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## Speed Read

### SUICIDE EDUCATION

U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern is sponsoring a contest for Herald Post readers in an effort to promote awareness of suicide prevention measures. 2

### FLU SHOTS STARTING

Flu immunizations in Heidelberg, Mannheim and Kaiserslautern Sept. 27-Oct. 26. 3

### KONTAKT AWARDS

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### 60 YEARS A MANNHEIMER

Carlton Roberts arrived in Mannheim when the garrison was in its infancy and will work there at the VAT office until it closes forever. 9

### GLORIOUS GARMISCH

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a four hour car ride from Heidelberg, is a mountain resort where everybody is practically guaranteed to have a good time. 13

### FALL SEASON VICTORIES

Heidelberg High School began its home games Saturday with a strong start in football, volleyball and cross country. 17



## Defense Details

### DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

The law is passed, the studies completed, the findings certified and the servicemember training accomplished. Tuesday, the Defense Department started on a new footing with the repeal of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell law that since 1993 has banned gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military. Former servicemembers separated from the military based solely on their sexual orientation will be eligible to reapply to return to military service.

### MEDAL OF HONOR

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta inducted Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Dakota Meyer into the Pentagon Hall of Heroes Friday, calling him an example of the Corps motto, "Always Faithful."

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## Garrison holds workforce town halls

### Transformation meetings focus on employment issues

By Donna Walker

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg held two town hall meetings Sept. 15 to inform personnel about how the pending garrison closure will affect their employment following the official decision to inactivate the garrison

Sept. 30, 2013.

A two-part meeting for appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund employees was held in the Patrick Henry Village theater. Local national employees were briefed earlier the same day.

"Today begins the process of determining how we best take care of you, my most valued asset in this garrison," said USAG B-W commander Col. Bryan DeCoster. "Be involved in the process. We won't know how to help you if you don't work with your supervisors, CPAC advisors and Works Council representatives."

The USAG B-W Works Council agency will inactivate along with the

see **TOWN HALLS** page 18

## Surgical technician recognized nationally for selfless service

By Sgt. 1st Class Chris Fincham

30TH MEDCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A surgical technician from Valley, Ala., has been named the 2011 USO Volunteer of the Year for his resolute dedication as a volunteer at the Kaiserslautern USO Warrior Center at Landstuhl.

Sgt. Milfred Shane Williams of the 212th Combat Support Hospital's 160th Forward Surgical Team will be recognized for his selfless service at the USO Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in Washington, D.C. Oct. 6.

"It is a great and humbling honor to receive this recognition from the USO considering there are so many extraordinary volunteers in this wonderful organization around the globe," Williams said.

After enlisting in the Army

seven years ago, Williams began volunteering at soup kitchens and homeless shelters in San Antonio.

He credits his desire to help others to having experienced some hardships in his own life and receiving help from volunteers when he needed it the most.

Now he routinely spends his off-duty time volunteering at the USO Warrior Center at Landstuhl, a facility dedicated to providing wounded warriors a place to unwind and relax while they are in the area receiving medical care.

He strives to provide wounded warriors with a lively and fun environment to ensure that they have a positive experience at the center.

"When a wounded warrior see **VOLUNTEER** page 18



Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Fincham

Sgt. Milfred Shane Williams, 212th Combat Support Hospital, 160th Forward Surgical Team, Landstuhl, will be recognized for his service at a USO Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in Washington, D.C. Oct. 6.

## Army streamlining disability rating process

USAREUR Public Affairs

An improved disability evaluation process for Soldiers is scheduled to begin in Europe in late 2011 or early 2012. It will eliminate both the requirement for veterans to navigate the VA disability evaluation process on their

own and the delay between the end of Soldiers' service and the beginning of their VA benefits.

The Integrated Disability Evaluation System partners the disability rating systems of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to produce a

disability rating system used by both departments.

IDES features a single set of medical examinations and a single set of disability ratings, resulting in benefits that begin as soon as Soldiers separate from military service.

The VA does not have an

overseas structure in place to support IDES and thus does not have the structure or resources to support the required medical examinations here. Therefore, Soldiers overseas will return to the United States in a permanent change of station status see **IDES** page 18

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Fight suicide with unity

Our Army family continues to feel the stresses and strains of almost a decade of continuous operations abroad and at home. Regrettably, we have seen this stress lead some of our Soldiers, family members and civilians to take their own lives. This has profound effects on families, friends, communities and units. Every member of the Army family plays a vital role in the success of our missions and the unity of our organizations, and we cannot afford to lose even one person to something as preventable as suicide.

Therefore, the Army is renewing its emphasis on prevention, health and resilience by expanding the observation of National Suicide Prevention Week and World Suicide Prevention Day to the entire month of September.

Over the last three years we have intensified our efforts to recognize the warning signs and risk factors of suicide. We have instituted more training through the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program and have provided forums and interactive videos where suicide survivors and families of those who lost a loved one shared their experiences and personal stories. This year, the Army will focus on illustrating stories of resilience, providing edu-

cation and examples of protective factors and conveying to our Army family that treatment for both behavioral health and substance abuse is available and effective.

The reasons that people take their own life are complex. We have found that effective suicide prevention and intervention activities require a continuum of services and must build on individual, family, unit and community strength.

Members of the Army family, we urge you to work together to prevent suicide and to raise your awareness of available tools and resources. Adopt effective coping skills and turn to trusted friends and family in times of need. Help yourself by joining a support group or help someone else by volunteering. Confide in your clergy or a counselor. Maintain healthy lifestyles – get sufficient sleep and practice relaxation techniques. Identify your stressors and manage them. Work with your unit's Master Resilience Trainers who can help instill resilience across the Army family.

We owe it to each other and to ourselves to fight this problem with the same unity of purpose with which we fight our wars. Together, we can make a difference.

**Raymond F. Chandler**  
Sergeant Major of the Army

**Martin E. Dempsey**  
Army Chief of Staff

**John McHugh**  
Secretary of the Army

## Caring to help



Rick Scavetta

In Kaiserslautern, two suicide prevention awareness initiatives underway – cardboard coffee sleeves at post coffee shops and doorknockers on Soldiers' barracks rooms – offer reminders on where to seek help. During September, information booths will be at community events.

## Contest continues for Paris trip

### USAG Kaiserslautern Public Affairs

U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern is offering a trip to Paris for Herald Post readers who count elephants hidden in the Sept. 15 issue and correctly answer three suicide awareness questions.

Last week in the Herald Post, there were articles about suicide awareness and there were elephants hidden throughout the newspaper. Count the elephants and answer the following. Answers are found here and in the Sept. 15 Herald Post.

◆What date is World Suicide Prevention Day?

◆Name two major contributing factors toward people's decision to commit suicide?

◆What two initiatives are underway in Kaiserslautern to raise Soldiers' awareness to suicide prevention?

E-mail answers and contact information by Sept. 23 to [suicideprevention2011@yahoo.com](mailto:suicideprevention2011@yahoo.com). The winner will be announced by Sept. 28 during the AFN Kaiserslautern morning show.



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<http://myBWnow.ning.com>

### DISCUSSION BOARD

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

**When new hours for the gate near the commissary on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg were announced on Facebook, the post got 14 comments.**

"Don't know what happen but I am glad it did!"  
—Saunya ODwyer, BWnow Facebook fan

"Yes- traffic has been way backed up over by BK gate."

—JoAnne McIntyre Griffin, BWnow Facebook fan

"Yeah, ICE! You go, ICE!"

—Tina Sanders, BWnow Facebook fan

"Fantastic ... this will help accommodate Soldiers who commute between Coleman and PHV."

—Melody Rose Frazier, BWnow Facebook fan

"This just made my day!"

—Christina Hilling Currie, BWnow Facebook fan

"I wish to thank the command and all who worked and discussed this re-consideration."

—Anna Campbell, BWnow Facebook fan



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## Multinational headquarters welcomes Croatia

HQ FC HD Public Affairs

The Croatian flag now waves over the Headquarters Allied Force Command Heidelberg. The command currently provides approximately 70 Soldiers to the ISAF mission in Kabul.

“Now, I am very happy to be a member of this headquarters and am looking forward for the time here in Heidelberg,” Lt. Col. Juric Darko said.

Darko was previously stationed in Africa.

Croatia became the 28th member of NATO on April 1, 2009, and it expects to become the 28th member of the European Union on July 1, 2013.

Croatia supports the International Security Assistance Force mission in Afghanistan with approximately 320 soldiers.

About 380 Soldiers from

23 nations (about 110 German Soldiers) work at the Headquarters Allied Force Command Heidelberg. The command currently provides approximately 70 Soldiers to the ISAF mission in Kabul.

In addition, it is preparing for NATO response force standby phase throughout calendar year 2012.

The national military representative of Croatia, Col. Mijo Harsanji from Mons, Belgium, also participated in the Croatian flag raising ceremony.

He addressed the formation and guests, emphasizing the importance of Croatia's participation in the NATO force structure.

“It is a great privilege to stand in front of you and to represent my country and the Croatian armed forces here in Heidelberg,” he said.

“NATO is and will be the



Courtesy photo

Members of Headquarters Allied Force Command Heidelberg raise the Croatian flag on Campbell Barracks Sept. 9 to officially welcome the command's first Croatian military representative.

strongest security alliance ever in human history,” Harsanji added.

The Commander Headquarters Allied Force Com-

mand Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III also welcomed his first Croatian officer.

“It is a great day for our headquarters and it is really a

great pleasure and an honor for me to say welcome to our Croatian friends. I am looking forward to serving together with you,” Morgan said.

