurse case manager. DSN 371-2911, civ. 06221-17-2911, [HBG-Questions@amedd.army.mil](mailto:HBG-Questions@amedd.army.mil).

### KAISERSLAUTERN

#### Education

**AFB Level III** – Army Family Team Building Level III, advanced leadership development class, March 9-11. Registration required. Call DSN 493-4357, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

#### Community

• **College Preparation** – Youth in grades 9-12 will explore educational, developmental and preparatory resources and discuss the PSAT, SAT, ACT and financial aid for college 4-6 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Landstuhl Library, Bldg. 3810. DSN 493-4516 or Civ. 0631-3406-4516.

• **Armstrong's Breakfast Buffet** – The Sunday brunch buffet at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036, on Vogelweh Housing has been discontinued.

• **Prince and Princess Tea Party** – Come to the Landstuhl Community Club dressed as royalty for a special tea party 3-7 p.m. Feb. 27. Drinks and snacks for everyone. There will be fun filled games and activities for guests.

• **Read, Read, Read** – Child Development Centers will celebrate Dr. Seuss Feb. 28 – Mar. 5 during a weeklong celebration, honoring one of the best known American authors. For times, call DSN 486-8658.

• **AER Kick-Off Breakfast** – On March 1, Army Community Service will kick off Army Emergency Relief month with a breakfast 7 a.m. at the Landstuhl Community Club on Landstuhl Post, 7 a.m. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

• **Art Explosion** – Introduce youth in grades 6-12 to the world of creative arts including painting 4-6 p.m. March 2 at the Landstuhl Youth Center, Bldg. 3819. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516.

• **Bowling** – The Germany alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi will hold a bowling tournament 5-10 p.m. March 11 and 1-6 p.m. March 12-13 at the Bowling Center on Vogelweh. Civ. 0151-2147-3269.

• **Spring Youth Apprenticeships** – Applications are being accepted through Mar. 18 for spring youth apprenticeships through the Child, Youth and School Services HIRE! program. Information sessions will be held on Mar. 28-June 17. DSN 486-8915, civ. 0631-86-8915, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### HEIDELBERG

#### Education

• **ACS Classes** – Intro to MS PowerPoint 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 25 on Nachrichten Kaserne, second floor; Exploring the Job Market 9-11 a.m. Feb. 28; Intro to MS Excel 9-11 a.m. March 1-2; Life in Balance 1-3 p.m. March 1; Buying your First Home 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 2; Conflict Resolution 10 a.m.-noon March 3 on Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622,

Company B conference room.

• **American Red Cross** – CPR/AED Adult plus Child Infant CPR with Standard First Aid will be held 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 5. Prepayment required by March 3 at Bldg. 385. DSN 370-1760, civ. 06221-57-8711.

#### Community

• **Volksmarches** – The Heidelberg International Wandering Club is registered for walks Feb. 26-27 (Rothenburg o.d. Tauber, Wiesental (Sunday only)) and March 5-6 for Muehlhausen (Muehlacker). Trips are now open to Voelkershausen and Orschol in April. Next general membership meeting will be March 14.

• **Shooter's** – Shooter's Bar and Grill at the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club offers Sunday brunch 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 27 at [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

• **Crazy Bowling** – A three-game tournament including bowling with a cue stick, on a ramp and from a chair is open to all ages starting at 1 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Bowling and Entertainment Center on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9040, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

• **Village Grille** – A progressive bingo program with cash prizes will run 6:30-9 p.m. Monday nights starting Feb. 28 at the Village Grille on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9447, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

• **Java Café, Legends, Village Grille** – Three restaurants on Patrick Henry Village have new hours starting Feb. 28. The Java Cafe is open 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. U.S. holidays. Legends is open 6-10 p.m. Thursdays and 4-30 p.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays. The Village Grille is open for Bingo 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, 5-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. DSN 388-9447.

• **Kids' Zone Redemption Tickets** – Starting March 1, the Kids' Zone at the Patrick Henry Village Bowling and Entertainment Center will no longer issue redemption tickets on the games. Tickets can be redeemed at the prize counter until April 1. Also starting March 1, games will only accept quarters. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040.

