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Sgt. 1st Class Tim Fiedler Jr. and his younger brother Staff Sgt. Rich Fiedler have put in more than 50 years of combined service in the Iowa National Guard's Company A, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment. Tim said he joined the Guard 29 years ago for the college money. But regardless of their initial motivation, the brothers from Dubuque, Iowa, said a sense of family has kept them in Company A.

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Heather Mitts, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and defender for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, prepares to kick the ball across the field at the SG Kirchheim stadium in Heidelberg during an open practice for military members and their families June 30.

U.S. women play World Cup soccer

By Elizabeth Casebeer
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Nearly 500 servicemembers, military families and other soccer fans swarmed the SG Kirchheim stadium in Heidelberg to cheer on the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team as they conducted open training specifically for the military members serving in Baden-Württemberg June 30.

"It's one of the coolest feelings we've had, to realize who's out here watching our training, to be overpowered with cheers from fans. It's just the best feeling to me, to really realize you're playing more than just for yourself; you're playing for your country," said Shannon Boxx, midfielder and the only player in history to make the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup Team without ever previously earning a national see **SOCCER** page 17



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Outgoing U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bill Butcher receives a German beer stein from Eppelheim mayor Dieter Mörlein during a German-American Friendship picnic held in Butcher's honor June 28 in Eppelheim. The picnic was a farewell gift from the city for the commander whose change of command is today on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg.

German-American friendship endures beyond farewells

By Dijon Rolle
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

There was plenty of potato salad, pretzels, sauerkraut and schnitzel to literally feed an Army during the German-American Friendship picnic held in honor of outgoing U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bill Butcher.

The event, hosted by Eppelheim Mayor Dieter Mörlein was the city's gift to the departing leader.

Over the past two years, the men forged a close personal and professional relationship while working to cement ties between their communities. In April, Butcher and Mörlein signed an official see **PICNIC** page 8

"We've built that confidence and trust over the years and as a result we've grown stronger."

—Sgt. 1st Class Michael Rabb, Headquarters and Headquarters Company

Don't eat sprouts: E. coli update

ERMC Public Affairs

The E. coli advisory issued June 10 which advises against eating raw sprouts from Northern Germany has been updated.

The Europe Regional Medical Command and the Public Health Command Region-Europe now advise Department of Defense personnel and their families not to eat raw sprouts

from any source.

The rationale is based upon German public health authorities reporting a strong association among the E. coli outbreak see **E. COLI** page 8

COMMAND MESSAGES

Butcher leaves command with fond memories

By Col. Bill Butcher

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG COMMANDER

It's hard to believe that it was a mere two years ago that Sandra and I arrived in this great Baden-Württemberg community. We were so impressed with the beauty of the area and will always hold it in our hearts as one of the best experiences of our lives.

The two years went fast and a lot has changed. Then, we were a direct reporting garrison with four indirect reporting garrisons – Heidelberg, Mannheim, Kaiserslautern and Darmstadt – in diverse and unique communities. With transformation, we are now one direct reporting garrison, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg, and one indirect, Kaiserslautern.

The Soldiers, civilians and family members of the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg have seamlessly led the transformation process that arrived June 23, 2010, with the Round 56 announcement designating 22 installations in the Heidelberg and Mannheim areas for closure.

That process is easier with a community that is accepting of change and I compliment our community members in Mannheim, Heidelberg and Kaiserslautern on how well they accepted all the changes that are a necessary part of transformation.

As a Soldier, a father and a husband, I understand the basic motivation in all of us to want the best conditions possible for our families.

During my command, it was my intent to follow the advice of my father and of the Army by looking with a constant eye at the small things and working to make them a little better.

My staff worked to maintain a vibrant and healthy community that provided upgraded quarters maintenance and manicured outdoor areas, keeping the quality of life in our community at a level our Army family deserves.

During my command, it was my intent to follow the advice of my father and of the Army by looking with a constant eye at the small things and working to make them a little better.

Helping us do that are the tenant activities here – the Exchange, the commissary and the health center that have kept as their number one priority the continuation of front door services to the community.

In my two years here, I'm most proud of the people. Without exception, the USAG Baden-Württemberg staff is a professional and competent group that is committed to making sure that those who serve are served.

Aristotle said, "Greatness does not consist in receiving honors but in deserving them." Our garrison directorates deserve honors for their work and some have received them.

Our directorate of Human Resources earned the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg the Department of the Army Community of Excellence award for Exemplary Practices for its Civilian Workforce Development program.

Our Soldiers' work on behalf of the community was recognized when Heidelberg's and Kaiserslautern's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers programs won Presidential Volunteer Gold Service Awards and Mannheim won the Silver Service Award.

Keeping us safe, our garrison implemented the iWatch program in 2010, a type of neighborhood watch program to provide force protection and safety for community members.

Keeping us green, we started the Rumbling Rubbish program in 2009 to save money by changing recycling practices.

Keeping us informed, our garrison was recognized at the Department of the Defense and Army

level for command information programs.

Our favorite memories are the great celebrations organized by our Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff.

The 5 and 10-K runs, Holiday Magic and the Fourth of July celebration held just last Monday on Patrick Henry Village – great events that bring us together as a community.

Here in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, we enjoyed great relationships with the cities of Heidelberg, Schwetzingen and Eppelheim whose leaders have taken every opportunity to make us feel welcome and at home.

Behind all of this are the Soldiers, civilians and our host nation liaisons who work with the police, firefighters and our Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Add to all of that the multitude of volunteers who work in our communities in Mannheim, Heidelberg and Kaiserslautern. They truly represent our force because they work voluntarily solely to make the community a better place, without expecting the usual returns.

Aristotle said, "Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work." With the great staff and community members here and the high caliber of the commander coming to the garrison, I know you're in good hands. Col. Bryan DeCoster comes into the garrison with a wealth of experience that will serve the community well.

Sandra and I will truly miss the community here. We leave with fond memories of a great tour with a great community, and we wish you all the best.



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DISCUSSION BOARD

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

"My car just arrived in Mannheim. What little secrets do I need to know to get it the quickly. I have an ID and inspection document, but I have to arrive with plates. Where do I get them? Do they have a ruhtag?"
–William Pray, BWnow Facebook fan

"Hey, William, you can pick up your plates at vehicle registration in Mannheim (that would be the easiest

route). The office is near the place where you will be going to get your vehicle. You can visit www.hqsareur.army.mil/rmw/ for more info, too. Tip: recommend you bring a check or money order with you in case the credit card machine goes down. :)"
–BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Hope your holiday was relaxing and full of good

food and good fun. We spent the day at the July 4th celebration on PHV yesterday. Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the event with us. :)"
–BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Heidelberg did it big this year! Kudos to everyone involved in making this happen for us."
–Saunya ODwyer, BWnow Facebook fan



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Heidelberg Lion athlete of year

Cuthbert wins top athletic award

By Max Lancaster
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Chris Cuthbert sits at a lone table with a cheerful grin and humble demeanor not expected from the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe Male Athlete of the Year.