## Reservists learn land navigation warrior skills old-fashioned way

By 1st Lt. Matthew Curcio  
774TH CST PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Army Reserve Soldiers of the 774th Civil Support Team honed one of the most basic warrior skills, land navigation, at the Lampertheim Training Area near Mannheim Sept. 10.

Abandoning the modern technologies many have come to rely upon such as Global Positioning Systems, 774th CST Soldiers sharpened their land navigation skills the old fashioned way with a map, protractor, pencil and standard Army issue lensatic compass.

Training began with classroom instruction provided by Staff Sgt. Eugene Talent, 774th CST training noncommissioned officer. Initially, Soldiers' land navigation skills were a bit rusty. However with classroom instruction, they soon renewed their non-technological skills.

At the training site, Soldiers put their lessons to use. They were given their objectives, known as points, and set out to navigate through



Capt. John Garceau

Sgt. Danny Jennings, left, 774th Civil Support Team human resource noncommissioned officer, checks his azimuth while Spc. Jon Pierre Johnson, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist, points the way.

the dense forest. After a few hours later, Soldiers began to trickle in with their score cards in hand. While some Soldiers found a few of the points elusive, the training they received prepared them for the war time mission.

After nightfall, Soldiers

continued to sharpen land navigation skills. While orientating at night is more challenging, Soldiers leveraged their freshly enhanced skills and successfully found their points.

“Land navigation training is important for Soldiers at all levels to understand and be able to execute,” said 1st Sgt. Leonard Larry, headquarters and headquarters company.

“Since land navigation is a perishable skill, it is important to keep training and practicing in order to maintain proficiency.”

Larry added that land navigation training enhances the unit's readiness in being able to conduct its operational mission. It builds confidence to successfully negotiate operational situations they might find themselves in.

“Technology is great, but it can't always be relied upon,” said Larry.

After training, Soldiers returned to base with a few more miles on their boots and in some cases a few new blisters.

## Shoo Flu



Courtesy photo

The Europe Region Medical Command will administer flu immunizations to community members Sept. 27-Oct. 26 at local events, schools and child development centers. FluMist and Fluzone, which helps prevent seasonal influenza, will be offered. The influenza virus is a contagious disease spread by coughing, sneezing or nasal secretions. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports more than 200,000 people are hospitalized each year with influenza and 36,000 die from the disease. Common symptoms include fever, sore throat, coughing, chills, fatigue, headache and muscle ache.

### Heidelberg

- Patrick Henry Village Child Development Center, 7-9 a.m. Sept. 27
- Mark Twain Village Child Development Center, 7-8 a.m., Sept. 28
- Campbell Barracks, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 27, 28, Casablanca Room
- Heidelberg High School, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 6
- Heidelberg Holiday Bazaar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 7, 8, Village Pavilion
- Campbell Barracks, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 12, Casablanca Room
- Campbell Barracks, noon-3 p.m. Oct. 13, Casablanca Room
- Heidelberg Middle School, 1-4 p.m. Oct. 14
- PHV Pavilion, 8-10 a.m. Oct. 15
- Retiree Appreciation Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 15 (retirees only)
- Patrick Henry Elementary School, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 20, 21
- Patton Barracks, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 27,

Bldg. 113 (529th Military Police)

- Campbell Barracks, 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 9, Casablanca Room
- Campbell Barracks, noon-3 p.m. Nov. 10, Casablanca Room

### Mannheim

- Mannheim Elementary School, 2-4 p.m., Oct. 4
- Kaiserslautern
- Sembach Elementary School, 3-5 p.m. Oct. 3, Tiger Tales Theater
- Landstuhl Elementary and Middle School 2:45-5:30 p.m. Oct. 5, gym and cafeteria
- College Night 6 p.m. Oct. 6 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks
- Kaiserslautern High School from 2-6 p.m. Oct. 13 and 14, cafeteria
- Kaiserslautern Mall 4-7 p.m. Oct. 18, 20, 26, food court area

SOURCE: HMMEDDAC, LRCM Public Affairs

## transformation UPDATE

### Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

#### What should military members expect in regards to logistical support and housing?

Support, whether logistical or housing or other, will continue to occur at a level our community members deserve. This means necessary services will continue to be provided based on customer demand and available resources (money, equipment, workforce). Often service locations have to be consolidated because of resource limitations and this will usually mean consolidation in the area with the greatest population which is Heidelberg. In some cases the consolidation will be in Mannheim like the Vehicle Registration at Spinelli Barracks. The garrison commander's intent is to keep established timelines as closure progresses while minimizing turbulence to community members by notifying them of changes as soon as possible and generally at least 30 days in advance. That will not always be possible when changes are the result of unexpected employee sick leaves or other unexpected losses of employees providing the services. Although the changes are necessary, we understand they aren't easy because of the high level of services in close proximity to home and work that community members have become accustomed to. The command will do its best to retain the proximity and quality of services as long as possible.

#### I heard that driving from Mannheim to Heidelberg PX/Commissary is no different than driving from one end of Ft. Hood to the other. But servicemembers don't drive autobahn speeds on Ft. Hood, and gasoline on Ft. Hood is cheaper than Exchange gas stations in Germany.

It's true that consolidating facilities causes inconvenience by increasing the distance customers have to travel for services. This holds true for Mannheim residents traveling to the Heidelberg clinics and for Heidelberg residents traveling to Vehicle Registration. Unfortunately, services must be consolidated when resources and demand dictate in these closing communities even if it means distances increase from what we are used to.

### Facilities Operations Changes

**New – Sullivan Gate** – The vehicle access control point on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim located near the Class VI store is closed. Pedestrians may still use this gate to exit Sullivan Barracks. The pedestrian gate near Bldg. 254 (formerly the USO) remains open 24 hours a day as an additional entry and exit point for ID card holders wishing to gain access to Sullivan Barracks. DSN 385-3359, civ. 0621-730-3359.

**New – Mannheim Tax Relief Office** – The Tax Relief Office on Sullivan Barracks has new hours. It is now open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and closed Tuesdays, Thursdays, weekends and U.S. holidays. DSN 385-3616, civ. 0621-730-3616.

**New – Sullivan Library** – The Library on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim will close Sept. 30. DSN 380-1740, civ. 0621-730-1740. Computer support is available at ACS in Bldg. 246. The Library in Heidelberg on Patrick Henry Village is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Sunday and closed Mondays. Patrons can go online and check out, download and renew services at the MYACCOUNT on-line library service, [www.library.eur.army.mil](http://www.library.eur.army.mil). To set up an account, visit <http://mylibraryeu.fmw.net/screens/firsttime.html>. Library staff at civ. 06221-338-9443 can answer questions, or assist in setting up an account when patrons visit the library. The IMCOM-Europe Library is also available online at [www.library.ulinet.army.mil](http://www.library.ulinet.army.mil).

**Recovery Room** – The Recovery Room on Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg will close Sept. 30. DSN 371-2762, civ. 06221-17-2762.

**Franklin Guest Lodging** – The hotel on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will close Sept. 30. Customers will be referred to the guest house on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. Mannheim customers may receive a certificate of nonavailability for housing on the economy on a case-by-case basis or if no rooms are available on PHV. Through Sept. 30,

hours at the BFV hotel are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**New – Commissary Gate** – Effective Oct. 1, the hours for the gate near the Patrick Henry Village commissary will change. It will be open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. The commissary hours remain the same: 7:30-9 a.m. every day for early bird shopping, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.

**New – Mannheim Self-Help** – The Self-Help Store on Funari Barracks in Mannheim at the recycle center compound will change hours starting Oct. 1 and will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and closed on American and German holidays. DSN 387-3325.

**Mannheim Exchange Facilities** – Mannheim will experience changes in hours starting Oct. 1. New hours are as follows.

**Main Exchange** will open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, closed Mondays.

**Burger King** will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday for drive through service and 7 a.m.-6 p.m. for dining room service, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and closed Sundays.

**Anthony's Pizza** will be open 4-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed Saturdays and Sundays.

**Popeyes and Taco Bell** will be open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday and closed Mondays.

**Gas station** will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday.

**Sullivan Shoppette** will be open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday.

**New – Mannheim Work Orders** – Starting Oct. 1, All Star will no longer respond to service order calls in Mannheim. Customers should call the Directorate of Public Works service order desk in Heidelberg at DSN 387-3310/3311/3312, civ. 06221-4380-3310/3311/3312.

**Mannheim Health and Dental Clinics** – The Health and Dental Clinics on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will close Sept. 30. The TRICARE enrollment offices are on the Heidelberg Shopping Center in the Central Processing Facility and at the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3613, Room 2047. Both are open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 371-2445, civ. 06221-17-2445. BFV Dental Clinic: DSN 380-4545, civ. 0621-730-4545. Coleman Dental: DSN 382-5262, civ. 0621-779-5262. PHV Clinic: DSN 388-9500, civ. 06221-338-9500.

**Mannheim Area Retirees** – Retirees and their family members enrolled at the Mannheim clinics will be disenrolled Sept. 30. The Heidelberg Health Center will offer these beneficiaries care on a space available basis. Retirees will have the option of picking up prescription medications at the Coleman pharmacy. The Mannheim TRICARE Service Center may assist retirees by providing names and contact information for German primary care physicians upon patient request. Phone numbers are listed above in "Mannheim Health and Dental Clinics."