• **Auditions** – Roadside Theater will hold auditions for "Crazy For You" 7 p.m. March 1-2 at the theater on Patton Barracks. The musical calls for 35 actors, singers and dancers ages 15 and up. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, [www.roadside-theater.com](http://www.roadside-theater.com).

• **Spring Into Fashion** – Reserve a space by March 4 at the Heidelberg Community and Spouses Club fashion show featuring guest speaker Miss Iowa 2010 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 9 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. Reservations: [www.hcsc-heidelberg.com](http://www.hcsc-heidelberg.com).

• **Pfennig Bazaar** – Heidelberg's German-American Women's Club will be collecting donations for its annual bargain bazaar 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 5 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 7 at the Internationale Gesamtschule, 29126 Heidelberg Hasenleiser. Items requested include kitchenware, jewelry, books (no school books) and music. Clothing or furniture will not be accepted. Civ. 06221-041-2025, [www.GAWC.de](http://www.GAWC.de).

• **Voice Your Choice** – Family and MWR wants to hear what residents want at Right Arm Nights held at Legends Bar on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg every third Friday from 4-7 p.m. for bosses and their closest co-workers. The five-question survey is available at [www.mwrgermany.com/special\\_events/ran\\_survey2011.html](http://www.mwrgermany.com/special_events/ran_survey2011.html). DSN 373-5006, civ. 06221-17-1350.

• **Why Catholic** – Sessions of "Why Catholic? A Journey through the Catechism" is for adults and high school students to learn more about their faith. It takes place through April 10:30 a.m. Sundays and 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Patrick Henry Elementary School; 9:30 a.m. Mondays at Mark Twain Village Chapel and 7 p.m. Thursdays at Patrick Henry Village Chapel. DSN 370-8238, civ. 06221-57-8238.

• **Spouses Club Board** – The Heidelberg Community and Spouses Club is accepting nominations for president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer to serve on the 2011-12 board. New board members can be trained at the upcoming AWAG conference. To submit nominations, e-mail [HCSNominationsBoard@googlemail.com](mailto:HCSNominationsBoard@googlemail.com).

### MANNHEIM

#### Education

• **ACS Classes** – Networking and Interview Skills 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 25; Pregnancy Support Group 1-2:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays; Mommy and Me Signing Class 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays; Green Baby Group 1-2:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday; English as a Second Language 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Intermediate/Advanced 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays in Bldg. 254, ACS conference room. Classes are at ACS in Bldg. 251 on Sullivan Barracks unless noted.

• **American Red Cross** – Community Adult, Child and Infant CPR, AED and First Aid will be offered 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 12; a health and safety instructor course will be offered if individuals call to express interest. Registration is required: Bldg. 242 on Sullivan Barracks. DSN 385-1760, civ. 0621-730-1760, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

#### Community

• **Bowling** – Bowl every game for \$1.75 11 a.m.-close Feb. 25 at the Bowling Center on Benjamin Franklin

Village. DSN 380-9528, civ. 0621-730-9528.

• **Black History Month** – The Stars of Orion Chapter 43 will hold a "Never Forget Our Past: As We Strive Forward" Black History Month celebration with a speaker, singing and praise dancing 3 p.m. Feb. 26 in Bldg. 725 on Sullivan Barracks.

• **Reading Across Mannheim** – Children in the School Age Center will be actively involved in the Reading Across Mannheim event in conjunction with the National Education Association 3:30-5:30 p.m. March 1-5 at selected locations.

• **Readers Wanted** – Be a reader at Mannheim Elementary School's "Read Across America" March 2. Each year students celebrate author Dr. Seuss with a fun-filled morning of activities and guest readers. DSN 380-4212, civ. 0621-730-4212.

• **Mardi Gras Party** – The Youth Center will host a Mardi Gras party 4-7 p.m. March 8 in Bldg. 696 on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-4864, civ. 0621-730-4864.

• **Town Hall Meeting** – Representatives from Kaiserslautern to include housing, Child, Youth and School Services, Army Community Service and Exceptional Family Member Program will attend a town hall meeting 6 p.m. March 8 at the Top Hat club for members of the 95th Military Police Battalion to discuss the upcoming move to Sembach.

