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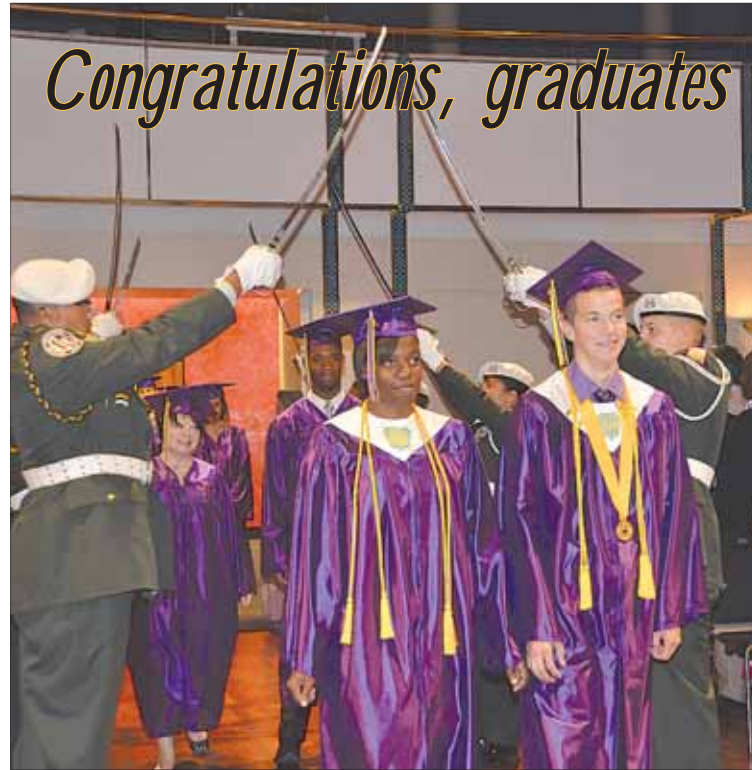
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Congratulations, graduates

High school students ready for the next phase

Staff Report

Forty-two seniors sat on stage in the Rosengarten Saturday night as the final graduating class of Mannheim American High School.

Next year, their school mates in the under classes will attend Heidelberg High School whose seniors graduated June 9 at the Kongresshaus Stadthalle in Heidelberg.

In both places, the majestic settings of the grand German buildings added to the importance of the occasion.

"This is a day of celebration and joy," said Mannheim High School Principal Shelia Smith who focused on the graduates' achievements and not on the see **GRADS** page 12

Donna Walker

Junior ROTC members Darnell Lotts, left, Estephany Picazo, center, and Steven Howell hold their sabers for Mannheim High School seniors Erica Bryant, front left and Adam Cornelius, right, followed by Vanessa Friederich and Jacobi Mapp at the graduation ceremony Saturday at Mannheim's Rosengarten. Heidelberg High School's commencement ceremony was June 9 at Heidelberg's Kongresshaus Stadthalle.

'Moving on' in the world

Elizabeth Casebeer

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For decades, the halls of the Mannheim's high school and middle school have echoed with the sounds of lockers banging, bells ringing, children laughing and of course, learning.

Laughter fused with tears June 9 when some 400 students, teachers, coaches and staff

donned "That's All Folks" T-shirts and joined family members on Woods Field on Benjamin Franklin Village to give the schools one final send off.

The school bands, led by director Christine Anderson, launched the event with a rousing set of songs, including "Thanks for the Memories" and "Time of my life." Drama see **MOVING** page 12



Elizabeth Casebeer

Ellis Hamilton, a seventh grade student at Mannheim Middle School, beats the drums under the direction of band director Christine Anderson during the Mannheim Middle School and Mannheim High School's Moving On celebration June 9 on Woods Field. Hamilton is the son of Lt. Col. Lance Hamilton, chief of U.S. Army Europe Claims, and Caryn Hamilton.

Base realignment and closure – on time, on target

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

IMCOM COMMANDER

The past 10 years have brought great change to our Army. Soldiers fight in two wars, and the Army is going through the greatest reorga-

nization since World War II. Between instituting the Army Force Generation model, reorganizing around modular brigades and the Base Realignment and Closure process, our Army looks vastly different.

With the completion of the BRAC process, on time and on target this September, the Army will have reshaped its infrastructure to better support Soldiers, civilians and families.

The Base Realignment and

Closure commission made recommendations about how to make efficiencies in the Department of Defense to the president, who presented them to Congress. Those recommendations see **BRAC** page 12

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MILITARY FAMILY MOVIES

The entertainment industry can help to shine the light on military families by incorporating their compelling stories into movies and television, First Lady Michelle Obama said Monday during a panel discussion hosted by the entertainment guilds in Los Angeles. Speaking to an audience of about 500 producers, writers, actors and directors, the first lady discussed her "Joining Forces" military-support campaign and how Hollywood can help stir up national support for military families.

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MOVING ASSISTANCE

How to take your pets on your PCS

If you are moving back to the United States and taking your pets, here's some information to help the trip go smoothly for you and your dog or cat.

- For dogs, you must have proof of a valid rabies vaccination that was administered at least 30 days prior to your entry into the United States. If the vaccine was given less than 30 days before departure, there is a possibility your pet will be quarantined until the remainder of those 30 days has elapsed.

- For cats, proof of a rabies vaccination is not necessary to enter the United States. However, many individual states require this vaccine, so it is recommended that pet owners keep the vaccination current at all times.

- States differ on their requirements for rabies vaccination. Some states accept a three-year vaccination frequency, while others require it administered annually. It is best to contact a veterinarian in the area to which you are PCSing to determine the requirements for your pet.

- A health certificate is not required for your pet to enter

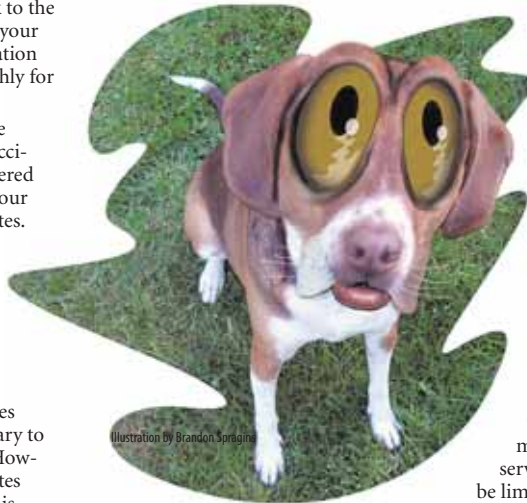


Illustration by Brandon Spragins

the United States. However, it will most likely be required by your airline carrier or the state you are entering. Contact your airline to determine what paperwork you will need to get your pet on the flight, and check out your state's agricultural website to find out if you need a health certificate to bring your pet into that state.

- If PCSing to somewhere other than the United States,

please call your local military veterinary treatment facility for assistance as soon as you know where you are going.

Due to the high volume of Soldiers and families PCSing during the summer months, services may be limited to vaccinations and health certifications.

Sick call appointments are made on a space available basis.

Please call or stop by your local veterinary treatment facility for a list of local German veterinarians that can see your pet if local doctors are unavailable.

The following is a list of the military VTFs in the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg area, their contact information and hours of operation.

SOURCE: Local VTFs

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Veterinary Treatment Facilities

Heidelberg Veterinary

Treatment Facility

– 8 a.m.–noon and 1:30-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Wednesday.

Closed last business day of the month for inventory, holidays and U.S. Army Europe training days.
DSN 388-9470, civ., 06221-338-9470.

Mannheim Veterinary Facility

– 8 a.m.–noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Wednesday; 8 a.m.–noon Thursday and Friday.
DSN 385-2312, civ. 0621-730-2312.

For more information on PCSing, see pages 8 and 9.

Kaiserslautern Veterinary Facility

– 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday-Friday.
DSN 493-4444, civ. 0631-3406-4444.

Appointments are available on weekdays and closed holidays and weekends. Call for appointments for a health certificate or to find out when weekly walk-in health certificates are offered.



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–Brian Perusek, BWnow Facebook fan

"Legal in Mannheim provides powers of attorney and notary services only. Hours are Monday-Wednesday

and Friday 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. and Thursday 1-4 p.m. The phone number is civ. 0621-730-3469. Hope this helps. Also the listing information for USAG BW is found under legal, here at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/contacts/service_directory.html#/">www.bw.eur.army.mil/contacts/service_directory.html#/](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/contacts/service_directory.html#/)."

–BWnow Facebook Administrator

"After living in (Benjamin Franklin Village) for six years I grew to love so many people. BFW, I miss all of you dearly! 72d ESB, you will forever be my 'favorite' unit for all eternity!"

–Diana Lovett, BWnow Facebook fan

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Omaha Beach trip offers glimpse of the past

By Jay Proctor

USAG KAISERSLAUTERN OUTDOOR RECREATION

OMAHA BEACH, France – Thirty Kaiserslautern Military Community members braved a gray and chilly Memorial Day weekend to have a first hand look at one of World War II's most famous battle sites.

The academic excursion, part of an outdoor recreation trip to Normandy, France, offered participants a hands-on experience of the D-Day invasion. The 67th anniversary of the allied landings was June 6.

A convoy of vintage American military vehicles made its way along the beachfront, to include a 1942 GMC truck, a 1944 Dodge command car, a 1944 Willys Jeep and even a German 1940 Saurer.

Christian Scott, who's stationed in Heidelberg, had the chance to take the Jeep for a short spin.

"That made everything perfect," Scott said, after parking. "From the moment I saw it, all I wanted to do today was drive the Jeep."

