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SOLDIER HERO

When Staff Sgt. Eddie Peoples went to the bank in Sarasota, Fla., May 31, he expected to walk out with a cashier's check. Instead he was caught up in a bank robbery that ended with the robber in cuffs and Peoples the hero. Peoples, normally assigned to the 386th Movement Control Team out of Vicenza, Italy, was visiting family in Florida.

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More money for utility bills coming June 16

USAREUR Public Affairs

Eligible servicemembers will soon see more money in their bank accounts, thanks to the 2011 Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Recurring Maintenance survey.

The increase, which raised the monthly utility allowance by €32 to a total of €656, was based on data gathered through the OHA Utility and Recurring Maintenance survey taken by members who receive OHA in Germany.

The increase will take effect June 16.

"Thank you to all who took the survey," said Marlena Walker, U.S. Army Europe chief of financial management policy. "The increase is a tangible result of the time

and effort put into taking the survey."

The defense military advisory panel members approved the increase May 31. The next OHA utilities survey for Germany is scheduled for March 2012.



Paying tribute to those who served

Sgt. Adrienne Burns

Soldiers from the 529th Military Police Company, 95th MP Battalion, 18th MP Brigade, join with French citizens of Villers-Stoncourt, France, during a Memorial Day ceremony May 29 to honor American and Polish troops who gave their lives to defend the Lorraine region during World War II. The memorial sits atop Mont-du-St. Pierre and the citizens of Villers-Stoncourt have paid tribute to the Soldiers memorialized there every year since the monument was erected 45 years ago. See story and more photos on page 11.



Gia Oney

Capt. Bryan Ralls, U.S. Army Europe Chorus Executive Officer, leads chorus members through an impromptu performance of "God Bless America" at the AFN studio on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim May 24.

Band visits AFN, sings on air

Family and MWR Marketing

It's not every day that you get the chance to hear a young Soldier singing his heart out to Marc Anthony's hit single "You Sang To Me."

But on May 24, Cpl. Xavier Santiago belted it out over the airwaves when the U.S. Army Europe Soldiers Chorus paid a visit to the AFN Studio on Coleman Barracks for an interview with Staff Sgt. Victor Gardner, host of the AFN PowerNet evening talk show.

The members of the chorus were given three minutes to pick three songs to perform on the radio, and Cpl. Santiago's sultry voice was selected to kick off the program.

The chorus spent 45 minutes in the studio discussing who they are and what they do in hopes to recruit new members, as well as to promote their upcoming performance at the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg July Fourth Celebration at Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. see **BAND** page 18

COMMENTARY

Principal says goodbye to Mark Twain community

By Dolly Crooks

PRINCIPAL, MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This is for the many students and teachers who have walked the hallways of Mark Twain Elementary School over the years that it has served the children of military and civilian personnel stationed overseas in service to our country.

These students and teachers were a part of a select group fortunate enough to have lived in one of the most beautiful towns in Europe. Memories of trips to the Heidelberg Castle, the Christmas Market on a cold winter day, springtime walks in the Schwetzingen gardens and sitting under a shady tree in Luisenpark on a warm day in June are all indelibly written across their hearts. Their years spent in Heidelberg are sure to be a highlight of conversations throughout their lives.

Our students have been our pride. They have always reflected the high academic values instilled by their parents. They understood the importance of getting a quality education that would prepare them for a world that is getting increasingly smaller and is ever changing.

In living the transient life that is endemic to the military, our students have demonstrated the flexibility it takes to put down roots quickly, as well as the ability to adjust to new cultures and to make new friends. They have experienced the sadness of saying goodbye to a deploying parent, as well as the great joy of greeting them upon their

return. We can rest assured that when it is their turn to take the reins and make the decisions that they will do it well.

Parents have been the bedrock of Mark Twain Elementary School since it opened. Even when family unity was disrupted when parents were called to serve in hostile areas our families stayed strong.

As the first teachers to your children, parents were the ones who molded their character for life and prepared them for school. It is to you that we say thank you for sending us your best all these years. Thank you for continually rolling up your sleeves and demonstrating that can-do attitude that served as a model for your children.

You always gave the school your support and, by doing so, you validated us and let us know that you trusted us to do our best in keeping your children safe and providing the quality education to which they were entitled.

To be a teacher is one of the highest callings in life. In what other profession does one have the opportunity to teach someone to read and to write down their thoughts so that the minds of others could be transformed and taken places they never knew existed?

There is magic in being a teacher and that magic happened daily in classrooms in small ways, whether it was the sudden understanding of fractions, the ability to write in cursive or discovering that getting up in front of class and giving a report was not that scary after all.

Throughout the years our teachers have served their students well because

they recognized that what they did was not a job, it was a calling.

Mark Twain himself would have been proud of this little school which is located a breath away from USAREUR Headquarters. He would have wanted his name linked to a place such as this where children could learn, not only about things of the world, but about themselves as they related to others.

He would have liked that children, similar to the likes of Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher had the opportunity to learn in such a historic setting. The time he spent in Heidelberg provided material for much of his writing. His leisure boat trips up the Neckar River, gliding past the castle to Hirschorn, were memorable and when he returned to America he always referred to the experience.

Now we are in a similar situation. It is our time to say our goodbyes and to move on to new adventures taking with us, in our hearts and in our memories, times spent here with our friends, our teachers, and our parents.

How could we ever forget living abroad and attending Mark Twain Elementary School? The experience has become "us" and we are ready to take it with us wherever in the world that might be.

"Wir haben unser Herz in Heidelberg verloren."

With warmest regards from the teachers and the staff at Mark Twain Elementary School.

NOTE: This was originally printed as a yearbook dedication for Mark Twain Elementary School

In Memoriam
Karin Howe

Karin Howe, 67, of Kafertal passed away May 22 at the Mannheim

Klinikum. A memorial service will be held 3:30 p.m. June 16 at the Benjamin Franklin Village Chapel in Mannheim.

Howe was born Aug. 10, 1943, in Mannheim, the youngest of five children. Frau Howe attended the Uhlend Hauptschule in Mannheim.

She worked in the Mannheim and Heidelberg military communities for over 30 years. For the past 15 years she worked as the Head Start instructor. She was always helping the Soldiers and their family members to integrate themselves in the German culture and her city orientations will not be forgotten.

Howe is survived by her sons Timothy Appler and Kai Appler, daughters Pia Baier and Nancy Lower; grandchildren Julien Appler, Vanessa Appler, Sandra Lower, Dennis Lower and Jerome Baier; sons-in-law, Rudi Baier and David Lower, daughters in law, Maria Appler and Nicole Wallnik; sisters, Waltraud Stegle, Margit Michalski and Helga Jacks.



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DISCUSSION BOARD

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"Girl Scout Junior Troop 151 has been working on a community project for their Bronze Award. They collected over \$600 and loads and loads of dog and cat food donations for the Heidelberg Tierheim Animal Shelter. All of the money will be used tomorrow at the Heidelberg Commissary to purchase more dry food for the shelter. Everything will be loaded into the vehicles at 1500 [7 June] and a photo

will be taken in front of the commissary. Everything will be delivered to the Animal Shelter shortly after 1530. A lot of Soldiers leave their pets behind, which sends a really bad message to the local nationals. All of the donated food will help feed the abandoned pets left here by PCSing military families. I am so proud of our Girl Scouts for working so hard on this project. We are very thankful for all of the support

from DECA."

—Desiree Sharice Peel, BWnow Facebook fan
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Linda Steil

Mark Twain Elementary School students receive help from their music teacher as they sing one of five songs written just for the occasion Friday as the school held a closing day ceremony. Although the school closes this week, Mark Twain Village, along with the names of its streets, will remain after Americans are gone, according to Heidelberg Mayor Wolfgang Erichson.

Mark Twain elementary students sing with heart as they mark school's closing after 59 years in Heidelberg

By Donna Walker

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Students stole the show when they performed during the closing day ceremony for Mark Twain Elementary School in Heidelberg Friday.

"Goodbye, Mark Twain. Goodbye, Mark Twain. We'll always remember you," sang the 79 kindergarten through fifth grade students that make up the last classes of the school that opened in 1952.