Humble truly is the best way to describe the 6-foot-1, 210-pound athlete who is Chris Cuthbert, a 2011 Heidelberg High School graduate who played varsity football and basketball during all four years of his high school career.

The DODDS Europe athlete of the year award is given to the high school student who has excelled in at least three sports.

During the 2010-11 school year, Cuthbert competed in

football, basketball and soccer and was named to the All-Europe team in football and basketball.

When Cuthbert was not playing sports he spent his time studying for his challenging Advanced Placement Calculus class and volunteering at the elementary school as an assistant physical education teacher, balancing academics with his love of sports.

"My main goal was to win championships with my teammates," Cuthbert said.

Despite Cuthbert's modest demeanor he could not help but smile enthusiastically at the honor of winning DODDS Europe's most prestigious sports award.

"I can't believe it. This year was like a fairy tale," Cuthbert said.

Cuthbert played a major role in leading his teams to Division 1 championships in football and basketball. He was also named the Most Valuable Player in the Super Six championship football game against Wiesbaden.

Cuthbert's success in athletics prompted DODDS-E Athletic Director Karen Seadore to award Cuthbert the DODDS-E

"I can't believe it. This year was like a fairy tale."

—Chris Cuthbert, DODDS Europe Male Athlete of the Year.

Male Athlete of the Year award. Despite receiving DODDS Europe's highest individual athletic honor Cuthbert does not credit himself.

"I would like to thank my friends, family and girlfriend for motivating and pushing me to be the best player I can be," he said.

Cuthbert plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio this fall.

He is still undecided about whether he will walk on to the football team.

"I may need some time to adjust to college and become a successful student. Sports go away. An education lasts forever," Cuthbert added.

Cuthbert's success is shared with the DODDS Europe Female Athlete of the Year, Wiesbaden's LeAmber Thomas, who earned spots on All-Europe squads in three sports, volleyball, softball and basketball.



Wray Holan

Chris Cuthbert, shown here outpacing opponents from Bamberg Jan. 29, helped lead the Heidelberg High School Boys Varsity Basketball team to the Division I championship in 2011.

Commissary competition shows Soldiers' appreciation



Rick Scavetta

Spc. Ricardo Montelongo, a U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern Soldier, races a shopping cart through the Vogelweh commissary during a two-minute shopping spree. The June 24 event was part of the garrison's annual Commissary Appreciation Day.

By Rick Scavetta
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers at U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern showed their appreciation for their local commissary by adding groceries to their morning physical training.

Dozens of troops took part in Commissary Appreciation Day June 24 at Vogelweh Commissary.

The garrison's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program supported the annual event.

"The commissary does so much for the community. It's nice to go out and show them support," said Spc. Sara Ferraro, 23, of Charlottesville, Va., the garrison BOSS president. "Everybody had fun and it was good for morale."

The commissary provided props for some unique competitions. The morning began with shopping cart relay races around a nearby track.

Then, Soldiers raced a lap while balancing an egg on a spoon clenched in their teeth. A pushup competition was made more interesting when Soldiers pressed to muscle failure with heavy sacks of dog food on their shoulders.

Soldiers worked up an appetite from the early events and took a break for breakfast. They saved a few eggs for a toss that left several troops with handfuls of yolks.

Sgt. Mark Arnett, a garrison military police Soldier, couldn't remember having so much fun at the commissary, he said, even if it meant having an egg splatter over his head.

"It was surprising, to say the least, having egg goo running down my shoulder," Arnett said, adding that USAG Kaiserslautern won the overall toss, despite his miss. "It was worth the sacrifice."

Afterward, Soldiers moved

inside the commissary to compete in a shopping spree.

Working in teams of three, they had two minutes to fill a cart. The highest dollar value would win. Two teams racked up bills of more than \$1,000.

The garrison team, last year's winners, had just half that amount – focusing on what appeared to be summer barbecue supplies.

In the end, it didn't matter. The Vogelweh commissary – part of the Kaiserslautern-headquartered Defense Commissary Agency Europe – allowed each team to keep their haul.

"If it weren't for the support events like this through our industry partners," said DeCA Europe spokeswoman Leslie Brown.

"If it weren't for the military men and women, we wouldn't have a mission. We appreciate their patronage and their service to our country," she said.

Ombudsmen help with medical matters within 3 days

ERMC Public Affairs

Soldiers, family members and others who may be looking for someone to help them with medical related issues and other problems have a ready resource in Europe.

Ombudsmen, affiliated with the Army Medical Command's Medical Assistance Group, are based in Europe.

Though they focus on helping wounded warriors and their family members, ombudsmen may also assist active Army, Reserve, National Guard, veterans and retirees.

"MEDCOM sent us here to be an independent, neutral

and impartial resource for Soldiers, veterans, and family members to address their concerns and speak on their behalf if necessary," said Terrence Harris Sr., who covers the Heidelberg, Mannheim and Stuttgart. "Though all other resources may have been exhausted, we continue to march until the issue is resolved."

Harris said he and several other ombudsmen have become instrumental in resolving issues faced by Soldiers assigned to warrior transition units while healing or awaiting a physical or medical evaluation board.

"We are comprised mostly of retired Senior NCOs, officers and experienced civilian personnel. For those of us who are retired Army, we held medical jobs during our Army career. We have walked down the same paths as some of our clients," said Harris.

"With that knowledge and experience, we can reach out and resolve issues easier than most other agencies," he added.

The ombudsmen serve as advocates to resolve complex issues such as health care, physical disability processing, reserve component medical retention and transition to

the Department of Veterans Affairs. Ombudsmen are intended as a Soldier resource and not as a means of circumventing the chain of command. They work closely with the MEDCOM Medical Assistance Group to assist with issues that come through the Army-wide Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline.

"Soldiers and family members – even those in the States or anywhere else – can call us directly during the work week or reach us through the Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline 24/7," said Harris.

The hotline is available toll-free DSN 312-421-3700

or at commercial rates at 001-800-984-8523.

Harris said ombudsmen who receive calls for assistance via the "hotline" are required to contact individuals involved within 24 hours and, if Soldiers or family member is here in Germany, interview them to understand the nature of the complaint.

"Our goal is to resolve a hotline issue within 48-72 hours," said Harris.

For information, see <http://medcomombudsman.amedd.army.mil> or call Heidelberg ombudsman Terrence Harris Sr. at DSN 371-2112, civ. 06221-17-2112.

transformation UPDATE

Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

Facilities Operations Changes

New – Security Office – The Security office for USAG-Baden Württemberg will move to Bldg. 110, room 104, on Patton Barracks July 14. The office will be closed for regular customer service July 14 but will resume regular hours the July 15.

Mannheim Middle School

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

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

Patrick Henry Village Commissary Gate – The gate near the commissary on Patrick Henry Village has reduced hours due to a reduction in the number of guards. New hours are 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

Spinelli Auto Skills – The Auto Skills shop on Spinelli has new hours:

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon-7 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and training holidays. Closed Sundays and holidays. DSN 384-6023, civ. 0621-730-6023.

