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On May 8, 1914, U.S. Congress established Mother's Day as a tribute to all mothers. In 1923, Germany followed suit. Today, 96 nations celebrate Mother's Day.

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SOLDIER FOR A DAY

A wish came true for a little boy in Wyoming April 28. Erick Morales has been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy, and has lost the ability to move his legs. With the help of his respite care provider and the Oklahoma National Guard, he got his wish: to be a Soldier.

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Seeking the target

Soldiers shoot, swim, march to earn coveted badge

By Sgt. Adrienne Burns
18TH MP BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Military police, known as the Army's "triple strand of strength" because of work in law enforcement, corrections and criminal investigations, proved themselves by completing a different tripecta, April 15-17 in Mannheim

Through coordination with the American Forces Network headquarters, Soldiers from around Germany had the opportunity to earn three coveted awards in three days: the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, the German see **BADGE** page 18

Sgt. Adrienne Burns

Time for the May Fair



Donna Walker

Mannheim's Maimarkt, or May Fair, opened Saturday with perfect weather and 1,400 vendors selling or displaying household goods, garden supplies, tools and building materials and much more. Visitors can walk through homes whose floor plans and decor vary from Tuscan traditional to ultra-modern. The fair is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through May 10.

Wiesbaden hosts town hall meeting for Heidelberg

By Elizabeth Casebeer
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

To alleviate the concerns and questions surrounding the V Corps move to Wiesbaden this summer, U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden staff hosted a town hall meeting April 27 at the Patrick Henry Village theater in Heidelberg.

About 80 Soldiers and their families have been identified as among the first to move, said Dr. Robert Kandler, USAG Wiesbaden deputy commander.

mander.

One of the general concerns of the transformation was space available in Wiesbaden and its surrounding communities.

"When Wiesbaden was being looked at for being the new home of V Corps, this was definitely one of the main concerns. We have verified Wiesbaden is large enough to accommodate its growing population," said Kandler.

The garrison is currently large enough to support about 7,500 see **MOVE** page 18

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Heidelberg, Mannheim high school, middle school students form teams to ease transition of moves

Student led, school managed program guides newcomers in unfamiliar settings

By **Kathy Tone**

MANNHEIM AND HEIDELBERG PARENT TO PARENT

Heidelberg High School's Student to Student team will soon put their training to work as they welcome over 100 new students from Mannheim in the next school year.

Kara Mittenzwey, the school sponsor for S2S, described the 25-member team's plan to help the incoming Mannheim students.

"In addition to the numerous activities – shadow day, barbecues, transition activities at Heidelberg High School, Mannheim and Heidelberg transition T-shirts – we plan on being our friendly selves during the transition process," she said.

No matter how many times a military child has changed schools, it is a daunting experience. Starting over, making new friends, figuring out how the new school operates

are just a few of the challenges a new student faces in the transition process.

"We know there are many adults as well as students who are nervous about the transition and plan to maintain a comfortable environment so everyone feels safe and welcomed," Mittenzwey said.

Fortunately for military children in over 250 schools in the United States and overseas, there is a program designed to help them meet their exact transition needs.

Student to Student is a student led, school managed program sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition in which students guide newcomers through their unfamiliar surroundings, offering information, assistance and friendship from a peer's perspective.

"We greet over 100 new kids every school year (as well as the incoming ninth graders) and feel confident in our ability to help them feel comfortable here," Mittenzwey said.

The S2S program started in 2004 after the U.S. Army asked the MCEC to design, conduct and coordinate a comprehensive study of the effects of transition on students during high school years.

Nine installations and their

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companion school districts worldwide participated in Secondary Education Transition Study.

The results of SETS determined that, for most students, the crucial elements for a successful introduction to a new school are immediate peer relationships, valued and relevant information about the school and community and a sense of acceptance and trust.

MCEC designed Student to Student to address these issues. It now trains hundreds of students and counselors each year on how to plan and implement the program in their own schools.

S2S and S2S Junior for middle schools are different in each school but both are based on the same principles.

The primary objective of S2S is to reach new students early in the transition process and provide the three critical elements necessary for a positive start in their new school.

Another goal of S2S is to change the focus of the transitioning student from what he or she has lost to what they will gain in their new school.

To meet this goal, Heidelberg Middle School's Student to Student junior team has produced a brochure which features everything a middle school student might be interested in – from after school activities to the best pools in the local area and nearby shopping and restaurants.

For a list of schools in the United States and overseas with active Student to Student programs, check the website www.militarychild.org.



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DISCUSSION BOARD

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

"Mannheim's Got Talent Grand Finale results: Adults - Tim Cunningham with "Friends In Low Places," Kieli Watkins with 'Listen' (Dream Girls) and multi-talented Ellis Hamilton took it for the Youth with 'On My Knees' (vocal and saxophone). What a night! Standing room only crowd and outstanding community support. Way to go, Mannheim!"
– Mannheim Idol, BWnow Facebook fan

The Mannheim Facebook page has lots of photos posted. Go to www.facebook.com/USAGMannheim.

–BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Does anyone know of a place that has horseback riding lessons for kids? My daughter really wants to take them and I am coming up with no results."
–Crystal, BWnow Facebook fan

"Hi Crystal. Child, Youth and School Services SKIES does not currently offer lessons directly, but they gave us contact information for a place in the general Heidelberg area: Reiterverein Heidelberg e.V. The German Website is www.pferdesportverein-heidelberg.de."

–BWnow Facebook Administrator



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TRICARE program offers coverage for young adults

DOD Public Affairs

DOD announced April 27 the Tricare Young Adult enrollment coverage opened effective May 1.

Military dependents under 26, unmarried and not eligible for their own employer-sponsored health care coverage may be qualified to purchase TYA which offers Tricare Standard coverage, for monthly premiums of \$186 as long as their sponsor is still eligible for Tricare.

Those eligible for TYA who have

been saving receipts since Jan. 1 in anticipation of the new program, can also pay all premiums back to January to purchase coverage retroactively.

Beneficiaries can get information tailored to their specific location and find out where to send their form and payment by filling out the simple profile at www.tricare.mil.

Once the initial three-month fee is made, monthly premiums must be paid in advance through automated electronic payments.

When the application is processed,

Tricare coverage will begin the first day of the following month.

However, since TYA was "fast-tracked" to begin enrollment as soon as systems changes, forms, premiums and other rules governing the program were approved and in place, a short term waiver will allow coverage back to May 1, as long as enrollment forms and payment are received (not postmarked) by the regional contractor prior to May 31.

After receiving a welcome letter and enrollment card, dependents and

sponsors should visit the uniformed services identification card issuing facility to obtain a dependent ID card. The card identifies eligibility for health care, prescriptions and access to military installations for the dependent. Local ID card facilities can be found through a link at www.tricare.mil/tya. A prime benefit will be available later this year. For e-alerts on TYA and other Tricare news, sign up at www.tricare.mil/subscriptions. A list of regional healthcare support contractors can be found at www.tricare.mil/tya.

Children learn about parents' Army jobs

Story by Spc. Glenn M. Anderson
221ST PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Ten children of Army Reserve Soldiers and civilians of the 7th Civil Support Command participated in a Job Shadow Day April 19 on Daenner Kaserne in Kaiserslautern.

The event was sponsored by the family programs office and provided an opportunity for children to observe their parents at work and learn a little about what the Army Reserve has to offer.

"My dad is showing me how to keep people in the work place nice and safe," said Belen Simpson, daughter of Lt. Col. Greg Simpson, the deputy chief of staff of engineering. "He is trying to help people be safe from everyday things."

Belen tried on personal protective equipment such as gloves and goggles

and learned safety tips.

"It was fulfilling having my daughter be able to see what I do here at the 7th CSC," Simpson said, who works dual-hatted as the safety and environmental compliance officer.

"We were able to see and participate in different events such as getting a list of all the trees here on post, checking out a spill kit in case of an environmental spill and distribute safety knowledge magazines at the dining facility," he said.

"It was a great experience and I learned how difficult each person's job is," said Michael Martinez, son of Sgt. 1st Class Nayda Martinez, equal opportunity advisor. "I am very grateful for what they do."

"The community offered so many great programs this year in order to promote education and awareness," Martinez said. "Michael is currently



Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Conrad

Belen Simpson, left, and Michael Martinez talk about their experiences during a Job Shadow Day luncheon April 19 on Kleber Kaserne. The event provided the children the opportunity to experience what their parents do at work and to learn about the Army Reserve.

reviewing his career objectives and revising strategies for achieving them. The insight and input he received from others in the same career field will greatly help him make a realistic decision on future career choices."

Children toured the dining facility on Kleber Kaserne and ate lunch with

their parents.

"The experience strengthened their enthusiasm for learning about other professions, valuing the uniqueness and daily sacrifices not just from Soldiers, but also families and the importance of what they do in our everyday life," Martinez said.

Garrison leaders discuss Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy

By Dijon Rolle
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg military leaders and Army civilians gathered at the Patton Barrack's Roadside Theater in Heidelberg Friday for a tier-two session of Don't Ask Don't Tell training.