The school may close but the name "Mark Twain" will remain, according to Heidelberg Mayor for Integration, Equal Opportunities and Citizen Services Wolfgang Erichson. "We're losing many friends and people," he said following the ceremony. "We have an opportunity to develop all the land here ... and we have decided to keep the names of the streets and villages."

The high school auditorium was full of parents, teachers, students and administrators, past and present, who gathered to witness the final school day. Students populated the stage wearing white T-shirts with Mark Twain's image and the famous Heidelberg bridge.

They sang five songs, written by German host nation teacher Jenny Thouw, that sent personal messages to history telling of "the school with heart" bidding those gathered "Adieu."

Interspersed among the speeches and songs were historical tidbits presented by the students onstage that began with "Did you know?" and chronicled the story of the school.

Most touching were the recollections of former students. Zach Harrington, now a high school senior, recounted how he had been too shy to give his second-grade teacher a valentine. Better late than never, he said, "Ms. Williams, will you be my valentine?" Linda Williams, still a teacher, understood better than any in the audience why that evoked "aaahs" from the crowd.

Teachers were honored when Principal Dolly Crooks said, "A school is only as good as the person who stands in front of your classroom." She also recognized the dozen former teachers who traveled there and introduced themselves and their best memories.

One retired teacher, Caroline Haberer, knew most all the people recognized at the front of the auditorium. She taught at Mannheim schools but the community of Department of Defense Dependents Schools teachers is small and she had formed friendships with many of those who had also traveled to the school Friday.

"The schools offer support because when the parents deploy, the schools are there," Haberer said. "They provide



Linda Steil

Sue Hertling, wife of U.S. Army Europe Commander Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, chats with students during the luncheon that followed the closing day ceremony held in the Heidelberg High School auditorium for Mark Twain Elementary School Friday marking the last day for the school as it closes due to the transformation of U.S. forces in Europe.

continuity, stability, a warm and safe haven."

Wife of U.S. Army Europe commander Sue Hertling was the keynote speaker who remarked upon the "rock solid" education students received at the school. Students also heard from garrison commander Col. Bill Butcher and Command Sgt. Major Annette Weber via video whose message to students was, "You rock." Other speak-

ers were DODDS Europe Director Dr. Nancy Bresell and Heidelberg School District Superintendent Frank Roehl.

It was Roehl whom Crooks credited when she recognized military families. "I was never in a meeting with him that he didn't say to us, 'Never forget who you're serving, the men and women who serve our country,'" she said. "Nothing is more noble than putting on that uniform every day."

transformation UPDATE

Facilities Operations Changes

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. Both barber shops have had too few customers to warrant keeping them open five days a week.

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 Library – The Sullivan Barracks library has new hours: noon-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, closed Sundays, Mondays and German holidays. DSN 380-1740, civ. 0621-730-1740.

Patton DFAC – The Patton Barracks Dining Facility operated by the V Corps Special Troops Battalion is now closed as part of transformation and the pending move of V Corps from Heidelberg to Wiesbaden. For dining options, Soldiers may visit the Kantine on Patton Barracks or travel off the installation to local restaurants in the area. Other choices in the Heidelberg area are restaurants, Exchange shoppettes and food courts on Campbell Barracks and the Shopping Center. DSN 314-373-6262, civ. 06221-17-6262.

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 a 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 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to provide limited services that do not require a vehicle inspection. The Mannheim vehicle registration office has extended its hours to serve customers 7:30 a.m.-5:30 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. The vehicle inspection point is located directly next to vehicle registration, a convenience for those who must get vehicles inspected and registered at same time. DSN 384-6100, civ. 0621-730-6911/6900. GPS Am Abuckel, 68259 Feudenheim.

Mannheim Optometry – The Mannheim Optometry Clinic on Benjamin Franklin Village no longer offers routine eye examinations, walk-in physicals or screenings. Optometry care has transferred to the local economy, the Heidelberg Health Center Optometry Clinic or, for aviation personnel, Coleman Barracks. Mannheim Soldiers can still receive vision screening and routine physicals at the Mannheim clinic. Aviation personnel may complete the vision portion of select flight physicals in Mannheim, but must first collect paperwork at the Coleman clinic. Family members and retirees who require glasses quickly and cannot obtain an appointment in Heidelberg or Mannheim can visit German opticians who prescribe glasses for older children and adults at no cost, but glasses must be purchased from them. The Mannheim

medical operations center is open for walk-ins 8-11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Appointments: 800-914-6133 (toll-free), DSN 371-2622, civ. 06221-17-2622. The Heidelberg Optometry Clinic will remain open for eye care; however, due to staff transitions from July 1 through Sept. 30, services will be limited to active duty and active duty family members only.

NEW - Mannheim Health Clinic – The health clinic on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will close this December. The number of providers in Mannheim will remain adequate to serve the remaining population's needs. Patient liaisons will remain in Mannheim to help community members who receive medical appointments on the economy. There are three patient liaisons on staff. Civ. 0621-730-9534/9543/9777. Patient liaisons don't schedule host nation appointments, however. Tricare can schedule host nation appointments: DSN 380-9399/9505, civ. 0621-730-9399/9505. Servicemembers living in Mannheim will be seen at the Coleman Barracks clinic. Family members will receive services from the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg. A shuttle bus is available for those who need transportation to Heidelberg. For help after hours, call civ. 06221-17-2605, or the nurse advice line DSN 0800-825-1600, civ. 0800-825-1600 or 00800-4759-2330. Mannheim Clinic hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m.-noon Fridays. Central appointments: DSN 371-2622, civ. 0621-730-2622.

Mannheim Base Operations – With the impending inactivation 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, 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 Education Center – The Education Center on Sullivan Barracks will be open from May through July with classes running as long as class minimums are achieved. 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.

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.

Exiting Mannheim – The exit gate at Friendship Circle on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim has changed hours for traffic leaving the installation. The gate opens for exiting traffic and pedestrians (exiting and entering) at 6 a.m. and closes at 6 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 has moved into Bldg. 246. The ACS Lending Closet services have also relocated to Bldg. 246, room 110.

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 will close Monday, May 30.

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 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. Some furniture has moved into the Exchange on Benjamin Franklin Village South.

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.

NEW – Mannheim to Heidelberg Shuttle Buses – Beginning today, June 9, the Heidelberg community shuttle will operate a reduced shuttle bus schedule. The community will be informed when the shuttle returns to the regular schedule. Reduced schedules are available at community shuttle stops or by contacting the TMP Office. For questions, contact DSN 373-1800, civ. 06221-17-8350. The Mannheim's community shuttle bus service now stops at the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility located on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg in Bldg. 3850. The bus stop at the Heidelberg Community Support Center also serves as the hub for the Heidelberg community shuttle bus that serves Tompkins Barracks, Patrick Henry Village, Mark Twain Village and Patton Barracks. Shuttle buses run four times a day, Monday through Friday, from Coleman, Spinelli and Sullivan Barracks and the hotel on Benjamin Franklin Village to the Shopping Center in Heidelberg and the Heidelberg Medical Clinic on Nachrichten Kaserne. Signs posted in bus stops indicate times and routes. Schedules are available at the in and out processing center, from building coordinators and at the hotel on Benjamin Franklin Village. The shuttle is for Soldiers to conduct official business but family members and civilians can ride if space is available. DSN 373-6410, civ. 06221-17-6410.

Frequently Asked Questions

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Soldiers get advanced cardiac life support training

HMEDDAC Public Affairs

The Heidelberg Medical Department Activity recently provided Advanced Cardiac Life Support training for physicians, physician assistants and medics from the 172nd Infantry Brigade, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat teams

and HMEDDAC staff.

Soldiers traveled from Bamberg, Schweinfurt and Grafenwöhr for the training. The 173rd Soldiers recently returned from deployment and needed re-certification and training. Soldiers from the 172nd and Heidelberg Health Center prepared for

upcoming deployments.

The course trains health-care providers in the management of cardiac arrest and cardiovascular emergencies like acute myocardial infarction (MI, heart attack), acute coronary syndrome (chest pain), irregular heart rhythms and stroke, said Joan Lancast-

er, chief of HMEDDAC clinical education.

"The class ... uses a combination of case studies, didactic instruction, simulated events and hands-on practice," she said.