**New – Hours change for Mannheim ID cards/DEERS and passports** – The Mannheim ID cards, DEERS and passport offices located in Bldg. 246 on Sullivan Barracks will close Oct. 1. Until then, these offices will be open 8-11:30 a.m. only. ID cards/DEERS and passport services are available at the Heidelberg Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center. DSN 370-9804, civ. 06221-57-9804. Reports of birth are by appointment only. For Passports, SOFA Cards, reports of birth and other consular services, contact DSN 370-3921, civ. 06221-57-3921, [www.bw.eur.army.mil/Directorates/DHR/home.html](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/Directorates/DHR/home.html).

**Village Grille** – Effective Oct. 2, the Village Grille on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg will close at 3 p.m. Sundays due to low patronage in the afternoons and evenings.

**Mannheim Veterinary Treatment Facility** – The vet office in Mannheim will close Dec. 22. Veterinary care will continue to be available through the Heidelberg Veterinary Treatment Facility on Patrick Henry Village. To prepare for closing, the Mannheim VTF will reduce hours starting Oct. 1. The facility will be open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday for over-the-counter services only, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday for sick call and preventative medicine appointments. Clients

requesting surgery will be referred to Heidelberg VTF or an off post veterinarian. Records remaining at the clinic after Dec. 22 will be transferred to Heidelberg. Those scheduled to PCS before that should pick up their records at the clinic. DSN 385-2312, civ. 0621-730-2312.

**Coleman Postal Service Center** – The Postal Service Center on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim has changed its hours. The new hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Monday - Friday. The CMR customer service package pick-up window hours remain the same: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**Mannheim School Age Center** – The School Age Center on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim has moved to Bldg. 699 next to the elementary school. DSN 380-4321, civ. 0621-730-4321.

**Mannheim Social Work Services** – Social Work Services is located in the health clinic, Bldg. 739, on Benjamin Franklin Village. On Oct. 1, SWS will move to the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne. To contact SWS, call the Health Clinic front desk at DSN 380-9500, civ. 0621-730-9500 or, in Heidelberg, DSN 371-2084, civ. 06221-17-2084.

**Mannheim Base Operations** – For assistance in Mannheim, residents should contact the following individuals: Sgt. 1st Class Damien R. Hunt, who is now the Base Operations noncommissioned officer in charge located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks, DSN 385-1610, civ. 0621-730-1610, civ. 07622-70-0535, [damiens.r.hunt@eur.army.mil](mailto:damiens.r.hunt@eur.army.mil); Bob Isbell, Mannheim Base Operations Manager, DSN 385-3944, civ. 0621-730-3944, [bob.isbell@eur.army.mil](mailto:bob.isbell@eur.army.mil); Ralph Santaluz, Interim Deputy Garrison Commander, [rafael.santaluz@eur.army.mil](mailto:rafael.santaluz@eur.army.mil); or Master Sgt. Romeo Satsatin, acting USAG Baden-Württemberg command sergeant major, [romeo.satsatin@eur.army.mil](mailto:romeo.satsatin@eur.army.mil), DSN 373-1300, civ. 06221-17-1310.

**Heidelberg Acute Care Clinic** – The Acute Care Clinic on Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg will close Sept. 30. Enrolled beneficiaries will be seen at the Family Practice Clinic and emergency care can be found on the economy by host nation providers. During September, the Acute Care Clinic will be closed Sundays and U.S. holidays. Pick up a "Guide to Host Nation Health Care" at the Heidelberg Health Center or visit <https://ermc.amedd.army.mil/heidelberg/index.cfm>.

**Mannheim Physical Therapy** – Physical therapy services are no longer offered in Mannheim. Currently, Physical Therapy only serves the active duty population, who now need to go to the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne for this treatment.

**Mannheim SATO** – The SATO travel office in Mannheim is closed. Customers can use the SATO offices in Heidelberg on the Shopping Center and on Campbell Barracks. SATO handles travel for official and leisure purposes and also books rental cars, hotels, cruises, day trips and bus tours. The SATO office on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg is in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, and is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed on German holidays. DSN 370-6949, civ. 06221-57-6949. SATO on Campbell Barracks is in Bldg. 31 and is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed on German and American holidays. DSN 370-6615, civ. 06221-985-0690.

**Tompkins Gym** – The Fitness Center on Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen has new hours: 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday. The facility is closed Saturdays, Sundays and U.S. holidays. DSN 379-7700, civ. 06202-80-7700.

**Spinelli Auto Skills** – Spinelli Auto Skills has new hours of operation. It is closed Mondays, Sundays and U.S. holidays and open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Fridays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and training holidays. DSN 373-5196, civ. 06221-17-5196.

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

## Faces of the community: Coleman Dry Cleaners



Dijon Rolle

Facility manager Grace Narthey makes alterations to an Army Dress Blue uniform at the Exchange (AAFES) dry cleaners on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim. The facility provides alteration, laundry and dry cleaning services for customers. The Exchange concession is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. DSN 382-4159.

## Information breach may affect NAF retirees

### IMCOM Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO - A compact disk containing the personal information of nearly 25,000 non-appropriated fund retiree records was lost in the mail between Alexandria, Va., and San Antonio during the final week of August.

The potentially compromised information contains names, social security numbers and other information, such as type of retirement, retirement date, amount of life insurance carried, term data and dates of service. Some records may also contain birth dates.

Retirees who are at risk have been sent notification letters advising them of the data loss and actions they can take to protect their identities.

Concerned retirees who want to check their status, may call a 24-hour hotline at civ. (001) 49-210-466-1640 to determine if they were included in the database and to learn how to guard against misuses of the information.

This incident is being investigated by the Installation Management Command and the Army's Computer Emergency Readiness Team.

## 26th annual Outreach-KONTAKT awards recognize German-American friendships, goodwill ambassadors

By Spc. Adam P. Garlington  
USAREUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Garrison Baden-Württemberg was among those recognized by U.S. Army Europe Sept. 10 during the 26th annual Outreach-KONTAKT awards ceremony at the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg.

The ceremony honored more than 50 KONTAKT club members and groups for their volunteer efforts as goodwill ambassadors for both the United States and Germany.

Ceremony host Brig. Gen. Nadja West, Europe Regional Medical Command commanding general, said for more than 40 years Outreach-KONTAKT has served as a bridge for Americans and Germans alike to learn about and understand the differences between cultures, such as language, customs, food, politics and educational systems.

The differences between the American and German edu-

cational system were noticed by Birgit Thomas.

Thomas, an Outreach-KONTAKT Heidelberg club member, said the American education system gives students the freedom to choose and switch their studies at anytime as opposed to the German education system which sets students on a pre-determined course for future studies.

Experiencing and learning the differences between American and German cultures aren't the only benefits of Outreach-KONTAKT. It provides opportunities to volunteer in the community, too.

Outreach-KONTAKT members volunteer an average of 80,000 hours each year to foster friendships between the United States and Germany by supporting Soldiers, families, programs and events.

Staff Sgt. Lonnie Silk, the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment radar section noncommissioned officer in charge, who volunteered more than 570



Spc. Adam P. Garlington

Europe Regional Medical Commander Brig. Gen. Nadja West continues building German-American friendships at the Outreach-KONTAKT awards ceremony Sept. 10 at the Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg to honor groups and individuals for efforts as goodwill ambassadors.

hours with Outreach-KONTAKT last year, said that his most memorable Outreach-KONTAKT experience was the Vilseck Christmas breakfast.

Silk, who was separated from his two children during the holidays, recalls local KONTAKT members inviting him to a buffet brunch on Christmas morning.

"It got my mind off of

spending the holidays by myself," said Silk. "Now it was the holidays, and I was with a bunch of people that cared about me."

Outreach-KONTAKT builds German-American friendships and promotes interaction between cultures by sponsoring and supporting community events that attract approximately 500,000 participants each year.

**"It got my mind off spending the holidays by myself. Now it was the holidays, and I was with a bunch of people that cared about me."**

-Staff Sgt. Lonnie Silk, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment

There are 13 active Outreach-KONTAKT clubs in Germany that give Soldiers, Family members and civilians an opportunity to learn about Germany and its culture. In return it also provides information about the American way of life to Germans and citizens of other countries.

For information about Outreach-KONTAKT, contact the public affairs office at DSN 373-1400, civ. 06221-17-1600.

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# In Mannheim since '51, employee grows up with garrison

By Katja Pinkston

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRINGER



ROBERTS

Six years after General George S. Patton had his fatal car accident in Mannheim, a young man from Texas arrived in town, at a time when the Mannheim military community was still in its infancy.

"I still remember when I came to Sullivan Barracks in 1951," Carlton Roberts said. "It's hard to believe but when I first came to Mannheim, we had tents everywhere."

Roberts, who is widely known as Robbie, did not realize that nearly 61 years later, he would still be here, at the very place where he saw his life unfold.

His hard work and determination paid off as he worked himself up the career ladder. Chuckling, Roberts explained that back then people still did dishes by hand.

"New Year's Eve I was doing dishes at the Officers' Club. I worked as a dishwasher, a driver, then a waiter. I went to school and worked my way up to be manager of the clubs on Sullivan

Barracks," Roberts said.

Roberts works currently as a part-time employee at the Mannheim Tax Relief Office.

"I retired in 1997 from the club system. But I'm used to keep doing things. I've worked all my life, so after I retired, I kept working in flex-time jobs for (Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation). I always try to do my best in everything I do," he said.

Career opportunities were not the only reasons why somebody from sunny Texas would stay connected to

the Mannheim military community for decades.

Like many other Soldiers or civilians who came to Germany on a temporary duty assignment and stayed much longer, Roberts found the love of his life in Germany.

"I met my wife here. We got married, and I was happy. So I stayed," he said.

After living here for so long, Roberts does not miss the way of life in the United States.

"I went to America twice in all those years. I get homesick for Germany. When I went to the states the first time, I was ready to go home after two days. I have my home here. My whole family is here," Roberts said.