The training is being used to educate senior military leaders and civilian employees about the repeal of the military's policy and its potential effects on the armed forces and its day-to-day operations.

Training sessions are broken into three tiers for senior, upper-level and junior service members and civilian employees. Tier two attendees

will be responsible for educating members of their sections and units on changes to the long-standing policy.

USAG Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. William Butcher led the two-and-a-half-hour session which opened with a video featuring retired Gen. George W. Casey, former Army Chief of Staff.

"Leader support for this effort must be visible and unequivocal if we are to implement the new policy without interrupting our war time mission," Casey said.

"The intent of the training is for you to understand how we will implement the change in policy, not to debate its merits," Casey said.

He called on leaders to fully support the military's overall efforts to introduce the policy without disrupting the nation's mission.

Under the repeal, service members will no longer be discharged based on their sexual orientation, nor will their sexual orientation be a factor in recruitment and retention.

The Army will also prohibit the collection of data about an individual's sexual orientation except when it is essential to an investigation or other official act.

"We as leaders have an obligation to understand this change and to properly ensure those who work for us under-

stand this change and the way to characterize all of this is to characterize it through our Army values," Butcher said.

During the briefing attendees also had an opportunity to discuss situation based scenarios and ask questions about the forthcoming changes to DADT.

"It's very important because we do have Soldiers who are gay and lesbian serving now and we need to know how to best handle any situation that we may come in contact with in regards to the Don't Ask Don't Tell Policy," said Master Sgt. Romeo Satsatin.

"It's very good training and it's very needed because there are a lot of questions out there

and this training actually answered a lot of the ones I had," he said.

The current DADT policy is still in effect and the repeal will not be effective until 60 days after the president, the secretary of defense and the chairman of the joint chiefs agree the changes can be enacted without disrupting military readiness and effectiveness.

Military officials have not yet announced a repeal date.

All Department of the Army General Schedule civilians 11 and above, nonappropriated fund four and above and military personnel E-7 and above were required to attend the training.

AFN Openline on Transformation

American Forces Network Europe will air a special AFN Openline on transformation 10 a.m. May 18 featuring the leaders of U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg, Wiesbaden, Mannheim the Heidelberg Medical Department Activity and the Exchange. The live program includes USAG BW Commander Col. William Butcher, USAG Wiesbaden Commander Col. Jeffrey Dill, Heidelberg Medical Department Activity Commander Col. P.K. Underwood, Mannheim Base Operations Manager Ralph Santaliz, Exchange General Manger Frank Niccoll and U.S. Army Europe Deputy Relocation Task Force Dave Fulton. DSN 389-4595, civ. 0621-4608-5595 or e-mail ahead of time to openline@afn.dma.mil.

AFN Heidelberg – 104.6 FM, 1143 AM

AFN Mannheim – 107.3 FM, 1143 AM

AFN Wiesbaden – 98.7 FM, 870 AM

Mannheim Health Clinic to close in December

Staff Report

The health clinic on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will close this December.

Servicemembers living in Mannheim will be seen at the Coleman Barracks clinic, and family members will receive services from the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg.

A shuttle bus is available those who need transportation to Heidelberg.

The number of providers in Mannheim will stay the same until December except for the optometrist.

After May 18, Mannheim Soldiers can continue to receive vision screening and the eye portion of most physicals at the Mannheim clinic. Aviation personnel can also complete the vision portion

of select flight physicals in Mannheim but must first receive instructions at the Coleman Health Clinic.

All other eye screenings will shift to Heidelberg.

Patient liaisons will remain in Mannheim to help community members schedule medical appointments on the economy. There are four patient liaisons on the clinic staff and one at the Mannheim Klinikum. Civ. 0621-730-9534/9543/9777.

For help after hours, 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 People to Remember

With the impending inactivation of Mannheim there are two names for community members to keep in mind – Mr. Ralph Santaliz, Base Operations Manager, DSN 385-2774, civ. 0162-296-9171, rafael.santaliz@eur.army.mil, and Master Sgt. Romeo Satsatin, Base Operations NCOIC, DSN 385-2588, civ. 0162-281-4178, romeo.satsatin@eur.army.mil. They are located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks and are ready to assist Mannheim community members.

Transformation Information

- ♦USAG Baden-Württemberg website www.bw.eur.army.mil – click on Transformation under Hot Topics.
- ♦USAG Wiesbaden website is at www.wiesbaden.army.mil – click on Transformation Update.
- ♦U.S. Army Europe information is found at www.eur.army.mil/internal.htm – click on USAREUR relocation blog.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

Is there enough base housing in Wiesbaden?

Wiesbaden has enough Army family housing to meet the U.S. Army Europe housing policy, which is 100 percent of key and essential personnel, 100 percent of staff sergeants and below, and 10 percent of sergeants first class and above, excluding key and essential.

Is it true that family housing in Wiesbaden is not protected by security perimeters and ID checks? Why was this expense justified in Heidelberg but not in Wiesbaden? Please address whether security gates will be installed and when. If not, please explain why.

Three of the family housing areas, Aukamm, Crestview and Hainerberg, are open. They are patrolled by Military Police and the German Polizei. All three of these housing areas are located in German communities with public streets maintained by the city of Wiesbaden. An access control point for Hainerberg is programmed for construction in 2013 and then the entire Hainerberg housing area will have controlled access. Personnel will have the option of living in the controlled housing areas on Wiesbaden Army Airfield and Hainerberg as quarters become available. U.S. Army Europe has approved allowing the other two housing areas to remain open with the ability to close them upon high threat conditions.

I keep hearing different dates for when Tompkins Barracks is scheduled to close – 2015 was put out last year when base closures were announced, but now I have heard 2012. Can you help shed some light on this for me?

Tompkins Barracks will close no later than November 2012. Prior to that time, closures of facilities will take place. Nearby Kilbourne Barracks is scheduled to be vacated by December.

Facilities Operations Changes

Mannheim DEERS, ID Cards, Passports – The DEERS, ID cards and passport offices has 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 PPO will change May 2: 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 will move from Bldg. 255 into Bldg. 246 May 16. The ACS Lending Closet services have relocated to Bldg. 246.

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.

Parent Central Services – Mannheim's Parent Central Services and Family Child Care have relocated to the Youth Services Bldg. 696 with new hours: 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone numbers remain the same: DSN 380-9135, civ. 0621-730-9132.

AAFES Gas Station – The gas station in Mannheim on Benjamin Franklin Village South will change its operating hours June 1. New hours will be 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 – Beginning July 1, Popeyes and Taco Bell on Benjamin Franklin Village South in Mannheim will be closed Mondays.

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.

Mark Twain Village Shoppette – The shoppette on Mark Twain Village in Heidelberg will close June 3. 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.

Burger King – Burger King on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg will close May 30.

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

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

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.

Mannheim to Heidelberg Shuttle Buses – Mannheim's community shuttle bus service now stops at the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility located on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg in 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.

Mannheim Military Personnel Division – Mannheim's MPD has transferred to U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg MPD. Mannheim services that have relocated include community in and out-processing, reassignments processing, Soldier personnel actions, military personnel records updates, transition services, ACAP, casualty and memorial affairs and post retirement services. Mannheim services that will remain are located in Bldg. 246 on Sullivan Barracks and include passports, ID card services and ration card services. An announcement of when these services will relocate to Heidelberg will be made at a later date. Some services such as Soldier readiness processing, pre-deployment processing, re-deployment re-integration and unit group out-processing will be conducted in the community most convenient for Soldiers and will be coordinated with units and the garrison. DSN 370-3347, civ. 06221-57-3347, Czernyng 14, 69115 Heidelberg, www.bw.eur.army.mil/DHR/DHR_milpo.html.

Credit scores free to military members

Staff Report

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation now provides free access to FICO credit scores to active duty servicemembers and their spouses.

The FINRA foundation partnered with the Department of Defense Office of Personal Finance to provide access to this tool via the network of Personal Financial Managers who work on military installations around the world.

"I am very happy the FINRA Foundation decided to offer this free service to the military community," said Ainhoa Revuelta, Financial Readiness Program Manager at Heidelberg Army Community Services.

"Many Soldiers wanted to have a closer look at their credit score and before this they had to pay for the service. Some would only find out about problems with their credit after applying for a new loan at the bank," she said.

Revuelta explained the service would not lower the user's credit score because it is considered a "soft" inquiry. The inquiry also does not count toward the 2003 congressionally mandated free annual credit report from each of the three credit bureaus, she added.

In addition to providing the credit score and full report, servicemembers are also granted access to educational tools in the FICO Standard service, like the FICO Score Simulator at no cost. This last application allows the user to try different actions and estimates how the score can subsequently improve.

Revuelta said this tool will provide Soldiers and their spouses with great feedback on how they are managing their finances and they will know if they need to take steps toward improving their credit.

They also will be able to make smarter financial decisions like paying down their credit cards, develop a new monthly budget or pay off debts.

The FRPMs will process the request through the FINRA Foundation and the servicemember will receive an e-mail with step by step instructions on how to open an account with www.my-FICO.com to get the score, which can be either TransUnion or Equifax. After receiving their product, he or she will be able to retrieve it online during the next 30 days.