Students are able to perform basic and advanced life support procedures, recog-

nize and manage conditions that may lead to cardiac arrest if not recognized and treated early, recognize and manage respiratory arrest, recognize and manage cardiac arrest; and recognize and initiate early treatment of chest pain, acute MI and stroke, Lancaster said.

Family group meets to build camaraderie

By Shane Thomas and Sgt. 1st Class Angela M. Pate

U.S. ARMY NATO BRIGADE

The U.S. Army NATO Brigade hosted its first Family Readiness Support Assistants and Soldier and Family Readiness Group working meeting at the Installation Management Command Europe Workforce Development Center last May.

Beatrice Constantine, Headquarters, USANATO Brigade senior family readiness group advisor, hosted the event that gathered 12 volunteers from the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Germany.

USANATO Brigade has personnel in more than 33 locations, including 12 countries, and it oversees operational readiness, coordinates logistical support and provides support to over 1,300 personnel.

Facilitated by Sonya Brown-Lathan, U.S. Army Europe G-1 FRSA program manager, the purpose of the meeting was to bring together FRSA and SFRG volunteer leaders to discuss and resolve common support issues affecting Soldiers and families serving in NATO.

Brown-Lathan presented an overall view of the FRSA program, duties and responsibilities according to Army directives.

The meeting also served to reinforce lines of communication and camaraderie among the volunteers of both organizations by allowing them the opportunity to showcase their battalion and company SFRG program successes and collectively discover and facilitate ways to better serve geographically-dispersed units throughout

Europe.

Subject matter experts Michiel DeVito and Bonnie Thomas, IMCOM-E Army Community Service community life specialists, provided training on Resilience and the Global Assessment Tool and how to build effectively sustainable teams.

Additionally, Capt. Stephen Jewell, USAREUR staff judge advocate, briefed on FRG financial and fundraising legal requirements, while Bonnie Stephenson and Merrill Lee Methany, military and family life consultants, provided training on team building in which all participants demonstrated their SFRG program to the group.

"It is always good to see how something can be done better (and) in many struggles that we were having, we were able to put our heads together to find ways to improve our SFRGs," said LaTamba Harris, FRSA Allied Forces Command South Battalion, Naples, Italy.

The forum also provided participants a means to exchange best practices that will develop and build a foundation for future programs. Topics included comprehensive Soldier fitness and resiliency, financial and fundraising requirements, spiritual resiliency, team building and effective communications while motivating and maintaining volunteers.

Participants learned how to implement, sustain and deliver quality, unique programs to support their battalions and outlying locations, then participated in team building exercises and skits that dealt with sustaining quality programs and presentations on the types of programs offered.

Faces of the community: Garrison Fire Department



Elizabeth Casebeer

Paul Steinmann, a firefighter with the Heidelberg Army Fire Department located at Heidelberg Army Airfield, Bldg. 209, uses a fire extinguisher to stop a trash can blaze near the Shoppette on Patton Barracks Monday. Military Police called the firefighters after being notified by a passer-by of the smoldering trashcan. Firefighters believe the smoke was caused by an improperly extinguished cigarette. In case of fire, emergency phone numbers in Heidelberg are DSN 117, civ. 06221-57-117 and non-emergency numbers are DSN 388-2222, civ. 06221-678-2333. In Mannheim, emergency numbers are DSN 117, civ. 0621-730-117 and non-emergency numbers are DSN 385-3359, civ. 0621-730-3359. In Kaiserslautern, emergency numbers are DSN 117, civ. 0631-536-117 and non-emergency numbers are DSN 489-1985, civ. 0631-47-1985.

Army Birthday Quiz

- When did the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment train with Romanian and Bulgarian troops in Joint Task Force East?
 - 1963
 - 2009
 - 1836
 - 1995
- Who is the only person to be promoted to the highest rank ever held in the United States Army, General of the Armies, while still alive?
 - Douglas MacArthur
 - John J. Pershing
 - Ulysses S. Grant
 - George Washington
- Who is the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor?
 - Col. Oveta Culp Hobby
 - Mary Marshall
 - Dr. Mary E. Walker
 - Mary Allen
- Who was the most decorated U.S. Soldier of World War II?
 - Staff Sgt. Lucian Adams
 - Pfc. Thomas E. Atkins
 - Capt. Seymour W. Terry
 - 1st Lt. Audie Murphy
- Which U.S. Army unit was first to cross the Sava River into Bosnia during Operation Joint Endeavor?
 - 1st Armored Division
 - 82nd Airborne Division
 - 1st Cavalry Division
 - 4th Infantry Division
- Which former U.S. Army Europe commanding general served as President of the United States?
 - Eric Shinseki
 - George S. Patton
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Crosby E. Saint
- Approximately what percentage of the 48 countries participating in the International Security Assistance Force come from Europe?
 - 50
 - 15
 - 80
 - 5
- Which Sergeant Major of the Army served as the first command sergeant major of the Sergeants Major Academy?
 - Sgt. Maj. of the Army William Connelly
 - Sgt. Maj. of the Army William Bainbridge
 - Sgt. Maj. of the Army Silas Copeland
 - Sgt. Maj. of the Army George Dunaway
- Which beach was V Corps responsible for during the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion?
 - Gold
 - Utah
 - Juno
 - Omaha
- Who is the only former Army private to be elected as president of the United States?
 - James Buchanan
 - Martin Van Buren
 - Franklin Pierce
 - William Henry Harrison
- How many multinational NCOs graduated from the NCO Academy in Grafenwöhr, Germany, during fiscal year 2010?
 - 11
 - 120
 - 64
 - 300
- What Twitter personality provides helpful tips and information about living in Europe?
 - Private Murphy
 - EURMama
 - Sgt. Star
 - EURDaddy

If you score:

- 0-3 correct – You bear the nation's colors on your right sleeve
 4-7 correct – You live the Warrior Ethos
 8-11 correct – You are the epitome of the Army Values
 All correct – You eat, sleep and breathe ARMY STRONG!

ANSWERS: 1.B 2.B 3.C 4.D 5.A 6.C 7.C 8.B 9.D 10.A 11.C 12.B



Baden-Württemberg joins units worldwide to celebrate the day Congress adopted "the American continental army"

The Army birthday is Tuesday, June 14.

Celebrations will take place all week throughout Heidelberg as the U.S. Army Europe honors the sacrifices Soldiers and their family members have made over the past 236 years defending our nation and preserving our way of life.

•Festivities began this morning with a prayer breakfast on Campbell Barracks.

•Tomorrow, there will be a four-player team golf scramble at the Heidelberg Golf Course in Oftersheim, hosted by the Association of the United States Army, teeing off with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Sign-in starts at 6:45 a.m.

•The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg is sponsoring a free Army birthday 5-kilometer fun run and walk Saturday. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Village Pavilion on Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village.

•An Army birthday community run will be held 6 a.m. tomorrow on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 370, in Kaiserslautern.

•Highlighting the week-long celebration is USAREUR's Army Birthday Ball, which begins Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Village Pavilion on Pat-

rick Henry Village.

•On Tuesday, USAREUR will serve birthday cake at 10 a.m. in the Keyes Building Conference Room on Campbell Barracks. This event will include a reading of the Army Birthday Children's Book by Marissa Capel, wife of USAREUR Command Sgt. Major Thomas Capel. All children are welcome.

•The USAREUR and Installation Management Command Europe culinary arts team will be providing culinary arts demonstrations 4-6:30 p.m. June 14, 16 and 17 at the commissary on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. Watch some of the Army's best cooks prepare award-winning dishes and have your culinary questions answered.

Visit the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg website at www.bw.eur.army.mil, the Baden Württemberg Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bwnow or the virtual community at <http://mybwnow.ning.com>. Or keep an eye on the USAREUR Facebook page at www.facebook.com/USArmyEurope for information.

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U.S. Army Europe turns 69

USAREUR Public Affairs

U.S. Army Europe marked its birthday yesterday, June 8.

USAREUR came to Europe 69 years ago to become part of a multi-national coalition to win World War II and stayed in Europe to help European allies maintain their freedom during the Cold War.

Since 1989, USAREUR has transformed from a heavy force postured to win a land war on the plains of Europe to an agile, modern, rapidly deployable force, tailored in Europe to train, to deploy and to support multiple combatant

commanders.