For young Soldiers and their families stationed in Germany, Roberts urges them to think positive, be open-minded and to go out and explore

Germany.

"So many people are afraid to leave post. They don't get out much. People don't realize how good life could be. When you live somewhere you have get to know the people in that country. You learn so much," he said.

Roberts is not sure yet what he will do after the Mannheim military community closes.

"I'll probably stay home with the family," Roberts said, pointing to a photo of his two young grandsons. "My older grandson, Phillip, loves to play soccer, and I like to watch him play."

Having witnessed the dawn of the Mannheim military community and its ups and downs for six decades, Roberts is now a witness to its end.

"I never thought they would close Mannheim," he said. "I am a Mannheimer."

## Bazaar seeks volunteers

FMWR Marketing

Some people may believe that October is too early to start thinking about the winter holidays, but if you've been in Heidelberg long enough, you know the bazaar committee is gearing up for the 47th Annual Holiday Bazaar at the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village Oct. 7-9 in Heidelberg.

Dozens of rows of international vendors will sell everything from furniture to cheese and wine. But the bazaar is made possible only with the help of hundreds of volunteers. Volunteer opportunities for adults and youth ages 13 and up are available and partici-

pating teens earn community service hours. Donations of baked goods are also being accepted.

Volunteers are entered into volunteer only drawings, and they are invited to the pre-shopping event Thursday evening before the bazaar opens to the public.

"We rely on our volunteers to make this event a success," said Alexa Mattil, bazaar chair for the Heidelberg Community and Spouses' Club. Last year, the club gave more than \$157,00 to military communities through grants and educational scholarships.

For information, visit [hscs-heidelberg.com](http://hscs-heidelberg.com) or [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

## Home Again



Sgt. Frank Sanchez III

Sgt. 1st Class James Moten, disbursing manager for the 106th Finance Management Company Delta Detachment, hugs his children Charles and Chaundra during a ceremony on Kleber Kaserne Sept. 14 in Kaiserslautern following the unit's yearlong deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn.

## 9/11 Remembrance



Sven Hoppe

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bryan DeCoster, left, helps Dr. Karl A. Lamers, German President of the American-European Friendship Club, carry a wreath during the religious service Sept. 11 at the Patrick Henry Village Chapel. The wreath, donated by the American-European Friendship Club was placed in front of the altar as a display of friendship and to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa.

## Podcasts put Army Europe at fingertips

USAREUR Public Affairs

People around the world are linked to U.S. Army Europe and the recently released USA-REUR application for mobile devices is designed to strengthen those links and to keep people informed.

The U.S. Army Europe podcast takes a look at the new app.

Kevin Downey, USA-REUR's webmaster and app creator, joins AFN podcast host Jesse Granger to discuss how the app puts key elements of USA-REUR's

website in users' hands wherever they are and how users can take part in the process of updating and improving the application.

The USA-REUR podcast series aims to provide information via one-on-one audio and video interviews with influential figures from the U.S. forces community in Europe.

For example, Fueling the Team is a recent podcast that sends the message fat is out and fit is in for U.S. Army in Europe.

Officials have joined

several other agencies to help the Army in Europe team to shop and eat healthy, via the Fueling The Team program.

Three program leaders explain the program's background, its goals, some of the routine and unique ways it is being implemented across Europe and how Soldiers, civilian employees and family members have responded.

Current and archived podcasts can be downloaded free at [www.eur.army.mil](http://www.eur.army.mil) or on iTunes.



Staff Sgt. Russell Klika

Soldiers attending the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School Mountaineering Program conduct senior course level II training near Fort Carson, Colo., Sept. 8 after completing the basic course (Level III). In October, the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School will hold an activation ceremony officially turning the mountaineering program over to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (A) on Fort Bragg, N.C.



Staff Sgt. Andrew H. Owen

Soldiers from the Sandston-based Battery A, 1st Battalion, 111th Field Artillery Regiment, 116th Brigade Combat Team, fire their howitzers Friday during their annual two-week training at Fort Pickett, Va.

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Staff Sgt. Donna Davis

A child waves two flags while Soldiers with the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade spend their last moments with their families Sept. 12 before leaving for Afghanistan for a yearlong deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



# Garmisch offers family fun year-round

By Elizabeth Casebeer  
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Family trips tend to solicit eye rolls from various relatives, particularly those whose age ends in “teen.” Garmisch-Partenkirchen, about four hours from Heidelberg by car, is a mountain resort town where anybody and everybody is practically guaranteed to have a good time, no matter the season.

Garmisch-Partenkirchen is seated at the foot of the Bavarian Alps and is close to Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany.

Even though the town has around 60 hotels available, a popular choice with military families is Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, one of five Armed Forces Recreation Centers worldwide (the others are in Virginia, Hawaii, Korea and Florida).

Edelweiss, named after the protected mountain flower, opened Sept. 15, 2004. Around the corner is U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch, and ID card holders can utilize the Exchange and the commissary there.

Inside the Edelweiss resort, homesick guests can enjoy American style food at a few restaurants, large guest rooms, happy hour and paying in dollars for everything.

Recreation on the property includes saunas, a pool, massage therapy, a juice bar and plenty of activities for kids only.

Thrill seekers can rejoice in the abundance of outdoor recreation in Garmisch and the surrounding areas.

White water rafting, golf, skiing, snowboarding, hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking, paragliding, canyoning, kayaking and more are great ways to spend all or part of your vacation. A few of these trips, like basic white water rafting, are also open to older children.

For history buffs, Garmisch’s central location makes it easy to travel to Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest, Linderhof Palace and even Italy or Austria. Oktoberfest is in Munich, 56 miles away, and a favorite tourist spot is the Neuschwanstein castle, made famous by newer generations as one of the models of Walt Disney’s “Cinderella Castle.”

It’s impossible to do everything in just a few days, as many trips take a full day, but you can still do a lot even on a weekend. If you’re leaving from Heidelberg or Mannheim on a Friday afternoon, check out the evening Griesbräu Brewery tour, where visitors are treated to home-brewed unfiltered beer and earn a beer connoisseur diploma.

Stay at the brewery for a regionally-styled dinner, or head to Zum Wildschütz, rated Garmisch’s number one restaurant on [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com) and enjoy traditional Bavarian fare there. Enjoy a nice soak in the hot tub or take a few laps in the pool.

Wake up early the next day for a 90-minute drive to Haiming, Austria, to enjoy some water sports like white water rafting along the Inn River.

For beginners ages 12 and older or those who haven’t gone in a while, the basic rafting course is fun and the guides speak fluent English. Advanced white water rafting is available for ages 16 and up and continues from the Inn River to the Otzaller Ache River.

Spend the drive back to Germany taking photos of the picturesque scenery and marvel at the beauty of the mountains, then hit up the multiple bars, pubs and dance clubs in the area or treat yourself to a massage after all that rowing.

For something less strenuous, visit the Salt Mines of Berchtesgaden, where visitors don miner’s clothing and travel on a little train through the mine, learning about the its history dating to 1517. Kids



Elizabeth Casebeer  
Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, located in the Bavarian Alps in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, is one of five Armed Forces recreation centers worldwide. About four hours from Heidelberg by car, Edelweiss is a central location for servicemembers and their families to find opportunities to participate in white water rafting in the summer, skiing in the winter and much more.



Elizabeth Casebeer  
Hirschgulasch (venison goulash) is a popular Bavarian dish, as served at Zum Wildschütz, a popular restaurant in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a four-hour drive from Heidelberg.



Elizabeth Casebeer  
Dozens of tiny wooden huts create a rustic ambiance during the Bundesstrasse (federal highway) drive through Germany and Austria on the way to Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Bavarian Alps.

will love the two slides and the underground salt lake boat ride.

Another option is to take the train or drive to Dachau Concentration Camp, about 20 minutes from Munich, which is maintained to honor those who died during the Holocaust. Children 12 and under are not permitted to watch the documentary movie.

If you prefer to travel closer to Garmisch, head to Zugspitze, a 9,714 foot high mountain. Known for its alpine skiing in winter, visitors can also enjoy summer glacier hikes, summer sledding with real

snow, or they can simply savor the magnificent 360 degree panoramic view of four countries’ 400 peaks and stop at the various mountain huts that dot the area.

See page 14 to read about current special package deals Oct. 3 to Dec. 15 (with some black out dates) at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort for sergeants and below or for caregivers.

## GERMAN NEWS

### Obama and Merkel Discussions

U.S. President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel spoke by phone Monday to discuss the need for action on the eurozone crisis and the Middle East, the White House said. The leaders had the latest of their frequent conversations before Obama headed to the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The two leaders agreed that concerted action would be needed in the months ahead to address the current economic challenges and to assure global economic recovery, said a White House statement. They also discussed Middle East peace, and the President thanked the Chancellor for her commitment to the peace process and her personal engagement with the parties to facilitate a return to direct talks.

### Siemens Shuttles Nuclear Business

German industrial giant Siemens is turning the page on nuclear energy, the group's CEO Peter Löscher told the weekly *Der Spiegel* in an interview published on Sunday. "We will no longer be involved in overall managing of building or financing nuclear plants. This chapter is closed for us," he said, explaining that Siemens would restrict its activity to dual-use technology. "We will from now on supply only conventional equipment such as steam turbines. This means we are restricting ourselves to technologies that are not only for nuclear purposes but can also be used in gas or coal plants." Löscher said his group's decision to withdraw from the nuclear industry reflected "the very clear stance taken by Germany's society and political leadership." The German government announced its decision to abandon nuclear power by 2022 in the wake of the disaster at Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant. Germany is the first major industrialized power to agree to end its use of atomic power since the disaster.