As this unique convoy travelled from draw to draw along the beach, turning heads all the way, it felt like 1944, as a truck's loudspeakers played the Andrews Sisters and Bing Crosby tunes of the era.

Dr. Jean-Phillippe Benamou, president of the D-Day Academy Association, met the group at "Draw D-1," and explained what happened that fateful morning when American, British and Ca-



Jay Proctor

Under the guidance of a D-Day Academy technical expert, Heidelberg community member Christian Scott gets behind the wheel of a 1944 Willys Jeep as part of a U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation trip to Normandy, France, that allowed participants to experience aspects of the day to day life of World War II soldiers.

nadian forces waded ashore into battle. At each stop along the beach, Benamou brought events of the invasion to life through detailed descriptions and photos.

The group got a different perspective of the five-mile long beach from the bluffs overlooking the landing zones. Remnants of German fortifications remain on these steep bluffs, a testament to the difficult landing on what was later named "Bloody Omaha."

After an emotional wreath laying ceremony at the Nor-

mandy American Cemetery and Memorial, the group saw several notable graves, to include the headstone of Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair, one of the highest ranking American casualties of World War II, who was killed by friendly fire.

In the spirit of French and American friendship, the group laid a memorial wreath of poppies with Benamou during a ceremony at the statue of the "Spirit of American Youth, Rising from the Waves."

After a brief stop to handle

authentic German and American weapons, radios and equipment, the group continued on its way to Pointe du Hoc and the monument to the 2nd Ranger Battalion. "What an excellent trip," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lucia Muñoz, while comparing a U.S. Browning automatic rifle to a German MG42 machine gun.

"The value is way higher than what I paid for the tour," she said.

As the wind from the English Channel turned colder, the group finished up its long

and emotional day among the bomb and shell craters of Pointe du Hoc, before returning for the evening to Caen, once home of William the Conqueror.

"The chateau and chapels, and especially the downtown eating area are very nice," said 1st Lt. Jamie Garay.

Based on the success of this trip, the Pulaski Barracks-based Outdoor Recreation office plans to offer the Normandy trip and other World War II trips in the future, said program manager Steve Selvey.

U.S. Army Europe's command sergeant major talks straight

USAREUR Public Affairs

Command Sgt. Major Thomas Capel's favorite part of his job is talking to Soldiers. But even the U.S. Army Europe command sergeant major can only be in one place at one time. So, to make the most of that time, the American Forces Network-Europe has started a new radio feature called "Straight from the CSM."

"Straight from the CSM" is a two-minute radio spot that will air Wednesdays at 6:18 a.m., 7:18 a.m., 8:18 a.m. and 7:35 p.m. on AFN's AM PowerNetwork.

Each week, Capel will discuss a

new topic of importance to USA-EUR Soldiers. Upcoming topics include retention and sponsorship, but the sky's the limit, Capel said.

"I'm always looking for ways to communicate with USAREUR Soldiers," he said. "I want to make sure Soldiers are getting the information they need to be successful, but I also want to hear from Soldiers."

Army in Europe Soldiers, civilian employees or family members who would like to suggest topics for upcoming "Straight from the CSM" radio shows can contact Capel via his "Ask the CSM" blog at askthecsm@eur.army.mil.

Changing faces

30th Medical Command – A thoracic surgeon assumed command of the 30th Medical Command (Deployment Support) during a change of command ceremony June 9, on the Nachrichten Kaserne Parade Field in Heidelberg.

Col. John M. Cho, who is double board certified as a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, took command of the 77-year old organization, which serves as the theater-enabling medical asset for the European Command theater of operations. Cho assumed command from Col. Daniel P. Orrico, who had been serving as the interim commander since early May following the departure of Col. Dennis D. Doyle.

Landstuhl – Col. (Dr.) Jeffrey B. Clark assumed command of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Kaiserslautern in a June 8 ceremony also honoring the departure of Col. (Dr.) John M. Cho.

Clark's previous commands include the 168th Area Support Medical Battalion in Korea, Task Force Medical Falcon in Kosovo, 21st Combat Support Hospital with deployments in support of Hurricane Katrina Relief Operations and Operation Iraqi Freedom to provide detainee health care and the 65th Medical Brigade/MEDDAC-Korea. His assignment prior to assuming command of LRM was as Chief of Medical Corps Branch for Human Resources Command at Fort Knox, Ky.

Clark said he is eager to assume command of LRM with its special mission and staff of Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, local nationals, civilians and volunteers. He described his team as special people who are focused professionals dedicated to providing the patient-centered care for those they are privileged to serve, especially stabilization and compassionate care to Wounded Warriors coming out of the fight.

SOURCE: LRM and 30th MEDCOM Public Affairs

U.S. Army Europe stands up headquarters battalion

USAREUR Public Affairs

U.S. Army Europe stood up its Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion at a ceremony on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg June 7.

The battalion is being activated to fall in line with revisions accompanying the V Corps move to Wiesbaden.

"The commanding general decided that one battalion could support both Headquarters V Corps and Headquarters USAREUR while both were

stationed in Heidelberg," said Lt. Col. Deon Young, battalion commander.

"When V Corps received the mission to activate as a modular corps design and move to Wiesbaden in summer 2011, the commanding general then determined it was time to actually activate the battalion in support of USAREUR, while the existing battalion continued to support V Corps and move to Wiesbaden," Young said.

In addition to facilitating the move,

it will also better provide for the Soldiers in USAREUR.

"This greatly reduces the commander to Soldier and family ratio, providing better support to the Soldiers working on the general staff," Young said.

The activation of the battalion is the beginning of the relocation of U.S. forces in Heidelberg to Wiesbaden and presents a new set of challenges for the USAREUR headquarters staff.

"I cannot think of a tougher series

of challenges for the talented group of professionals that comprise the USAREUR team and our HHB chain of command," said Maj. Gen Terry Wolff, USAREUR commanding general and chief of staff.

"I'm excited about the trail you'll blaze with the talented leaders and Soldiers in the formation, the incredibly supportive families like those in the audience today and a wonderfully supportive USAREUR staff," Wolff said.

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.

Some say that all those reasons for the (Heidelberg to Wiesbaden) move that were there in 2003 are no longer valid. The going explanation in the community is that a general had an argument with then-mayor of Heidelberg, and then the decision was made. Why has it not been reversed?

As we move forward with the requirements of Round 56 announced in July 2010, many people question the reasoning behind them. Whatever the "going explanation," it is left to the garrison to execute the mission with integrity and professionalism. The response to why the move is happening is that consolidating the headquarters in Wiesbaden will optimize command and control, intelligence and signal capabilities; provide a more responsive organizational structure; offer better force protection options than at the current location in Heidelberg; and provide access to a nearby Army airfield. In terms of cost savings, the Department of Defense's planning for consolidation of U.S. Army Europe headquarters with its military intelligence and signal assets at Wiesbaden goes back to 2003-04. DOD's review in summer 2009 made a valid operational and business case to continue consolidation in Wiesbaden with estimated net annual recurring savings of \$112 million. Savings will be achieved by about 2016. The 2009 review also found that initial savings estimates were high, but using DOD Base Realignment and Closure rules including adding the cost of moving 1AD headquarters to Fort Bliss, results indicate a lower, but still positive, net savings. The review concluded that closing three communities and consolidating onto one site will mean major savings resulting from fewer gates, more efficient schools, lower operating costs and decreased support personnel.

Facilities Operations Changes

New – Patrick Henry Village Commissary Gate – The gate near the commissary on Patrick Henry Village will reduce hours July 1 due to a reduction in the number of guards. New hours will be 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Heidelberg Barber Shops – Hours at Tompkins and Patton Barracks Barber Shops will be reduced beginning June 20. Services will be offered at the Patton Barber Shop in Heidelberg 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Tompkins shop in Schwetzingen will serve customers 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mannheim TMP – The Mannheim Transportation Motor Pool will provide NTV branch customers services 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Spinelli Barracks sub-TMP office, Bldg. 1563. DSN 373-8350, civ. 06221-17-6951.

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 the Army Community Service office in Heidelberg located 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 001-877-272-7337.

Mannheim Red Cross – The Red Cross office in Mannheim will close June 30 and all services will be transferred to the Heidelberg station, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center kaserne. The Mannheim Station will have limited services beginning June 15. In cases of a family emergency in which an emergency 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.

Heidelberg Vehicle Registration – 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 that do not require a vehicle inspection. Civ. 06221-678-2586. The Mannheim vehicle registration office 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. The Mannheim vehicle registration office is in Bldg. 1567 on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim located directly next to vehicle inspection, a convenience for those who must get vehicles inspected and registered at same time. Please bring checks or money orders for transactions at vehicle registration. Cost is \$30 per year per transaction. DSN 384-6100, civ. 0621-730-6911/6900. GPS: Am Aubuckel, 68259 Feudenheim.

Mannheim Base Operations – With the deactivation of Mannheim there are two names for community members to keep in mind – Mr. 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 Transportation Motor Pool – The TMP at Spinelli Barracks has discontinued operations. General dispatch users and customers with recurring assigned vehicles should use the Heidelberg Transportation Motor Pool on Patton Barracks, Bldg. 157. DSN 373-8350, civ. 06221-17-8350.

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 PPPO changed: 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.

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.

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

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

Subway – The Subway restaurant on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim has closed. It will reopen on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg June 20.

AAFES Gas Station – The gas station in Mannheim on Benjamin Franklin Village South will change 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.

Popeyes and Taco Bell – Starting Monday, June 20, Popeyes on Benjamin Franklin Village South in Mannheim will be closed Mondays. Taco Bell will remain open on Mondays until further notice.

Spinelli furniture – The furniture store on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim will close June 27.