• **Madness Begins** – Youth will kick off March Madness 4-6 p.m. March 14 at the Youth Center, Bldg. 696 on Benjamin Franklin Village with a battle on the basketball court. DSN 380-4864, civ. 0621-730-4864.

• **St. Patty's Party** – The Youth Center will host a St. Patrick's Day Party 5-8 p.m. March 17 at the center on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-4864, civ. 0621-730-4864.

• **Movie Night** – Join the madness for movie night at the Youth Center, Bldg. 696 on Benjamin Franklin Village 6 p.m. March 18 and 25. DSN 380-4864, civ. 0621-730-4864.

• **Reading Exhibition** – Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Mannheim Middle School will sponsor a reading exhibition 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. April 1 in the multi-purpose room to promote lifelong self-confidence and reading fluency. Readers will be judged in choice of selection, interpretation and stage presence. DSN 380-9181, civ. 0621-730-9181.

• **German spouses** – German citizens who are married to U.S. personnel and reside in Baden-Württemberg who would like to vote in the state parliament election in March 27 need to contact their voting office by March 6. Contact the Wahlbüro der Stadt Mannheim. Stadt Mannheim -Wahlbüro- Rathaus E 5, 68159 Mannheim. Civ. 0621-293-9566.

# Youth Soccer Tournament

U.S. Youth Soccer Heidelberg hosted the Michael Brendel Soccer Tournament Saturday and Sunday at the Sports Arena on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim with 31 teams and 268 soccer players from across Europe participating. Heidelberg High School boys took second place with two players, Andrew Guelle and Justin Hunter, making All Tournament. Pictured are Heidelberg High School girls, left to right, Aysa Tucker, Celina Frye, Melissa Fry, Ashley Ross. Melissa was voted All Tournament. Heidelberg High School girls won first place. Michael Brendel was an Olympic Development Program Europe founding father and soccer coach from 1996 until 2001 when he suddenly passed away. [usysheidelberg2googlegmail.com](http://usysheidelberg2googlegmail.com), <http://usysa.goalline.ca>.

SOURCE: Wendy Aldcroft



# Driven 2 Honor program starts

By Tim Hipps  
FMWRC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LOS ANGELES – Even as a race-car driver, Jennifer Jo Cobb finds it hard to fathom how fast her “Driven 2 Honor” program is coming to fruition.

Cobb teamed with the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers to create a NASCAR VIP Weekend for female troops as a salute to women in the military.

Last weekend at Daytona International Speedway, Cobb launched a plan to play host to two female Soldiers and their guests at each of the first five events on the 2011 NASCAR Nationwide and Camping World Truck Series circuits, followed by stops at Phoenix, Las Vegas, Bristol and California.

FMWRC and BOSS officials are expecting candidates to be nominated from nearby installations such as Fort Stewart, Ga., Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Fort Irwin, Calif., Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Campbell, Ky., but female Soldiers worldwide are eligible. FMWRC will provide a \$600 gift card for each winner and their guest to help cover travel and lodging expenses.

Family and MWR eligible patrons can visit [www.mwrpromotions.com](http://www.mwrpromotions.com) to self-nominate or nominate a female Soldier for this NASCAR VIP experience with Jennifer Jo Cobb Racing.

Winners will have access to the garage and pit road areas with Cobb’s race team for practice, qualifying and on race day. Guests also might be able to serve as an honorary pit-crew members.

They will have photo and autograph opportunities with Cobb and other NASCAR drivers, and will even be allowed to attend the NASCAR driver’s

meeting with Cobb. During the races, winners will have an opportunity to sit atop the pit box with Cobb’s crew chief.

“It’s really a unique opportunity to be behind the scenes,” Cobb said. “It’s going to be so fun and special to be able to share that with women who have served our country and be able to say thank you.”

“I get a lot of positive media attention for being a female in a male-dominated environment,” she said.

“In NASCAR, there is a lot that happens to honor men and women of the military, but I don’t see many women walking around in uniform and participating, and I thought, ‘You know, I get all of this attention, but imagine what these women go through ... What if I could reach out and show them a special honor to reflect some of that media attention to these women who I feel are more deserving?’”