"Today, the Army in Europe is America's strategic forward enabler," said Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, USAREUR's commanding general.

"Our Soldiers prevent war by training with multi-national allies. We build trust with our allies of America's resolve and commitment to dignity, and we prepare our own forces for any eventuality along the conflict spectrum. We build strong Soldiers and strong teams," he said.

The command traces its roots back to January 1942 when American Soldiers

opened a command post in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in anticipation of combat in World War II. Those first arrivals were the advance party of Headquarters, V Corps, the centerpiece of USAREUR combat forces.

The formal date that USAREUR celebrates its anniversary today goes back to the War Department establishment of the European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, on June 8, 1942.

ETOUSA's mission was to plan for the retaking of Europe and exercise operational control over U.S. forces.



U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Anderson Bomjardin

Staff Sgt. Michael Meeks, right, and underwater anthropologist Andrew Pietruszka, left, plant a metal stake to mark an excavation grid point during an underwater recovery mission in Thua Thien Hue, Vietnam. Meeks and Pietruszka are assigned to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.



U.S. Army

A Soldier assigned to 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, The Old Guard, places an American flag in front of a grave at Arlington National Cemetery, Va. Soldiers from the unit placed flags in a tradition known as "flags in" in front of more than 260,000 gravestones and 7,300 niches at the cemetery's columbarium in three hours. The Old Guard has maintained this tradition since it was designated the Army's official ceremonial unit in 1948.

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U.S. Army

Soldiers from 3rd Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, launch a Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire command data link guided missile during TOW gunnery training at Yakima Training Center May 28.



T.M. Beller

Sgt. Sean C. Fleming, a recruiting noncommissioned officer assigned to the U.S. Army Career Center South Shore on Staten Island, duels against 16-year-old David Lawal, a student at the Bronx's Fordham Leadership Academy for Business and Technology, at Manhattan's Pier 86 during Fleet Week New York City 2011.



Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod

Paratroopers with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team load UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters for air assault training at Simmons Army Airfield May 31 on Fort Bragg, N.C.



Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Fincham
 Photo left, in a gesture of gratitude, a Villers-Stoncourt resident bows his head to the Soldiers of the 529th Military Police Company following a Memorial Day ceremony May 29 atop Mont-du-St. Pierre, near Villers-Stoncourt, France, to pay homage to the American and Polish soldiers who gave their lives defending the Lorraine region during World War II. Above, a family member holds a rose while watching the Memorial Day ceremony May 29 at the Somme American Cemetery and Memorial in Bony, France.

Remembering the fallen on Memorial Day

Staff Report

Across the world, hearts and minds were joined in remembrance on Memorial Day weekend. Whether through personal mourning for individual servicemembers or in mass gatherings at the many ceremonies around the globe, millions paused to honor the sacrifices made in the name of freedom.

In Heidelberg, the Memorial Park on Patton Barracks was rededicated at the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village May 31 as part of an Eagle Scout project for Kyle Rueschhoff, a Life Scout with Troop 26. Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation sponsored the project, while the Department of Public Works provided technical guidance and the necessary materials to construct the new Memorial Park.

American Legion Post GR03 held the ceremony, as it does every year for both Memorial Day and Veteran's Day since 1972, for an assembled crowd of military, scouts and family. It also donated the wreath that Rueschhoff and U.S. Army Garrison Baden Württemberg Commander Col. Bill Butcher placed on the memorial plaque.

The 18th Military Police Brigade dispatched a rifle squad and a color guard May 29 to the communes of St. Avold and Villers-Stoncourt in France to honor the servicemembers who gave their lives in defense of the Lorraine region during World War II.

"This memorial symbol of sacrifice for the combatants committed to the liberation of our land in 1944 reminds us that we have a duty to remember," said Jacqueline Magard, Lord Mayor of Villers-Stoncourt.

Also in France, nearly 50 Soldiers from the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's Special Troops Battalion participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial in Romagnous-Montfaucon May 29.

The cemetery spans 130.5 acres and is the resting place of 14,246 fallen Soldiers, the largest number of American military in Europe. Most lost their lives during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive of World War I.

"I never thought a cemetery could be so beautiful, so breathtaking and perfect in its serenity. This is an event that I will never forget. I was a



Sgt. Adrienne Burns
 A lone bugler plays "Taps" during a Memorial Day ceremony May 30 at Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, France. U.S. troops supported dozens of ceremonies across Europe during the Memorial Day weekend to honor those who paid the ultimate price for their country.



Elizabeth Casebeer
 U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bill Butcher and Kyle Rueschhoff, a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 26, lay a wreath at Memorial Park at the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg May 31. Rueschhoff's Eagle Scout project was to rededicate Memorial Park and the Berlin Wall fragment from Patton Barracks to its new location for better visibility.

little nervous beforehand, but never realized how much of an honor it actually is to have been selected to lay a wreath here," said Pfc. Angel Hunter,

a paralegal specialist at the 21st TSC's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

In Bony, France, about 200 miles north of Paris, Soldiers

from the Europe Regional Medical Command, including the command headquarters in Heidelberg and the Heidelberg Medical Department Activity and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, stood alongside Marines from France's 1st Marine Artillery Regiment at the 14-acre Somme American Cemetery and Memorial to honor the fallen Soldiers laid to rest at the historical site. The cemetery holds the graves of 1,844 U.S. servicemembers, most of whom perished in the area during World War I. The 27th Division's 107th Infantry suffered 995 casualties during the first day's attack—the largest one-day American regimental loss for the entire war.

NOTE: Compiled from reports from Sgt. Adrienne Burns, 18th Military Police Brigade, Angelika Lantz, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Fincham, 30th Medical Command and Elizabeth Casebeer, USAG Baden Württemberg.

Elective classes show off technology skills

By Christopher Weller
HEIDELBERG MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students at Heidelberg Middle School participated in the third annual Technology Fair May 25 to allow students to present their work and demonstrate their technological know-how.

There were contests in categories ranging from Design and Engineering to Graphic Arts Portfolios. One particular crowd pleaser was the Metric 500 car races. These pitted cars crafted by sixth grade students against each other in a drag race style format. Another action activity was the Balsa Wood Bridge Design contest. Pairs of seventh grade

students designed and constructed bridges of thin balsa wood that were destructively tested to see who had the best design.

The fair had some special ingredients -- the participation of many of the other elective classes. There was an art exhibition throughout the school where judges voted on the best student work for the year. There were the video communications contests judged by AFN. The spectators were also treated to a concert by the school jazz band while they waited for the construction of machines in one of the contests. The Business Enterprise classes sold chili to make a little profit. And the

yearbook class documented it all by taking 300 photographs.

Community involvement made it a success. The Sergeants Major Association and the Parent Teacher Student Association helped with the judging. U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bill Butcher started the day off with words of encouragement and support for the students and the teachers. Principal Stephanie El Sayed, and Vice Principal Susan Gehring and their staff helped to make the day go smoothly.

Gehring, who will retire at the end of the school year, said, "There is no question that kids come first."



Christopher Weller

Steven Brown and Patrick Pfahler compete in the Design and Engineering competition with a Skee-ball machine they built from a specific set of materials in a short time.

European NCOs build lifelong relationships at conference

By Sgt. Maj. Lisa Hunter
USAREUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Army Europe took the American Soldier's "train as you fight" concept to the international level during the fifth annual Conference of European Armies for Non-commissioned Officers in Szekesfehervar, Hungary, May 24-27.

This year's conference, co-hosted by the Hungarian Joint Forces and USAREUR, focused on the challenge of lifelong learning, a conundrum facing NCOs from every country.

"The purpose of the conference is to encourage professional development among the European land forces and to establish relationships and networks among the senior noncommissioned officers from those countries," explained Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Capel, USAREUR's senior enlisted advisor.

NCOs from 38 European countries, the United States and Canada attended the conference. All participants are senior enlisted leaders in their nations' armed forces. Most are their nations' highest-ranking enlisted leaders, equivalent in rank to the sergeant major of the Army. Many are graduates of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. The conference is designed to strengthen partnerships and facilitate security cooperation, Capel said.