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

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

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

Family and MWR command now G9

IMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO – Installation Management Commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch presided over a ceremony June 3 marking the integration of the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command into the Installation Management Command.

The ceremony on Fort Sam Houston completed the Family and MWR Command's Base Realignment and Closure law-mandated move from Alexandria, Va., to Texas.

Immediately after the Family and MWR command colors were uncased and presented, they were retired during a deactivation ceremony that formally made Army Family and MWR programs part of IMCOM and marked the creation of a Family and MWR Programs, G9, division.

The G9 mission is to serve the needs and interests of all individuals in the Army community for the duration of their association with the military.

"At garrisons around the world, Family and MWR services and programs provide a source of balance for the men and women in uniform by fostering an environment where Soldiers and families can thrive," said Maj. Gen. Reuben Jones, former Family and MWRC commanding general. "As we integrate into the Installation Management Command, we will remain steadfast in our commitment to Soldiers and families. We will never forget that the long-term strength of our all-volunteer Army depends on the well-being of Soldiers and their families."

Precursor morale programs began around the start of the 20th century. In 1903, Congress authorized the Army to build, operate and maintain exchanges, libraries, schools, recreation centers and gymnasiums for the troops. By the mid-1940s, Special Services was created to oversee the rapidly expanding programs.

By the end of World War II, Recreation Services, the Army Exchange and the Soldier Show were all part of MWR. Family programs, however, remained few. During the

1960s and '70s, a few programs were created for families, but it wasn't until 1983 that the Army experienced a culture change regarding families.

"We played an important role in the development of modern Army life," said Jones, now the deputy commander for operations for IMCOM.

"We've come a long way from the mentality of, 'If the Army wanted you to have a family, it would have issued you one,' to the first Army Family Symposium in 1981," he said, "and the publication in 1983 of the Army Family's White Paper by then Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. which truly revolutionized the Army's thinking. The Army recognized the integral support role of the Soldiers' families."

Wickham's white paper led to the creation of the Community and Family Support Center on Nov. 23, 1984. More emphasis was placed on families when the organization was renamed the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command Oct. 24, 2006.

"In the 27 years since CFSC – now FMWRC – came into existence, what a dramatic shift in how family and MWR programs operate on the garrisons and what services they provide," Jones said. "Through all of the name changes, the mission of family and MWR has remained constant."

Lynch addressed the nearly 200 Soldiers, family members, civilians and friends attending the ceremony.

"You all, the employees of FMWRC, look in the mirror and the reflection is of somebody who sacrifices themselves for the greater good and makes an impact on the lives of the people who serve our nation in uniform and their families and great civilians every day," Lynch said.

"You should know that what you do is as important as what the Soldiers on the field of battle do today, because you're back here taking care of their families."

Lynch assured the audience that FMWRC's deactivation would not negatively affect MWR programs and services.

Faces of the community: Heidelberg Housing



Elizabeth Casebeer

Sgt. 1st Class Randy Thibodaux, on-post housing non-commissioned officer in charge, reviews the list of building coordinators in his office in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center located across from the shopping center in Heidelberg. Thibodaux, a former drill sergeant and tank mechanic, has handled every housing issue, complaint and general feedback regarding Patrick Henry and Mark Twain Villages since November and in Mannheim since March. Thibodaux's office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday except during scheduled military training. Based on current Army and Installation Management Command Europe policy, there is a mandatory on-post housing requirement for Soldiers in grades E1 through E6. These Soldiers will be assigned housing to on-post Army Family Housing in the best housing available in the community that meets their modern housing needs.

Family, MWR deactivation



Evan Dyson

Maj. Gen. Reuben Jones, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Abe Vega prepare to case the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command's colors June 3 to mark the deactivation of the organization at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, while Installation Management Commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch watches. The support provided to Soldiers and families will continue under the Family and MWR programs division of IMCOM.



Kyle Flaugher

Staff Sgt. Patrick Downing, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company operations sergeant for the 7th Civil Support Command, reviews his information with Staff Sgt. Angel Martinez, a Unit Prevention Leader for the 7th CSC, during a random drug test May 6 at Daenner Kaserne. The command schedules unannounced drug testing as part of the Army Substance Abuse Program's goal to decrease drug use in the Army.

Combat readiness ensured with drug testing certification training

By **Kyle Flaugher**
7TH CSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERN

Every day the 7th Civil Support Command in Kaiserslautern trains Soldiers, but Jeffrey Whitesell, the command's alcohol and drug control officer, trains and certifies Soldiers through the Unit Prevention Leader Course, which strengthens the overall fitness and effectiveness of the workforce to conserve manpower and enhance combat readiness.

"The Army Substance Abuse Program was developed back in the 1970s due to the problems that were primarily seen occurring in Vietnam with a lot of Soldiers," said Whitesell. "Drugs in Vietnam had a very high impact on the units' readiness due to the fact that a lot of Soldiers were incapable of functioning at that point when they were using drugs."

Whitesell has 20 years of experience in all functional areas of the Army Substance Abuse Program.

"My job is primarily to oversee the command's Army Substance Abuse Program which includes prevention education, drug testing and rehabilitation services," said Whitesell, who joined the 7th CSC in 2010.

Whitesell works closely with all the command's Unit Prevention Leaders to include Staff Sgt. Martinez and four other UPLs.

"I have been a UPL for three years," said Martinez. "Every three months we have to test at least 25 percent of the unit."

Random computer selection chooses who will participate in drug testing, said Martinez.

"Random selection is the best tool. In fact, on the civilian drug testing side, they do not have anything other than random selection because it is the fairest," said Whitesell. "Every time there is a selection, everybody has the same chance of being selected."

Commanders can order a unit sweep urinalysis where each Soldier is tested, or they can randomly select a percentage of Soldiers. The commander can also individually test a Soldier. This occurs when the commander orders a single Soldier to complete a drug test, generally based on probable cause that the Soldier has been abusing illicit drugs or the commander has concerns for the Soldier's well-being.

The statistics are proof that ASAP has minimized drug use in the military. In 1980, 27.6 percent of military respondents polled admitted to using an illegal drug within the past 30 days, and 36.7 percent admitted to using an illicit drug in the past year.

A poll conducted in 1998 revealed that only 2.7 percent admitted to using illegal drugs within the past 30 days, and 6.0 percent admitted to using an illicit drug in the past year.

The upcoming five-day UPL courses this summer hosted by the 7th CSC are scheduled for June 20-24 and Aug. 22-26.

Soldiers must be the rank of sergeant or above to attend and have no substance abuse related incidents within the past three years. For information about the course, contact Jeffrey Whitesell at DSN 314-483-4755, civ. 0631-411-4755.

Timeline for PCS moves

12-16 weeks before

- Attend a PCS/pre-separation briefing at the Central Processing Facility.
- Contact the Housing Office to give your projected departure date for leaving your quarters. Make arrangements for pre-inspection.
- Start budgeting. Extra money will be needed for travel and incidentals expenses at the new duty station.

8-12 weeks before

- Create a household inventory, divided into four categories: unaccompanied, professional, household goods and storage.
- Organize personal records that will be hand-carried, such as PCS orders (at least 10 copies), shipping documents, POV documents, ID cards, medical records, marriage certificate, birth certificates and passports. (For a complete list, contact the Central Processing Facility).
- Obtain a change of address kit from post office.
- Take care of medical, dental and optical appointments. Find out the procedures for forwarding records. Check immunizations.
- Sort through clothing and discard unwanted items.

After receiving orders (8-12 weeks before)

- Contact Transportation to schedule a counseling session. Book pick-up and delivery dates for household goods. Remember temporary living allowance for a hotel is three days for residents of government quarters, 10 days for private rentals.
- If living off-post, inform your landlord about your move and set up final inspection.
- Contact the Relocation Readiness Program Manager to receive relocation resources.
- Send a copy of your orders and request for housing to your gaining unit housing office.
- Request a sponsor from your gaining unit.
- Notify POV shipping if you are planning to ship a vehicle.

6-8 weeks before

- Plan a date for a garage sale.
- Start using up consumable food.
- Spouse should give required notice of termination to his/her employer and obtain a letter of referral.
- Update your address book and make a list of people and organizations to notify, such as the phone company, bank, insurance company, creditors and magazines.
- Complete vehicle maintenance and repairs.
- Contact insurance company and check transit coverage of your homeowners or renters insurance policy.
- Have pets checked by a vet.
- Close local charge accounts.
- Check expiration dates on major credit cards that you plan to use during travel.

4-6 weeks before

- Sort household items into three categories: dispose, take along or ship.
- Check school schedules and enrollment requirements for children (call School Liaison Office). Notify current school and arrange to send or bring records to new school. Department of Defense Education Authority policy dictates PCS students cannot be promoted to next grade level prior to 20 school days before the last day of school.
- Obtain information from religious and social organizations in your new city. Arrange for a letter of transfer from local church, synagogue or clubs (i.e. Scouts).
- Contact an agent for new home or auto insurance.
- Select a new bank, establish accounts.
- Obtain names, phone numbers and requirements for utility companies.

4 weeks before

- Visit the CPF to begin pre-clearing process, which

saves time.

- Ensure ID card is up-to-date.
- Make travel arrangements.
- Determine any PCS entitlements.
- Send out change of address cards.
- Gather personal records.
- Notify utility companies of disconnect dates and forwarding address for final bill.
- Notify credit card companies.
- Apply for new bank cards, accounts.
- Book hotel, based on TLA allowance.
- Transfer bank accounts.
- Settle outstanding bills.
- Return library books.
- Retrieve any loaned items.
- Have drapes and rugs cleaned.
- Renew and pick up prescriptions.
- Obtain vet records and arrange for pet's transportation.