Army Emergency Relief – The Army Emergency Relief office in Mannheim now processes requests for emergency travel only. All other AER requests are processed at Army Community Service in Heidelberg on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, room 250. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6975. American Red Cross after hours service for emergency travel in Heidelberg: DSN 370-1760, civ. 06221-57-1760 and civ. 001-877-272-7337.

Mannheim Red Cross – The Red Cross office in Mannheim is now closed and all services have transferred to the Heidelberg station, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center. In cases of a family emergency when a communication message is needed, the Heidelberg number will reach an emergency caseworker. The Heidelberg Station is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 370-1760, civ. 06221-57-1760.

Vehicle Registration and Inspection – Heidelberg's vehicle registration office is closed.

Heidelberg offers a satellite vehicle registration office at the Military Police station on Patrick Henry Village, Bldg. 4511. This office is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. to provide limited services. Civ. 06221-678-2586. The Mannheim vehicle registration office on Spinelli Barracks, in Bldg. 1567 directly next to vehicle inspection, has extended its hours to serve customers 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. in issuing license plates and registrations for the Mannheim and Heidelberg communities. Please bring checks or money orders for transactions at vehicle registration. Cost is \$30 per year per transaction. A consolidated vehicle inspection station for the Heidelberg and Mannheim communities is available on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim. Telephone numbers are: vehicle registration manager DSN 384-6100, civ. 0621-730-6100; support DSN 384-6911, civ. 0621-17-6911; fax for vehicle registration DSN 384-6127, civ. 0621-730-6127; vehicle inspection DSN 384-6120, civ. 0621-730-6120. GPS: Am Aubuckel, 68259 Feudenheim.

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

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

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

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

Burger King – Burger King on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg has closed.

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

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

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

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

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

Exchange Gas Station – The gas station in Mannheim on Benjamin Franklin Village South has changed its operating hours. New hours are 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays.

Sexual Assault Hotline – The 24-hour sexual assault and domestic violence hotline is for Mannheim and Heidelberg. The Mannheim-specific number is no longer valid. The hotline for both communities is civ. 0170-609-2862.

Travel wisely

By Jennifer Piver-Renna
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In 2009, U.S. residents logged 1.5 billion leisure trips to visit friends and relatives, to shop or sightsee and to go to the beach. Airports and highways are packed during the months of June, July and August with travelers eager to reach destinations more exciting, fun or relaxing.

Preparing for a vacation requires thinking about where to go and what to do but it should also include planning for safety. Vacations often include traveling to unfamiliar locations which can place you at greater risk of injury, illness or crime.

Make your a vacation worry-free and follow these travel tips. **T**ell a trusted friend. Make sure someone knows where you are going, the route you plan to take, and when you plan to arrive and return. Give them the phone number of the place you are staying and your cell phone number.

Route it out. Know before you leave the route you plan to take. Make an itinerary and include contact information for the airline and rental car company. If you're driving, identify safe places to stop for a meal or to stretch your legs.

Action plan for emergencies. Pack a basic first aid kit and copies of important paperwork, especially for international travel. If you're traveling with children, make sure they know what to do if they become lost or separated from you.

Vigilance is key. Educate yourself on the area before you head out to explore. Always stay alert and aware of your surroundings.

Exercise caution when discussing your vacation plans. Making polite conversation when you talk to neighbors or co-workers or social networking friends about your vacation plans also means you're advertising that you won't be home.

Lock it up. Keep your valuables safe by locking your house and leaving the key with a friend, not under a doormat. When you arrive at your hotel, ensure that the door to your room can be adequately secured. Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your rental car.

For information, see U.S. Travel Association, www.ustravel.org.

Faces of the community: Vehicle Registration



Dijon Rolle

Spc. Alexander Newlan, a vehicle registration technician at the Heidelberg satellite vehicle registration office, punches a hole in a license plate while preparing a set of shipping tags for a customer. The satellite office opened June 1 and is located inside the military police station on Patrick Henry Village. The location can issue temporary registrations, shipping and non-operational plates, registration stickers, first time registrations, sales of vehicles to local nationals and registration of brand-new vehicles. Operating hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The office is closed on the last working day of the month and on Federal holidays. DSN 388-2586, civ. 06221-678-2586.

Smoke detector check essential for saving lives



Rick Scavetta

During a recent community event at U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, Juergen Stegner, the garrison fire chief, explains fire safety tips to local children. Stegner encourages Soldiers to check smoke detectors at home.

By Rick Scavetta
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Servicemembers must inspect smoke detectors at home, according to U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's fire chief, who said a simple check can mean the difference between life and death.

Juergen Stegner recently read a news story about a 2-month-old girl in Chicago who died in a June 20 fire. Investigators there found smoke alarms without working batteries, Stegner said.

"I never want to see a story like this about one of our local military members or their families," Stegner said. "No one should die, because of a missing or dead battery. People need to check their smoke alarms today, when they get home."

According to a three-year study by the National Fire Protection Association, 40 percent of deaths occurred in home fires with no smoke alarms present and 23 percent were in houses where alarms didn't work.

In Germany's Rheinland-Pfalz region, landlords must provide working smoke alarms prior to tenants moving in. If servicemembers don't have working smoke alarms, they should install them immediately – one in each bedroom and one in each hallway, Stegner said. The local posts exchange has alarms and fresh batteries, he said.

Stegner said anyone with questions about smoke alarms or fire safety at home should call the local fire prevention office, DSN 483-6333.

Sharing the pain



Staff Sgt. Tramel S. Garrett

Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, demonstrate a preparation drill exercise as part of the Army Physical Readiness Training session during the Battalion Command Team Conference on the Panzer Kaserne parade field in Kaiserslautern June 29. The conference was held to assist battalion command teams in planning, preparing, executing and evaluating training for their units with classes and shared experiences.

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friendship proclamation between the city of Eppelheim and the garrison.

"The time he has been here, a friendship has been built that I have not built with any other previous commander," Mörlein said. "I wish him a safe journey and I hope that I will one day see him back in Eppelheim."

Butcher also spoke kind words about the mayor and his own plans to possibly return to the city he has grown so fond of.

"I am honored to be in the presence of the mayor, who is not only a tremendous public

official but also a tremendous friend. We've had a great relationship here over the past two years that will be in my and Sandra's memories for as long as we live," Butcher said.

"I joked with the mayor about wanting to come back to Eppelheim and be his deputy and it's only a half-hearted joke because it's such a wonderful community," Butcher said.

"It's such a friendly environment here and it's close to home and we truly appreciate all that you do for us," he added.

The two also exchanged gifts during the picnic and greeted guests coming to

share in the festivities.

Several Soldiers from USAG Baden-Württemberg Garrison and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers attended the picnic.

Spc. Alan Pentico, a chaplain's assistant from USAG BW Headquarters and Headquarters Company and a member of the Utah National Guard, happily dug into a plate piled high with traditional German foodstuffs.

"This is my first time eating authentic German food and it's really good and being here has also been a wonderful experience," the Utah native said, while sampling a chunk of white sausage.

"I've been wanting to come over here to Germany and experience the culture and the people and I'm finally here," Pentico said.