This year participants gathered at the Hungarian Joint



Sgt. Maj. Lisa Hunter

Hungarian Joint Forces Command Sgt. Maj. Lazlo Toth, left, and U.S. Army Europe Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Capel share a moment at the Conference for European Armies for Noncommissioned Officers in Szekesfehervar, Hungary, May 26. The Hungarian Joint Forces and USAREUR co-hosted the four-day event that brought together senior enlisted advisors from 38 countries in Europe, the United States and Canada to discuss NCO professional development and learning.

Forces headquarters in Szekesfehervar, about 40 miles from Budapest. The conference focused on topics near and dear to every NCO's heart -- training and education -- as well as more diverse subjects, from an overview of NATO's Afghanistan training mission to a briefing on the mission of the U.S. Army Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization.

The conference gave everyone a chance to learn and to teach, said Command Sgt. Maj. Lazlo Toth of the Hungarian Joint Forces Command sergeant major. "The issue of lifelong learning is a big challenge for the future of all armies," Toth said.

The sergeant major said he

knew the Hungarian armed forces were in for a major change when, in 1990, U.S. and Soviet aircraft both landed at the air base where he was stationed. Since then, building the Hungarian army NCO Corps has been the biggest challenge facing his armed services. Toth explained that Hungary has followed the examples other armies to construct a unique Hungarian force.

"Twenty-five years ago, the army reflected the Soviet style. Everything was in the officers' hands." Now, Toth said, the army is radically different. "NCOs have power as leaders. That means they have to accept the responsibility that comes with that power."

Other conference participants echoed those sentiments.

For example, Command Sgt. Maj. Darius Masiulis, a member of the National Defense Voluntary Forces of the Armed Forces of Lithuania, said his forces used the U.S. Army's enlisted promotion system as their model.

Masiulis, a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course, also noted that his own professional development has been enhanced through partnership and interaction with his international colleagues.

"I brought back a lot of ideas and suggestions [from the USASMA] that were implemented," he said. Masiulis said that nine-month school also enabled him to build a multinational network of European and U.S. sergeants major.

Likewise, the conference offered something of a reunion for many participants -- an opportunity to reacquire with coalition partners from deployments, previous conferences and academy classes -- in addition to its professional development opportunities.

Slovenian Armed Forces Sgt. Maj. of the Army Janez Smid has attended all five of the annual NCO conferences. They are opportunities to learn while seeing old friends and making new ones, he said.

Because it is a small nation, Slovenia must be clever in its approaches to change and in-

novation, he explained, and so it also adopts good ideas from other armies. "Training and development are the areas that are changing most in the Slovenian military right now," Smid said.

To help them focus on those areas, Slovenian forces have trained with the U.S. Army quite a bit, particularly USAREUR.

To illustrate that partnership, he pointed to the fact that Slovenian troops who deploy to Afghanistan or Kosovo train with American Soldiers at USAREUR's Joint Multinational Readiness Center, which he called "an amazing facility."

Smid, a graduate of the U.S. Army First Sergeants Course and Sergeants Major Course, said his network of professional NCO colleagues has been invaluable. "You meet these guys again -- all over the world, in places like Iraq. They make your job that much easier," he said.

Capel said it has taken just a few years for European forces to embrace the conference, and member countries' senior NCOs are already looking forward to next year.

"This whole concept may have started slowly, but it's really picked up speed. We used to emphasize joint training, but now, it's all about the international training. Most of these countries are our coalition partners in Afghanistan, so this conference is an excellent example of training as we fight," he said.

Kaiserslautern garrison welcomes new commander

By Rick Scavetta
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lt. Col. Lars Zetterstrom grabbed hold of U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's guidon Friday, accepting responsibility to provide support and services to thousands of U.S. Soldiers, civilians and family members in the Kaiserslautern area.

Zetterstrom took command of the garrison during a ceremony held at Armstrong's Club on Vogelweh Housing Area.

Dozens of U.S. and German military officials and civilians attended the event. Zetterstrom is looking forward to his new job, he said.

"I have been thoroughly impressed with the quality and professionalism of the garrison staff," Zetterstrom said. "I look forward to working with the outstanding Soldiers and civilians of the garrison headquarters."

The highlight of the ceremony was the traditional passing of the unit colors.

Throughout history, the guidon has shown the commander is present and it served as a rally point for troops on the battlefield. Soldiers from USAG Kaiserslautern's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment served as color bearers and color guards.

During the ceremony, both incoming and outgoing commanders offered remarks.

Lt. Col. Kevin Hutchison, who heads to Fort Sill, Okla., for his next assignment, thanked the garrison staff and other leaders in

the Kaiserslautern Military Community. He also spoke in German to thank local officials for supporting the command.

"I will miss the job, the camaraderie and the great team that we have in the Kaiserslautern garrison," Hutchison said.

Commanding a garrison in Kaiserslautern is unique, due to its collocation with a large U.S. Air Force contingent, said Col. William Butcher, commander of United States Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg.

The Kaiserslautern garrison supports dozens of tenant units, to include the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Stars and Stripes and the 357th Air and Missile Defense Detachment.

Under Hutchison, the garrison supported the deployment of 31 units from the area and the reintegration of more than 4,000 Soldiers, civilians and family members following deployments, Butcher said.

Hutchison led the garrison as the Army acquired Sembach Kaserne from the U.S. Air Force and prepared the installation for new Army units moving from Mannheim and Heidelberg.

That included developing relationships with key German leaders in the Sembach area. During his command, the garrison underwent countless renovations and construction projects to support Kaiserslautern's growing military community – most



Col. William Butcher, left, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg, passes the unit colors to Lt. Col. Lars Zetterstrom, right, the incoming commander of U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern.

Rick Scavetta

recently opening new child development centers at Sembach and Landstuhl.

For officers, a command is an honor and privilege that is often tough, demanding and arduous, Butcher said.

"It's fitting that we gather together on occasions like this one and recognize contributions, bid farewell and welcome new blood," Butcher said.

Zetterstrom, an Army engineer and West Point graduate from Clifton Park, N.Y., most recently served a tour in southern Afghanistan. Previously, he served as deputy commander with the Buffalo, N.Y.-district of the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers.

The command position returns Zetterstrom and his family to Germany, where he began his Army career as a platoon leader with the Bamberg based 82nd Engineer Battalion.

Previous assignments included both staff and command positions with the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C., and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.

During his career, Zetterstrom has deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

He and his wife Erin, also from New York, have three children. He holds a master's

degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Missouri.

"He is no stranger to the business of military construction, which will serve the command well considering the breadth of construction and renovation which will occur in the coming years," Butcher said.

Dutch officers who served with Zetterstrom in Afghanistan also attended the ceremony, as did many local German officials.

"I look forward to continuing and building the critical relationships with our German and European friends and allies," Zetterstrom said.

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GERMAN Cooking

Erdbeersahnetorte Strawberry Cream Cake

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla sugar or vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 cup corn starch
- 1/2 to 3/4 cups strawberry jelly
- 2 packs Sahnesteif or Whip-It (to stabilize the whipping cream)
- 10 gelatin sheets
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 vanilla bean
- 1 3/4 cups plain yogurt
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 2 1/4 cusp fresh strawberries

Preparation

Cake

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Combine eggs, 1/3 cup sugar and vanilla sugar in a bowl, and mix on medium until creamy. Sift flour, baking powder and cornstarch into batter and carefully blend on low. Pour batter into a 10 inch round spring form pan and bake for 20 minutes. Let the cake cool and remove from spring form pan. Slice cake horizontally into two even layers using a serrated knife, or slice with unflavored dental floss.

Filling

Beat whipping cream with Whip-It and set aside. Soak 8 sheets of gelatin in water. In a saucepan, heat milk, vanilla bean and 1/4 cup sugar on low. Squeeze water from gelatin and add sheets to the milk, vanilla and sugar mixture. Once mixture thickens, remove from heat and fold in yogurt and whipping cream. Allow filling to cool and thicken, then spread on each cake layer, on top of the strawberry jelly. Cool cake in the refrigerator for two hours.

Topping

Soak the last two sheets of gelatin in water. Cut 1 cup of strawberries into small cubes. Add 1/4 cup sugar to strawberries. Using a blender or food processor, puree strawberries and sugar. Heat the mixture in a small saucepan on low. Squeeze excess water from the gelatin sheets and add to the strawberry-sugar mixture. Stir until thickened, then remove from heat. Stack the cake layers and generously spread topping on the top layer. Cool cake for one hour in the refrigerator. Once cooled, decorate the top with remaining strawberries.