1-2 weeks before

- Have propane tank purged.
- Disassemble outdoor play equipment.
- Verify schedules with Transportation.
- Cancel deliveries and services.
- Arrange child care for moving day.
- Separate items into hand carry, unaccompanied, professional, and ship categories.
- Pick up final clearing form at CPF.
- Call the airport shuttle bus to schedule a pick-up and drop-off at the airport.
- Ship car.
- Visit Parent Central Services to transfer children's registration.
- Sell unwanted cars or turn them in to Family and MWR (for a fee). Abandoned vehicles will incur a fine.
- 10 days before traveling, get pet's health certificate.
- Notify school registrar and main office two weeks before child's last day.

Week of moving day

- Disassemble electronic components such as stereos. Disconnect computer system after "parking" hard drive.
- Set aside cleaning materials to prepare for final inspection.
- Pick up medical and dental records (Power of Attorney required for sponsor to pick up spouse's records).
- Dispose of perishable food.
- Find your plants a loving home.
- Pack luggage and hand-carry items. Keep the household inventory list and welcome packet for the new location on hand.
- Pack a "moving day needs" box with cleaning supplies, bathroom needs, eating utensils, snacks, light bulbs, scissors, hammer and trash bags. Put it in your car.
- Remove light bulbs from lamps.
- Pack everything except items you immediately need.

Moving day

- Be ready for the movers early.
- Take children to child care, and ask a neighbor to watch pets.
- Secure cash, jewelry and important documents.
- Keep a marker to make extra notes on boxes.
- Have drinks, snacks available for you and the movers.
- Watch the movers carefully to ensure that the correct items are packed.
- Verify that the movers' inventory is detailed, complete and accurate. Don't accept "miscellaneous" labels or entries.
- Accurately note the condition of belongings.
- Keep Transportation number on hand.

SOURCE: USAG Stuttgart

Planning ahead gets renters security deposits returned

By Tanya Fogg Young
USAG STUTTGART



Reimbursement of security deposits are due at the time of move-out to those renting on the German economy if there are no claims in dispute.

However, renters often do not receive their security deposits because landlords claim reimbursement for damages or other charges at move-out.

Housing and legal assistance officials agree that the best way to ensure

you receive your deposit back is to have a pre-inspection with the landlord and a housing office representative at least two weeks prior to the move-out date.

Pre-inspection is a step some poorly advised renters skip when it's time for a permanent change of station, said Iris Jones, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Housing chief.

"Most people come to us after they

don't get their deposit back, and we contact the landlord and try to resolve it," Jones said. "But the best thing to do is identify damages, if any, to those off-post quarters during the pre-inspection and try to resolve those issues before [lease] termination."

The Housing Office uses a standard form contract with a military clause that allows a tenant to cancel a lease in one month due to reasons such as PCSing, early return of dependents, deployments and a command directed move onto post.

However, as soon as the date of departure is known, a renter should give the landlord notice of termination of the lease in writing, said Werner Sukup, German attorney advisor for Stuttgart.

Sukup said it is a tenant's responsibility to know the landlord's expectations for things such as repairs, cleaning, garden maintenance and left-behind items. The burden of proof is on the tenant when it comes

to damages, so take digital photos at final inspection as documentation in case of a later dispute.

Landlords will not typically return the security deposit on the spot at the final inspection, Sukup said, because often there are some unpaid charges – such as utilities. In Germany, utility bills are based on estimates. At the end of the accounting period, the meters for water and heating are read and the tenant will either pay more money or be reimbursed, based on the actual usage.

German courts grant landlords up to 12 months after the meter readings to provide the tenant with the reconciliation statement.

If the tenant moves out within the accounting period, the meters have to be read at the time of the move-out. However, the landlord is allowed to withhold an appropriate part of the security deposit if an additional utilities payment is expected, based on the last year's reconciliation.

Keep your treasures, ready them for the summer move

Patton Law Center

A big part of moving to a new duty station is arranging for shipment of household goods. A small amount of advance planning can make this part of the move go much more smoothly.

Before the move, gather receipts and other documents that show the value of household goods. These documents may be needed if goods are lost or damaged in shipment. Plan on shipping these documents separately from household goods, either by mailing them or hand carrying them. That way, there will be proof of the ownership and value of property in the unlikely event that the shipment is lost.

Several days before movers arrive, take photographs of valuable items. Turn televisions on before taking the photographs to demonstrate they work. Remove DVDs and compact discs from their cases to demonstrate the extent of the collection.

This provides evidence of what was owned before the move. Ship these photos separately from your household goods.

Owners should hand-carry jewelry, coin collections and other small valuables. The government claims system cannot compensate for coins or cash lost in shipment. It is also unlikely you will be compensated for lost jewelry because it is difficult to prove precisely what was shipped.

On the day before the move, prepare for the packers. Remove photos from the wall and unplug electrical appliances. It is best to let movers pack boxes, as this may prevent damage during shipment. Damage to owner-packed items is often blamed on the owner's packing rather than rough handling.

Lock hand carried items in a location the packers cannot access. Once packers arrive, it may be difficult to prevent them from packing everything.

On the day of the move, supervise the packers.

If anything is broken, be sure to indicate it on the inventory. Once everything is in crates, ensure they are properly sealed and get an inventory of household goods. Check the inventory carefully before the movers depart.

The inventory contains codes indicating the condition of the items. The codes are described at the top or bottom of the inventory. If you disagree with the packers' assessment of the condition of your goods, note it on the inventory before signing.

When household goods arrive at the new duty station, inspect them carefully for loss or damage. One of the most important documents is the DD Form 1840. If you notice damaged or missing items the day of delivery, annotate it on the form. Use the reverse side, the DD Form 1840R, to annotate lost and damaged items discovered after the movers have left. Servicemembers have 70 days to turn in this form to the carrier or to the nearest claims office.

Tips for a smooth peak season move

USAG B-W Transportation

Almost 65 percent of all DoD household goods shipments are performed during the summer peak season May 15 through Sept. 30. Proper planning, careful preparation of household goods and flexibility in movement dates can reduce potential problems.

Soldiers and civilians anticipating a permanent change of station move are encouraged to do the following.

- Attend a PCS briefing held by the Transportation office.
- Establish a DPS account at www.move.mil and proceed with self counseling. First-time

movers, intra-theater moves and retirees must be counseled at the local personal property office but also require a DPS account to track and manage their shipments and file their claims. Those moving are encouraged to consult the personal property office for additional counseling assistance and to provide concrete feedback that can be relayed through to USTRANSCOM.

- Take the time to review the "It's Your Move" pamphlet, including requirements for front load washer servicing and flat screen TV and other useful information tools found on www.move.mil.

•Ensure flexibility in packing, pick-up and delivery dates. The most popular pick-up dates fall between Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Moving during the summer presents challenges when shipment volumes stretch the limits of industry capacity. The household goods industry manpower and truck capacities are always strained during this "peak of the peak" season. This year may be particularly constrained due to limited capacity of packing crews, trucks and drivers because of local and national economic conditions. Pick-up dates must not be so tight that an additional

few days between requested and actual pick-up dates negatively impact plans to vacate housing, begin travel and other moving related events. As a reminder, final pack and pick-up dates are not confirmed until the conclusion of the pre-move survey, so be sure to obtain confirmation of pack and pick-up dates before finalizing travel arrangements.

- Stay in contact with the household goods moving company, now known as the transportation service provider. DPS provides contact numbers for the TSP for each move.
- Immediately notify the local personal property office should unforeseen issues arise during the move, or information, visit www.bw.eur.army.mil/directories/DOL/transportation.html.

Phone Numbers

Transportation Office in Heidelberg on Patton Barracks, Bldg. 106, room 21, DSN 373-6271, civ. 06221-17-6271

Personal Property on Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, room 267, DSN 370-3503, civ. 06221-57-8126; CPSO Inspectors in Heidelberg – DSN 370-6347, civ. 06221-57-8536

Official Travel on Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, room 269, DSN 370-6481, civ. 06221-57-6949.

Central Processing Facility on Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, room 180, DSN 370-8399, civ. 06221-57-8399

ACS Relocation Readiness in Mannheim DSN 385-3101, civ. 0621-730-3917; in Heidelberg DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883



Staff Sgt. Tramel S. Garrett

World War II veterans sign autographs after a commemoration ceremony at Angoville au Plain, France, June 4. The ceremony honored two medics from the 101st Airborne Division who rendered aid to 80 combatants and a local child in 1944 during the war. This ceremony is one of many to honor the 67th anniversary of the Normandy invasion.



Sgt. 1st Class Jake A. Newman

Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, greet Dale Earnhardt, Jr., driver of the number 88 AMP Energy Drink/National Guard car in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, as they participate in driver introductions at Kansas Speedway June 5. Nearly 300 Soldiers from the "Big Red One" participated in the pre-race ceremonies including the driver introduction cordon, the color guard and an unfurling of two giant American flags during the National Anthem.



U.S. Army

Sgt. Eric Brondyke, left, and Sgt. Walkerson Bastia provide security at the Shah Joy Hospital as members of Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul survey the construction progress of a new hospital addition June 4.

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Zane Schlemmer, a veteran U.S. Army paratrooper who jumped into northern France as a sergeant with the 82nd Airborne Division, walks in his jump boots down the main street of Sainte Mere Eglise with other World War II veterans during the 67th anniversary observance of the Allied invasion of France June 5. French citizens applaud as he and current paratroopers with the 82nd and other Army units parade past.



Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod

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students, directed by Margaret Flavan, placed buffalo and lion masks on their faces and performed a quick skit as a metaphor for the natural cycle of predators encroaching on herbivore land.

There were few dry eyes as singers performed "I believe I Can Fly" by R. Kelly and "Believe in Yourself" from the musical "The Wiz." Students cheered while retirees were honored and coaches received handcrafted quilts made from old school T-shirts. Principal Shelia Smith, soon to be the principal of Ankara Elementary/High School in Turkey, choked up a few times as she listed ways her students influenced her over the years.

Past Mannheim graduates attended

the celebration and shared anecdotes of their years at the school and how their experiences shaped them as adults, sentiments Heidelberg School District Superintendent Frank Roehl echoed during his speech several minutes later.

"As each of us reflect on different times in our lives, we will come upon a collection of those memories. I have some great memories of Mannheim, a hub of support for the Army in Europe, a key player in the U.S. mission to protect freedom," Roehl said.

"We've received super support from our military commands for our schools over the years and we're one big family. When I look back, especially during (my) time as principal of the middle school, one of the things I remember fondly was that whenever we gathered

together for an assembly, we had this thing we did. 'I'd say 'Mannheim' and the student body would yell out 'Mustangs!' We'd do that three times, then together we'd say, 'Mustangs run with pride.' I'd like to ask the middle school students to help me but I have to do something right here first," Roehl said, as he turned his back to the audience to reveal the bright blue Mannheim Middle School T-shirt under his suit.

Middle schoolers gleefully chanted the old verse as the rest of the crowd cheered. The clapping was barely back to a dull roar as Smith stood up and tearfully ended the ceremony. As a surprise, a large group of high school students gathered on the grass and clapped and sang as Smith beamed with pride.

The event ended with a cookout

sponsored by the Exchange, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Burger King, Child, Youth and School Services Cooking Club, the Commissary, the Federal Education Association, U.S. Army Garrison Baden Württemberg Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Mannheim chapel.

Guests included Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Director Dr. Nancy Bresell, Mannheim Lord Mayor Dr. Peter Kurz, USAG BW Commander Col. Bill Butcher and Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber, former USAG Mannheim Commander Lt. Col. Lisa Griffin and Sgt. Maj. Timothy Magee, Assistant Superintendent Steve Sanchez, Mannheim Family and MWR Director Christopher Clement and Mannheim School Liaison Officer Kris Wheeler.

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closing of the school on Benjamin Franklin Village after 55 years of serving the children of military members and Department of Defense civilians.

Heidelberg senior Aaron Steffen said, "I am both nervous and excited," and it was clear this was the case for all seniors, whether their smiles beamed beneath royal blue or regal purple graduation caps as the classes of 2011 proceeded to their seats to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Seniors and their families listened as advice flowed.

"Remember, the latest fashion at the mall will be handed over to good will in only a few short months, but the investment in yourselves will last a lifetime," said Patricia Schlachter, social studies teacher and the keynote



Heidelberg seniors watch the traditional fireworks display during their commencement ceremony June 9 at the Kongresshaus Stadthalle.

speaker for Mannheim.

"Be an artist ... the art of laughter" is the most creative expression of joy and "just because you can be mean doesn't mean you should be," said Mannheim valedictorian Alexis Pineiro.

Heidelberg Senior Class President Zachery Richards stressed that graduation was a "transition in life, not the pinnacle."

Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling recommended Heidelberg's senior students to "say 'thanks'

a lot ... follow your heart, but take responsibility," and, "Do one thing every day that scares you."

Heidelberg co-salutatorians Marilyn Bowen and Kristina Meeker spoke of overcoming challenges with Bowen highlighting that "unity within diversity" is something prevalent and unique in Heidelberg and that the high school has allowed them to gain a "wider perspective we can use to our advantage" in the world.

Heidelberg valedictorian Kevin Burdge spoke of world poverty and entitlement, stating that only one in every 100 people have the chance to go to college. As such, everyone at Heidelberg has the "opportunity to affect the people around you," he said.

"Your high school opened in 1956. With you, the school's history comes to an end 55

years later, with your class of 2011. That reality affected each of you differently and will help mold you in the future," U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bill Butcher told Mannheim graduates.

"Don't take anything for granted. Cherish the little things. And never forget where you came from," concluded Mannheim Salutatorian Adam Cornelius.

For the 133 Heidelberg and the 42 Mannheim graduates, the evening had special touches. Each Mannheim senior personally thanked families and teachers in a video presentation. In Heidelberg, a traditional pyrotechnic display lit the room for graduates who then took a celebratory boat ride on the Neckar River.

NOTE: Iben Merrild contributed to this report.

BRAC

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became law in September 2005. Of the 182 commission recommendations, 113 affected the Army.

BRAC 2005 enables the Army to reshape its infrastructure to support its forces. It repositions our forces, making them more relevant and combat ready. It creates efficiencies by consolidating schools, headquarters and other activities into joint or multi-functional installations for efficiency and cost control.

Joint Base San Antonio is experiencing the largest economic development in its history with 10,000 families relocating here. This BRAC move has transformed the former Fort Sam Houston into a premier medical complex and the largest medical training campus in the world. Joint installa-

tions improve training capabilities and eliminate excess capacity while providing the same or better service at a reduced cost.

Fort Benning, the new home of the Maneuver Center of Excellence, is a good example of how BRAC growth has been handled in an environmentally and fiscally sustainable way. Thirty-four new projects have been built there and all of them have been designed to be LEED Silver certified. All construction supports increased operational capacity and our war-fighting capability.

Construction alone has brought thousands of jobs to surrounding communities. Expanded installations have caused local businesses and service providers to grow. Even communities surrounding closing installations have benefitted by working with the Army to redevelop the surplus proper-

ty. But with BRAC successes, there are also challenges. More people require more schools, houses and emergency services. The city of El Paso is a great example of a community that turned its challenges with BRAC into a success story.

Fort Bliss is experiencing the largest BRAC realignment in history with unparalleled growth of 29,600 Soldiers and 45,000 family members relocating there. El Paso embraced BRAC, building new schools, while the state invested \$1 billion for transportation projects in the city and creating thousands of civilian jobs. When BRAC and Army transformation are complete, Fort Bliss will have enough new facilities for five brigade combat teams, a division staff and their families.

This transformation has made IMCOM a stronger, more efficient and agile organization, supporting a stron-

ger, more efficient and agile Army.

BRAC is an important part of the largest Army transformation in three generations. Consolidating and repositioning several major commands will save millions in personnel and facilities costs and is needed for future sustainability.

The 2005 BRAC process better positioned the Army to meet future challenges. The Army has realigned its infrastructure with the new modular structure and modernized our support facilities, all while becoming more fiscally and environmentally sustainable. By this September, the Army will have completed over \$13 billion in construction and renovation projects, and a reorganization that will affect one-third of the Army. This will all have been done in six years putting the Army on time and on target to meet its future missions.

Engineers case colors

By Pfc. David Huddleston
18TH ENGINEER BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Engineer Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, gathered at Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen June 7 to case the brigade's colors in preparation for their deployment to Afghanistan.

The headquarters will join their already deployed subordinate units in theater. The 54th Engineer Battalion and the 243rd Construction Management Team are in Afghanistan, and the 15th Engineer Battalion is in Kuwait.

"We're the last to deploy, and we've been leaning forward so far at times I think we're about to fall over with anticipation," said Col. Paul M. Paolozzi, brigade commander and a native of Utica, N.Y.

The brigade has been preparing for this deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for the past year and is ready to take on the mission at hand.

"We have done a lot of training," said Pfc. Chad Finholt, an 18th Engineer Brigade technical engineer specialist and a native of Denton, Texas. "Sometimes it was rough and frustrating, but it was good training."

All the training has not solely been in Europe for the brigade. Preparations have required the unit to be in places such as Fort Hood, Texas, as they participated in Unified Endeavor 11-2.

"I feel that our unit has properly trained us and adequately prepared us from all levels, from the brigade level down to the section and MOS (military occupational specialty) level," said Sgt. Darius Cooper, an engineer sergeant from Portsmouth, Va.

The 18th Engineer Brigade is no stranger to deployments, having returned from its last deployment to Iraq in 2009 and several other times prior to that throughout the unit's history.

"The training plan was well thought out, planned and executed," said Capt. Joseph Caperna, the command group tactical officer from Huntington, N.Y.

"The unit started at a crawl phase and progressed over the last year to a walk and then a run phase," Caperna said.

The brigade will leave behind the 565th Engineer Battalion to serve as its rear detachment headquarters here.

"The 18th Engineer Brigade will be missed," said Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber, the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg command sergeant major and a native of Havelock, N.C. "Our loss is another nation's benefit."

Leis, luau bond families



Pfc. David Huddleston

Soldiers and family members demonstrate a native Hawaiian warrior dance as part of the entertainment during the 18th Engineer Brigade farewell luau May 18 in Heidelberg. The Hawaiian themed event, sponsored by the Family Readiness Group, gave Soldiers and their families the opportunity to bond prior to the unit's upcoming deployment and was a celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

18th Engineer Brigade celebrates Asian American, Pacific Islander Heritage Month at pre-deployment family event

By Sgt. Wesley Petrus
18TH ENGINEER BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Engineer Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, gathered for a farewell dinner prior to their upcoming deployment and to celebrate Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month at the Spanferkelhof restaurant in Heidelberg May 18.

The Family Readiness Group sponsored the luau-themed event and. Guests were greeted with leis, the traditional Hawaiian wreath of flowers draped around the neck of those arriving or leaving to show appreciation or affection.