Cobb bounced her idea around with friends and colleagues who helped her develop the “Driven 2 Honor” concept.

Knowing that launching a not-for-profit organization would be time consuming, Cobb divided her approach into three phases. First, she would honor women serving in the military by inviting them to be a part of the behind-the-scenes experience at a NASCAR race.

“The second step, my mom had encouraged me to join the military myself,” Cobb said. “She wanted me to be in the Army or perhaps a Marine because my grandpa was a Marine. But I wanted to race, and I knew I couldn’t do both, so I really focused on racing.

“I thought, why not encourage other young women without maybe a college education fund or a viable career path that the Army or any branch of our



Courtesy photo

NASCAR driver Jennifer Jo Cobb unveiled “Driven 2 Honor” an Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command promotion to salute women in the military last weekend at Daytona International Speedway.

United States Military would be a fantastic way to go? So that, in a nutshell, is how we get the first two phases, to honor and then to hopefully inspire young girls.”

The third phase, which Cobb said requires all the legal paperwork that all not-for-profits encounter, will be to raise funds to help homeless female veterans.

Cobb competed in all 25 of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series races in 2010 and finished 17th in the final point standings, which guaranteed her a spot in the NextEra Energy Resources 250 at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Daytona International Speedway.

“We are there for the truck race to win,” said Cobb, who named her truck “Bruce,” after her hauler driver who died from pancreatic cancer last December.

## staying ACTIVE

### Rod and Gun Club

The Rod and Gun Club hosts a hunters’ course 7 p.m. March 9 and a Blue Grass Night 7 p.m. March 10 at the club an der Bundestrasse 291 in Oftersheim. Civ. 06202-51-193.

### Shamrock Shuffle

Join the Heidelberg Sports and Fitness Shamrock Shuffle 5-kilometer run and walk March 13. Registration will be 8-9 a.m. in the commissary parking lot on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 370-6489, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Community Basketball

The post season unit-level basketball tournament will be played Feb. 28-March 7 at the Patton Fitness Center in Heidelberg. 43rd Signal leads in the league with 10 wins, two losses. The championship game will be 6:30 p.m. March 7. DSN 373-6110, civ. 06221-17-6110.

### Campbell Gym Closure

The Campbell Fitness Center in Heidelberg will be closed for extensive cleaning 10 a.m. Feb. 25 until 5:30 a.m. Feb. 28. The Patton Fitness Center will be open additional hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 26-27. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489.

### Coleman Gym New Hours

The Coleman Gym in Mannheim has extended its weekday operating hours effective immediately. New hours are 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Weekend hours remain the same: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. DSN 385-3164, civ. 0621-730-3164.

### Baseball, Softball Camp

Youth ages 7-14 have until March 4 to sign up for one of two baseball and softball spring training camps 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 12 or 19 at Patrick Henry Village Middle School in Heidelberg. The camp is sponsored by the Heidelberg High School varsity baseball team and will teach skills including fielding, pitching and catching. [HHSSbaseball@yahoo.com](mailto:HHSSbaseball@yahoo.com).

### Heidelberg Volleyball

A volleyball officials clinic and tournament will be held March 8-10 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. Classroom instruction will be held 6-9 p.m. at the sports office in Bldg. 128 and the tournament will be March 10. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

### Heidelberg Community Volleyball

Register by March 9 at the Patton Fitness Center for unit level volleyball season open to military units and components assigned to the Heidelberg Community. Recreational teams that may be composed of friends, family or co-workers. Players must be 18 years and older and not in high school. DSN telephone: 373-8032.

### Heidelberg Softball Players

Community softball players are needed for the men’s and women’s teams. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Patton Fitness Center sports field in Heidelberg. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

### Bowling Tournament

Registration is now open for the Heidelberg Sergeants Major Association’s nine-pin, no-tap bowling tournament March 26 at the Bowling Center on Patrick Henry Village. The \$20 per person entry fee includes three games, shoe rental and lunch. The tournament is open to 28 four-person teams. Proceeds will be donated to the Mannheim Children’s Hospital Christmas and Easter programs. Register: DSN 370-8015, civ. 06221-57-3303, [hsmagermany@gmail.com](mailto:hsmagermany@gmail.com).