This service provides the active duty servicemembers and their spouses with an opportunity to monitor credit and learn how to better manage finances. Additionally, the FRP continues to provide a variety of financial services to the military community. If after checking their FICO score and their credit reports servicemembers and their spouses still have questions, they can request assistance in budget planning or debt liquidation or just take one of the classes provided at ACS.

Anybody who qualifies for this service in the Baden-Württemberg community can contact Financial Readiness Program Managers at ACS in Heidelberg, DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883 or Mannheim, DSN 385-3101, civ. 0621-730-3101.

Faces of the community: Child, Youth, School Services



Brandon Spragins

Rod Rodriguez, with Child, Youth and School Services, will present Basic Bicycle Repair courses 4:30 p.m. May 10 and May 25 behind the Lion's Den on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg and 4:30 p.m. May 18 at Panther's Place, also on Patrick Henry Village. To sign up, call Parent Central Services. DSN 388-9294, civ. 06221-338-9240.

Volunteers recognized

Staff Report

Volunteers break the mold, so much so the guest speaker at the recognition ceremony held April 28 in Heidelberg called them outlaws.

Eliane Wentz walked through the ballroom at the Village Pavilion, slinging toy guns and speaking to the crowd of more than 400 people there to honor U.S. Army Baden-Württemberg volunteers.

Pulling a cowboy's bandana over her mouth and nose, she said, "You don't do it to be recognized. A volunteer doesn't do it for the glory."

In keeping with the "Wanted: A Few Good Volunteers" theme, Wentz complimented the volunteers. She remarked upon their rejection of minimum wage and said

they could be accused of breaking the law for that.

Then she revealed her guns. Most outlaws have at least one gun and Wentz called that one talent. Special outlaws sling two guns, and the second she named gift.

"The most important gift a volunteer can give is time," she said. "You don't get that back."

The gift of time donated by the USAG BW volunteers amounted to closed to \$4.5 million, the total amount had they been paid minimum wage at \$7.25 an hour. The garrison has more than 3,000 volunteers.

Mannheim, the Heidelberg Medical Department Activity and the American Red Cross also recognized its volunteers at separate events.

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg

Commander Col. William Butcher and Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber presented the volunteer awards. Among them was a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal presented to Spc. Andrea Robinson with the Heidelberg BOSS, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, program.

"I didn't do it for the award," Robinson said. "If everybody just gave back to the community, then the quality of life would be better."

Volunteer Rebecca Steil works with the American Red Cross and the Heidelberg Community Spouses Club but she most enjoys working in the schools.

"Little kids are fun to work with," she said. "Kids are more appreciative of what you do."

From the COURTROOM

Staff Sgt. Francis Mohamed Kaikai was convicted April 22 by an enlisted panel at a general court martial on two specifications of violating Article 107 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, false official statement and two specifications of violating Article 121 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, larceny of government funds. Kaikai was sentenced to a reduction in grade to E-2, six months confinement and a \$15,000 fine with an additional six months of confinement if the fine is not paid by Oct. 15.

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

Celebrate Army's 236th birthday

By Bruce Anderson
USAREUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Army Europe will celebrate the Army's 236th birthday this year with a week full of activities.

The Army's Birthday is June 14.

Celebrations begin 7 a.m. June 9 with a prayer breakfast at in the Casablanca Room on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg. The theme of the event is Celebrating the Spirit and Soul of Our Army. For free tickets and information, contact the office of the chaplain at civ. 06221-57-7385.

Prayers might help the players at the next scheduled Army birthday event, a four-player, team golf scramble June 10 at the Heidelberg Golf Course in Ofternheim hosted by the Association of the United States Army. Tee off shotgun start is at 8 a.m. and sign-in starts at 6:45 a.m. Participants must register by June 6. For information, call civ. 06202-80-6388.

For those looking for a slightly faster paced outdoor activity, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg is sponsoring a free Army birthday 5-kilometer fun run and walk June 11. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Village Pavilion on Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village. The run will start at 9 a.m.

Units or organizations planning to run as a group should provide event organizers a list of their group's runners in advance at civ. 06221-57-6489.

The Patrick Henry Village Pavilion is the site of another highlight of the week-long celebration – USAREUR's Army Birthday Ball.

The ball begins 6 p.m. June 11 and is open to those 18 years and older.

A limited number of tickets are available for the ball and they are on sale now. For information about the ball or to purchase tickets, contact the USAREUR protocol office at civ. 06221-39-4507 or 4521.

Since it is the Army's birthday June 14, it is fitting that USAREUR will serve birthday cake that day at 10 a.m. in the Keyes Building conference room on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg. This event will include a reading of the Army Birthday Children's Book. All children are welcome to attend.

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

Visit the USAREUR and U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Facebook pages for ways to honor the sacrifices Soldiers and their family members have made over the past 236 years.

Youth of the year recognized by Boys, Girls Club

By Rick Scavetta
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The daughter of a U.S. Army officer at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Kaiserslautern was selected as the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year for the Installation Management Command's European region.

Natalie Ruiz-Castillo, 16, a junior at Ramstein High School, earned a spot in the regional competition after being named Youth of the Year for U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern. The award is the highest honor a Boys and Girls Club member can receive. Ruiz-Castillo has been a club member for 11 years.

Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, Ruiz-Castillo lived in Arizona, North Carolina, Mississippi, Japan, Arkansas and Texas before moving to Germany in late 2009. Taking part in activities has helped her adjust to new communities and offered a positive outlet for her talents, she said. The Landstuhl youth center offers a safe place where Ruiz-Castillo meets with friends and does not have pressures, she said.

"It's where I can surround myself with positive people in a positive atmosphere," Ruiz-Castillo said.

Since 1947, the award program has recognized teens for outstanding service to the club, their local communities and their families. The judging criteria also include strong academics, morals, goals and public speaking



Lea Scavetta

Natalie Ruiz-Castillo, a junior at Ramstein High School, is U.S. Army Installation Management Command Europe's Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year.

abilities.

Last year, Ruiz-Castillo accumulated more than 600 hours volunteering. Each quarter, she's made the academic honor roll. She is secretary of the Thespian Honor Society and a member of both the National and Spanish Honor Societies. Ruiz-Castillo is also secretary and treasurer of the Ramstein Keystone Club.

Her selection comes amid a month-long focus on military children. For the past 25 years, the U.S. Department of Defense has honored the children of its service members in April – the Month of the Military Child. Americans take time to recognize the nation's 1.8 million military children, many who have seen parents deploy more than once in the past decade.

Ruiz-Castillo has been invited by IMCOM-E to attend a June youth leadership forum near Bitburg. She will compete with winners from other service branches in the European region, said Ricky Ruiz, director of U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's youth programs

"The award is one of the highest that a club member can achieve," he said. "(We) are extremely proud of Natalie."

Regional winners can receive a \$10,000 scholarship and compete nationally. National winners may earn up to \$50,000 for school. Ruiz-Castillo aspires to attend a university in Puerto Rico to study architecture.

Maj. Orlando Ruiz-Sosa, who works in public health at Landstuhl, said the pride he feels for his daughter is hard to describe in words.

"She's a leader and she has charisma," Ruiz-Sosa said. "She's always been interested in helping people and involved in the community. We are very proud of her accomplishment."

Baden-Württemberg recognized at symposium

Wiesbaden Public Affairs

WIESBADEN, Germany – "We don't want you to do more with less; we want you to do less better."

That was a message shared by Installation Management Commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch at the Installation Management Symposium in San Antonio April 18-21.

Acknowledging that in an era of "fundamentally different economic realities" cutting across the entire spectrum of U.S. government operations, a renewed focus on how dollars are spent to provide Soldiers and their families with vital services and support is crucial.

"We are not in an austere environment, we are in an environment of having less than we had before," Lynch said. That means finding better ways to use natural resources and "human

capital," reduce energy costs and eliminate and replace programs and services that are no longer effective, he said. While engineers and planners continue to seek ways to reach a net zero operating environment, everyone must look for ways to improve efficiencies.

While pointing to the ways U.S. installations around the world are incorporating greener methods and technology in construction projects, the commander said it is important that managers look at future and existing facilities for ways to enhance energy and water efficiency, sustainability and stretch funding. "What are we going to do to make the facilities we have good enough? ... Can we build buildings with the express purpose of making them multipurpose facilities?"

Lynch pointed out that IMCOM headquarters will

merge with the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command by June.

Hundreds of managers from the installation management community, including U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg, attended the conference.

"We owe it to you to develop you," said Lynch, describing efforts to enhance professionalism. "We have to do better at talent management ... We can't do what we do without talented professionals like you."

Army leaders recognized the Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, safety, internal review, public works, environmental efforts, quality of life and sustainability, Army Communities of Excellence, IMCOM Stalwart nominees and outstanding public affairs practitioners. Wiesbaden received the Army Community of Excellence Gold Award for

building a quality environment, outstanding facilities and superior services. The recognition that came with \$1 million prize.

USAG Baden-Württemberg won the Army Communities of Excellence Award for Exemplary Practice for its civilian leader development program and \$50,000.