"Pacific Islanders are usually very proud of their ancestors," said Capt. Orlando Fraser, an assistant intelligence officer from Honolulu, Hawaii. "It is nice when we can recognize people and their heritage. The event was a great success."

"The luau is a way for the Soldiers and families of the 18th Engineer Brigade to join hands and celebrate our upcoming deployment to Afghanistan," said Capt. Po Tsui, the HHC, 18th Eng. Bde. commander, and a native of Honolulu.

Pam Nelson, wife of Maj. Kurt Nel-

son, plans officer in charge, said the event was beneficial to the Soldiers, friends and families. She believes the social atmosphere provided family members an opportunity to meet new people, form relationships prior to their spouse's departure and learn about the resources the FRG can offer throughout the deployment.

The evening began with a feast of authentic Hawaiian foods such as crab potato salad, mixed tomato salad and whole roasted pig.

Following dinner, Soldiers and family members dressed in Aloha attire performed traditional Hawaiian dances beginning with the females performing the Hukilau and Hawaiian lullaby. The men demonstrated the Haka, a traditional war dance that consisted of vigorous movement, foot stomping and rhythmical shouting performed by the Maori of New Zealand.

The Tualuga, a Samoan dance performed by a son or daughter of a tribal chief, was the final dance of the evening. Throughout the dance, Samoans "lafo," or throw money at the dancer to acknowledge her skills and her status as the child of a chief.

Entertainment was also provided by the U.S. Army Europe Band which played lively Hawaiian and island

"... (Pacific Islanders) have fought foreign enemies and prejudices at home and have contributed significantly through the years to the armed services."

—Capt. Po Tsui, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander

music that got the crowd involved. Children were amused by multiple activities including a bounce house, lei making stations, face painting and a display of farm animals.

"The whole program was just fun and enjoyable, and the costumes and decorations were outstanding," said brigade Chaplain (Lt. Col) Terrence Hayes.

"These Soldiers (Pacific Islanders) have fought foreign enemies and prejudices at home and have contributed significantly through the years to the armed services. It is with this framework that we celebrate their accomplishments with our luau," Tsui said.

EATING OUT

REILINGEN KEBAPHAUS UND PIZZERIA

Where to find it
Hauptstrasse 120
Reilingen 68799

Hours of Operation
11 a.m.-midnight Tuesday through Saturday
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday
Closed Monday

Price Range
€2-€9

Review

If you have the itch to get out of Heidelberg for the day or evening, whether with friends or the kids, take the drive to Reilingen, about 20-25 minutes from Mannheim and Heidelberg. It is a charming village with an array of restaurants, but the jewel of Reilingen for the food and the price is the Reilingen Kebaphaus und Pizzeria.

This restaurant uses a wood burning oven to cook all of their pizzas, al forno pastas and Döner bread. Offering over 30 pizzas, 30 pastas, soups, salads and Döners, there is definitely something for everyone. I wouldn't go there for the ambience, but if you are like me and want to get a bang for your euro, this place is for you. The prices are incredibly reasonable and the portions are enormous. Pizzas range in price from €2 for a small cheese pizza to €8.50 for a large pizza with five toppings that can easily feed two hungry people.

As for pastas, the combination al Forno is delicious. Generous portions of meat lasagna, meat tortellini and rigatoni smothered in cheese and baked until bubbly for only €6. Definitely a large enough portion to have the left-overs for lunch or a midnight snack.

Then there are the enormous döners, yufkas and döner tellers. Döners are €3.50 and stuffed to the brim. If you are really hungry, try the yufka. At only €4, you will not believe how big it is. Baking the bread and tortilla in the wood burning oven makes it so crispy and toasted. But if you are starving or want to share a huge meal, order the Döner Teller. A Döner Teller is a Döner plate, with fries, rice or flat bread all for only €6.50. The Döner Teller with fries is a base of fries, piled with Döner meat, their delicious white sauce, lettuce, cabbage slaw, tomatoes and onions served on a large, silver plate. To finish it is not an easy feat.

To work off your meal, take a walk down to Bianchi Eis for a scoop of ice cream to gild the lily. The next time you want to go somewhere different, give Reilingen a try.

SOURCE: *Angelee Aurillo*

Learn all about German Cuisine, Food Shopping and Nutrition

Are you curious about local foods available on the economy? Visit an organic food store or a typical grocery store accompanied by a registered dietician who is fluent in the German language and an expert on cultural nutrition differences. Call the Nutrition Care Division at the Heidelberg Health Center to book your free tour, DSN 371-2747, civ. 06221-17-2747.



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,

My son is deploying this month for the first time and I never had to deal with it until now. I don't know what to expect or how to be able to send his things. When will I ever get to hear from him? How do I find out all that information? Will I be able to be there when he deploys or when he returns? Please help. A Caring Mom

Dear Mom,

I know you have concern for your son. I'm sure you know this will be a difficult time for you and your family.

Having contact information will ease some of the worry you may experience. You should be able to maintain contact with him by e-mail, letters and phone calls.

This will be a good time to try to connect with his unit Family Readiness Group, providing he gives his permission for them to send you newsletters, meeting notifications and family gathering information.

Stay encouraged and stay connected to your son. Your support will mean so much to his emotional and mental well-being.

Your son should be able to provide you with such information as deployment and leave dates. These might change but you should still ask him about this.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I met the woman of my dreams about six months ago. I'm 22 and she is 37.

She has two children and was married to an abusive man. She still has vivid memories of the abuse and cries a lot. I want to marry her and make it better. She needs to know that all men are not dogs, liars and abusers. I am a good man and off to a great Army career. I want to marry her before I deploy in October so I can make sure she and her children are taken care of and have benefits.

My parents have told me that this is a mistake. I cannot believe they are taking this position, but I'm not surprised. True love is hard to understand. Would you please print my letter? My parents read your letters every week. This may help them support my decision. 22 and Ready to Marry

Dear Ready 22,

Perhaps you've made your decision and maybe you won't take my advice either, but I agree with your parents. I think you need to cool your jets. I believe she used her skills to reel you in like a pro fisherman in a bass tournament. She obviously found a good catch.

Use common sense and wait. If you marry her you will have to worry about her and the children during deployment when you could be focusing on other things. Her problems will be your

problems, and you just don't need to be obligated to them right now. If you send me her location I will look for some area resources to help her with her past abuse.

I'm all for marriage but my answer is, "No, don't do it."

During this deployment, let her depend on her family and friends. If she has none, then I'm sorry but this is a good time for her to stand on her own two feet.

Response to "Ready 22"

Getting married right now is a bad decision. I am 26 and I am already in my second marriage. At 19 I married a Soldier after knowing him six months. It turned out we had nothing in common. It ended two years later.

With my current marriage, I took another road. I dated my husband two years, one year while he was deployed and another living together. I talked about all the issues I could think of before marrying him to make sure we were on the same page. We have been together five years and every day I learn new things about him, some that make me want to cut my losses and run.

This woman is in a difficult place; the last thing she needs is a relationship. Marrying her will only make things worse. If you think you can ride in like Prince Charming and make everything better, you're wrong. If you marry her just to give her security then you're wrong again, because if that is what she's asking then you don't want to be with her. Take a moment to step outside of the box and view things from a different perspective. Don't be another statistic, get smart.

Sincerely, Fluffy Rabbits

Hanks, Spielberg tops in Hollywood poll

USAREUR Public Affairs

"Band of Brothers" narrowly edged "Saving Private Ryan" in a two-week U.S. Army Europe Web poll asking the public to select their five favorite films portraying U.S. Soldiers in Europe.

The final tally for the top spot was 128 votes to 126, revealing the powerful appeal Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg hold among poll participants in detailing the experiences of World War II veterans.

The two movies were the result of collaborations by the Hollywood A-listers.

Rounding out the top

five was "The Longest Day," a 1962 drama starring John Wayne about the events of D-Day.

Next was "Patton," directed by Francis Ford Coppola in 1970 and starring George C. Scott as the famed American general; then "A Bridge Too Far," a 1977 film starring Sean Connery about the failed Operation Market-Garden.

The poll received a total of 814 votes and was based on the realism, entertainment value and overall quality of 20 movies featuring the U.S. Army in Europe.

Some of Hollywood's biggest stars throughout history – Elvis Presley,

Clint Eastwood, Gary Cooper, Bill Murray, Gene Hackman – have all taken turns on the big screen portraying U.S. Soldiers in Europe.

For the participants of the U.S. Army Europe poll, it was the lesser-known and more recent "Band of Brothers" from Easy Company who were most endearing.

The 2001 television 10-part mini-series was based on the experiences of E Company Soldiers with the 101st Airborne's 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment who landed in Normandy, France, and fought there during World War II.

Popular write-in

votes from participants were 1963's "The Great Escape," featuring Steve McQueen; 1965's "The Battle of the Bulge," starring Henry Fonda, and 1961's "The Guns of Navarone," with Gregory Peck.

The movies in the poll were selected based on a broad range of factors such as popularity, diversity and cultural impact.

No restrictions were placed on the number of votes allowed per visitor.

The current poll at the U.S. Army Europe website is part of the new web design that is audience focused and interactive.

GET OUT!

area events

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

June 16

Anniversary Fireworks – The city of Heidelberg will host a special fireworks display at the Old Bridge in downtown Heidelberg to commemorate the 625th anniversary of Heidelberg University starting at 10:15 p.m. Some detours, parking restrictions and access to downtown streets will occur.

June 17

Summer Festival – This colorful festival in Tübingen is located at the Festplatz Weiheimer Wiesen and features a fairground and international culinary specialties. It continues through June 26.

Crazy for You – The Roadside Theater presents "Crazy For You" 7:30 p.m. June 17-18 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, www.mwrgermany.com.