### Social Democrats Seal Election

The centre-left Social Democrats won Berlin's state election Sunday, setting up a likely coalition with the Greens. The upstart Pirate Party sailed easily into parliament with 9 percent of the vote. Incumbent Mayor Klaus Wowereit led the SPD to a third consecutive victory in the German capital, even as his party suffered mild losses. According to early exit polls, the Social Democrats won almost 29 percent of the vote, down two percentage points from five years ago. Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative Christian Democratic Union was able to improve its result by two points to over 23 percent, while the environmentalist Greens jumped four points to almost 18 percent — the party's best showing in Berlin ever. Wowereit's current coalition partners, the socialist party The Left (Die Linke), dropped nearly two percentage points to around 11 percent, meaning they will no longer stay in government.

Source: [www.thelocal.de](http://www.thelocal.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](mailto:dearmsvicki@yahoo.com).

*Dear Ms. Vicki,*

*I need your advice. I don't know where to start. We have a family motto: Giving up is not an option. I feel like doing exactly that.*

*We are a bi-racial couple. He is black and I'm Latina. I have been approached by black females and insulted because of it. Even some of his friends have told me that I took a good brother from them. They have told me that they don't know what he sees in me, that I am fat and ugly. I told my husband and instead of believing me, he believed that I was lying and trying instigate stuff because I was jealous of his friendship.*

*My heart shattered. My husband cheats (don't have proof and I don't want it, but I feel it deep down in my heart), lies and blames me for our arguments. He says I am over possessive and jealous and tells others too, but not once did I humiliate myself or him in a jealous rage.*

*I am an educated female and refuse to bring myself down to that. Not once did I approach his female friends and call them names, or drag them around by the hair. He seems to think I do this all the time. He doesn't trust me, yet I have never ever done anything.*

*I haven't trusted him in a while.*

*I am tired. I had forgiven him for everything at the cost of my health. Lately, I don't feel love for him anymore. I feel sad around him. He is cruel. My self-esteem is at all-time low.*

*How do I tell my children that I want to leave? How do I even begin to explain to them that their father is cruel to me when he is an angel with them and he acts like a great husband in front of them? He'll tell the kids that I am evil but then adds that he was joking. He has said that if we were to get separated the kids would blame me because of my temper. I believed him once that I had a temper and even went to a temper control class. The instructor did not understand why I was there and recommended that I see somebody else, instead, for depression.*

*When I told my husband he got angry and told me that I was not to mention anything about him or he could get in trouble with the military and we would lose everything he worked hard for.*

*He thinks I have nowhere to go but I do have a few family and friends that will help me and feel blessed that I do.*

*The reason he thinks I don't have anybody is that since we got married he has systematically kept me away from my family and friends.*

*Facebook helped me reconnect with my family, cousins and friends I have not talked to or seen since I got married. I realized that I gave up so much for him and not once did he do anything for me except to encourage me to get my education in case anything happened, and I did.*

*I guess I woke up. Am I wrong to want to be happy? Am I wrong to want peace? How will my children cope? How do I begin to explain to them that I have to give up? After 14 years throwing in the towel and giving up.*

**Dear Giving Up,**

You have put up with this for 14 years. Why? Your husband is abusive towards you and he is allowing other people to do the

same.

No one has the right to come up to you and say anything about you, your children or your marriage. The fact that these women are saying these inappropriate things is horrendous.

Moreover, it shows just how ignorant they are. I'm concerned about you and your children. You are trying to protect them and keep the details of your marriage away from them, but I think they already know in spite of your efforts to shield them.

I'm also concerned that you admit to depression but you are not speaking to a professional because your husband does not want you to. He's afraid it could get him in trouble.

I would highly recommend you make an appointment with your primary care physician and speak to him or her about the symptoms. If you don't, the symptoms could get worse.

You are doing this for you and not your husband. You can also speak to a Victims Advocate for advice and support. You can find a VA on base in the Family Services office.

I can't tell you when it's time to throw in the towel, but this situation is not good. I'm glad that you have family and close friends who are willing to be supportive.

I would avoid talking to your children about the possibility of a separation or divorce because you don't have any plans right now. It will only cause anxiety for them.

Talk to your doctor about the depression, speak to a VA, and even visit the legal office on base for information and recommendations.

Whatever you do, you have my permission to stand up against ignorance. I would never allow anyone to approach me or my children in such a vile and humiliating way. Please keep in touch with me and let me know how you are doing and what you decide to do.

# Edelweiss offers specials to servicemembers

## Staff Report

Itching to get away but can't find enough change in your couch cushions?

Time to put the money back in your piggybank. From Oct. 3 to Dec. 15, Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen has a couple special offers that can't be beat.

For bookings of two nights, servicemembers sergeant and below stay for \$44.50 a night and receive two complimentary breakfasts and two dinners. The special also includes 10 percent off activities, but guests must call vacation planning and mention the offer to receive it.

Another program offered during the time period is the caregiver's special, which includes 30 percent off rooms and meals. Steve Sifers, Edelweiss assistant manager, said the term is very broad and includes "anyone (who) is taking care of a military child, a Soldier or a family in almost any way, shape or form. (This includes) spouses of deployed Soldiers, parents of military children, chaplains, guardians, doctors and nurses," but also includes those who support sick family members, Sifers said.

Authorized patrons include U.S. active duty, military retirees, reserve and guard, current Department of Defense civilian employees assigned to European Command, foreign military currently on

orders assigned to a U.S. military installation and the family members of authorized patrons.

Non-special room rates are specific to the sponsor's rank.

Edelweiss, about four hours from Heidelberg by car, is one of five Armed Forces Recreation Centers worldwide (the others are in Virginia, Hawaii, Korea and Florida). The resort opened Sept. 15, 2004.

Blackout dates of Oct. 7-9, Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 23-26 apply for these offers. The resort typically has ongoing specials throughout the year, and more can be found on the website at [www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com](http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com) or by calling DSN 440-2575, civ. 08821-9440 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

# GET OUT!

## area events

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

### September 23

**Quilt Art** - The Max Berk Fabric Collection, a division of Kurpfälzisches (Palatinate) Museum in Heidelberg, presents Quilt Art At 25, celebrating 25 years of the work of a group of 20 female artists from European countries and the United States. Their quilt art has become synonymous with contemporary patchwork quilting at the highest level, according to organizers. The exhibition will demonstrate artistic range and technical proficiency on a multitude of subjects. The Kurpfälzische Museum presents the exhibition in its Heidelberg-Ziegelhausen satellite Textilsammlung Max Berk on Brahmstrasse 8, 1-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Jan. 15. Currently, Heidelberg is the only European location scheduling the exhibition. [www.heidelberg.de/museum](http://www.heidelberg.de/museum) (may not be accessible from within .mil domain).

**101 Dalmatians** - U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern and Kaiserslautern Military Community Onstage, Kaiserslautern's Community Theater, present Disney's "101 Dalmatians." Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. (Sunday matinee) Sept. 23-25. The KMC Theater is on Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3232. DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-411-6626, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Cannstatter Volksfest** - The city of Stuttgart will host the 166th annual Cannstatter Volksfest through Oct. 9. Visitors can enjoy food, roller coaster rides, music, dance, parades and a beer festival. Both fests are located at Cannstatter Wasen fairgrounds which also houses one of the largest festival tents capable of housing up to 5,000 visitors in each tent. [www.cannstatter-volksfest.de/index.php?id=2&L=1](http://www.cannstatter-volksfest.de/index.php?id=2&L=1).

**Hohenfels Community Bazaar** - Check out pottery, rugs, wine, gourmet cheese, antiques, prizes, food and more during the Hohenfels community bazaar at the Community Activities Center and post gym. The bazaar will be open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. The bazaar is open to all U.S. ID card holders. [www.hohenfelscc.com](http://www.hohenfelscc.com).

### September 24

**Hispanic Soul** - The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg will host Hispanic Soul celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg 6:30-11 p.m. Guests can enjoy music, dancing, an art exhibition, a food contest, a Latin Salsa band and entertainment for the entire family. Tickets are on sale at the Arts and Cultural Center before the event and are available at the door. Pick up food contest and art entry forms at the Arts and Cultural Center store or online at [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com). The food entry deadline has been extended to 7 p.m. Sept. 24. DSN 388-9421 or civ. 06221-338-9421, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Oktoberfest** - Enjoy one of Germany's biggest celebrations with a trip to Munich for the world-famous Oktoberfest. This annual event draws visitors from around the world for unlimited food, fun and beer. <http://affiliates.usa.org/rheinmain>.

**Heidelberg Autumn Fair** - Every year, the last weekend in September holds a special treat. All of Heidelberg's old town is transformed into the Heidelberger Herbstfest. A dozen stages offer music entertainment, dance and performance art. Countless stalls offer new and used goods, lovely regional delicacies or information about activities. [www.heidelberg-marketing.de](http://www.heidelberg-marketing.de), [www.stadtfeite-in-deutschland.de/altsiedelstadtfeite-heidelberger-herbst.html](http://www.stadtfeite-in-deutschland.de/altsiedelstadtfeite-heidelberger-herbst.html).

**Kaiserslautern City Tour** - Whether you are new to the community, or have been a resident for a while, all are welcome to join this new tour exploring the past and present of Kaiserslautern. Visit the 12th century castle ruins and excavations, remnants of the time when the city was the site of one of the imperial castles of Emperor Friedrich I, also known as Barbarossa or Red Beard. Hear the legends of the Emperor and find out why the fish is the symbol of the city. Stroll through the farmers market to purchase some of the seasonal fruits and vegetables from the region. <http://affiliates.usa.org/kaiserslautern>.