### Send the HP Your Sports Photos

If you have photos from sporting events in your community, e-mail them along with the details of the event and names of those pictured to [usaghd.post@eur.army.mil](mailto:usaghd.post@eur.army.mil).



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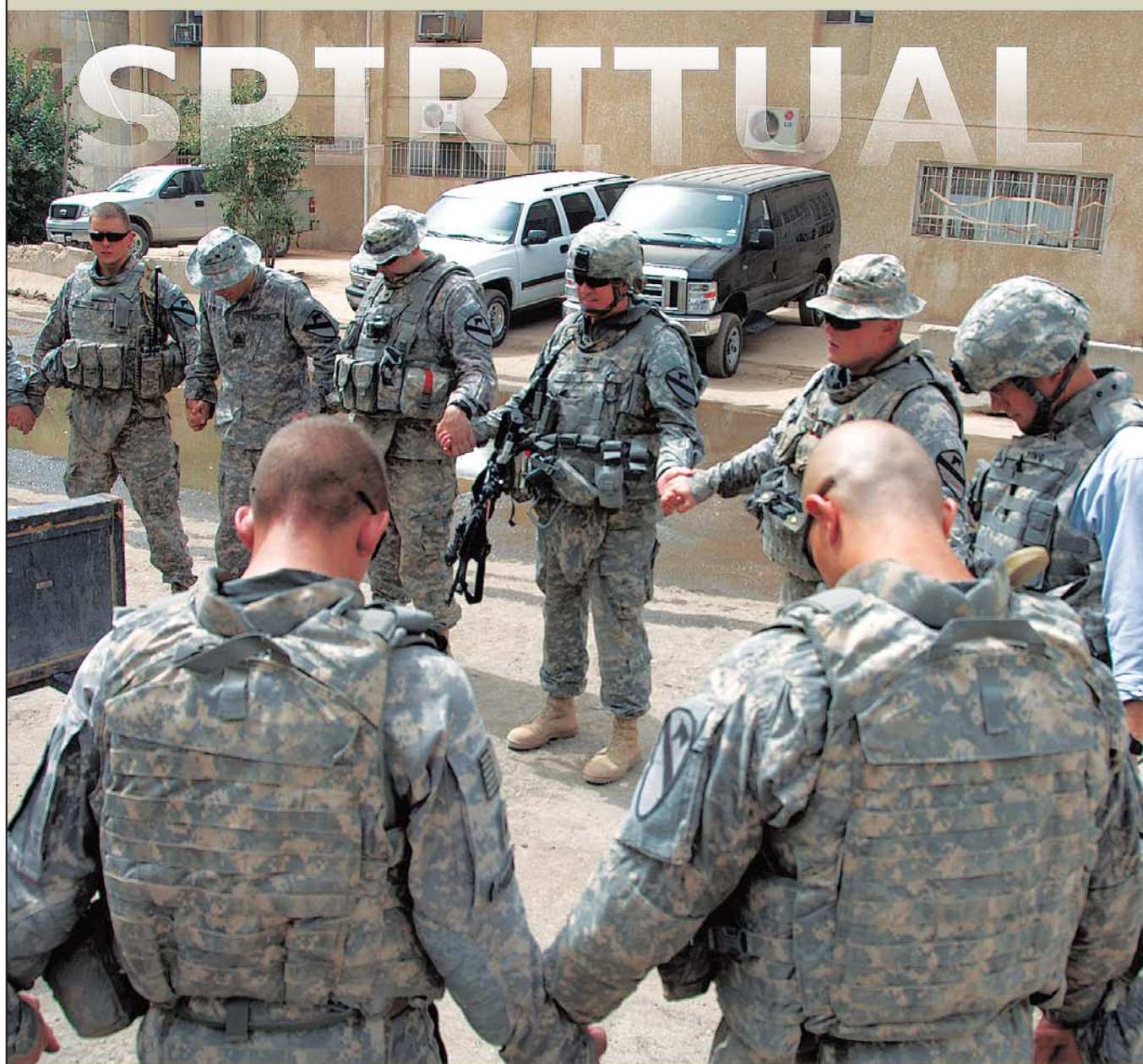
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