One display focused on individuals recognized for going above and beyond serving Soldiers, civilians and families. USAG BW Director of Human Resources Ron Joseph was one of three nominees singled out for this recognition.

The garrison was recognized for earning a Keith L. Ware award for its command video blog featured on the garrison website.

Heidelberg BOSS, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, received second place awards for Best Installation and Best Event.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Lauren G. Randall

Wounded warriors from the Hampton Roads region cycle through Naval Station Norfolk, Va. The Warrior Ride conducts adaptive bicycling to help combat-wounded servicemembers with their rehabilitation in returning to athletic recreation.



Staff Sgt. Michael J. Oliver

Kentucky National Guard members Pfc. David Barrow, Spc. Tommy Wyatt and Pvt. Cedric Bransford, 2113th Transportation Company, assist local residents in a flood relief mission in Oscar, Ky., April 27.



U.S. Army

First Lt. Scott Shirk, production agriculture specialist for the Iowa National Guard's 734th Agri-business Development Team, hands out training materials to high school students from the Shegal District as their orchard training begins at the Bar Chage Demonstration Farm north of Asadabad, Afghanistan, April 23.

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U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Dawn Price

Capt. Courtney Sanders, right, with the 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion, laughs with a group of girls in front of the Dikhil High School in Dikhil, Djibouti, April 19. The battalion was working on renovating the school. The project, which began April 16, is scheduled to refurbish six classrooms, the school's roof and an office.

Traffic chaos routine for V Corps soldier in Afghanistan

Local Soldier drives through Kabul streets during his first deployment

By Sgt. Michael Reinsch
ICJ PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KABUL, Afghanistan – A Soldier waits just outside one of the busiest traffic circles in Kabul, Afghanistan, looking for his opportunity to enter.

The blare of horns adds to the chaos, and each vehicle does what it can to go in the direction it pleases, which creates an awkward display of unorganized traffic. This can be hazardous for even the most skilled drivers. The Soldier sees his opportunity and takes it.

Spc. Robert Tyukodi is a driver for International Security Assistance Force Joint Command Movement Command for the last five months.

His team's mission is unique as it is one of the few jobs that require Soldiers to travel outside the wire on a daily basis.

It also allows lower enlisted Soldiers to frequently interact with senior leaders.

Tyukodi, a motor transportation operator, has been in the U.S. Army five years. As part of his first deployment, he is supporting contingency operations in Kabul as part of V Corps, headquartered in Heidelberg.

"What we do on a day-to-day basis is drive passengers to and from facilities so they can go to their meetings," Tyukodi said.

"Sometimes the people we drive have to go to meetings with Gen. David Patraeus, commander of ISAF and U.S. Forces Afghanistan, so a lot of where we drive is to his headquarters.

"Sometimes we go a little farther out depending on the passengers and what their needs are," he said.

Tyukodi also mentors and qualifies other personnel at Kabul International Airport to drive in and around Kabul.

Performing a MOVCON mission can cause stress, but Tyukodi deals with it by talking to his wife on the



V Corps wants you!

I'm looking for U.S. Army Europe Soldiers for reassignment to V Corps in Wiesbaden, Germany. Positions are available in all pay grade categories and a wide array of military occupational specialties. Interested volunteers must have retainability in Europe through September 2013 or be willing to extend.

For more information contact your military personnel office.

Internet or watching movies.

"The stress is mainly when we're out on the road. It's not so much day to day, it's more on a moment," he said.

"The traffic is what stresses everybody out. Some days it's calm and some days it's very congested. Some days we can go from here to ISAF (headquarters) and it'll take three hours, where on an average day it takes eight minutes," Tyukodi said.

Besides his family, he misses the food in the states and in Germany. Afghanistan is a place that Tyukodi had to adjust to.

"There is stuff out here that people would never see in the states, like the donkey carts. I've never seen that in the states – I've seen donkeys but never donkey carts. Donkeys are

actually being worked with every day here," he said.

Even though Tyukodi is deployed, he doesn't have a problem coping with the environment. He spends time with fellow servicemembers here talking, playing games or going to the gym.

Most of all, Tyukodi misses his wife and two children who are in Heidelberg. One of his children was born last November and he was able to return to Heidelberg on emergency leave when he received news of the birth.

"It's different. You have your family back home and you have your family here," he said.

"They might not be blood family or anything, but they'll take care of you," Tyukodi added.

AFAP Heidelberg and Mannheim AFAP issues

Army Family
Action
Plan

The Mannheim and Heidelberg communities identified major issues of concern at the February AFAP conference. The command prioritized 13 issues. One issue is featured in the Herald Post each week. **Next week:** Casualty assistance for active duty servicemembers upon the death of a family member.

Issue: EFMP information awareness for newly identified children

Scope

Servicemembers and families are unaware of the community assistance available to them when they have a change in medical status. Without knowledge of the Exceptional Family Member Program resources available, such as the EFMP systems navigator, servicemembers and their families experience increased delays in appropriate housing, entitlements and medical care. With assistance from an EFMP systems navigator, servicemembers and their families transition into EFMP with maximum support from community resources.

Recommendation

- ◆Ensure each community has access to an EFMP Systems navigator.
- ◆Provide reoccurring education to servicemembers and their families

Command position

"The systems navigator provides essential support to EFMP families that helps ease their load. We must assume the responsibility of assuring they are consistently informed so they get support without delay," said U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bill Butcher.

What do you think?

Express your opinion of this issue on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bwnow) and BWnow (<http://myBWnow.ning.com>) by answering the Question of the Week: Have been unaware of community assistance available when your family member's medical status changed? Have you missed access to resources because of it?

BWnow feedback on last week's issue: Victim Advocacy Program for Minors

What is your opinion of the fact that minors don't have an advocate to guide them through the processes associated with domestic violence, sexual assault and dating violence?
"In response, I have three questions. 1. Why don't

they? 2. How do we fix this? 3. Where do I sign-up?"
– Jacqui Haggerty, BWnow Facebook fan

"Why? In the United States, advocacy services are provided by non-profit and state agencies. These

services are not accessible to minors stationed outside the United States. As a result, minors do not have an advocate to guide them through the processes associated with domestic violence, sexual assault and dating violence...How do we fix this?

The command has prioritized this AFAP issue which means it will move to the next level. Where do I sign up? Will have to check into this but, in the meantime, love your can-do spirit!"

–BWnow Administrator



Photos by Mark Turney

(Top) The main fountain in the town square of Ceske Budejovice is but one of the many sites to be seen in the capital of Southern Bohemia. Throughout the year the town square hosts plays, concerts and a myriad of other activities. Lower right, Zamek Hluboka, located outside of Ceske Budejovice, is renowned for its beauty and its English gardens.

Visitors venture beyond Southern Bohemia's world-famous breweries



Above, the Southern Bohemian city of Ceske Krumlov was named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1992. The town's reconstruction was started following the Velvet Revolution after years of neglect under communist rule. Below, every summer thousands of tourists converge on Ceske Krumlov to ride the river through town.



By Mark Turney
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG MEMBER

For many generations of Americans the Czech Republic is known only for the city of Prague and fine crystal. Take a few days and explore and there is more to experience.

Southern Bohemia sits astride Germany and Austria and is only a five hour drive from Mannheim or Heidelberg.

The capital of this region is Ceske Budejovice or as it is known in English, Budweis.

Southern Bohemia has long been known for its brewing of beer. The first brewery was established in the 1400s.

This is the true home of Budweiser beer. The current Budweiser beer began brewing in 1895 in its current location.

Located approximately 25 minutes from the heart of Ceske Budejovice lies the UNESCO World Heritage site Ceske Krumlov.

This small city is world renowned for its stunning architecture which boasts Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance styles.

The town, which was built on a peninsula in the Vltava river, was founded in the 13th century.

It served as an important trading route for hundreds of

years before falling into disrepair following World War II and the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or USSR, and communist rule.

Following the Velvet Revolution in 1989, the town was restored to its former beauty.

Today, thousands of tourists flock to the area to enjoy boating, sightseeing and the many cultural events held there starting each year in May.

Just minutes away from Ceske Budejovice sits Zamek Hluboka with its famous English gardens which surround the chateau.

Originally built as a guard castle in the 13th century, Zamek Hluboka has seen many changes throughout its history.

Its present day look was said to have been modeled after Windsor Castle after then owners Prince Jan Adolf II of Schwarzenberg and his spouse Princess Eleonore travelled through England in the early 18th century.

The chateau today serves as a museum and is open to the public year round.

The small chapel in the rear of the structure also plays host to hundreds of weddings each year.

With its rich history and unspoiled land Southern Bohemia is worth the visit.



