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PRESCRIPTION DRUG USE

Prescription drug abuse among wounded warriors has decreased since the Army Pain Management Task Force was founded two years ago, said the Army's vice chief of staff. As of Sept. 1, about 8,900 Soldiers were part of the Wounded Warrior Program. Of those, less than 4,500 suffered from post traumatic stress and less than 1,500 suffered from traumatic brain injury.

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AFN Public Affairs

The American Forces Network launched a high definition version of its AFN sports channel Sunday enabling audience members with the proper equipment to see live sports in HD.

Availability of AFN sports HD will be limited to viewers with the new Cisco D9865 AFN receiver and decoder or who have access to a base cable system that is capable of receiving and distributing the channel.

"We understand that the audience capable of viewing the new HD channel will be limited initially," said Defense Media Activity Director of Operations Andy Friedrich. "AFN sports HD is an additional service provided by AFN. Our valued customers currently unable to receive AFN sports HD will continue to receive the AFN sports channel in standard definition with the same programs and all of the AFN programming they enjoy today."

Additionally, customers will need a television capable of receiving a high-definition signal. Viewers should check the manufacturer's user manual to determine compatibility.

"The Defense Media Activity is actively working toward expanding the availability of AFN sports HD to eligible viewers," Friedrich said. "We will continue to provide information as AFN sports HD becomes available to more viewers."

AFN sports HD will be available on channel 801 on the new Cisco D9865 AFN receiver/decoder, currently available in many Exchanges. Check with your local cable provider for the availability and cable channel location of AFN sports HD. For information, visit www.myafn.net.



Looking out for you

Elizabeth Casebeer

Spc. Tom Paszkewicz, a military police investigator with U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Provost Marshal Office, controls traffic flow at the five points intersection located near Burger King and Patrick Henry Elementary School on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg Monday. Nearby, another military policeman records license plate numbers of drivers who disobey the signals of the MP. Violators receive up to four points on their licenses and repeat offenders can lose driving privileges for a year or in some instances, indefinitely. Since the school term started, military police monitor the intersection 7:45-8:30 a.m. and again 2:45-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday to control traffic during busy periods, which is typically when school starts and ends and when garrison employees travel to work for the day.

Police monitor traffic flow at busy gate

By Elizabeth Casebeer
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Even on a slow traffic day, the five points intersection near Burger King and the elementary school on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg can be tricky to maneuver.

Since school started in August, safety

concerns at the intersection have increased, and U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg directorate of emergency services has stepped in to provide traffic guards during the heaviest pedestrian and vehicle movement times.

Military police control the traffic from see **TRAFFIC** page 12

Leisure travel services change Saturday

IMCOM-E FMWR

Ongoing changes at installations in Germany, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands continue forward, now focusing on travel ser-

vices. Both leisure travel and official travel operate as a contracted service in the IMCOM Europe Region. The contractor, CWT/SatoTravel, will continue to provide lei-

sure and official travel services, but the way that those services are provided will change Saturday.

Adjustments are necessary to avoid conflicts see **TRAVEL** page 12

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Commander responds to ICE comment on Sullivan Library

The following ICE comment was submitted Sept. 18 with a response requested. The customer indicated satisfaction with the Sullivan Library located in Bldg 252 on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim.

"Why is this library closing? There are still service members and families on the installation. Lt. Col. Griffin had told us that the library would stay open until the last family left. Who made this decision? I don't recall any town meeting in which it was put up for discussion."

—Eric Chipps, Mannheim member

Eric,

Thank you for your question. I made the decision to close the Mannheim Library on Sept. 30 because we no longer have the garrison employees to resource this facility.

As you can imagine, many of our Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation employees are family members and when Soldiers depart on permanent change of station moves, so do our Family and MWR employees. By Sept. 30, we will be left with one employee due to the PCS departure and natural attrition of family members who were employees at this library.

Over the last few months we have been keeping the Mannheim library running by augmenting with librarians from Patrick Henry Village, but we can no longer keep this up due to departures of PHV employees. This left me with a decision to either run two libraries poorly or one library well.

As you may have noticed, we have had to consolidate many services across our communities. When this happens, we are trying to consolidate at the location that will endure the longest ... in this case this is PHV. In the case of Vehicle

Registration, this was Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim.