French Gourmet Market – Shops are open 2-6 p.m. on this Sunday in Neckargemünd on the Marktplatz through June 19.

June 18

Classical Open Air Concert – This concert features classical music in an open air setting at the Marktplatz in Backnang starting at 8:30 p.m.

Rose Blossom and Light Festival – The Romschlössle Garten Creglingen features more than 70 vendors and a collection of heritage rose species with petals that are used for culinary and cosmetic purposes. Patrons can enjoy the illumination of the rose garden until midnight.

Indoor Flea Market – Find your next treasure 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Special Events Center, Bldg. 237, on Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117, www.mwrgermany.com.

June 19

Four-part Competition – This Black Forest approach to a four-part competition includes milking cows, mowing fields and räppeln, which describes loud noises made with wooden instruments at the Löcherhansenhof June 19 in Bad Peterstal-Griesbach.

Circus – Numerous events are located all around the circus tent at the Festplatz Friedrichsau in Ulm/Neu Ulm through July 2. More than 70 performances by international artists will be featured. www.ulmerzelt.de.

June 22

Biker Weekend – This meeting of motorcycles June 22-26 in Wolfthal in Wolfach includes 39 guided tours through the southern Black Forest to Lake Constance, into the Alsace region of France and more.

Tours start daily between 8-10 a.m. Riders should have reservations beforehand. www.wolfach.de.

June 24

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.

June 25

Rose Market – More than 100 vendors and gardeners present hundreds of different rose species and thousands of roses in Laupheim. The market is located at the Schloss Grosslaupheim, Arkadenhof and the Kulturhaus.

Dutch Fabric Market – This market in Offenburg features 140 different fabric vendors from Holland. The newest textiles and sewing accessories will be offered at the Messegelände 8 a.m. -8 p.m.

June 25 - 26

Cloister Festival – This medieval festival is set within the walls of the old abbey in Maulbronn. Jesters, jugglers and jousts will entertain visitors.

Village Festival – This festival will be held on the Steinenbronn village square at the town hall.

Danube Festival – This international festival is located at the Donaupark in the center of Tuttlingen.

June 26

Midsummer Festival – This city festival is located in the Waldenbuch center of town and features Sunday shopping 1-6 p.m.

July 2

Fourth of July in Paris – Book now for two overnight stays in Paris with Kaiserslautern USO. See the famous sights of the city of lights or while away the hours amidst art and culture with a museum access pass. <http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern>.

July 4

Independence Day – Join the Fourth of July fun 4-11 p.m. July 4 behind library on Patrick Henry Village featuring rides, games, fireworks and live music by bands Crazy, Jimmy's Souliquity and the USAREUR Groove. DSN 373-7414, civ. 06221-17-

7414, www.mwrgermany.com.

July 9

Castle Illumination – To commemorate the destruction of the 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. Most boats are open-topped. Hours: May-Sept. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Untere Neckarstraße 17, Heidelberg 69117, www.nrf-schiffahrt.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.

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.

Ongoing

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

Mannheim Parks – Mannheim parks summer hours are in effect through October for Luisenpark and Herzogenriedpark in Mannheim. Both open at 9 a.m. and box offices close at 9 p.m. through August. Summer hours for the tea house are 1-6 p.m. weekdays except Tuesdays and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays and holidays. Earlier closure is possible in case of inclement weather. Summer opening hours for the green house are 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. through September.

Gospel Choir Festival – Make plans now to join the first International Gospel Choir Festival in Berlin in 2012. Sign your choir up now for the event that happens May 19, 2012, at the Universal Hall Berlin with a workshop on Friday. www.eventtours.nl/Gospel_Choirfestival_Berlin_2012.htm.

coming to THEATERS

HANNA

(Saoirse Ronan, Eric Bana, Cate Blanchett) Hanna was raised in the wilds of Finland by her ex-CIA father, who trained her to be the perfect assassin. Sent on a mission across Europe, Hanna eludes agents dispatched after her by a ruthless intelligence operative. As she nears her ultimate target, Hanna faces startling revelations about her existence and unexpected questions about her humanity. (PG-13 for intense sequences of action and violence, some sexual content including brief partial nudity and language). 111 minutes.



Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

June 16 - X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 17 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 7 p.m.; YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 9 p.m.
 June 18 - HANNA (PG-13) 4 p.m.; SUPER 8 (PG-13) 7 p.m.; ARTHUR (PG-13) 9 p.m.
 June 19 - HANNA (PG-13) 4 p.m.; SUPER 8 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 20 - YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 7 p.m.
 June 21 - HANNA (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 22 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 23 - ARTHUR (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

June 17 - X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 18 - HANNA (PG-13) 4 p.m.; YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 7 p.m.
 June 19 - RANGO (PG) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

June 16 - X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; LIMITLESS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; DIARY OF A WIMPY KID 2 (PG) noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 June 17 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; ARTHUR (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m.; HANNA (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.; YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.
 June 18 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; ARTHUR (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m.; HANNA (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.; YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.
 June 19 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; ARTHUR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HANNA (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 June 20 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; ARTHUR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HANNA (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 June 21 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; ARTHUR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HANNA (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 June 22 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; ARTHUR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HANNA (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 June 23 - SUPER 8 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; HANNA (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; YOUR HIGHNESS (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

THEATER INFORMATION

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

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

Mannheim, CinemaxX - English Language movies

community HIGHLIGHTS

ESSO Cards

ESSO fuel cards are like any other debit or credit card and have an expiration date. Just like in the case of a consumer credit card, the Exchange does NOT send out reminders to customers in advance of their fuel card expiration dates. To avoid card use denials while traveling, and the substantial costs of paying economy fuel prices, fuel card customers should ensure cards are renewed well prior to their expiration dates. The expiration date is found on the front of the fuel card in the lower right hand corner. To avoid interruption of service check the expiration date and verify the month and year of expiration. If expired, return the card to a fuel card issuing location where the Exchange will replace your card. Fuel cards are valid for three years, and the expiration dates are not related to your vehicle registration date. For more information contact your local Exchange customer service desk.

Acute care clinic hours

The Heidelberg Health Center's Acute Care Clinic is closed on all Sundays and federal holidays as of April. 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.

AUSA Scholarships

Kaiserslautern High School student Korrine Cortez, daughter of Lt. Col. Michael Cortez, the commander of the Special Troops Battalion, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, and Dineen Cortez received \$500 AUSA education scholarship. She is one of two seniors in the Kaiserslautern Military Community to receive a scholarship from AUSA. The other is Ramstein High School student Cristina Loughery, daughter of Lt. Col. George Loughery, the senior logistical manager at the 7th Civil Support Command and Sylvia Loughery.

Lead and Copper Testing

Routine lead and copper testing is being conducted in Heidelberg at Tompkins Barracks and Kilbourne Kaserne, in Mannheim at Spinelli and Coleman Barracks, in Germersheim Army Depot and in Grünstadt to meet the requirements of the Environmental Final Governing Standards. For this testing, a special sampling procedure must be followed that requires tested faucets not be used for six to eight hours. Respective faucets will be labeled with instructions. DSN 387-3214, civ. 0162-2700815.

local EMPLOYMENT

Mystery Shopping Program

Help make a difference in your community and the programs offered there by taking part in the Family and MWR Mystery Shopping Program. Work with BARE International to perform customer service reviews and become a paid mystery shopper. E-mail garrison_services@bareinternational.com, www.mwrgermany.com.

Aerobics Instructors Needed

The USAG Kaiserslautern Sports and Fitness Centers are looking for instructors for power pump, hip-hop aerobics, step turbo kick, Latin aerobics, hi-low step, martial arts, combatives and kickboxing. Olivia Kuntz, DSN 493-2086, civ. 0631-3406-2086.

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.

Community

• **Health Clinic Closed** – The Kaiserslautern Health Clinic will be closed June 17 for a training holiday. The clinic will reopen 7 a.m. June 20. For medical emergencies, dial 112 (off post) or 116 (on post), and for urgent care visit the emergency room at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

• **House Party** – Meet up with old buddies or meet new ones 9 p.m.-2 a.m. June 17, Armstrong's Club, Vogelweh Housing, Bldg. 1036. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

• **Indoor Flea Market** – Purchase two tables and a bench for \$25 to participate in the indoor flea market 8 a.m.-2 p.m. June 18 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 237. For reservations, call Army Outdoor Recreation DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

• **Basic scrapbooking** – Learn basic scrapbooking 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 18 at the Landstuhl Library, Bldg. 3810 and 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 30 at Kleber Library, Bldg. 3205. Bring 4-5 photos; basic materials will be provided. Landstuhl Library DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-7322. Kleber Library DSN 486-1740, civ. 06371-411-1740.

• **Father's Day Bingo** – All dads are invited 3-7 p.m. June 19 at a special Father's Day Bingo at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057, on Vogelweh Housing. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Landstuhl Community Club** – Landstuhl Community Club will be closed for renovations through July 4.

• **Pulaski Auto** – Pulaski Auto Skills has new hours: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

• **Kleber Library Closed** – Kleber Library will be closed June 23. The Kaiserslautern Main and Miesau Branch Libraries will be open. www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Summer Adventure** – Registration is open for the youth Summer Adventure program. Weekly activities are June 20-Aug. 26. DSN 486-8656, civ. 06371-86-8658, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Vacation Bible School** – Pandamania: 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.

• **Quilt Club** – Rheinland Pfalz Quilt

Guild will meet 6 p.m. the fourth Thursday in June, 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 Kapaua Chapel Annex.