### September 25

**Pfalztheater** - The Pfalztheater in Kaiserslautern produces a variety of plays, operas and ballet performances. Events, tours and youth workshops are available in English. Student ticket prices and last minute tickets at a discount are also available. For show times and upcoming events call civ. 0631-36-750 or visit [www.pfalztheater.de/english-pt-page](http://www.pfalztheater.de/english-pt-page).

**Volksfest** - Members of the U.S. Army Europe Fest Band will perform 4:30 p.m. at the Bürgerhaus in Wiesbaden-Erbenheim.

### September 26

**Lenny Kravitz Concert** - Tickets are on sale for rocker Lenny Kravitz's concert at the SAP arena 8 p.m. Nov. 5. Tickets available at [www.bb-promotion.com](http://www.bb-promotion.com).

**Stuttgart Planetarium** - The Stuttgart Planetarium is one of the modern star theaters in the world and offers visitors a trip to outer space without leaving Earth. Ticket reservations are recommended. The planetarium is open 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and located at Willy-Brandt-Strasse 25 in Stuttgart. Civ. 0711-162-9215.

### September 27

**Flossenbuerg** - The Flossenbuerg concentration camp, near Grafenwöhr, is a much smaller site than Dachau but still contains a vast array of history. The camp

was first opened in 1938 and the location was chosen for the proximity to a large granite deposit. Prisoners worked in the quarry and also in an arms manufacturing plant. The prison eventually housed 100,000 prisoners from more than 30 countries and was closed in 1945. An English language program is available for download at [www.gedenkstaette-flossenbuerg.de](http://www.gedenkstaette-flossenbuerg.de).

### September 29

**Pumpkin Festival** - Kaiserslautern's annual pumpkin festival will be held in the Gartenschau grounds until Halloween. More than 50,000 pumpkins pack the festival grounds along with festive decorations and an array of pumpkin flavored foods served at the Gartenschau restaurant. Grounds are located at An der Kalause 9, 67659 in Kaiserslautern. Civ. 0631710070. [www.gartenschau-kl.de/service-1/opening-hours](http://www.gartenschau-kl.de/service-1/opening-hours).

### September 30

**Faces of the Renaissance** - View more than 150 masterpieces by artists such as Botticelli, Lippi, da Vinci and others during the Faces of the Renaissance exhibit at Berlin's Bode Museum. The exhibit, organized by the Gemäldegalerie and the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, runs through Nov. 20. Museum is open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Wednesday and 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Thursday - Sunday. Entry fee is €14. Civ. 030-266424242, [www.smb.museum](http://www.smb.museum).

### October 1

**Amsterdam** - Spend the day exploring world-famous Amsterdam. Shop and enjoy a stop at the DeSimonehoeve Cheese Factory just outside the city. The city is also home to the Van Gogh Museum and the Anne Frank House. <http://affiliates.usa.org/rheinmain>.

### October 7

**Holiday Bazaar** - The 47th annual holiday bazaar sponsored by the Heidelberg Spouses Club will be 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Oct. 7-8 and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. Shop from more than 75 vendors selling food, toys, jewelry, furniture, clothing and more. The bazaar is open to U.S. and NATO ID card holders with shopping privileges. Credit cards are accepted. [www.hscs-heidelberg.com](http://www.hscs-heidelberg.com).

**Festival of One Act Plays** - The Roadside Theater again hosts the Festival of One Act Plays 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. through Oct. 9, featuring a jam-packed weekend of more than a dozen one-act plays from around the world, guest performances, special events, classes, workshops and awards ceremony. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

## coming to THEATERS

### ZOOKEEPER

(Kevin James) Beloved zookeeper Griffin Keyes decides to quit his job to dive into the dating pool and finds that his animal friends have been harboring an incredible secret in this comedy. Griffin is a single guy who loves his job at the Franklin Park Zoo. He has a special bond with the animals, yet he can't help but feel lonely once he returns to his empty house. Eventually deciding that a more prestigious job may be the key to finding a new girlfriend, Griffin prepares to turn in his walking papers and reinvent himself. But when word gets out to the animals that Griffin will soon be leaving, they realize the only way to keep him around is to reveal their secret. (Rated PG) 101 minutes.



### PLAYING THIS WEEK

#### Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Sept. 22 - BUCKY LARSON: BORN TO BE A STAR (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 - STRAW DOGS (R) 7 p.m.; STRAW DOGS (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 - ZOOKEEPER (PG) 4 p.m.; STRAW DOGS (R) 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 - ZOOKEEPER (PG) 4 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 - STRAW DOGS (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 - ZOOKEEPER (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 28 - STRAW DOGS (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 - HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13)

#### Vogelweh, Galaxy

Sept. 23 - BUCKY LARSON: BORN TO BE A STAR (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 - TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 4 p.m.; HORRIBLE BOSSES (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 - TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 4 p.m.

#### Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

Sept. 22 - BUCKY LARSON: BORN TO BE A STAR (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON (PG-13) 11:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m.; HORRIBLE BOSSES (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 - STRAW DOGS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 - STRAW DOGS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 - STRAW DOGS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 - STRAW DOGS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 - STRAW DOGS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 28 - STRAW DOGS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 - STRAW DOGS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 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](http://www.aafes.com) for updated listings and more movie descriptions  
 Mannheim Cineplex (P4 13) CinemaxX (N7, 17), Mannheim, civ. 01805-625466, [www.cineplex.de](http://www.cineplex.de)

#### Mannheim, CinemaxX, Cineplex - English Language movies

Sept. 28 - SHANGHAI (PG-13) 8 p.m. at CinemaxX  
 Sept. 22-27 - FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 8:15 p.m. at Cineplex  
 Sept. 23, 24, 28 - HORRIBLE BOSSES (R) 8:15 p.m. at Cineplex

## community HIGHLIGHTS

### Estate Claim

Anyone with claims on or obligations to the estate of Spc. Kyle R. Cannon, Alpha Company, Warrior Transition Unit, should contact summary court martial officer 1st Lt. Shannen Wilson. DSN 484-7525.

### Winter Driving Classes

Personnel with military drivers licenses should attend an annual winter driving class held 2 p.m. Thursdays except U.S. holidays starting Oct. 1 at the Drivers Testing Station in Heidelberg. DSN 370-7889, civ. 06221-57-7889.

### Programs Survey

The Army Family Covenant represents the Army's commitment to provide standardized programs and services to Army families and is sustained through review and measurement of existing programs and addresses gaps and redundancies. Rank your top 10 Army Community Service and Child, Youth and School Service programs at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/TTFPKTK](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TTFPKTK).

### MacArthur Leadership Award

Through Nov. 1, U.S. Army Europe is accepting nominations for the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. Officers selected at the USAREUR level will move to the Department of the Army level, where only 25 officers and three warrant officers Army-wide will receive the award. [www.armyg1.army.mil/macarthur/default.asp](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/macarthur/default.asp).

### Mammogram Self-Referral

The Heidelberg Medical Department Activity now offers mammogram self-referrals for TRICARE Prime or Plus women ages 40 and over who have no current breast problems or complaints. To make an appointment, call Population Health at civ. 06221-17-2382. If you have breast problems, call Central Appointments, civ. 06221-17-2622.

### Retiree Appreciation

A Retiree Appreciation Day will be held 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg with services opening at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the official opening is at 9 a.m. Guest speakers will be U.S. Army Europe Deputy Commander Maj. Gen. James Boozer Sr. and retired Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley, co-chairman of the Army Chief of Staff Retiree Council. The Association of the U.S. Army will host an ice-breaker 6 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Pavilion. DSN 370-8399, civ. 06221-57-8399.

### Special Elections

On Oct. 4, West Virginia will hold a statewide, special general election for governor to serve through Jan. 13, 2013. On Nov. 8, Oregon will hold a special primary election for the first congressional district which includes Clatsop County, Columbia County, Washington County, Yamhill County and part of Multnomah County which includes some of the Portland metropolitan area.

## local EMPLOYMENT

### Warehouse Specialists

Patricio Enterprises, VSE Corporation and New Breed Logistics are hiring warehouse specialists for work through October 2012 in Germersheim. [thall@patricioenterprises.com](mailto:thall@patricioenterprises.com), [jamason@vsecorp.com](mailto:jamason@vsecorp.com), [jquade@newbreed.com](mailto:jquade@newbreed.com).

### KAISERSLAUTERN Community

• **Miesau Library Closure** – The Miesau Library will remain closed until funding and staffing have been determined. Patrons may visit the Kaiserslautern Library on Landstuhl Post, Bldg. 3810, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Closed Sundays and holidays; or the Kleber Branch Library on Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3205, Monday-Friday, closed 2-3 p.m. daily, weekends and holidays.

• **Wildlife Saturday** – Kids receive treats from jungle friends 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 24 in Bldg. 2895 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4558, civ. 0631-3406-4558.

• **Quilt Display** – Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild will display quilts in the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center Sept. 24.

• **Rock Climbing** – Youth learn belaying, knot tying, rappelling, bouldering and spotting 6-7 p.m. Sept. 29 for sixth-12th grade, 5-6 p.m. Sept. 29 for first-fifth grades with Ramstein Outdoor Recreation at the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-4122.

• **Pre-retirement Seminar** – U.S. civilians and their spouses within three to five years of retirement can attend pre-retirement seminars: Federal Employees Retirement System, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 29 and Civil Service Retirement System, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Galaxy Theater on Vogelweh. DSN 483-5839, civ. 0631-411-5839.