I understand these closures and consolidations impact the families in our communities. This is why we have established like services for the Mannheim customers to take the place of physically going to the library. You can establish an account on the Army Europe Libraries website and gain access to research databases, downloadable e-books, audio books, music and movies from your home computer.

Starting Saturday, Mannheim customers can request these materials be mailed to their personal APO address or to the PHV library for pickup. You can return the items via mail, a drop box at the Sullivan Barracks ACS or the PHV library.

If you do not have a computer, you can use the Sullivan ACS computers to access the Army Europe Libraries website, and we are expanding ACS hours to accommodate this.

Mannheim Elementary School is also providing more accessibility to its library resources for families with children attending that school.

Lastly, the PHV library offers full services to our community members who prefer to physically go to the library. We have buses providing after school transportation to PHV for our middle and high school children which can facilitate usage of the library after school.

For information on these alternative library services, please see the Sept. 15 Herald Post article or contact the Mannheim ACS staff for assistance.

—Col. Bryan D. DeCoster, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander

NOTE: Alternative library services detailed in the Sept. 15 issue of the Herald Post are reprinted in the box at right.

Library Services for Mannheim

- ♦ Patrons of the Sullivan Library in Mannheim may continue to check out materials until tomorrow, Sept. 30.
- ♦ Patrons can manage accounts online via MyAccount on the Army Europe Libraries website. Other online library services include access to research databases, downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, music and movies.
- ♦ Starting Saturday, Oct. 1, Sullivan patrons may request Army Europe library items via MyAccount be mailed to personal APO addresses or to the Patrick Henry Village Library in Heidelberg for pickup.
- ♦ Patrons have the option to return items via mail, a drop box located at the ACS, Bldg. 246, on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim or to the PHV Library in Heidelberg. The official courier will empty the drop box and deliver its contents to the PHV library on a regular basis.
- ♦ The new service will be limited to Sullivan patrons who contact library staff to verify and update their current APO address. The address verification will act as a registration for the mailing service, and eliminate potential problems with any misdirected mailing of library items.
- ♦ Strategic placement of signs and information and an informed library staff will alert Mannheim patrons to changes in service.
- ♦ Starting Saturday, Oct. 1, the Sullivan ACS will expand its hours to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for community members in need of public computers. ACS computers offer the same services as those formerly available at the Sullivan Library.
- ♦ ACS staff will be well informed of available options for community members in need of library service. Staff will be equipped with informational handouts about online library services and mailing options.
- ♦ Mannheim Elementary School library, open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, is accessible to "space required" families as well as attending "space available" families for access to age appropriate materials. This includes home schooled students.
- ♦ For information on library resources, call the PHV Library in Heidelberg at DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740 or visit www.mwrgermany.com.

Clarifications: The website for civilian personnel online is http://cpol.army.mil/library/reg_index.html. The 24-hour hotline for retirees to check if they're in a database of compromised information is 001-210-466-1640.



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

"Looking for Halloween fabric, ribbon, fog machines and fog liquid. Any idea where I can get these things? I'm in Mannheim."

—Pamela Grady, BWnow Facebook fan

"The PHV arts and crafts center has fabric. A lot of the German stores have decoration stuff. I think I've seen ribbon at places like Real or the Dollar General type stores."

—Rachel Moxley Madsen, BWnow Facebook fan
"The Poco store usually has some fabric, but you can also check upstairs at Karstadt, in the Rhein Neckar mall. Both places take VAT forms. Also, Amazon online has fog machines and liquid, you just need to check the shipping for each item ... most of them will ship APO. Also, I just found out (to my husband's non-delight) that Hobby Lobby will ship APO, as well. You

may also want to check the Real store over by the old Taylor Barracks right by BFV. They take VAT also."

—Shannon Nevinger, BWnow Facebook fan

"Thanks. Found some ribbon at KIK discount store. I stopped by Poco but didn't find what I was looking for. Hancock Fabrics says they can get me fabric in 6-8 weeks."

—Pamela Grady, BWnow Facebook fan



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Army volunteers add value to community

By **Dijon Rolle**
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Last year U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg saved \$3 million in operating costs thanks to hundreds of dedicated community volunteers.

These volunteers are members of the Army Volunteer Corps, who lend their time and talents to assist their local schools, chapels, day care centers and other community agencies across the USAG Baden-Württemberg footprint.