While Pentico savored his new German experiences, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Rabb, USAG BW Headquarters and Headquarters Company, reflected on the importance of the community's relationship with our host nation. The San Antonio native is finishing up his second tour here and preparing to retire later this year.

"We've built that confidence and trust over the years and as a result we've grown stronger and I think we have to keep that going for the rest

of the time that the military remains in Germany and the stronger we stay together the better we can go out and be able to fight," Rabb said.

During the picnic, guests were entertained by the Besenfreunde band who played German and American tunes, including "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and John Denver's "Country Roads."

This was the first time the Eppelheim community has ever hosted this type of event for an outgoing commander.

Butcher relinquishes his command to Col. Bryan DeCoster today at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg.

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patients and consuming raw sprouts.

Specific sources of the outbreak remain uncertain and have not been confirmed.

Raw tomatoes, cucumbers and let-

tuces from DOD-approved sources within Europe will continue to re-enter the U.S. Government-sponsored commissaries and dining facilities throughout Europe as there is no known concern for these foods at this time.

In general, the following precautions can be taken during preparation of fruits and vegetables to lower the risk of possible food contamination and human infection. Wash hands before and after preparing foods; wash all fruits and vegetables; avoid cross

contamination of different foods; keep storage temperatures low for food; and peel and cook fruit and vegetables to further remove microbes.

If sprouts are eaten, it is suggested that they be cooked until steaming hot throughout.



U.S. Air Force Photo Sgt. Jacob M. Bailey

Photo left, the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps marches on the parade field at the Armed Forces Farewell Tribute held in honor of outgoing Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates at the Pentagon June 30. Photo right, Staff Sgt. Edward Duran of Downey, Calif., with Operations Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, directs his security force during a visit of Army officials to Bala Hisar, Afghanistan, June 27.



Spc. Adam L. Mathis

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Staff Sgt. Andrew Owen

Officer candidates conduct squad movements and battle drills at Fort Pickett, Va., during a regional field training exercise as part of their monthly battle assembly June 25. The candidates of the state Officer Candidate School attend battle assembly as traditional National Guardsmen on a path to becoming commissioned officers.



U.S. Army

A paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team uses a field radio to keep in touch with other elements of his unit during a joint operational access exercise at Fort Bragg, N.C., June 27.



Mollie Miller

Hannah Maher makes a rubbing of the memorial stone honoring her dad, Sgt. Brent Maher, following the Victory Park Ceremony at Fort Riley, Kan., June 29. Maher was one of 22 Soldiers who died while serving with the 1st Infantry Division in Iraq or Afghanistan during the past 18 months honored during the ceremony.

Fourth of July

full of food and fun in Heidelberg

By Dijon Rolle
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Patrick Henry Village park in Heidelberg was awash in red, white and blue Monday as community members crowded the normally green and grassy spot with blankets, balloons and barbecue grills during the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's Fourth of July celebration.

The free event featured live music from the bands Crazy, Jimmy's Souliquity and the U.S. Army Europe Chorus, amusement park rides, prize giveaways and lots of games.

Community organizations, including Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation worked together to create an evening that guests would not soon forget.

"We all know that this community is closing and we want to make sure that we still provide wonderful events and wonderful activities while we still have people here," said Berry Patrick, Family and MWR director. "It's important to us to still do that and to also celebrate our nation's independence. It's a great day for all of us and I just want to thank the community for all the support."

In addition to feasting on American favorites like hamburgers, French fries and other goodies, guests satisfied their sweet tooth with a thick slice of birthday cake in

honor of the nation's 235th year of independence.

During the event, outgoing commander Col. William Butcher was honored for his service and support to the community. The evening concluded with a salute to all 50 states and a colorful fireworks' display.

Community shuttles also traveled to Sullivan and Coleman Barracks and Nachrichten Kaserne to transport Mannheim Soldiers and families to and from the festivities.

To see pictures from the event, visit <http://mybwnow.ning.com> or www.flickr.com/heraldpost.



Fireworks light up the sky during the annual Fourth of July celebration at the Patrick Henry Village park in Heidelberg Monday. The fireworks were set to theme music from the Star Wars movies. *Donna Walker*



A young girl looks up as her fellow competitors chow down on Jello and whipped cream pies during the pie eating contest on Patrick Henry Village during the Fourth of July celebration Monday in Heidelberg. *Donna Walker*



Three-month-old Calix Gabriel Carrano Lary, son of Specialists Jessica and Israel Lary of the 515th Transportation Company, enjoys a swing in the park during the Fourth of July celebration in Heidelberg Monday. *Elizabeth Casebeer*



Elizabeth Casebeer
Bumping along, Master Sgt. Justin Bereiter, and his son, Tamataua, take turns smacking other bumper cars at the July 4 celebration on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg Monday. Bereiter is a health care specialist (combat medic) assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit at Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg.



Elizabeth Casebeer
A pair of girls wearing matching T-shirts provide additional ambience with bubbles to the crowded Fourth of July festivities at the Patrick Henry Village park in Heidelberg Monday.



Elizabeth Casebeer
Players try to kick a sponge ball without leaving their positions in an inflatable human foosball game during the July 4 festivities in Heidelberg Monday.



Elizabeth Casebeer
Round and round, children take a twirl on a carousel set up on Patrick Henry Village during the annual Fourth of July festivities Monday. The carousel was one of several amusement park-style rides at the celebration.



GERMAN CUISINE

Restaurant Review Landhof satisfies romantic bent

Where to find it

Landhof Restaurant
Am Fuhrmannsweg 1
68723 Oftersheim
Civ. 06202-51-376

Hours of Operation

Lunch – 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sundays and Holidays only
Dinner – 6 p.m.-midnight Wednesday-Sunday

Price Range

€13,90 - €25

Review

Sometimes you need to splurge and have a romantic dinner for two. The Landhof Restaurant in Oftersheim is the perfect place for that, as it is for a memorable meal with your loved ones. You can dine al fresco or enjoy one of the three separate dining rooms inside.

It is an elegant restaurant with intricately hand-carved wood throughout. There are nooks of small tables encircling the main dining room which creates a cozy, intimate ambience. The owners pride themselves on using local, fresh ingredients. Now, during white asparagus season, they offer a menu of starters, soups, sides and entrees featuring the uniquely European Spargel.

The side dish of white asparagus with hollandaise is absolutely sublime. The soft, creamy vegetable topped with tart, rich, buttery hollandaise is perfect to share or to accompany an entrée. Many of the items are served with hollandaise – a luxurious way to dine.

Although the Landhof is a “German” restaurant, it is not a traditional German menu saturated with Schnitzel and fried foods. Items like the Pork Melba (€14,90), which is a generous portion of pork cutlet (unbreaded), topped with a roasted peach, bathed in hollandaise and served with your choice of side, which include pommes, spätzle, bratkartoffeln (roasted potatoes) and potato croquettes, is worth the trip in itself.

Feeling carnivorous? Order the Landhoffplatte for two, which is a platter of several different meats; mushrooms in a cream sauce; assorted seasonal vegetables; butter spätzle and potato croquettes all for €33.