GERMAN Cooking

Spargelcremesuppe Asparagus cream soup

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 cups of white asparagus
- 6 cups of water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons heavy whip cream
- 1 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon white wine
- 1 tablespoon white pepper
- 1 egg yolk, beaten

Preparation

- With a peeler, peel asparagus from the tips to the ends. Trip bottoms of spears. Do not discard peelings or trimmed ends.
- Boil peelings and ends in 6 cups of water. After 20 minutes, strain peelings and ends and discard. Save the water as this will be the base for the soup.
- Cut asparagus spears in three even parts.
- Add asparagus, salt, and sugar to the base and let simmer for 20 minutes.
- In a larger pot melt 3 tablespoons of butter. Add flour, stirring constantly, until it reaches a creamy consistency. Stir in heavy cream and bring to a light boil.
- Reduce heat and slowly add the asparagus base into the cream mixture, stirring constantly to avoid clumps.
- Add lemon juice, wine, and pepper. Simmer for 15 minutes.
- Remove from heat.
- Add egg yolk with remaining tablespoon of butter into the soup. This will give the soup a smooth texture.
- Serve hot with small cubes of ham. Add salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with fresh chopped herbs, if desired.

SOURCE: www.chefkoch.de



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

Dear Ms. Vicki,

My mom had me when she was 16 years old, which means she was 15 when she got pregnant. I'm not crazy, Ms. Vicki; you get pregnant because you are having sex.

I don't know why my mother keeps acting like she was a virgin when she got married. What's up with that? I know the truth.

Why doesn't she want me to have a life or a good time? My mother wakes up every day to give me hell. It's what she lives for.

She tries to drag me down to the ground with all of her beliefs about what will happen to me. Why can't she just trust me?

I'm 15 years old now and I like to have fun with my friends. We have to make our own fun because this base is so boring and there is nothing to do off base either.

I have a boyfriend. I'm not totally in love with him or anything. We're just going out and we will see where it goes. Yesterday my mom said to me, "I know you are having sex with

him. I can see it in your eyes."

How can she see it in my eyes that I'm having sex with him? Is she trying to trick me into confessing something to her? I could never be honest with my mother about anything because she will take it to the extreme.

I'm on birth control pills because she wanted me to be protected "just in case something happens" – her words. Now she's stressed out because she thinks I'm having sex. Well, don't people who take birth control have sex?

See what I mean, Ms. Vicki? Why can't my mother just leave me alone and realize I'm not her little girl any more that she can dress up like a doll? I need my own freedom, too.

Mom Let Me Grow Up!

Dear 15,

I remember when I was 15 years old. I also said, "My mother is too strict, she's so mean, she won't let me do anything."

My mother and I were recently laughing when we remembered me telling her, "You wake up every day to make me miserable." When I said that, I remember my neck was sore for a week or more because my mother gave me whiplash.

Your mother is concerned about you. She wants you to be safe and have the best chances for a successful future. She doesn't want you to become a teenage mother like she did.

I have no problem with your generation. I have learned that today's teens are very casual about sex. The thinking is that it's not a big deal.

But I think you should be careful if you think you are protected just because you are on birth control pills. There are many sexually transmitted diseases that you can contact, like syphilis, gonorrhea

and HIV.

You have admitted to me that you are sexually active. I hope this is a conversation you could have with your mother, father, an adult family member, school counselor or your youth pastor.

I don't think you are ready for the emotional, mental or physical commitment of a sexual relationship.

You're not, and I know this young man you are having sex with isn't, either. He will get all the sex from you and he's on to the next one. You'll be in his rear view mirror. I'm thinking that perhaps he is around your age, too, and he's experimenting with you. You are not the girl he will commit to. Besides, he's young and he's not thinking about anything but "one thing."

I think you should slow your roll. Don't be the easy girl around campus or the "jo-jo" – the girl you can jump on and jump off.

You should care about yourself and your body. Don't be the experiment. Start thinking about your future like preparing for the SATs and what college you plan to attend. This is what your mother wants for you.

I want the same for you, too. I'm not trying to sound preachy and overbearing, but I care about you and your future.

I appreciate you writing to me. I've received many letters from teenage girls over the years. I will have my editor search archives for them and we will print them again.

I will also try to find some of their updated letters to me so you can read what happened to them when they refused to listen to their parents.

Ultimately, they regret their decisions to start having sex early.

Family advocacy hosts infant massage training

IMCOM Europe Public Affairs

Child care experts from U.S. Army garrisons across Europe converged April 26-29 at the Installation Management Command Europe Training and Development Center to receive training and certification in infant massage.

Employees from New Parent Support Programs; Child, Youth, and School Services; and Women, Infants, and Children received certification so they can return to their home garrisons and offer the training to parents.

"Infant Massage Certification Training gives the trainees the unique opportunity to help parents and caregivers to bond with their babies through the use of an age-old tradition, infant massage," said Brandi

Stauber, Installation Management Command Europe, Family Advocacy Program manager. "Teaching infant massage provides a rewarding opportunity to promote well being and enhance bonding and attachment between infants and their caregivers."

Infant massage teachers will enhance their communities by helping families have positive experiences that will impact both the infant and the family for a lifetime, Stauber said.

"Infant massage uses touch to enhance the expression of love, caring and respect to aid in the bonding process, contributes to development, helps babies sleep better and improves communication between parents and their babies," Stauber said.

IMCOM Europe's Army Community Service offered the training as part of Child Abuse

Prevention Month. The training emphasized the campaign's overarching theme that child abuse prevention requires safe communities and responsive families.

The Family Advocacy Program is dedicated to the prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention and treatment of spouse and child abuse. The program provides a variety of services to Soldiers and families to enhance their relationship skills and improve their quality of life. This mission is accomplished through a variety of groups, seminars, workshops and counseling and intervention services.

For information about infant massage training in your community, call the local Army Community Service office.



Troy Darr

A military mom massages her baby's feet during Infant Massage Certification Training. Participants volunteered to bring their babies to the training so the child care experts could see how infants respond to massage.

GET OUT!

area events

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

May 5

Bad, Bizarre, Bloody Brilliant – Tickets are on sale now for a new production of Richard O'Brien's Rocky Horror Picture Show, directed by Sam Buntrock, coming to Frankfurt's Alte Oper Aug. 23-31 and to Mannheim's Rosengarten Dec. 28-31. After earning rave reviews in the 2008-09 theater season, the original stage musical returns to select venues in Europe. Tickets: www.kartenkaufen.de/elektra/jsp/rocky-horror-show.jsp?actioncode=BBDE&first=23.08.2011&last=31.08.2011 for Frankfurt and <http://rheineckarticket.de/web/startseite/detail/erid/S16460> for Mannheim.

Frankfurt Fair – Attend the Frankfurt open air fair on the Festplatz am Ratsweg known as the Spring Dippemess. There are huge fireworks displays, carousels, a rollercoaster, wine, beer and food. The fair is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through May 8 at Festplatz am Ratsweg, Am Bornheimer Hang 4, 60386 Frankfurt.

May 6

Yabadoo Fun Park – Spend the day at Yabadoo indoor-play park in Mehlingen near Kaiserslautern. This family-friendly park features trampolines, swings, bouncy castles, slides, soccer field, a toddler's play area and more. Snack bar also available. Civ. 06303-80-6069.

Maimarkt – Mannheim's May Fair, ongoing through May 10, boasts a tradition of over 400 years as a regional fair among Germany's largest. Over 1,400 vendors on the fairgrounds offer everything from tools, building materials, livestock, home entertainment, travel information, sporting goods and farm supplies. The fair is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

May 8

Mother's Day Cruise – Enjoy a trip on the Rhein river and cruise to the famous Loreley. You'll spot castles and beautiful scenery along this stretch of the Rhein. There will also be time for lunch, shopping and more sight seeing. <http://affiliates.usa.org/rheinmain>.

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 which must be faxed in with a valid e-mail address.

May 12

Prague Spring Music Festival – The Prague Spring International Music Festival showcases an outstanding roster of artists and performances – from symphonies and orchestras to world music ensembles. The first festival was held soon after the end of World War II, and takes place in various theaters around Prague, most notably at the Prague State Opera, Estates Theater, Rudolfinum, Municipal House and the National Theater. For a complete listing, visit www.prague-spring.net.

May 13

A Piece of My Heart – The Kaiserslautern production A piece of My Heart shows 7:30 p.m. May 13-14 and 20-21 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's Heaton Auditorium at LRMC. The show follows four nurses and two USO women during the Vietnam war and accounts how the war and the men they cared for affected their lives. The show is free to Fisher House residents and wounded warriors. DSN 489-7626, civ. 0631-536-7626.

May 14

Art Exhibit – The opening reception for the exhibit Zev Paul: Kachinas and Other Lovers: A New Look at World Iconography begins at 7 p.m. The exhibit runs through May 29 at the Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338,9418.

Segway Tours – See the sights of Nürnberg on a Segway tour. Segways are two-wheeled electrically powered vehicles that are operated by shifting your weight forwards and backwards to control speed and direction. Segway tour Nürnberg is located at Weißgerbergasse 10, 90403 Nürnberg in the center of town and offers two tours. Call civ. 0911-93-3250 to book a tour. www.segwaytour-nuernberg.de/index.html.

May 15

Swan Lake – See the classic tale of good and evil presented by the Heidelberg Youth Ballet Theater 5 p.m. May 15 at the Rudolf Wild Halle, Schulstrasse 2, 69214 Eppelheim. Contact SKIES Unlimited for tickets: DSN 388-9399, civ. 06221-338-9399.