• **Pulaski Kids' Zone** – The Kids' Zone on Pulaski Barracks will close Oct. 1. All game tickets must be redeemed by Sept. 30.

• **Cards For A Cause** – Cards For A Cause Club meets 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 3 at Woodlawn Golf Course on Ramstein Air Base to make blank cards and small projects for wounded warriors.

• **Vehicle Safety Day** – Bring your car to Pulaski Auto Skills, Bldg. 2859, on Pulaski Barracks 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 5 for a free winter safety check. Buy windshield wipers and have them installed free. DSN 493-4167, civ. 0631-3406-4167, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

• **College Night** – Parents and students can meet with over 100 accredited college representatives from the United States and Germany 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Special Events Center on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 237.

• **HUGS Program** – The HUGS program formerly at the Kids' Zone on Pulaski Barracks will begin meeting 10 a.m. Oct. 6 at the Kleber Physical Fitness Center.

• **Bring Your Boss Night** – Invite your boss and co-workers to Boss Night 4-7 p.m. Oct. 7 at Armstrong's

Club, Bldg. 1036, on Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

### HEIDELBERG Education

• **ACS Classes** – Applying for a Federal Job, 9-11 a.m. Sept. 26-27, Room 250A; ACS Overview, 10-11 a.m. Sept. 28 at the ACS Annex on Patrick Henry Village, Bldg. 4531; Volunteer Management Information System, 10-11 a.m. Sept. 28, Room 250B; Self-Care to Prevent Compassionate Fatigue for Warriors in Transition Staff, 2-4 p.m. Sept. 29, Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622, Company B conference room; Community Orientation Briefing, noon-3:15 p.m. Mondays, Room 141; Re-integration Briefing, 9 a.m. Tuesdays; PCS Briefing, 12:30-3 p.m. first and third Tuesdays, Room 141. All classes in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, unless noted.

• **FAST Class** – Schedule the mandatory pre-test for the Functional Academic Skills Test by Oct. 11 at the Patton Barracks Education Center. FAST is 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 12-Nov. 1 and can reinforce basic math or reading skills, resulting in improved General Technical scores for reclassification or re-enlistment purposes. DSN 373-6226, civ. 06221-17-6226.

• **University of Maryland** – College of Maryland University Europe announces registration for on-site and online courses for fall session two through Oct. 23. Classes start Oct. 24. Register by Dec. 16 for field study courses including Expatriate Writers in Paris: 1920s Jan. 7-14 in France, and Renaissance Art in Florence Jan. 7-14 in Italy. DSN 370-6762, civ. 06221-3780, [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu), [www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy), [www.ed.umuc.edu/financial\\_aid](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid), [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu).

### Community

• **Road Closure** – Drivers traveling to and from Tompkins and Kilbourne Barracks will experience delays due to extension work of the Friedrichsfelder Strasse overpass across the new B535 highway north of Schwetzingen. Friedrichsfelder Strasse is closed to all traffic starting Sept. 26 and is estimated to last until April. Detours will be posted for long distance traffic via highways L597 and B36, while local traffic will be redirected through Essener and Bochumer Strasse. Drivers should familiarize themselves with the new traffic scheme.

• **Religious Education** – The Catholic Religious Education Program for children Pre-K through eighth grade meets 10:30-11:45 a.m. Sundays starting Sept. 25 in the Patrick Henry Elementary School cafeteria. DSN 370-8238, civ. 06221-57-8237.

• **Pre-retirement Seminar** – Federal Employees Retirement

System employees and their spouses who are within three to five years of retirement can attend a pre-retirement seminar 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Patrick Henry Village Theater. No registration required. DSN 483-5839.

• **Cloth Diapers** – The cloth diapering group will meet 10 a.m. Sept. 29, Oct. 29, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 at Child, Youth and School Services, Bldg. 4443, on Patrick Henry Village. Civ. 06221-73-67033.

• **Yard Sale** – Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will sponsor a non-appropriated fund and community yard sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. Rent tables from Outdoor Recreation. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

• **Dress Swap** – A Dress Swap open to ID card holders will be held 10 a.m. Oct. 1 in the Casablanca room on Campbell Barracks. Bring gently used formal ball gowns to swap. Find the gown you want to take home for a \$20 donation. The 529th Military Police Company Family Readiness Group is hosting and will accept dress donations. 529th. [mp.frg@gmail.com](mailto:mp.frg@gmail.com).

• **Natural History Museum** – Child, Youth and School Services sponsors a field trip to Frankfurt's Museum of Natural History 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 7. The group will leave from the Lion's Den. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

• **Tell Me A Story** – Register by Oct. 17 for Tell Me A Story: Making Connections and Finding Support through Literature, 2-3:30 p.m. Oct. 25 at Patrick Henry Elementary. Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, U.S. Army Europe commanding general, will read aloud and families will receive a copy of the featured book. [ptop.heidelberg@militarychild.org](http://ptop.heidelberg@militarychild.org).

• **Parents Night Out** – Child, Youth and School Services offers parents night out 7 p.m.-midnight and parents day out 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 21-22, Nov. 4-5, 18-19, Dec. 2-3, 16-17. Parent Central Services: DSN 388-9241, civ. 06221-338-9240.

• **Frankenstein Castle** – Child, Youth and School Services sponsors a high school Lock-In and visit to Frankenstein's Castle 6 p.m. Oct. 21, to 8 a.m. Oct. 22. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

• **Jewish Services** – Shabbat services, Bible classes and Holy Day services are canceled through October due to Rabbi Weiss' deployment. Holy day candle lightings will be held at Mark Twain Village chapel 6:53 p.m. Sept. 28, before 7:05 p.m. Oct. 1, 6:34 p.m. Oct. 7, 6:24 p.m. Oct. 12, before 6:30 p.m. Oct. 14, 6:10 p.m. Oct. 19 and before 6:20 p.m. Oct. 21. The Fast of Gedaliah takes place 5:51-7:28 p.m. Oct. 2 at the chapel. Jewish military services are available at Ramstein Air Base, DSN 480-5753, civ. 06371-47-5753.

Transportation to Ramstein AB is available through the chaplain's office. DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190.

• **Financial Peace** – Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace Military Edition Course group study meets Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m. through Nov. 22 at the Mark Twain Village chapel. Registration required.

• **Trunk or Treat** – Child, Youth and School Services hosts Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Panther's Place parking lot. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

• **Parent Central Services** – Parent Central Services in Bldg. 4443 on Patrick Henry Village has new hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday; 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday; and 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. first Thursdays. DSN 388-9240, civ. 06221-338-9240.

### MANNEHEIM Education

• **ACS Classes** – English as a Second Language, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at ACS on Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 246.

### Community

• **Furniture Sale** – The hotel on Benjamin Franklin Village South, Bldg. 312, will sell its guest room furniture, TVs and small household items 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 15 to ID card holders only. Buyers must provide transportation and remove items the same day.

• **Life Upon the Wicked Stage** – Off Main Street Theatre on Coleman Barracks presents Life Upon the Wicked Stage for ages 17 and older 6:30 p.m. Sept. 23, 24, 30 and Oct. 1. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, [www.roadsideheater.com](http://www.roadsideheater.com).

• **Gospel King of Comedy** – Gospel King of Comedy JOB and Kurt Green perform 9 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

• **IDs, DEERS, Passports** – The Mannheim ID Cards/DEERS and Passports offices hours are now 8-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. Reports of birth are by appointment only. DSN 370-8399, civ. 06221-57-8399.

• **Parent Central Services** – Parent Central Services in Bldg. 696 on Benjamin Franklin Village has new hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday; 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. first Thursdays. DSN 388-9240, civ. 06221-338-9240.

• **Top Hat** – Celebrate Blue Sunday 5-9 p.m. Oct. 9 with oldies and blues and stay for All Nighter with Dev Rico 10 p.m.-3 a.m. Oct. 9 at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village. Coming up, the club will host a Halloween Costume Party 10 p.m.-3 a.m. Oct. 29 with disc jockey Big Money. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370.

# Victory abounds

Heidelberg High School junior Annelie Whitford spikes a ball against Ramstein during the final game of the volleyball match Saturday in Heidelberg. Heidelberg won over Ramstein 25-17 and 25-21. The high school opened its fall season with its jamboree and came out strong defeating Bitburg 2-0, Black Forest 2-0 and Ramstein 2-0. Heidelberg will play at Kaiserslautern against Ramstein, Kaiserslautern and Baumholder Saturday. Photo below, Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, Commander, Headquarters Allied Force Command Heidelberg, tosses the coin to open the first home game of the fall football season Saturday in Heidelberg. Photo far below, Wayne Dawkins takes the hand off from Kevin Gray as James McClure leads the way on a 35-yard touchdown run. The defending Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe Division I Champions, the Heidelberg Lions, opened the season with a 27-0 victory over England's Bristol Academy Filton Pride. Heidelberg's next game will be at Wiesbaden on Sept. 24.



Deb Gunsch



Staff Sgt. Dwight Chaney



Vicky Gray

## Cross country team starts season strong

The Heidelberg cross country team started their season Saturday with strong performances by both the girls and boys.

Competing against Ramstein, Kaiserslautern, Bitburg and Baumholder, the lady lions placed five runners in the top 10. Leading was sophomore Anna Seifert

who finished fourth and senior Tiffany Matthews who finished sixth. Other top 10 lady lions were Marlowe Muehlbauer, Hannah Mayfield and Priscilla Steele.

The boys team was led by a senior Brian Hannum. Hannum ran a personal best of 16 minutes, 46 seconds over the 5-kilometer

course to win first place in the boys race that included 90 runners. The boys placed four other runners in the top 20, including Camden Stokes, Logan West, Dustin Morton and Sean McGlone. The team heads to Vilseck next week.