But if you are out to impress, order the Chateaubriand, which is a large, whole piece of tenderloin, dramatically presented and carved at the table. It is accompanied by an enormous platter of pommes, potato croquettes, seasonal vegetables and unlimited Béarnaise Sauce. The price is €49,90 for two people and worth every euro cent. We brought home our leftover filet and made delicious steak sandwiches for lunch the next day.

You also do not have to break the bank when ordering wine at the Landhof. They have a Bardolino Red or Bardolino Rosé for €12 that is delicious. It is sometimes on the menu and sometimes not, so be sure to ask for it.

Overall Impression

Worth the drive and the money, Landhof will not disappoint. I have eaten there several times, always leave fully satisfied and cannot wait to return.

SOURCE: Angelee Aurillo



Vicki Johnson is a military spouse and clinical social worker with more than 12 years experience working with families in crisis. To contact Ms. Vicki, e-mail her at dearmsvicki@yahoo.com.

Dear Ms Vicki,

I'm a new Army wife. My husband has always wanted to join the Army like his father and I agreed that it was now or never.

He's about to finish Advanced Individual Training and then he'll be stationed in Hawaii. I work full-time and have 2-year-old twins. I was really looking forward to the move, even though I'll leave behind a close knit family.

However, we just found out he'll deploy only two months after we arrive. I'm trying to decide if it would be best for me to move with him now.

I'm comfortable here. This life and my family is all I have ever known. I'm scared to get out there without family, friends or my husband. He hopes I'll go, and my family wants me to stay. I'm having a hard time being the supportive wife that I want to be.

Thank you for your thoughts, A.W.

Dear A.W.

It's great you have a loving and supportive family. Many people don't. You have twins, you're working full time and you're surrounded by family. This is great.

On the other hand, you report that your husband would like you to join him with this move.

My family was stationed in Hawaii for three years and let me say this. As soon as we moved there, all of a sudden my husband had many temporary duty trips, trainings and schools. He stayed off the island more than he was on it.

Long story short, individually, professionally and as a family it was a wonderful experience.

You and your husband should have a long conversation and try to come to some consensus before a decision is made not to join him. Yes, he will deploy but he wishes to have you and his children with him. In this situation, there is no right or wrong answer, but you and your husband should be on the same page.

If you join him in Hawaii it will be important for you to build you a strong wellness plan that includes emotional, physical and spiritual support.

Either way, you will be OK.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

My husband and I are celebrating our second anniversary in June. I love this man but we always fight over money. We get the bills and rent paid on time, but he spends the rest of his money on the cars.

While he was deployed he sent me \$400 for rent, bills and household items. Then his mother and sister moved in, and I'm supporting them with that money, too.

Now he's home and he doesn't think he should have to give me money. He also thinks that I should ask him for anything I need.

I want a job and have been looking, but I have no job experience and I didn't finish high school. I have no access to any funds except what he transfers into our joint account.

I'm worried that if this keeps up we'll continue to fight and one of us will leave. My friends say I'm being treated like a kid who has to ask daddy for stuff. What should I do?"

Loving but Stressed Wife Dear Stressed Wife,

I can see why you're stressed. Finances are one of the top three reasons marriages end in divorce. I've counseled many spouses who think that if they're the breadwinner all of the money belongs to them and not to the spouse who doesn't work.

This is serious because you're without adequate resources and no way to support yourself. You must begin to build some resources today. It's not too late.

You should enroll in a GED completion course immediately. Visit Army Community Services or the education office. You could also check with your local community college.

These offices should also have information about spousal employment. If not, look on Military.com's Spouse Career Network and Military OneSource's family member employment section.

Lastly, have you considered marital counseling? This may help give your husband insight about his behaviors. There are definitely some power and control issues going on in your marriage.

Lenny Kravitz plays SAP Arena in November

BB Promotion

Lenny Kravitz, recognized as one of the most remarkable current rock musicians, will appear in Mannheim's SAP arena 8 p.m. Nov. 5.

Though his sound has always been solid, clear and unmistakable, he has never worried about the boundaries of genres and styles and least of all, was he concerned with following musical trends.

Inspired by '60s and '70s soul, rock and funk, his music simultaneously picks up today's influences. Fans in Germany look forward to five electrifying live performances in hand-picked locations Nov. 2-23 in Düsseldorf, Hamburg,

Mannheim, Berlin and Munich.

For his Mannheim concert, Kravitz will be supported by Raphael Saadiq, a pioneering figure of neo soul.

Tickets and information can be found at civ. 0621-10-1011, www.bb-promotion.com, www.rheinneckarticket.de and at local ticket outlets such as Zigarren Grimm on Bismarckplatz in Heidelberg, Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung in Neugasse in Heidelberg, Mannheim tourist information (m:con) at the Rosengarten or the Hauptbahnhof in Mannheim, the Morgenforum at O 6, 1 in Mannheim or Mannheimer Morgen at P 3, 4-5 in Mannheim.

Translation: Thomas Heiss



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area events

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July 7

USAREUR Band and Chorus – The U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus will host a summer concert 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 7 in the courtyard of the Heidelberg Castle. The free performance is part of the Heidelberg Schloßfestspiele. The band will perform a mix of American and German musical favorites.

Heidelberg Schlossfest – Be sure your plans include a visit to the summer festival at the Heidelberg Castle to catch some of the concerts, operas, dramas, reading, all in an open air setting before it ends Aug. 1. For details of each Heidelberger Schlossfestspiele event and ticket information, visit www.theaterheidelberg.de. The web page also offers a complete program of this year's castle festival as a PDF download.

July 9

Arena of Pop – The city of Mannheim will host its annual Arena of Pop concert 2 - 11 p.m. at the Barockschloss Bismarckstraße 68161 in Mannheim. This year's musical lineup will feature Ricky Martin, Frida Gold, Laith Al-Deen, Sunrise Arena and more.

Castle Illumination – To commemorate the destruction of the Heidelberg castle by the French, a colorful and awe-inspiring castle illumination bathes the ramparts in fiery light. Not only is the exterior of the castle aglow with Bengali torches, a festive fireworks display also covers the entire Old Town in an impressive panoply of light. You can enjoy a fantastic view of the spectacular illuminations aboard a ship on the Neckar.

River Cruises – Take a two to three hour boat ride along the Neckar and marvel at the beauty of the Neckar Valley. Cruise past castles, quaint villages and thick forests 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May through September. Untere Neckarstraße 17, Heidelberg 69117, www.rnf-schiffahrt.de.

Cologne Lights – Every year, in July, the city center of Cologne comes to life with a massive, free fireworks display which is called the Cologne Lights, or Kölner Lichter. The main location for the event is right in the middle of the city, between the Hohenzollern and Zoobrücke bridges. The fireworks displays are set to music, which is broadcast over large public address systems set up along both sides of the river. The fireworks start at 11:30 p.m. and the spectacular display lights up the river and the buildings including Cologne's famous cathedral. It lasts 30 minutes and is finished by midnight. www.buzzoffbase.com.

July 10

Mosel Castles – Stray off the beaten path to Burg Eltz and Burg Cochem, two majestic castles in the scenic Mosel River Valley.