May 20

KMC Onstage – Mel Brooks' musical, The Producers, plays May 20-June 4 at KMC Onstage on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern. The show carries a self-imposed R rating, but it's been toned it down to PG-13. DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-

411-6626. www.mwrgermany.com.

May 21

Giant Indoor Flea Market – Don't miss the giant indoor flea market 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 237, in Kaiserslautern. Purchase two tables and a bench from Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

May 25

Wiz Khalifa Concert – Rapper Wiz Khalifa will perform in concert at the Columbia Halle in Berlin at 9 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at www.worldticketshop.com.

Frankfurt Children's Museum – The Children's Museum is part of the Frankfurt Historical Museum and develops and presents exhibitions especially for children on topics of local historical and cultural relevance. It offers direct access to authentic historical objects and hands-on learning experiences. In all exhibits, visitors are encouraged to play an active role. Touching, testing, trying out, independent thinking and an autonomous learning environment are central to the Children's Museum. The museum is located at An der Hauptwache 15, Frankfurt, Germany, 60313. Civ. 06921235154. www.buzzoffbase.com.

German National Museum – View a huge collection of international and local artwork depicting Germany's colorful history. The museum houses ancient artifacts and sculptures, musical instruments and special items to entice even younger visitors. Free admission on Wednesdays. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesdays.

May 27

CATS Come to Play – A German language version of the otherwise original CATS musical plays in Mannheim May 27-June 12. Due to high demand, additional shows were recently added beginning July 16. The shows will take place on Europaplatz, the grassy area at the end of Autobahn 656 as it enters Mannheim, in a unique custom-tailored tent which brings the audience closer to the circular stage. Tickets: civ. 0180-515-2530, www.kartenkaufen.de and at most local ticket agents.

June 1

U.S. Army Soldier Show – The 28th annual Soldier Show will be 7 p.m. June 1 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. The show also plays June 8 at the Fitness Center on Vogelweh Housing in Kaiserslautern. www.mwrgermany.com.

THEATERS

PROM

(DeVaughn Nixon, Aimee Teegarden) A group of teenagers find their lives intersecting and their futures taking shape as they prepare for the most pivotal event of their high school careers. At first Nova Prescott is infuriated at a classmate who nearly destroys her plans for prom. But the closer the day gets, the more she realizes he may be the perfect date. Meanwhile, secretive seniors Tyler and Mei wrestle with their consciences over how to make the most of the big night as their classmates attempt to reconcile their anticipation with their growing uncertainty over how the dance will ultimately pan out. (PG for mild language and a brief fight). 103 minutes.



PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

May 5 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 6 - PROM (PG) 7 p.m.; FAST FIVE (PG-13) 9 p.m.
 May 7 - PROM (PG) 4 p.m.; FAST FIVE (PG-13) 7 p.m.; TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT (R) 9 p.m.
 May 8 - PROM (PG) 4 p.m.; UNKNOWN (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 9 - BIG MOMMAS: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 10 - PROM (PG) 7 p.m.
 May 11 - TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT (R) 7 p.m.
 May 12 - FAST FIVE (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

May 6 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 May 7 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 4 p.m.; TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT (R) 7 p.m.
 May 8 - UNKNOWN (PG-13) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

May 5 - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; GNOME & JULIET (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
 May 6 - FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; PROM (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.; UNKNOWN (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 a.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.
 May 7 - FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; PROM (PG) 11:15, 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.; UNKNOWN (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 a.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.
 May 8 - FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; PROM (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m.; BIG MOMMAS: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 a.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
 May 9 - FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; PROM (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; UNKNOWN (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
 May 11 - FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; PROM (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; BIG MOMMAS: LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; UNKNOWN (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
 May 12 - FAST FIVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; PROM (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; UNKNOWN (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.

THEATER INFORMATION

Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg, 06221-27-238

Galaxy Theater, Vogelweh, 0631-50017

Gateway Cineplex, Ramstein, 06371-47-5550

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

Mannheim, CinemaxX

May 5-11 – FAST, FURIOUS FIVE (PG-13) 8:15 p.m.
 May 5-11 – THOR 3D (PG-13) 8:15 p.m. and May 5-8, May 10 at 11 p.m.
 May 5-7 – WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 4:45 p.m. and May 9-11 at 4:45 p.m.
 May 5-11 – WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 7:45 p.m.

community HIGHLIGHTS

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.

Heidelberg Health Center

The Heidelberg Health Center Same Day Surgery department is now closed. Also, the Acute Care Clinic is no longer open on Sundays. Pick up a host nation healthcare guide at the TRICARE service center inside the Heidelberg Health Center or go to <https://ermc.amedd.army.mil/heidelberg/index.cfm>.

Prescription Refills

Patients who need refills on prescriptions at the Heidelberg Health Center must now use the phone-in automated system to order refills and then pick them up the next day. The call-in system can be reached at DSN 486-5601, civ. 06371-86-5601.

SAFER Exposition

The Mannheim and Heidelberg Soldier and Families Evaluating Risk Exposition and Summer Safety Day will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 5 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. The day promotes healthy lifestyles among Soldiers, civilians, students and family members by presenting safety training and information. DSN 373-1670, civ. 06221-17-9082.

Motorcycle Safety

Motorcycle Safety Days will take place in Heidelberg and Kaiserslautern in May. The 21st Theater Sustainment Command has scheduled a Motorcycle Safety Day at Kapaun Air Station in Kaiserslautern 9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6. Riders will have their motorcycles inspected, equipment and apparel checked, complete an obstacle course and conduct a 35-kilometer safety ride to Bann and Landstuhl and back. DSN 484-8446. The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Motorcycle Safety Day will be 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. May 26 at the Heidelberg Army Airfield. DSN 373-1670, civ. 06221-17-1670.

Communicating with commissary

Commissary customers seeking the fastest resolution for a local commissary concern should contact their local store director via e-mail on the store's web page. To access your local commissary page, go to www.commissaries.com.

local EMPLOYMENT

Education Center

Central Texas College has substitute and part time positions available at the Patton Barracks Education Center for administrative assistant, test examiner and counselor aide. DSN 373-6176, civ. 06221-17-6176.

Volunteers Wanted

The American Red Cross is seeking a Health and Safety Services chairman to the deliver health and safety educational programs and materials. Other volunteers are also sought. Stop by Bldg. 3850 on the Heidelberg Shopping Center, room 263. DSN 370-1760, civ. 06221-57-1760.

KAISERSLAUTERN

Education

• **German** – Free German classes are offered noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Landstuhl Library, Bldg. 3810, and Miesau Library, Bldg. 132 and on Fridays at Kleber Library, Bldg. 3205. Landstuhl: DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-8390. Miesau: DSN 481-3755, civ. 06372-842-4355. Kleber: DSN 483-1740, civ. 06371-411-1740.

Community

• **Gone Fishing** – EDGE! youth learn fundamental fishing skills to include knot tying, casting, baiting the hook and German fishing laws 4-6 p.m. May 11, 18, and 25, location TBD. DSN 493-4122, civ. 0631-3406/4122.

• **Lapsit Storytime** – Infants and parents can sing and dance 9:30-10 a.m. during this free four-week program starting May 10 at the Landstuhl Library. DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-7322.

• **Ellie the Elephant** – Ellie the Elephant will be looking her best for pictures at the Kids' Zone on Pulaski Barracks 11 a.m.-6 p.m. May 14. DSN 493-4125, civ. 0631-3406-4125.

• **Comforts of Home** – EDGE! kids explore recipes, learn fun facts about as they learn to make signature dishes from the United States 4-6 p.m. May 12, 19 and 26 at the Child Development Center on Landstuhl Post. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406.

• **Ready, Set, Action** – EDGE! youth explore digital filmmaking and direct, film, edit and create a movie 4-6 p.m. May 12, 19 and 26 at the Youth Center on Landstuhl Post. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-4122.

• **Moving to Kindergarten** – Parents with children entering kindergarten can learn about what to expect from a school district representative and a kindergarten teacher 6 p.m. May 24 at Landstuhl Elementary School. DSN 493-4123, civ. 0631-3406-4123.

• **Driver's Education** – SKIES Unlimited announces a comprehensive driver's education program for teens in Europe made possible through a collaborative effort with the German National Federation of Driving Instructors. The course is taught by driving schools in Germany. Sign-up now through June 17. DSN 493-4122, civ. 0631-3406-4122.

• **Knitting** – If you like to knit then stop by the Kaiserslautern Library 5-6 p.m. Thursdays on Landstuhl or 5-7 p.m. Thursdays on Kleber. Kaiserslautern Library: DSN 486-7322, civ. 06374-86-7322; Kleber: DSN 483-1740, civ. 0631-411-1740.

• **Kazabra Karaoke** – Sing your favorite songs 8 p.m.-midnight Thursdays at the Kazabra Club on Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261.

HEIDELBERG

Education

• **ACS Classes** – Exploring the Hei-

delberg Job Market, 9-11 a.m. May 10; Resume Writing, 9-11 a.m. May 11; Volunteer Orientation, 10-11 a.m. May 11; ACS Overview, 10-11 a.m. May 11 in the Yellow Ribbon Room on Patrick Henry Village; Mandatory 1st Termers Financial Readiness, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 12; Using Your Leisure Time Well, 10 a.m.-noon May 12, 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 May 23-June 14 at the Patton Education Center on Patton Barracks. The mandatory pre-test will must be completed by June 13. DSN 373-6176.