• **Midnight Bingo** – Start at 7 p.m. with free finger food and stay for midnight bingo 9 p.m.-midnight at the Kazabra Club on Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **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.

HEIDELBERG

Education

• **ACS Classes** – Intro to MS Excel, 9-11 a.m. June 20-21; Unit Victim Advocate Course 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. June 20-24, Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, room 272; Community Orientation, noon-3:15 p.m. Mondays except American holidays, Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, room 141.

• **FAST Class** – A Functional Academic Skills Training to reinforce basic math and reading skills and to improve General Technical scores for reclassification or re-enlistment will be held 8 a.m.-noon June 21-July 13 at the Education Center on Patton Barracks. The mandatory pre-test must be completed by June 20. DSN 373-6176.

• **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

• **Volksmarches** – The Heidelberg International Wandering Club is registered at Hassenroth, Lomersheim and Bad Kreuznach June 18-19 and Schwaigern June 22-23. www.hiwc.de.

• **Waste collection** – Upcoming German holidays will change waste collection pickups. Whitsun (June 13) moves Mark Twain Village waste collection to June 17 and Patrick Henry Village waste collection to June 18. Corpus Christi (June 23) moves MTV waste collection to June 24 and PHV collection to June 25. The Recycling Center is closed on German holidays. DSN 387-3180, civ. 06221-4380-3180.

• **Summer Mind Fest** – Child, Youth and School Services sponsor a Summer Fitness Fest for Mind, Body and Soul featuring games, food and father/child events 1-6 p.m. June 18 at the Patrick Henry Village high school sports field. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

• **Father's Day** – Take dad out for

brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 19 at the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9098, civ. 06221-338-9098, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Blue Sunday** – Enjoy blues, oldies and DJ Big Money at the Top Hat Club 5-9 p.m. June 19. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Kletterwald** – Youth need to turn in permission slips by June 20 to the Lion's Den on Patrick Henry Village to go to the Kletterwald high ropes course 2-5 p.m. June 29. Open to Heidelberg and Mannheim teens. www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Good Will Project** – Child, Youth and School Service teens will work with German youth clubs to restore a Jewish cemetery and learn about the Holocaust 8 a.m.-5 p.m. June 20-24. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

• **Customs Office** – Due to German holidays, U.S. Forces Customs field office will be closed June 23.

• **Inspirations** – The Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village displays the Sandra Walker: Inspirations from Nature art exhibition through June 26. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418.

• **Midsummer Read** – Register now for A Midsummer Knight's Read, a summer reading program to be held for preschoolers and kindergarteners 11 a.m. Wednesdays, for first-fifth graders 11:30 a.m. Thursdays and for sixth-12th graders 2 p.m. Tuesdays June 29-July 28 at the Patrick Henry Village Library. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

• **Property Board Meeting** – The Real Property Planning Board will convene 1:30 p.m. June 29 in the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village to review accomplishments, project updates and proposed installation changes and closures. DSN 387-3060.

• **Escape to England** – BOSS goes to England for a two-night stay July 1-4. DSN 373-5275.

• **Europa Park** – Permission slips are due July 5 for the Lion's Den trip to Europa Park 8 a.m.-8 p.m. July 7. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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 WWII 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 once a month on the third Thursday. DSN 370-8686, civ. 06221-57-8686, e-mail 2973-634@online.de.

• **All You Can Eat Pizza** – Take the family for all the pizza they can eat and all the 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.

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Education

• **ACS Classes** – Stress Management 1-3 p.m. June 21, Bldg. 251, room 107; Mommy and Me Signing Time 3-4 p.m. June 21, Bldg. 251, room 113.

Community

• **Midsummer Knight's** – The Sullivan Library hosts A Midsummer Knight's Read 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 22-July 20. DSN 730-1740, civ. 0621-730-1740.

• **Top Hat Club** – Listen to urban music and the latest hip-hop with videos provided by Dev Rico 10 p.m.-4 a.m. July 3 at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Legoland** – A complete family adventure with over 40 attractions awaits at Legoland. Spinelli Outdoor Recreation takes you there, departing 7:30 a.m. July 4 from the Schuch Theater. DSN 384-6300, civ. 0621-730-6300, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Self Service Supply** – The SSSC has temporary operating hours through July 5 – 8 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. DSN 384-6810, civ. 0621-730-6810.

• **Vacation Bible School** – Students and volunteers can sign up July 3-24 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.

Army Birthday Runs



Rick Scavetta

Soldiers celebrated the Army's 236th birthday with an early morning motivational run at Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern. More than 1,000 Soldiers from the garrison's tenant units took part in the event Friday, led by the garrison's senior noncommissioned officer, Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Jessup. "It doesn't get any better than this. The sun is shining and the troops are motivated. This is part of a great, great Army tradition," Jessup said. Brig. Gen. Jimmie Jaye Wells, commanding general of the 7th Civil Support Command, motivated the troops in front of the formation. Then came the call, "Double time!" Ranks of Soldiers responded with yells. The formation swelled with energy as thousands of sneakers pounded asphalt, hands clapped and NCOs began to sing.



Elizabeth Casebeer

Sgt. Erick O. Smith, left, crosses the finish line with Spc. Charmayne Nathaniel at the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Army Birthday 5-kilometer run on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg Saturday. Both Soldiers are Information Systems Operator-Analysts with 43rd Signal Battalion, U.S. Army Europe. Winners were for the men: Kurt Barkei (16 minutes, 39 seconds), Maj. Rodney Dycus (16:40) and Master Sgt. Robert Zuch (17:17). Women were Cpl. Suzanne Kusick (20:41), Capt. Erica Barkei (20:54) and Enkhee Goetz (21:42).

Top-ranked US soccer team coming to Heidelberg to play Women's World Cup

By Spc. Jacqueline Chavers
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The Women's World Cup soccer championship will take place across Germany June 26-July 17.

The championship is played under the auspices of FIFA – the Fédération Internationale de Football Association or International Federation of Association Football.

Team USA – the number one team in FIFA's world ranking – is scheduled to kick off its first match of the championship against the Korea team June 28 in Dresden.

USA's second match comes to the Heidelberg area, with the American team competing against Colombia at the Rhein-Neckar Arena in Sinsheim July 2. The third USA team match currently scheduled is a match-up against Sweden, in Wolfsburg July 6.

Tickets for the games in Dresden and Wolfsburg can still be purchased via FIFA's website, but tickets are no longer available through the FIFA site for the Sinsheim match. Stadium ticket centers are set to sell tickets from 9 a.m. -6 p.m. beginning two days before game day.

The American Forces Network-

Europe is not broadcasting the championship, but the German television networks ARD and ZDF will carry the games. Local garrison Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities may offer opportunities to watch the matches.

In association with the World Cup, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is promoting the advancement of women in sports through her Women's World Cup Initiative.

For information on Women's World Cup games, schedules, locations and times, see www.fifa.com/womensworldcup.



Leigh Bancroft

Birthday Golf

Ronda Vachand was the female with the longest drive at the sixth annual golf benefit in honor of the Army's 236th birthday Friday at the Heidelberg Golf Course in Oftersheim. Twenty-six teams played rounds of 18 holes. The team with the best score for U.S. Army Europe was the Office of the Provost Marshal. The Association of the U.S. Army organized and sponsored the event supported by many AUSA corporate sponsors, which are local businesses in the Heidelberg area.

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Heidelberg Men's Softball

Tryouts for Summer Slam – The Heidelberg community level men's softball tryouts and practices take place July 5, 7, 11, 12, 13 to organize a unit level All-Star team for the 20th annual Summer Slam Softball Invitational July 15-17 at Patton SportsField.

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

Results as of June 8 – NATO/4th Air Support Operations Group won eight games; U.S. Army Europe won five; 529th Military Police, 5; V Corps, 4; Medical Command, 1; and Heidelberg Medical Department Activity, 1. DSN 370-6645, civ. 06221-57-6645, 0152-2336-5242.

Beach Volleyball

An all-day beach volleyball tournament will be held June 18 at the Tompkins Barracks volleyball complex and is open to ID-card holders over 18 years old. DSN 379-7700.

Girls Youth Soccer Camp

The U.S. Youth Soccer USYS-Europe will host a girls soccer camp June 20-22 at Football Club Kaiserslautern's RoteTeufel training facility. €150 fee is all inclusive. http://usysa.goalline.com/news2.php?news_id=411926&lang=

Mannheim Youth Sports Camps

Registration for Mannheim Middle School summer camps June 20-Aug. 26 is now open. Fees must be paid in advance by the Wednesday prior to the event. DSN 380-9135, civ. 0621-730-9135, www.mwrgermany.com.

Kaiserslautern Summer Youth Soccer

Registration is now open for various weeklong day camps 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 20-Aug. 26 for 5 to 16-year-olds. Parent Central Services: DSN 493-4122, civ. 0631-3406-4122, www.mwrgermany.com.

Women Golfers Need Rally Volunteers

The Heidelberg Women's Golf Association seeks volunteers for its Rally For the Cure – Pink on the Green Fore Breast Cancer Awareness Annual Golf Tournament June 18 at the Heidelberg Golf Club in Oftersheim. Civ. 0152-2767-2405, qmr1@googlegmail.com.

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 15 and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. July 17 at Campbell, Tompkins and Patton Barracks fitness centers. Entry fees are \$25 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, racquetball is July 13 and volleyball is July 15. DSN 370-6350/7506, www.mwrgermany.com.

Bowlopolis

Children under 17 can bowl June 16-Aug. 29 with a Bowlopolis card good for \$1 games and \$1 shoe rental before 5 p.m. daily at the Patrick Henry Village Bowling Center in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040, www.mwrgermany.com.