Enjoy a guided tour and travel back in time through the middle ages. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinmain>.

Grand Prix – The British Grand Prix, the famous Formula one Championship will be held at the Silverstone Circuit near the village of Silverstone in Northamptonshire beginning at 1 p.m. Enjoy racing action at the British Grand Prix track, one of the oldest in the world. Tickets available at www.worldticketshop.com.

July 15

Rihanna Concert – Rihanna Tickets go on sale at the Vogelweh Community Center for the singer's Oct. 26 concert in Frankfurt. Cost is \$160 for one ticket and round-trip bus transportation to the concert. The center is open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday. DSN 489-7626, www.86fss.com.

July 16

Cable Car Ride – What could be better than a cruise on the Rhine River? How about a cable car ride high above the river? Experience the Rhine River from a brand new perspective during the German Federal Garden Show in the beautiful city of Koblenz, one of Germany's oldest cities. <http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern>.

July 18

Sting Concert – Sting will perform at 8 p.m. at the SAP Arena in Mannheim. Enjoy the singer's greatest hits set to the sounds of a symphony orchestra and band. Tickets available at www.saparena.de, www.eventim.de or civ. 0621-1819-0333.

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

Sade Concert – Tickets on sale now for legendary songstress Sade. The singer will bring her smooth sounds to Mannheim's SAP Arena 8 p.m. Nov. 16. Tickets available at civ. 0621-10-1011 or www.rheinneck-articket.de.

July 22

Standup Comedian – The USO presents standup comedian Bengt Washburn 8:30 p.m. at the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. Washburn has appeared on

Comedy Central, The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson and the Bob and Tom show. Open to servicemembers and their guests over 18. DSN 373-5190, civ. 06221-17-5190, www.mwrgermany.com.

Farmer's Market – Sample and shop for farm fresh vegetables, cheese, eggs and meat at the Kaiserslautern farmer's market. The market is held 7 a.m. -1 p.m. at the Stiftsplatz located in the center of Kaiserslautern.

July 23

Arena of Mobility – Baden-Württemberg celebrates a Summer of Cars. The Karlsruhe Center for Art and Media will showcase approximately 50 works of art, all themed around automobiles and the love of cars. The Medienmuseum is located at Lorenzstrasse 19, 76135 in Karlsruhe Civ. 0721-35-2360, www.buzzoffbase.com.

July 28

Sommerfest – One of Munich's most anticipated public festivals, the Sommerfest includes tons of free concerts, tasty food, cold beer, an absolutely enormous Ferris wheel and other carnival rides, and spectacular fireworks. The festival lasts for nearly a month, so there are plenty of opportunities to immerse yourself in German culture and kick up your heels, Bavarian-style. Festival runs through Aug. 21 at Olympiapark, Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21, 80809 Munich. www.buzzoffbase.com.

July 30

International Beer Festival – Dusseldorf's Bierboerse is part of a beer festival that is held annually in nine cities across Germany. Visitors can sample up to 1,000 different types of beer from over 75 countries. Food, wine and entertainment also provided. Free entry but fest goes must pay for beer. Catch the festival at Fussgangerzone, Erich-Muller-Str. 2, 40597 in Düsseldorf. www.buzzoffbase.com.

July 30

Crystal and More – Don't miss the great bargains in the Czech Republic. Sign up now for a shopping trip in Cheb and Karlovy Vary with Patrick Henry Village Outdoor Rec in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282, www.mwrgermany.com.

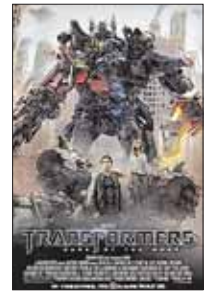
Ongoing

Flea Markets – For a complete list of flea markets and locations, see www.meine-floermarketermine.de and click on the 7000 zip code link.

coming to THEATERS

TRANSFORMERS

(Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel) A darker, more introspective journey into the Transformers universe and their origins on Cybertron. (PG-13 for sequences of sci-fi violence, language and sexual innuendos) 150 minutes.



AFRICAN CATS

(Samuel L. Jackson) A true story set against the backdrop of one of the wildest places on Earth, this documentary captures the real-life love, humor and determination of the majestic kings of the savanna. (G) 89 minutes.

PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

July 7 - CARS 2 (PG) 7 p.m.
 July 8 - TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 7 p.m., 10 p.m.
 July 9 - HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS. EVIL (PG) 4 p.m.; TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 7 p.m., 10 p.m.
 July 10 - HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS. EVIL (PG) 1 p.m.; TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 4 p.m., 10 p.m.
 July 11 - AFRICAN CATS (G) 7 p.m.
 July 12 - TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 July 13 - FAST FIVE (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 July 14 - TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

July 8 - CARS 2 (G) 4 p.m.; BAD TEACHER (R) 7 p.m.
 July 9 - HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS. EVIL (PG) 4 p.m.; FAST FIVE (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 July 10 - FAST FIVE (PG-13) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

July 7 - CARS 2 (G) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m.; BAD TEACHER (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; SOUL SURFER (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
 July 8 - TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS. EVIL (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.; FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m.
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 July 12 - TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS. EVIL (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.; FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; AFRICAN CATS (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m.;
 July 13 - TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS. EVIL (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.; FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
 AFRICAN CATS (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m.
 July 14 - TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS. EVIL (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

THEATER INFORMATION

Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg, 06221-27-238
 Galaxy Theater, Vogelweh, 0631-50017
 Gateway Cineplex, Ramstein, 06371-47-5550
 Visit www.aafes.com for updated listings and more movie descriptions
 Mannheim, CinemaxX, P4 13, 68161 Mannheim, civ. 01805-62-5466, www.cineplex.de

Mannheim, CinemaxX - English Language movies

July 7-10 - HANGOVER 2 (R) 11 p.m.
 July 13 - HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 2 (PG-13) 7:30 p.m., 10:45 p.m.

community HIGHLIGHTS

Technology Expo

The 43rd Signal Battalion will host a free technology exposition at Campbell Barracks fitness center in Heidelberg 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 29. The Expo will have more than 50 exhibitors demonstrating the latest in emerging technologies. There will be refreshments and giveaways while supplies last. To pre-register visit www.FederalEvents.com, click on the Campbell Barracks link and select the pre-register button.

American Forces Network Decoders

AFN's satellite delivery platform is changing and at-home viewers must make changes to satellite dishes and decoders through July 31 to continue to receive AFN TV. The help desk is manned 1-9 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday via a toll-free number, civ. 00800-2362683662 (00800-afnantenna) through July 31. How-to videos in English, German and Italian are available at www.afneurope.net.

Estate Claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Lt. Col. Omer Ozguc of the Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe should contact summary court officer, Capt. Earl Tsuneyoshi at DSN 371-2065.

ESSO Cards

ESSO fuel cards, like any debit or credit card, have expiration dates. The Exchange doesn't send out reminders about expirations. To avoid card use denials while traveling, customers should renew cards prior to expiration. The expiration date is on the front of the card in the lower right hand corner. If expired, return the card to a fuel card issuing location where the Exchange will replace it. Fuel cards are valid for three years, and the expiration dates are not related to your vehicle registration date. For information contact the local Exchange customer service desk.