SOURCE: www.chefkoch.de

Comments

"I can't tell you how many times I've made everyone 'ooh' and 'aah' when they see this beautiful dessert. It is wonderful for any occasion." —Agnes DeLeon, Melrose, Montana, tasteofhome.com.

"Makes an elegant presentation without too much fuss." —JJ, allrecipes.com.

"Local strawberries really make the difference." —A Cook from Newbury, Mass., epicurious.com.



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

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I told my family and friends that whatever answer you gave me I would do exactly what you said.

I met a great gal online about a year ago. She is the woman of my dreams and fulfills my every desire. My family and friends like her a lot, but have reservations because we are now engaged and want to get married before I go to Afghanistan next year.

I see no reason why we should not be married. Everyone else feels like we are moving too fast. I am not a young buck. I am 37. She is well over the age of consent. She is 33.

How bout' it Ms. Vicki, should we get married in December?

Dear December,

My answer is, "No!"

It has nothing to do with meeting her online. I simply think you should take more time to develop this relationship.

I'm sure you want to have someone waiting for you when you

return from deployment. However, I think this would be a great revelation of the tenacity of this relationship.

Yes, both of you are well over the age of consent. However, I've counseled many couples your age who rushed into a decision to marry and are now regretting the decision.

There is no reason why your relationship can't continue to grow during this deployment.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

The romance has long been gone from my marriage and the deployments have not made it any better. At my age, I just feel like I'm tired of pretending that I have a perfect and great marriage when it's not true. I have done nothing but played a role for so many people and now I'm miserable.

I really hate to be so personal but just to give you an example, I have not made love to my husband for over four months. We are not old people. I have supported my husband throughout his military career. However, I think it has been the source of our problem especially with our intimacy.

How are we expected to keep a marriage healthy and strong with all of the trainings, schools, field exercises and now the many deployments?

This is not why I said, "I do." It's even sadder that many of my friends don't understand. The wives are acting like they deploy and fight the battles. They act like, "Hey, it's just another deployment. I'm ready. Give it to me one more time."

I love my husband and my two children. I truly want them to be with their father and for us to be a couple.

Get ready for vacation Bible school

Staff Report

The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg and USAG Kaiserslautern will host Vacation Bible School programs in their communities this summer.

In Heidelberg, the program is called "Kingdom of the Son, A Prayer Safari" to be held 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 1-5 at Patrick Henry Village Elementary School.

In Mannheim, "God is Good" is the theme for the Aug. 8-12 program at the Benjamin Franklin Village Chapel, 10 a.m.-noon each day.

The Kaiserslautern chaplain's office will host "Pandamania: Where God is Wild About You" for children in preschool through fifth grade 9 a.m.-noon July 25-29 at Landstuhl Elementary and Middle

School and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 3-4 at Daenner Chapel. It is designed to increase spiritual fitness and overall resilience, said Dr. Becky Powell, Kaiserslautern's director of religious education.

"VBS is an annual program that brings together Protestant and Catholic congregations with volunteers from all over the KMC," Powell said. This marks the second year the themes and lessons of each program day are tailored specifically to the needs of military children. The curriculum was selected because of its relevance to resiliency needs in the lives of Soldiers and families.

"We intentionally build into the planning an understanding of 'brat' life recognizing the wonderful culture that today's military children represent. As a leader in research on military children, I talk about the

However, I think my marriage is over, long over to tell you the truth. I'm ready to go but I'm ashamed of the stigma of divorce. I'd appreciate any advice you have for me.

Dear Ready,

I agree that your marriage is in trouble. However, I think there is still hope.

You have been pretending for a long time and pretending to other people.

As a result, you had to exert a lot of energy to pretend for all of these years. Now you have to put that same energy into saving your marriage.

I know that deployments and long absences can wreak havoc on marriages and relationships but you should stop being a people pleaser and stop worrying about what other people think.

Think of it like this: We have our cars serviced every 3,000 miles. We do this so we can keep our cars running well and get a lot of trail from them. Why don't we service our marriages the same way? All it takes is a quick tune up on a regular basis. I think your marriage needs a tune up.

Start with the chaplains office on your base. Many sponsor retreats.

You should also consider marital counseling to work through your marital issues. This could be provided on base if services are available or contact Military OneSource to find a provider in your local community.

The services are free.

Finally, I want to encourage you not to give up on your marriage.

I don't mean to patronize you, but please don't go looking for love from another man. It would only cause more problems.

word 'brat' and explain its historically significant use since the early 1700s and as the acronym 'British Regimental Attached Traveler,' Powell explained.

This year there is a second program at Daenner for the eastern part of the community which includes about 400 eligible children.

Register in Kaiserslautern: DSN 493-4660, civ 0631-3406-4660. Landstuhl: <http://vbs2011.eventbrite.com>. Daenner: <http://vbs2011.daenner.eventbrite.com>. In Heidelberg, registration forms are available at the chapels, the library and the Java Cafe. Adult and teen volunteers may contact traveling-tayls@gmail.com. In Mannheim, register July 3-24. Volunteers are needed and may contact the parish coordinator at DSN 380-9448, civ. 0621-730-9448.

GET OUT!

area events

More events online at <http://myBWNing.com>

June 10

Crazy for You – The Roadside Theater presents "Crazy For You" 7:30 p.m. June 10-11, 17-18 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. Special family matinees show 3 p.m. June 12. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, www.mwrgermany.com.

Brewery Festival – At the Fürstenberg brewery festival June 10-11 in Donaueschingen, visitors can taste freshly brewed Fürstenberg beer, learn about the history of the brewery and enjoy music at the Brauereigelände.

Street Festival – Enjoy international culture and culinary delights at this festival in the center of Heidenheim an der Brenz June 10-11.

Street Music Festival – This eighth annual festival welcomes visitors June 10-11 to the castle gardens in Ludwigsburg. This musical cross-over event features street musicians from all over the world, rock, pop, classical and many more genres.

June 11

Frankfurt Zoo – You don't need to travel to see lions, crocodiles, hippos and monkeys. The Frankfurt Zoo opened in 1958 and offers a variety of 500 different species and over 4,500 animals. Address: Zoo Frankfurt am Main, Bernhard-Grzimek-Allee 1, 60316 Frankfurt am Main.

June 17

White Water Rafting and Canyoning – A fun family experience (for older children) happens in Landeck, Austria, June 17-20. Reserve with Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation on Patrick Henry Village DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282 or Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation on Pulaski Barracks DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

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.

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.

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 Romeschlössgarten Creglingen features more than 70 vendors and a collection

of heritage rose species whose petals are used for culinary and cosmetic purposes. Patrons can enjoy the illumination of the rose garden when the gardens are open 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.

Flea Market – Check out the great buys at the flea market in Kirchheim at the Güterbahnhof. For a complete listing of flea markets and locations, see www.meine-flohmarkttermine.de and click on the 7000 zip code link.

June 19

Four-part Competition – This Black Forest approach to a four-part competition includes milking cows, mowing fields, 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 Wolfstal 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 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 castle gardens, 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 starting at 8 a.m.

June 25 - 26

Cloister Festival – This medieval festival is set within the walls of the old abbey in Maulbronn. Jesters, jugglers and joustlers 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 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 Soulquity and the USAREUR Groove. DSN 373-7414, civ. 06221-17-7414, www.mwrgermany.com.

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.

Ongoing

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. More information is available at www.eventtours.nl/Gospel_Choirfestival_Berlin_2012.htm.

Formula 1 Motorsport Adventure – Get tickets now at a special price for German, British and American troops to a Formula 1 race July 21-24 at Nürburgring, Nürburgring Boulevard 1, 53520 Nürburg. Children up to 14 years old are admitted free if accompanied by a ticketed adult. Those 15-17 get half off the ticket price. Camping is available. For tickets, go to www.bist-du-schnell-bist-du-dabei.de/Buchung_F1_2011_eng.pdf and click on the English pdf icon to navigate to the fillable form. The form must be faxed in. Please be sure to provide a valid e-mail address.

coming to THEATERS

X-MEN: FIRST CLASS

(James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence) In the 1960s, before Charles Xavier and Erik Lensherr were Professor X and Magneto, they were two friends discovering their new found powers. The men worked together with other mutants to stop the greatest threat the world has ever known. In the process, a rift between them opened, which began their eternal war. (PG-13 for intense sequences of action and violence, some sexual content including brief partial nudity and language). 131 minutes.



Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

June 9 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 7 p.m.
 June 10 - X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 7 p.m., 10 p.m.
 June 11 - DIARY OF A WIMPY KID 2 (PG) 4 p.m.;
 X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 7 p.m., 10 p.m.
 June 12 - DIARY OF A WIMPY KID 2 (PG) 1 p.m.;
 X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
 June 13 - HOP (PG) 7 p.m.
 June 14 - X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 15 - LIMITLESS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 16 - X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

June 10 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 4:30 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 7:30 p.m.
 June 11 - HOP (PG) 4 p.m.; LIMITLESS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 12 - DIARY OF A WIMPY KID 2 (PG) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

June 9 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.;
 HANGOVER 2 (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.;
 SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
 June 10 - X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m.;
 LIMITLESS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.;
 HOP (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
 June 11 - X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m.;
 LIMITLESS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.;
 HOP (PG) 11:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
 June 12 - 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.;
 HOP (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
 June 13 - 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.;
 HOP (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.;
 DIARY OF A WIMPY KID 2 (PG) 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 June 14 - 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.;
 HOP (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.;
 DIARY OF A WIMPY KID 2 (PG) 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 June 15 - 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.;
 HOP (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.;
 DIARY OF A WIMPY KID 2 (PG) 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
 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) 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 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

June 9-10: X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 10:45 p.m.
 June 11-15: X-MEN FIRST CLASS (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:45 p.m.
 June 9-12: HANGOVER 2 (R) 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

community HIGHLIGHTS

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.

UMUC Europe Scholarship

University of Maryland University College Europe is offering a \$500 military family member scholarship exclusively for military spouses and dependants of active duty servicemembers to be used toward UMUC tuition and textbook fees for the summer 2011 session. For active-duty enlisted servicemembers, UMUC is also offering the \$100 Orkand Family Military Book Award. DSN 314-370-6762, civ. 06221-3780, www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid, www.ed.umuc.edu.

9/11 Remembrance

AFN Heidelberg is looking for Americans and Germans living and working in the USAG Baden-Württemberg community who were significantly affected by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. To share your story, go to afneurope.net, click on the publicity request form and send it to www.hbg_traffic@afn.dma.mil with the subject line 9/11 Remembrance. Make sure to provide a valid a phone number and e-mail. DSN 382-5073, civ. 0621-779-5073.

Kaiserslautern Housing

All Soldiers will now receive initial housing briefs Mondays at Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3245, room 006, or Wednesday at the Inprocessing Training Center on Daenner Kaserne, Bldg. 3109, at 1 p.m. Appointments: DSN 483-8342, civ. 0631-411-7372. Soldiers will no longer receive the briefing at the housing office. Vogelweh Housing: DSN 489-6671, civ 0631-536-6671; Ramstein: DSN 480-3140, civ. 06371-47-3140.

local EMPLOYMENT

NAF Job Fair

A non-appropriated funds job fair takes place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 10 at the Heidelberg High School conference room and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 11 at the Village Grille on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. Meet with representatives from Family and MWR, Subway, Community Bank, University of Oklahoma, University of Maryland and Central Texas College. Come prepared to be interviewed on the spot. Open to U.S. citizens and eligible non-U.S. citizens. DSN 370-7500, civ. 06221-57-7500, www.mwrgermany.com.

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

♦ **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.

♦ **Dino the Dinosaur** – Meet Dino the Dinosaur at the Kids' Zone 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 11-12, Bldg. 2895, on Pulaski Barracks.

♦ **Kleber Library Closed** – Kleber Library will be closed June 13 and 23. The Kaiserslautern Main and Miesau Branch Libraries will be open. www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **KMC Onstage** – Auditions for Disney's 101 Dalmatians take place 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 13 and 14 at KMC Onstage on Kleber Kaserne. DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-411-6626.

♦ **Flag Day Retirement** – A flag day proclamation and honorable flag retirement ceremony will be held 4 p.m. June 14 at the Berlin Wall Memorial between the Ramstein Officers Club and the U.S. Air Forces Europe headquarters. Those wishing to retire unserviceable flags may bring them between 3 and 3:30 p.m.

♦ **Change of Command** – The 212th Combat Support Hospital will conduct a change of command between Col. Richard A. Jordan and Col. Ann M. Sarmartino at the Miesau Army Ammo Depot Sports Field 10 a.m. June 14. In inclement weather, the ceremony will be in the Miesau Gym.

♦ **Father's Day Bingo** – All dads are invited 3-7 p.m. June 19 to 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.

♦ **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.

♦ **Quilt Club** – Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild will meet 6 p.m. every fourth Thursday in June, July and August at the KLSA building on Pulaski Barracks. Stitch n' Gab meet 10 a.m.-5 p.m. day on Fridays at the Kapauu 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.

HEIDELBERG

Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – Intro to MS Word, 9-11 a.m. June 13-14; Culture College (formally known as FLAG), 5-9 p.m. June 13-16; Field Trip, 8:30 a.m. June 18; Anger Management, 1-3 p.m. June 14; Effective Management of Volunteers, 10-11 a.m. June 15; Understanding the Thrift Savings Plan, 12-1:30 p.m. June 15; Mandatory 1st Termers Financial Readiness, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 16; Making Effective Decisions for Warriors in Transition, 10 a.m.-noon June 16, Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622, Company B conference room.

♦ **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** – University of Maryland University College Europe continues registration for Europe online courses through June 12 with classes starting June 13. DSN 314-370-6762, civ. 06221-3780. 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

♦ **Midsummer Read** – Register now for A Midsummer Knight's Read, a summer reading program. It will 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.

♦ **Legends** – Join the hip hop party 9 p.m. June 11 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN: 388-9570, civ. 06221-57-9570.

♦ **Inspirations** – The Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village opens the Sandra Walker: Inspirations from Nature Art exhibition 7 p.m. June 11. It remains on display through June 26. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418.

♦ **Volksmarches** – The Heidelberg International Wandering Club is registered at Krumbach and Schwedelbach June 11-12. www.hiwv.de.

♦ **Good Will Project** – Youth need to turn in permission slips by June 13 to the Lion's Den on Patrick Henry Village for the Child, Youth and School Services good will project 8 a.m.-5 p.m. June 20-24. Teens will work with German youth clubs to restore a Jewish cemetery and learn about the Holocaust. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

♦ **Customs Office** – Due to German holidays, U.S. Forces Customs field

office will be closed June 13 and 23.

♦ **Waste collection** – Upcoming German holidays will change waste collection pickups. Whitsun (June 13) moves bulk item collection to June 14, MTV waste collection to June 17 and PHV 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.

♦ **Cheap Eats** – Join the barbecue and cookout 6-8 p.m. June 15 at the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5221, civ. 06221-17-5221, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **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. 338-9098, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Escape to England** – BOSS goes to England for a two-night stay July 1-4. 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.

♦ **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.

♦ **Lunch and Learn** – If you have a military ID card with access to Campbell Barracks join Rabbi Weiss in the conference room next to his office 11:45-12:45 p.m. Wednesdays to study the Bible in Bldg. 31-North, next to the Shopette.

♦ **Boat Cruise, Castle Fire** – The Rhein-Neckar Silver Chapter Warrant Officers Association is hosting its River Boat Cruise and Castle Fireworks July 30 and the Wounded Warrior Heidelberg Castle Illumination on Sept. 3. DSN 370-5101, civ. 06221-57-5101, www.rhein-neckar-silver.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 is 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.

MANNHEIM

Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – Family Readiness Group 101, 1-3 p.m. June 10; Car Seat Safety Checks by appointment only, June 13, Bldg. 251; Mommy and Me Signing Time, 3-4 p.m. June 14, Bldg. 251; Family Readiness Group Funds Management, 9-11 a.m. June 15. Classes are at ACS.

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 departing 7:30 a.m. July 4 from the Seuh 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.