Community

• **Customs Closed** – U.S. Forces Customs Field offices Heidelberg will be closed from noon-4 p.m. May 18. DSN 370-7142, civ. 06221-57-7142.

• **Volksmarches** – The Heidelberg International Wandering Club is registered for walks in Oberstenfeld, Bockenau and Wiesbaden-Frauenstein (Sunday only) April 30 and May 1 and Ramstein, Bitzfeld, May 8. www.hiwv.de.

• **Village Grille** – The Village Grille has new hours. It is open for bingo 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 5-10 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays. DSN 388-9447, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Summer Academics** – Parent to Parent is presenting the workshop "Preventing the Summer Slide: How to Keep Children Academically Engaged over the Summer" 8:30 a.m. May 6 at Patrick Henry Elementary School and 8:30 a.m. May 19 at Heidelberg Middle School. All parents are welcome.

• **Bread for Journey** – Respond by May 6 to hear Sister Maureen Colleary present "Eucharist, Bread for the Journey" 6 p.m. May 10 at Patrick Henry Village Middle School. E-mail: [blessings06@aol.com](mailto: blessings06@aol.com).

• **Panther's Place** – The Middle School multipurpose room is the place for the Spring Fling dance 7-10 p.m. May 6. DSN 388-9396, civ. 338-9896, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Bike Maintenance** – The library on Patrick Henry Village will host a basic bicycle maintenance and repair workshop 2-4 p.m. May 7. Bring your bike. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Asian-Pacific Heritage** – Leadership, Diversity, Empowerment and Beyond is the theme of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. May 10 in the Casablanca room on Campbell Barracks. DSN 371-2719, civ. 06221-17-2719.

• **Old School** – For Reggae fans, the Recovery Room on Nachrichten

Kaserne offers an old school party featuring Sauvage and disc jockey Mad Logic 9 p.m. May 14. DSN 371-2762, civ. 06221-17-2762.

• **BOSS** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers offers SCUBA diving and barbecue in nearby Kronau May 14. Transportation provided. Register at Outdoor Recreation. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5272.

• **Doctors and Nurses** – Dress as a doctor or nurse and join the party 7 p.m. May 14 at Slapshots on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5190, civ. 06221-17-5190, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Deployment Boot Camp** – Heidelberg Middle School will host a Deployment Boot Camp May 16 at the school's sports field on Patrick Henry Village. Military units will demonstrate what they do when deployed. The intent is to desensitize students to the military roles played by their parents when deployed by familiarizing them with the day to day military occupations. Elementary students will go through the event from 8:45-10 a.m. and middle school students from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

• **Town Hall** – U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg will host a town hall meeting at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion 6 p.m. May 18.

• **Crazy for You** – The Roadside Theater presents "Crazy For You" 7 p.m. May 20-June 12 on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Right Arm** – The next Right Arm Nights will be held 5-7 p.m. May 20, June 16, July 15, Aug. 18 and Sept. 16 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village.

• **Yard Sale** – A community yard sale will be held in the park on Patrick Henry Village and in local housing areas June 4. Items being sold must be used personal items. Rent tables from Outdoor Recreation. The Recycle and Reuse Center will be open until 6 p.m. for drop-off of unwanted items. DSN: 388-9282 CIV: 06221-338-9282, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Spiritual Fitness** – A spiritual fitness breakfast will be held 7 a.m. June 9 in the Casablanca room on Campbell Barracks in honor of the Army's 236th birthday. Reservations: DSN 370-7385.

• **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.

• **Mega Mini** – Visit select facilities and events in U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg May 1-Sept. 30 to get an entry form for the Mega Mini-Cooper giveaway. Winner will be announced at the opening day of the Holiday Bazaar on Oct. 7.

Army Ball

The U.S. Army Europe will celebrate the U.S. Army's 236th birthday at the Army Birthday Ball 6 p.m. June 11 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. Tickets: DSN 377-4507, civ. 06221-39-4521.

DSN 373-9867, civ. 06221-17-9867, www.mwrgermany.com.

MANNHEIM

Education

• **ACS Classes** – Anger Management, 1-3 p.m. May 10 in Bldg. 251; Mommy and Me Signing Time, 3-4 p.m. May 10 in Bldg. 251; Play Group, 10 a.m.-noon May 11, in Bldg. 725; Volunteer Orientation, 1:30-2:30 p.m. May 11; Mommy and Baby Wellness Group, 1-2 p.m. May 12, in Bldg. 251; Investment Basics, 2-3 p.m. May 12, Classes are at ACS unless noted.

Community

• **Stuttgart Zoo** – Spinelli Outdoor Recreation takes you to one of Germany's largest zoos in Stuttgart May 8. Bus departs 8 a.m. from the Schuh Theater. DSN 384-6300, civ. 0621-730-6300.

• **Blue Sunday** – Enjoy blues and oldies and DJ Big Money at the Top Hat Club 5-9 p.m. May 15. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Miramar Swimmbad** – The Youth Center sponsors a trip to the local Miramar Swimmbad 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 21. DSN 380-4864, civ. 0621-730-4864, www.mwrgermany.com.

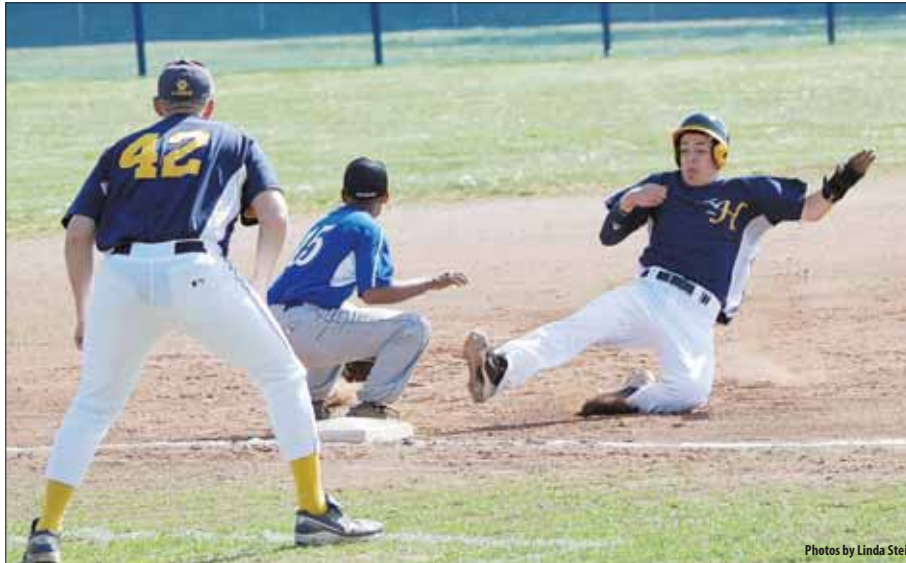
• **Moving On** – Mannheim Middle School and Mannheim High School will host a "Moving On" celebration 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 9 on Woods Field. Entertainment will be provided by the U.S. Army Europe band, both schools' bands and drama students.

• **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.

• **Mid-Summer Read** – A five-week summer reading program, "A Midsummer Knight's Read," encourages children to love reading 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 22-July 20 at the Sullivan library. DSN telephone: 380-1740, civ. 0621-730-1740, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Summer Specials** – Spinelli Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 1570, offers summer discounts May-September with 15 percent off bicycles in May, tents in June, camping equipment in July, golf clubs in August and canopies and grills in September. DSN 384-6300, www.mwrgermany.com.

High School Sports in Full Swing



Photos by Linda Steil



Top photo, Heidelberg Lion Alex Weaver slides into third base during the first game of a double header against Hoenfels played in Heidelberg Saturday. Heidelberg won the first game 16-1 and the second game 18-1. Heidelberg now leads the East region in the standings ahead of Patch.

Middle photos, Heidelberg Lions boys soccer player Andrew Guelle out maneuvers his opponent Friday in Heidelberg. Heidelberg won 3-0 over Bamberg. Girls soccer player Asya Tucker controls the ball against Bamberg girls. Heidelberg won 8-1 over Bamberg.

Left photo, Heidelberg High School Track and Field member Devon Meachum throws the discus for a first-place finish in Saturday's meet in Heidelberg. Meachum is ranked number one in Europe. The track team boys came in second behind Ramstein. Scores were: Ramstein 204.5, Heidelberg 197, Black Forest Academy 82.5, Kaiserslautern 55, Bitburg 56.5, Ansbach 25.5, AFNORTH 15.5, Baumholder 15.5 and Mannheim 14. The girls track team placed third behind Kaiserslautern and Ramstein. Scores were: Kaiserslautern 189, Ramstein 142, Heidelberg 106, AFNORTH 71, Bitburg 62.5, Mannheim 36, Black Forest Academy 31.5, Ansbach 15, Baumholder 2.

staying ACTIVE

Hole in One Club

Tafuna Oney made a hole in one at Heidelberg Golf Club's hole number seven April 28 using a pitching wedge from 144 yards. Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Heidelberg High School – May 7 Games

Softball plays a double header at Mannheim with the first game at 10 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m. Soccer plays at home vs. Kaiserslautern with varsity girls at 10 a.m., varsity boys at noon, junior varsity girls at 2 p.m. and JV boys at 3:30 p.m. Track and Field team competes at Frankfurt International School 10 a.m. against Wiesbaden, Baumholder, Lakenheath and Bamberg.