Acute Care Clinic

The Heidelberg Health Center's Acute Care Clinic is now closed on all Sundays and all federal holidays. If you are in need of urgent or emergent care on those days, please go to the nearest host nation emergency room. Maps and driving directions are available at the HMEDDAC staff duty desk in the pharmacy area on Nachrichten Kaserne.

local EMPLOYMENT

Career Counselors

The Army Career and Alumni Program has full and part time positions available for ACAP career counselors in Heidelberg. Applicants must have a master's degree, be computer literate and have two years experience in job assistance, career or employment counseling, teaching, training or a related field. CIM.Heidelberg@serco-na.com.

Central Texas College

Substitute and part time positions are available for Central Texas College at the Patton Barracks Army Education Center in Heidelberg. Contract positions include administrative assistant sub, test examiner sub, facility administrator sub and counselor aide sub. Applicants are subject to security checks. Must be able to acquire an AKO e-mail address. Training provided. DSN 373-6176, civ. 06221-17-6176.

KAISERSLAUTERN

Education

♦ **Free German Lessons** – Learn German from noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Landstuhl and Miesau Libraries and Fridays at Kleber Library. Landstuhl Library: DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-8390. Miesau Library: DSN 481-3755, civ. 06372-842-4355. Kleber Library: DSN 483-1740, civ. 06371-411-1740.

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

Community

♦ **Bring Your Boss Night** – Enjoy a relaxing evening with the boss, co-workers, and friends 4-7 p.m. July 8 at Armstrong's Club on Vogelweh. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

♦ **Youth Fishing** – Youth can learn fishing skills while being outdoors 4-6 p.m. July 13, 20 and 27. Open to grades 1-12. Must be enrolled in Child, Youth and School Services to participate. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-4122.

♦ **Cards For A Cause** – Adults and accompanied children make cards and small projects for wounded warriors and traveling servicemembers 11 a.m.-4 p.m. July 11 at Ramstein's Woodlawn Golf Course. \$5 materials fee per person.

♦ **Vacation Bible School** – Pandania: Where God is Wild About You vacation Bible school will be held 9 a.m.-noon July 25-29 at Landstuhl Elementary and Middle School and also 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 3-4 at the Daenner Chapel. DSN 493-4660, civ. 0631-3406-4660.

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

♦ **Quilt Club** – Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild will meet 6 p.m. the fourth Thursday in July and August at the Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses Association building on Pulaski Barracks. Stitch n' Gab meet 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays at the Kapaun Chapel Annex.

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

♦ **Room Rental** – Armstrong's Club offers room rental for holiday, office, and birthday parties, Bldg. 1036, on Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986. www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Car Care** – During July receive free windshield wiper fluid refills with an oil change at Pulaski Auto Skills, Bldg. 2859. DSN 489-6162, civ. 0631-536-6162.

♦ SKIES Unlimited

– SKIES Unlimited is offering ABC Music and Me. The ongoing class will focus on early language and literacy development through music and story time. Program open for children enrolled in a child care or pre-K program. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516.

HEIDELBERG

Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – Exploring the Heidelberg Job Market, 9-11 a.m. July 11; Culture College, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 11-14 and field trip 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 16; Introduction to Microsoft Word, 9-11 a.m. July 12-13; Financial Readiness Training, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 13; ACS Volunteer Orientation, 10-11 a.m. July 13; Sponsors-Ambassadors to Readiness, 10-11 a.m. July 13; Relaxation Techniques, 2-4 p.m. July 14, Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622, Company B conference room; Free hands-on International Cooking Class, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. July 15, Patrick Henry Village Commissary. Registration required.

♦ **UMUC Europe Registration** – Upcoming field study courses include the Cultural History of London II July 30-Aug. 6 in England and Picasso in Paris Aug. 6-13 in France. www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy.

Community

♦ **Fishing Course** – Ages 8 and up learn to fish 9 a.m.-5 p.m. July 9 and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. July 10 at the Rod and Gun Club in Ostersheim. Cost is \$65 per person or \$100 per family. Civ. 06202-51193.

♦ **Commissary Gate** – The access hours for the gate near the commissary on Patrick Henry Village are now 6 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

♦ Shooter's Bar and Grill

– Shooter's Bar and Grill has new hours: 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, 6-10 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, closed Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Civ. 06202-927-9315.

♦ **Midsummer Read** – Register now for A Midsummer Knight's Read, a summer reading program for preschoolers and kindergartners 11 a.m. Wednesdays, for first-fifth graders 11:30 a.m. Thursdays and for sixth-12th graders 2 p.m. Tuesdays ongoing through July 28 at the Patrick Henry Village Library. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

♦ Casualty Assistance

– Eligible sergeants first class and above, captains and above and chief warrant officers 2 and above can receive certification as trained casualty assistance officers and non commissioned officers starting 9 a.m. July 13-14 on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, Room 272. DSN 370-8000, civ. 6221-57-8392.

♦ **Security Office** – The security office will relocate July 14 to Patton Barracks Bldg. 110, Room 104. The

office will be closed for regular customer service, but will resume regular office hours July 15.

♦ **Cooking Class** – Free cooking class at the commissary in Heidelberg 10 a.m.-1 p.m. July 15. Registration is required. Call ACS to sign up. DSN 370-6883 or civ. 06221-57-6883.

♦ **Köln Chocolate Factory** – Permission slips are due July 19 for the Lion's Den trip to Köln Chocolate Factory 8 a.m.-6 p.m. July 21. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

♦ **BOSS Spice of the Caribbean** – Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers, BOSS, teaches how to make Caribbean-inspired food like red beans and rice and skewer chicken 6 p.m. July 20, at the Patton Barracks Warrior Zone.

♦ **Hunting Course** – There will be a hunting course July 20-Aug. 27 on 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays at the Rod and Gun Club. Cost is \$150 per student. Ages 18 and older. Must be a U.S. citizen with U.S. ID card.

♦ **ACS Outing** – Army Community Service will host a group outing to Mannheim's Luisenpark 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 23. Group will meet at ACS and take public transportation to the park. DSN 370-6883.

♦ **Geocaching** – Army Community Service will set up caches and post the coordinates on the ACS Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/BWACs. Participants can also enter into the ACS birthday drawing for a chance to win a pair of Holiday Park tickets. Winners will be announced July 25. www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Swimming at Aquadrome** – Permission slips are due July 24 for the Lion's Den trip to the Aquadrome 11 a.m.-5 p.m. July 28.

♦ **Catapult Contest** – A closing party and egg catapult contest wraps up the library's teen summer reading program, A Midsummer Knight's Read, 2 p.m. July 26 at the Patrick Henry Village library. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

♦ Family Readiness Group

Forum – Join the Army Community Service FRG Forum 9-11 a.m. July 27 in the Yellow Ribbon Room on Patrick Henry Village, Bldg. 4531. The event features Europe Regional Medical Command Jeannine Smith, attorney-advisor. DSN 370-6883, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **White Water Rafting** – BOSS goes rafting and canyoning in Austria July 29-31. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282.