Norma Ewers, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator, is responsible for meeting with and managing the legions of volunteers from the Mannheim and Heidelberg communities.

"There is such a need for volunteers and the work that they do is priceless," Ewers said.

Ewers, a native of Montego Bay, Jamaica, retired from the Army in 2007 after 22 years of service. She has served as the AVC coordinator for three years.

"Being around the volunteers really gives me a lot of satisfaction. I like to call it the best job in ACS. It's fun and I meet a lot of people. I really enjoy seeing someone come in and be placed in a position where they start to interact and gain more confidence and really grow. When you look at something like that you see how great it is to get involved," she said.

Ewers meets personally with potential volunteers at her office located at the Army Community Service office in Heidelberg. She also provides monthly



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason Leffall

Volunteers from U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg clean grave sites and remove debris in the Frankfurt Hauptfriedhof, site of the American Kinderfeld or American Children's Cemetery, in 2009. This year community volunteers will return for Make a Difference Day Oct. 22.

and onsite training to organizations who want to bring volunteers on board.

Anyone interested in volunteering can visit the Volunteer Management Information System at the www.myarmyonesource.com website.

Once you're on the site just click on the "Family Programs and Services" tab and then click on the volunteering link. Through VMIS, civilians and Soldiers can register for volunteer opportunities at Army communities around the world. VMIS also provides online tools to help volunteers and managers track the volunteer hours, assignments and

more.

The Army Volunteer Corps was created in 2002 to link volunteers and organizations together to promote volunteerism within the Army community.

The next big volunteer event is "Make a Difference Day" Oct. 22. The event is held annually on the fourth Saturday of October to highlight community service.

For information on the Army Volunteer Corps or Make a Difference Day, call Army Community Service in Heidelberg at DSN 370-7288, civ. 06221-57-7288 or visit www.myarmyonesource.com.

Oct. 22, day to make a difference

Volunteers of the Heidelberg and Mannheim communities plan to make a difference in the lives of others Oct. 22.

As part of the annual "Make-A-Difference Day," the Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator, Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers and Heidelberg Boy Scouts will travel to the Frankfurt Friedhof, the main cemetery in Frankfurt, to perform maintenance on the graves of the young children interred in the section known as "The American Children's Cemetery."

The remains of about 178 American children, most of them stillborn or newborn, were buried at the Kinderfeld between 1966 and 1986.

Americans and Germans jointly maintained it but because of relocations away from Frankfurt, there are no American servicemembers left, and the future of the cemetery's maintenance is uncertain.

A similar cemetery three times as large is in Kaiserslautern under the care of the Ramstein Area Chief's Group and the German-American and International Women's Club.
SOURCE: Norma Ewers

Overseas campaign kicks off Tuesday in Heidelberg

USAREUR Public Affairs

Stop by the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg 11:30 a.m. Tuesday for a piece of cake following the official start of the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's participation in the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas program.

The 2011 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas program, the world's largest charity campaign impacting the lives of military personnel and family members, starts Monday and runs through Dec. 2.

CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces. It raises millions of dollars annually to support more than 2,500 charities.

During last year's campaign, U.S. Army in Europe Soldiers and civilians contributed approximately \$2.2 million, with more than \$91,000 designated for the

Family Support and Youth Programs.

An option unique for overseas donors, donations made to FSYP go directly to overseas military communities to help fund quality of life programs in local communities. One hundred percent of donations made to FSYP come back directly to the installation in which contributors live and work.

CFC-O also offers contributors the opportunity to give using the traditional paper pledge card or through e-giving at www.cfc-overseas.org.

CFC-O will host kick-off events throughout U.S. Army in Europe communities. For information on these events, contact USAREUR Component Manager Christopher Lowery at 370-7552, civ. 06221-57-7552 and Installation Management Command-Europe Component Manager Jeannette White at DSN 370-7888, civ. 06221-57-7888.

11th Signal Detachment



Kristopher Joseph

Eleventh Signal Detachment Sgt. 1st Class Daryle Howland, left, and Capt. John Weissenborn, right, case the colors during an inactivation ceremony held at the Sports Arena on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim Friday. The ceremony signifies the official inactivation of detachment. The 11th Signal Detachment was constituted in February 1944 and has participated in 20 military campaigns with its final years at Coleman Barracks in Mannheim under 5th Signal's 43rd Signal Battalion. The remaining Soldiers of the 11th will be realigned within 43rd's 181st Signal Company in Kaiserslautern.

transformation UPDATE

Frequently Asked Questions

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

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 on Spinelli Barracks. The 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 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 Fort Hood to the other. But servicemembers don't drive autobahn speeds on Fort 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 – 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 Saturday, Oct. 1. Tomorrow, 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/Directories/DHR/home.html.