Bodybuilding and Figure Invitational

A Bodybuilding and Figure Invitational will be held 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. May 7 at Kaiserslautern High School on Vogelweh. DSN 493-2088, civ. 0631-3406-2088.

Kaiserslautern Unit Softball

Sign up by May 18 for unit-level softball beginning 6 p.m. May 23 on Kaiserslautern Army Depot and Landstuhl Sports Field. DSN 493-2086, civ. 0631-340-2086.

Best Ball Golf

Register by May 21 for the two-person best ball tournament 9 a.m. May 28 at the Heidelberg Golf Club an der Bundestrasse 291, Offersheim. Players must have a verifiable handicap. DSN 379-6139.

Dog, Human 5-K Run, Fitness Fest

Dogs and owners can run or walk 5 kilometers May 21 at the Campbell Barracks Fitness Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the event begins at 9 a.m. Non-dog owners can participate. The event is conducted in conjunction with the Heidelberg commissary's Family Fitness Festival which offers family friendly activities all day. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489.

Family, Fitness, Fun Festival

Find nutritious food from the farmers market while kids work up a sweat in the bouncing inflatables or play basketball toss. Adults can join the Zumba Fitness Party, get personal trainer assessments or tips on staying fit 8 a.m.-3 p.m. May 28 at the Family, Fitness and Fun Festival in the commissary parking lot on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim. Civ. 0621-728-3626.

Head Coach Wanted

The Heidelberg sports office is accepting resumes for the position of Heidelberg Community Men's Softball Head Coach. Contact Heidelberg sports office. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

Community Softball Coaches

The Heidelberg men's and women's community softball teams are conducting tryouts and practices 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Patton sports field in Heidelberg. Heidelberg and Mannheim players are invited. DSN:373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

Mannheim Bowling

Join the Memorial Day nine-pin bowling tournament 2-5 p.m. May 30 at the Benjamin Franklin Village Bowling Center. DSN 380-9528, civ. 0621-730-9528.

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.

Local Hockey League

The DPL, Die Players Liga, the largest non-official hockey league in Germany, is seeking off-ice officials for the 2011 inline season. No prior knowledge is required, just an interest in the sport. English is the main language spoken and five military hockey teams play in the league. Games are on weekends at the Friedrichspark. E-mail info@dpliga.com.

BADGE

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Badge and the Austrian Sports Badge.

The event consisted of three grueling days of hard work that tested each competitor both physically and mentally. Under the watchful eye of German Master Sgt. Alex Ketterl, the instructor certified to award the badges, Soldiers found themselves pushed to the limit.

Marksmanship was the first event, and qualifying on an M9 pistol gave many of the MPs a boost of confidence at the beginning of the competition.

MPs regularly qualify on the M9 pistol since historically it is their assigned weapon.

What followed the marksmanship event was a wake-up call for almost everyone.

When Soldiers arrived at the local swimming pool for their second event, they were riding a wave of confidence from the range, but the first 50 meters of the swimming segment changed that.

Soldiers needed to complete a 200-meter timed swim for the German Sports Badge and a 300-meter timed swim for the Austrian Sports Badge.

They also had the option to complete a 1,000-meter timed swim as an alternate event for the upcoming long-distance run.

For some Soldiers, just completing the 200-me-

ter swim was all they could muster. Others stuck it out for the 300-meter race, and only a few dared to make the 1,000-meter journey.

"The swim was definitely the hardest because we don't train for it," explained Spc. Ryan Bowden, an MP with the 529th Military Police Company.

The swimming event was where many Soldiers realized that simply being in shape might not be enough to get through the competition. It was also took a lot of heart.

"My leadership picked me and I was really motivated to do this," said Spc. Sienna Madurski, an MP with 615th MP Company, "I really wanted to be here."

Madurski's statement was one that was repeated time and time again by other competitors.

The desire to see the event to the end and take advantage of a unique opportunity was a personal motivator for the majority.

A full day on the track on Sullivan Barracks for the second day of events had Soldiers competing in a high jump, shot put, 100-meter dash and long-distance run.

For those unaccustomed to competing in field events, the high jump and shot put proved the most challenging to master. But Soldiers were given the opportunity to continue trying, and those with



Spc. Glenn Anderson

Sgt. Daniel Friedberg, a print journalist with the 221st Public Affairs Detachment, 209th Army Liaison Team, fires a round downrange while participating in the German Proficiency Badge competition in Mannheim April 15-17. Friedberg set out to earn the Gold badge by participating in several events to include swimming, track events and a 12-kilometer ruck march. The three-day competition gave Soldiers the right to wear the host country's badge on their uniforms. Friedberg earned the Gold German Proficiency Badge, which is the highest award, during the competition.

heart persevered.

The last day of the competition consisted of a 12-kilometer timed ruck march around Coleman Barracks with a 36-pound rucksack.

Despite the physical difficulty of completing seven events in three days and the mental challenge of mastering new sports events, there was no shortage of laughter and smiles during the three-day event.

"It's a relaxed environment. Everybody's having a good

time. You get to go out there, have some fun and get some PT in while you're at it," observed Cpl. Casey Butcher, a team leader with the 529th MP Company.

Soldiers were not the only ones enjoying themselves. When asked what continues to motivate him to come out during his free time to oversee these events, Ketterl said, "I love to work with these people, our allies, and that's really the reason. It's fun."

Whether Soldiers had

earned gold, silver or bronze badges, or needed to come back in the fall to try again, everyone expressed gratitude for the opportunity.

For those selected to compete in the future, Madurski had this advice: "Start training for the events. Some of the events are pretty hard if you don't know what you're doing."

Madurski added, "There's no way to fail unless you give up on yourself. They only allow you to succeed."

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military and civilians, said Roger Gerber, director, Transformation Stationing Management Office in Wiesbaden. The consolidation has been in the works for about three years and includes a new access control point and a parking structure to be completed this fall. Plans include discussion with the state of Hessen and city of Wiesbaden officials for a traffic circle to help ease the flow of traffic at the B455 intersection to the installation.

Some of the buildings within the community are being renovated, said Gerber. A few of them will remain, but others, like the old movie theater on Wiesbaden Army Airfield, will become temporary operations buildings until the new Command and Battle Center is completed next year.

On the rebuild list are the Hainerberg elementary and middle schools said Frank E. Roehl, Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe Heidelberg District superintendent.

The high school receive upgrades also.

The current schools not only have plenty of room for incoming children, they are excitedly awaiting their arrival for the 2011-12 school year that begins Aug. 29, Roehl said. The new schools, though more modern, will not necessarily be any larger than the current ones, he added.

Roehl said he recognizes the stress of being the new kid. At least one new student orientation will be held for children starting school in Wiesbaden this fall with a date to be determined. In addition, Roehl stressed parents of special-needs children should contact their current resources to make sure they are accommodated and the transition runs smoothly.

David Holt, from the Directorate of Public Works housing office added that in specific situations, exceptions to policy from USAG Baden-Württemberg Housing may be permitted for families who wish to remain in Heidelberg.

"As in every situation, we deal with everyone individually, but those who

elect to remain in the Heidelberg footprint and commute will have their housing records maintained at USAG Baden-Württemberg Housing," added Holt.

The Wiesbaden team will assist in the coordination to complete door-to-door moves. Upon receipt of Wiesbaden orders, the servicemember or civilian should contact the Wiesbaden Housing office. The online Automated Housing Referral Network (www.ahrn.com) should be ready to service the Wiesbaden community sometime this month, Holt said.

Other topics covered during the town hall meeting included the capabilities of the health, dental and veterinary clinics and the Exchange.

The health clinic mainly focuses on primary care visits due to its size, with servicemembers being the first priority, followed by family members. The clinic is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with extended hours on Tuesdays. Patients have access to bilingual liaisons 24/7, said Lt. Col. Tony Tidwell.

The dental clinic is open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, but in the case of an emergency like a tooth abscess, Soldiers should contact the Military Police station during off-duty times and the on-call surgeon and staff will accommodate those emergencies, said Larry Jackson, readiness and wellness coordinator.

Jackson emphasized that since there is a surgeon on duty at all hours, servicemembers will not be reimbursed should they visit a dentist on the economy.

All inbound animals must be registered at the veterinary clinic within 14 days of arrival, and dog owners should take note of Hessen's dog policy, which includes a more extensive list of dangerous dogs than Baden-Württemberg's, Kandler said.

The Exchange has shopping facilities in the Hainerberg Housing Area, at Wiesbaden Army Airfield and Mainz-Kastel Station with more to come. An Exchange shopping mall is being designed and construction will begin next year at Hainerberg.