♦ **Vacation Bible School** – Adult and teens can sign up now to be part of Kingdom of the Son, A Prayer Safari vacation Bible school 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 1-5 at Patrick Henry Elementary School. travelingtays@gmail.com.

♦ **Military History** – The Military History Round Table, an informal group of Germans and Americans

interested in World War II is open to anyone who has an interest in military equipment, uniforms, patches and memorabilia. The club meets 7 p.m. at the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club monthly on third Thursdays. DSN 370-8686, civ. 06221-57-8686.

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

MANNHEIM

Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – Car Seat Safety Check, July 11, appointment only. Bldg. 251, Room 112; Be Your Own Personal Financial Manager, 8:30-10 a.m. July 12, ACS, Bldg. 246, Room 105; Enjoying Good Credit, Living Debt Free, 10:30 a.m.-noon July 12, ACS, Bldg. 246, Room 105; Investment Intelligence, 2-4 p.m. July 12, ACS, Bldg. 246, Room 105; Play Group, 10 a.m.-noon July 13, Bldg. 251, Room 112; Bringing Baby Home, 5:30-8 p.m. July 13, Bldg. 251, Room 108; Pregnancy Support, Group 1-2:30 p.m. July 14, Bldg. 251, Room 113.

Community

♦ **Self Service Supply Center** – The SSSC will be closed for annual inventory July 19-22. It will reopen for customer service July 25. DSN 373-5368.

♦ **Midsummer Knight's** – The Sullivan Library hosts A Midsummer Knight's Read 10:30-11:30 a.m. ongoing through July 20. DSN 380-1740, civ. 0621-730-1740.

♦ **Vacation Bible School** – Students and volunteers can sign up now-July 24 for the God is Good vacation Bible school 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 8-12 at the Benjamin Franklin Village Chapel. DSN 380-9448, civ. 0621-730-9448.

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

♦ **Summer Specials** – Spinelli Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 1570, offers monthly summer discounts now through September. DSN 384-6300, civ. 0621-730-6232, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Free Bowling** – Kids bowl free every Thursday in July when accompanied by an adult bowler at the Bowling Center on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-9528, civ. 0621-730-9528.

♦ **Youth of the Chapel** – Youth of the Chapel meet 3:30 p.m. (junior high) and 6 p.m. (high school) Wednesdays at the Sullivan Barracks Chapel across from the gym. Groups meet 6 p.m. Sundays. trinitytro-jan55@gmail.com.

Women's World Cup



Above, Hope Solo, a goalkeeper for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, signs autographs for servicemembers and family members during the team's training day at SG Kirchheim stadium in Heidelberg June 30. Solo was named Women's Professional Soccer Goalkeeper of the Year in 2009.

Photo right, Ali Krieger signs an autograph for Sgt. 1st Class Hugo Webster, a combat engineer with U.S. Army Europe office of the Chief of Staff during the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team's training day at the SG Kirchheim stadium in Heidelberg June 30. Krieger, a defender, played for FFC Frankfurt four years before returning to the U.S. earlier this year.



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team cap.

The team, which played the first non-Germany game of the 2011 Women's World Cup to be completely sold out, pitted against Colombia at the Rhein Neckar Arena in Sinsheim Saturday, winning 3-0.

The crowd went wild as it was treated to a military salute from the entire team after midfielder Heather O'Reilly's opening goal.

Later, after midfielder Megan Rapinoe scored another point, she serenaded the fans with Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" via television



Elizabeth Casebeer

From left, Heidelberg High School rising juniors Joshua Jones, Trevor Carr, Andrew Guelle and Dolly Harrison watch the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team in action during the team's open practice June 30 in Heidelberg.

microphone.

Rapinoe recovered from an illness in 2010 to work her way back into the U.S. lineup, starting eight of 10 games she played.

"I feel such sup-

port and love for our troops. We were so overwhelmed when we first saw such a large group (upon arrival at the stadium) and they gave us so much energy. Just seeing people in the

stands with American flags was a very unifying feeling," O'Reilly said June 30 after the open training session.

O'Reilly played her first world championship at the senior level in the 2004 Olympics and was the second-youngest player in the 2007 FIFA WWC team.

The ladies also won against North Korea 2-0 June 28 in Dresden, and their win Saturday means they advance to the quarterfinals.

The team played against Sweden in Wolfsburg Wednesday night.

"We're the best soccer team in the world, and we can actually say that when we win the cup,"

staying ACTIVE

Hole in One Club

David Briggs made a hole in one at Heidelberg Golf Club's hole number 15 using a gap wedge from 118 yards June 26.

Heidelberg Intramural Golf Championship

The Heidelberg Intramural Golf Championship was held June 11-23 at the Heidelberg Golf Course. Family and MWR team Thomas Benson and Pell Cooper won the event versus the U.S. Army Europe G6 team Fred Perez and Michael Staszewski. USAREUR II team Ron Childs and Jonathan James took third. Fourteen teams participated in this year's intramural golf program.

Sports Physicals

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

Heidelberg Men's Softball

Tryouts for Summer Slam – The Heidelberg community level men's softball tryouts and practices take place July 7, 11, 12 and 13 to organize an All-Star team for the 20th annual Summer Slam Softball Invitational July 15-17 at Patton Sports Field.

Championship Tournament – The unit level softball championship tournament will be held July 25-Aug. 1 on the Patton Barracks sports field.

Fishing Course

A fishing course for ages 8 and older will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. July 9 and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. July 10 at the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club in Oftersheim. Civ. 06202-51193.

Kaiserslautern Golf Scramble

The Kaiserslautern Sergeants Major Association will sponsor a four-person golf scramble July 15 at the Woodlawn Golf Course on Ramstein Air Base. Tournament starts at 8 a.m. with check-in at 7 a.m. Register: DSN 484-7329, civ. 0631-413-8766, KMCSGMA@hotmail.com.

Summer Slam

Summer Slam will be held 4-11 p.m. July 15, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. July 16 and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. July 17 at Campbell, Tompkins and Patton Barracks fitness centers. Entry fees are \$250 for basketball and softball teams, \$10 per person for volleyball, \$15 for racquetball for the first event and \$10 for additional events. Softball and basketball entry deadline is July 8 and racquetball is July 13. Volleyball signup starts at 8 a.m. July 16. DSN 373-8032, www.mwrgermany.com.

Off-ice Hockey Officials

Die Players Liga is the largest non-official hockey league in Germany. DPL's inline hockey season is currently underway and the league is searching for off-ice officials. No prior knowledge is required, just an interest in hockey and the desire to be part of the team. English is the main language spoken and five military hockey teams play in the league. All games are played weekdays at the Friedrichspark (previous home to the Mannheim Adler) next to the Mannheim University Schloss in Mannheim. Contact: civ. 0172-6263642, info@dpliga.com.

Cosmic Bowling or Kids Free

The Bowling Center on Benjamin Franklin Village offers Cosmic Bowling 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays. Kids bowl free every Thursday in July. DSN 380-9528, civ. 0621-730-9528, www.mwrgermany.com.