SOURCE: Sharon Brady

## staying ACTIVE

### Mannheim Bowling Hours

The Bowling Center on Benjamin Franklin Village has new hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11-1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, 2-9 p.m. Sunday and closed Tuesdays and holidays. DSN 380-9528, civ. 0621-730-9528.

### Oftersheim Construction, Hours

**Road Construction** – Road construction on B291 will make access to the Heidelberg Golf Course and the Rod and Gun Club possible only on B291 traveling from Oftersheim-North. During the construction phase the B291 will be completely closed off for traffic traveling from Walldorf to Oftersheim-North. The closure is necessary to resurface the road and is expected to be completed in four weeks. **Hours Changing** – Starting Oct. 1, the Rod and Gun Club's hours will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., noon-8 p.m. Sundays and Friday training holidays and closed Mondays, Tuesdays, U.S. and German holidays. Civ. 06202-51193.

### Heidelberg Unit Level Flag Football

In Heidelberg Unit Level Flag Football League games played Sept. 14-15, Medical Command beat NATO (26-18) and 43rd Signal (32-0), 1-214th Aviation beat 565th Engineers (20-14) and 529th Military Police Company beat U.S. Army Europe (33-0). Upcoming games will be played Sept. 26 – MEDCOM vs. 1-214th Aviation at 6:30 p.m. and USAREUR vs. NATO at 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 27 – Medical Department Activity vs. 529th MPs at 6:30 p.m. and 43rd Signal vs. 1-214th Aviation at 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 28 – MEDCOM vs. 565th Engineer Battalion at 6:30 p.m. and NATO vs. 529th MP at 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 29 – MEDDAC vs. 1-214th Aviation at 6:30 p.m. and 43rd Signal vs. MEDCOM at 7:30 p.m. on the Patton Barracks sports field in Heidelberg. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Kaiserslautern 5K Red Ribbon Run

USAG Kaiserslautern is hosting a 5-kilometer Red Ribbon Run to raise awareness of drug prevention 10 a.m. Oct. 22 at Bldg. 237 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks. Walkers, runners, families and pets are welcome. Registration is 8:30-9:30 a.m. Register early at selected Army dining facilities: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 17 on Landstuhl, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 18 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 19 on Kleber Kaserne.

### Kaiserslautern Fall Soccer Clinics

SKIES Unlimited soccer clinics taught by professional soccer coaches for youth aged 3-15 are ongoing through Oct. 14. Get 15 percent off for each additional sibling signed up. Enroll at the One Stop Shop on Landstuhl Post, Bldg. 3810, or Parent Central Services on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2898, in Kaiserslautern. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4122, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Halloween Fun Run

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg will host the Halloween Fun Run 9 a.m. Oct. 29 at the Patrick Henry Village commissary in Heidelberg. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6350.

### Sunday Night Football

Watch your favorite football team on a big screen TV 7-10 p.m. Sundays until Jan. 1 at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036, Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-536-6000.

### Krav Maga

Students will learn the basics of self-defense in Krav Maga class beginning with the fighting stance and moving to punches, kicks, headlocks 5:45-7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Kleber Physical Fitness Center on Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3235. DSN: 483-7610, civ. 0631-411-7610, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Send the Herald Post your photos

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

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closure of the garrison, a decision reported to the Head Works Council Aug. 26.

DeCoster said the garrison pushed to hold the meetings over 700 days in advance of the closure to allow employees time to prepare.

The approximately 400 local national employees affected will receive a questionnaire mailed to their home address. Returning it to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in Heidelberg by Sept. 29 will ensure personnel officials have employees' current status accurately reflected.

Civilian personnel officials stressed to all audiences that they should seek guidance because each person's case is different and will be handled

individually.

"Go home and update your resumes. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call the office," Gail Thearle, supervisory human resources specialist and staffing division chief, told appropriated fund employees at their meeting's conclusion.

Employees who wish to view their personnel records may call CPAC to do so but must wait until November, Thearle said, because of the fire at the Shoppette on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern Aug. 21.

"Official personnel folders were affected. So you can call CPAC and request to see your records but not until after October," she said.

Assistant Human Resources Officer Spencer McDonald briefed non-appropriat-

ed fund employees, telling them that CPAC intended to use non-competitive reassignments when possible to avoid business-based actions, or BBAs.

"To the extent possible, all regular full time, regular part time and flex NAF employees ... will be reassigned via non-competitive reassignment to equivalent level vacant NAF positions for which they qualify," he said.

However, the transfer will have challenges for all employee groups.

"Please remember that this is not a clean one-for-one transfer of functions or positions," DeCoster said. "We are inactivating USAG Baden-Württemberg as a direct reporting garrison. Although we are transforming USAG Kaiserslautern into

a direct reporting garrison in 2013, it will not look the same as USAG B-W ... there will almost certainly be more employees than positions despite our best efforts to shape that through natural attrition and RIF avoidance tools."

"I am dedicated to transforming in a fair, consistent and transparent manner," De Coster said, adding that although the process is challenging, he hopes employees continue to support the customers.

"Remember why our jobs exist in the first place – because of the Soldiers, civilians and families we serve. I ask you to continue to provide the best service and support to our customers until the very last day of closure," he said.

### For Information

The Works Council bi-annual meeting will be held 1 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg.

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center phone numbers for appropriated fund positions are DSN 370-8450, civ. 06221-17-8450; for non-appropriated fund positions – DSN 370-8572, civ. 06221-17-8572; and for local national positions – DSN 483-5859/5875/5874, civ. 0631-411-5859/5875/5874.

The CPAC website is <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur>.

Briefing slides from all three meetings held Sept. 15 are posted on the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg website at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/personnel.htm](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/personnel.htm). USAG B-W transformation information: [www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/transformation.htm](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/transformation.htm).

Sgt. Milfred Shane Williams, 160th Forward Surgical Team surgical technician, treats a simulated casualty in the operating room of the 212th Combat Support Hospital Feb. 8 in Miesau. Williams is the USO Volunteer of the Year and is scheduled to be recognized at a USO Gala in Washington, D.C., Oct. 6 and on Ramstein Air Base Oct. 14 for his service the past year at the Kaiserslautern USO Warrior Center at Landstuhl.



Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Lincham

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tells me that he appreciates what the volunteers do for them, and I see the smiles on their faces, it is very rewarding and fulfilling," Williams said.

Williams is also relied on to periodically manage the center's day-to-day operations. He does everything from organizing dinners and providing tours to accomplishing tasks such as organizing and cleaning the facility.

He always demonstrates drive and passion for his work and his efforts are invaluable, according to Melissa Parkins, the USO Warrior Center manager.

"Ever since Shane came to start volunteering last year, he walks in the door and doesn't stop working from the time he walks in until the time that he leaves," said Parkins. "He runs some of our large events. He organizes other volunteers who come."

Williams' work ethic and positive experience as a volunteer has motivated several fellow Soldiers from the 212th CSH and 160th FST to volunteer at the Warrior Center – a trend he hopes will continue.

"My hope is that more Soldiers will get out and volunteer in their military communities," said Williams.

Nominated by the USO Warrior Center on Landstuhl, Williams was selected as the 2011 Europe Volunteer of the Quarter in the fourth quarter last June.

In July, he received the USO Volunteer of the Year award for Europe.

The USO has four regions – State-side, Europe, Pacific and Asia. The Volunteer of the Year is selected from each region and from that a worldwide volunteer of the year is selected.

A USO Gala in Washington D.C. scheduled is scheduled for Oct. 6 and a Europe Salute event is scheduled on Oct. 14 at Ramstein Air Base.

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after their physician identifies them as requiring a Medical Evaluation Board.

However, Soldiers who enter the disability evaluation process prior to the start of the new program will continue under the "legacy" process.

They will remain in Europe while their physicians document their disabilities during the Medical Evaluation Board and while the Army personnel system rates their disability during the Physical Evaluation Board.

"The purpose of IDES is to minimize confusion and frustration for Soldiers and families. In the past, Soldiers have had to undergo two seemingly uncon-

nected and demanding processes," said Lt. Col. Matthew Horsley, Europe Regional Medical Command patient administration officer.

Under the legacy system that DOD is phasing out, the Army evaluates Soldiers' medical conditions and determines whether they can continue performing their military missions.

If they can't, the Army then rates the level of that disability and separates them from the service with appropriate benefits.

Then the veteran has to go through a similar process with the VA so that it can determine benefits.

"Under existing law," Horsley said. "The Army evaluates a Soldier's medi-

cal conditions only in relation to how it impacts his/her ability to perform as a Soldier.

The VA, on the other hand, evaluates disabilities in relation to their impact on other aspects of the Soldier's life, including future earning potential and the general quality of life."

The legacy process has been in place since the end of World War II and has served millions of veterans. However, the system is redundant and time consuming.

"Under IDES, Soldiers' VA benefits begin when their military service ends," said Horsley. "The detailed and careful processes required by both the Army and VA disability systems are

fundamentally the same, but we are trying to get to system synergy. The Army Medical Department is able to return the vast majority of injured and ill Soldiers to duty," Horsley said.

"If they cannot return to duty, then they must enter the disability evaluation system, and it should be as seamless as possible," he added.

USAREUR and ERMCM have identified challenges Europe-based Soldiers may encounter during this transition and are reviewing issues such as military couples when one of the pair remains in Europe, Soldiers who intend to retire in Europe and Soldiers married to non-U.S. citizens who haven't filed immigration paperwork.