♦ **Blood Drive** – sponsored by the Mannheim Health Clinic and the American Red Cross 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 14 at the Sullivan Gym. Appointments: www.militarydonor.com/index.cfm?group=op&hgjid=1.

♦ **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.

♦ **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.

♦ **CYSS Registrations** – Parents wishing to register or re-register their children with Child, Youth and School Services need to sign in at Parent Central Services a minimum of 30 minutes before closing time. Parent Central Services in Bldg. 696 is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 388-9240, civ. 06221-338-9240.

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

Youth tennis serves up champions

CYSS Sports and Fitness

The 2011 Installation Management Command Europe Child, Youth and School Services Tennis Championships were held Saturday at the tennis center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg.

"The wonderfully sunny weather provided an excellent backdrop for a spectacular tournament highlighting the culmination of the inaugural Child, Youth and School Services tennis season," said John English, CYSS sports and fitness director.

Some 30 participants displayed their skills on the clay courts. Many of the participants had just picked up a tennis racket for the first time at the start of their spring season.

"Now they're smitten with the tennis bug," English said.

The sport saw unprecedented interest this season.

"It's amazing to see such an increase of youth requesting membership at the Tennis Center since the inception of the CYSS spring tennis program," said Adel Ismail, the Heidelberg Tennis Center Pro who served as coach for the Heidelberg team. Ismail said he looks forward to having the youth of U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg back on the courts next year.

For information about tennis and other youth sports, contact John English, USAG Baden-Württemberg CYSS sports and fitness director DSN 388-9397, civ. 06221-338-9397.

Results of Youth Tennis Championships

- Boys 8-9 year old singles**— first place DeClan Colbert (Heidelberg), second Place Francis Alombro (Heidelberg)
- Girls 8-9 year old singles** — first place Isabella Batten (Kaiserslautern), second place Hannah Ismail (Heidelberg)
- Boys 10-12 year old singles** — first place Jeremiah Hill (Wiesbaden), second place Jacob Frohland-Hagg (Heidelberg)
- Girls 10-12 year old singles** — first place Makaylah Dalton (Heidelberg), second place Stephanie Grabski (Wiesbaden)
- Boys 13-15 year old singles** — first place Patrick Whalen (Heidelberg), second place Mitchell Moore (Wiesbaden)
- Girls 13-15 year old single** — first place Yasmin Ismail (Heidelberg), second place Jennifer Grabski (Wiesbaden)
- Boys 10-12 year old doubles** — first place Ian Colbert and Jacob Frohland-Hagg (Heidelberg), second Place Jeremiah Hill and Konner Ramos (Wiesbaden)
- Girls 10-12 year old doubles** — first place Makaylah Dalton and Yasmin Ismail (Heidelberg), second place Stephanie Grabski and Jennifer Grabski (Wiesbaden)
- Co-ed 13-15 year old category** — first Place Patrick Whalen and Zachary Krapf, second place Katie Mosley and Mitchell Moore (Kaiserslautern)
- Team scoring:** first place — Heidelberg (55 points), second place Wiesbaden (34 points) and third place Kaiserslautern (8 points)

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AUSA Golf

The Association of the U.S. Army will host a golf tournament in honor of the U.S. Army's 236th birthday June 10 at the Heidelberg course. Format will be four-person, best-ball scramble with an 8 a.m. start. Registration is limited to the first 24 teams.

Army Birthday Runs

A 5-kilometer run and walk for the 236th Army birthday will take place June 11 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg with registration at 8:30 a.m. and race start at 9 a.m. DSN 314-370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489. An Army Birthday Community Run will be held 6 a.m. June 10 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 370, in Kaiserslautern. DSN 493-2088, civ. 0631-3406-2088.

Soccer Officials Clinic

Ansbach, Germany, and Vicenza, Italy, will host this year's soccer officials clinics June 14-18 to train future officials for military youth sports events. Register for Germany: DSN 379-7667, civ. 06202-80-6574.

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, qmstr1@googlemail.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.

Heidelberg Tennis Center

Seasonal memberships are available at the Patrick Henry Village Tennis Center. Fee includes balls, court time, locker room facilities and discounted lessons. DSN 373-7998, civ. 06221-17-7998.

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. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040.



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MP Warrior Leader



Sgt. Adrienne Burns

Under a watchful eye, Sgt. James Byrnes, a native of Green Bay, Wis., and a team leader with the 615th Military Police Company, makes his way across one of the many obstacles on a course during the 18th MP Brigade's Warrior and Warrior Leader of the Year competition May 1-3 in Baumholder. Byrnes was named the Warrior Leader of the Year for the 18th MP Brigade.

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"It's not just about being able to sing," said Capt. Bryan Ralls, Executive Officer of the USA-REUR Soldiers' Chorus. "It's about being musical ambassadors for the U.S. Army in Europe."

The chorus is sent throughout Europe to perform for high-profile dignitaries and the local public.

They recently returned from a trip to Serbia and are gearing up for a performance in London for British royalty.

Currently, the chorus is seeking new members to fill slots for vocalists, keyboardist, guitarist, choreographer and sound engineer. Staff Sergeant and below in every Military Occupational Specialty are eligible to audition.

Those interested should contact Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Madison at civ. 0172-512-1829.

"We've got everything from an 11 Bravo [Infantryman], to a 42 Alpha [Human Resources Specialist], and even a 15 Quebec [Air Traffic Controller]," said Staff Sgt.

Lucky Tagaloa, the USA-REUR Chorus recruitment noncommissioned officer.

"As long as you're in the Army, you're a good Soldier and have musical talent, we want you to audition. And if you want to see what we can do, definitely check us out on the 4th of July [in Heidelberg]," Tagaloa added.

At last year's celebration, the chorus had a crowd of over 5,000 jumping, dancing and cheering during their rendition of the hit pop song "I Gotta Feeling" by the Black Eyed

Peas.

"If you thought last year was good, this year we're going to do it up bigger and better," said Ralls, with a roundtable of nods by fellow chorus members who were excited about performing for their friends and families.

The Heidelberg Fourth of July Celebration will take place behind the library on Patrick Henry Village starting at 4 p.m.

It will feature rock band Crazy, Jimmy's Souliquity and top off with an hour-long performance by the USA-

REUR Chorus. Food, rides, kids' games, beach volleyball and huge prize giveaways will also be part of the festivities that end at dusk with fireworks.

The event is hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and is sponsored by TKS, Corona, Bavarian Motor Cars, Pentagon Car Sales, Embry Riddle University, Service Credit Union, Volvo, Mirascon Auto Insurance and Mercedes-Benz.

Fourth of July

Join the Fourth of July fun 4-11 p.m. July 4 behind the 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.mwgermany.com.

Logistics Excellence

Four local units were among the 99 logistics units from throughout the Army honored at the Army's 2011 Combined Logistics Excellence Awards in Richmond, Va., May 12. The units were involved in last year's historic logistics operations, when the Army moved out millions of pieces of equipment from Iraq and closed hundreds of bases as combat operations ended. Others were involved in moving 30,000 servicemembers and their equipment into Afghanistan, as part of last year's surge, or providing humanitarian

aid following the earthquake in Haiti.

Maintenance Excellence

Chief of Staff, Army, Award for Maintenance Excellence Winner: All Others Small: 6981st Civilian Support Group, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Mannheim; and Chief of Staff, Army, Award for Maintenance Excellence Runner-Up: All Others Large: Maintenance Activity Kaiserslautern, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Kaiserslautern

Deployment Excellence

Chief of Staff, Army, Deployment Excellence Award

Winner: Small Deploying Unit Category: A Battery, 5/7 Air Defense Artillery, 357th Air and Missile Defense Detachment, Kaiserslautern; and Runner-Up: Supporting Unit Category: 39th Transportation Battalion (MC), 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Kaiserslautern

Communications, Electronics

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association International honored two employees May 19 in Washington.

Leadership Award

Sgt. Jason M. Queen, a Command Post NCOIC assigned to 72nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion in Mannheim for work during his deployment in support of the transition from Operation Iraqi Freedom to Operation Enduring Freedom.

Communications Award

Maj. Hugh P. McCauley, S-3 Operations Officer in Charge, 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, for establishing the Joint Network Control Center in Afghanistan, allowing a 10-fold bandwidth increase.