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 – Mannheim Work Orders – Starting Saturday, 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.

Sullivan Library – The Library on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim will close tomorrow, Sept. 30. 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. 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.

Heidelberg Health Center – Tomorrow, Sept. 30, marks the closure of all weekend services at the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten

Kaserne. All emergency and after-hours urgent care will be provided in the Heidelberg community by our host-nation providers. Normal hours are 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m.-noon Fridays.

New – Commissary Gate – Effective Saturday, 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 Saturday, 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 Saturday, 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.

Mannheim Health and Dental Clinics – The Health and Dental Clinics on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will close tomorrow, 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. 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 tomorrow, 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. Phone numbers are listed above in "Mannheim Health and Dental Clinics."

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.

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

Franklin Guest Lodging – The hotel on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will close tomorrow, 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.

Village Grille – Effective Sunday, 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 Consolidated Mail Room 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 Saturday, Oct. 1, SWS will move to the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne. In Heidelberg, call 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; Bob Isbell, Mannheim Base Operations Manager, DSN 385-3944, civ. 0621-730-3944, bob.isbell@eur.army.mil; Ralph Santaliz, Interim Deputy Garrison Commander, rafael.santaliz@eur.army.mil; or Master Sgt. Romeo Satsatin, acting USAG Baden-Württemberg command sergeant major, 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 closes tomorrow, 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. 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.

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

Faces of the community: AFN Heidelberg



Dijon Rolle

American Forces Network Heidelberg Disc Jockey Spc. Sarah Goss selects a song to play for her listeners during her radio show. Goss is currently the host of the AFN Heidelberg afternoon radio show which airs 2-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. AFN Heidelberg provides music, news and entertainment television and radio programming for the Mannheim, Heidelberg and Stuttgart military communities. The facility is located in Bldg. 25 on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim. DSN: 382-5073, civ. 0621-779-5073, <http://heidelberg.afneurope.net>.

Antiterrorism theme underscores threats

By Sgt. Joel Salgado
USAREUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Maybe the man you talked to at the bar last night about your unit was just being friendly. Or maybe he was trying to get information to plot an attack. Terrorism and crime represent a major threat to U.S. forces overseas, say Army force protection and antiterrorism officials in Heidelberg.

Experts say knowing the threat is real and how to recognize and report suspicious behavior is one key way to prevent terrorist attacks on U.S. and host-nation personnel. To boost anti-terrorism awareness, the Army has adopted the theme Understanding The Threat.

"The theme Understanding The Threat focuses on the need for heightened awareness in order to understand the terrorist threat, tactics, techniques, and procedures, as well as Army

resources and processes to enhance threat knowledge and information sharing," said Tim Harmon, physical security specialist for U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg directorate of emergency services.

According to the 2011 Europol (European Police) European Union Terrorism Situation and Trend Report, terrorist recruitment and support networks are active in many EU member states.

Several prominent attacks in Europe over the last few years highlight the ongoing threat:

- ♦On March 11, 2004, a series of bombs ripped apart four commuter trains during rush hour in Madrid, killing 191 people and injuring 1,800.

- ♦On July 7, 2005, several bombs exploded in London's public transport system – three in underground trains and one in a double-decker bus at

Tavistock Square.

- ♦In 2010, 249 terrorist attacks occurred in the EU, resulting in seven deaths.

- ♦On March 2, 2011, a gunman opened fire in the Frankfurt International Airport, killing two U.S. Airmen.

- ♦On July 22, 2011, a bomb exploded outside Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg's office and other government buildings, followed by a shooting on nearby Utøya Island. Seventy-seven people were killed and 153 injured.

"The incidents underscore the importance of vigilance and reporting suspicious activity," Harmon said. "Protecting communities against attack is everyone's responsibility," he added.

"It is our community's awareness and willingness to make reports to local law enforcement or counterintelligence agencies that can help predict and prevent attacks be-

fore they happen," Harmon said.

To streamline the reporting process, U.S. Army Europe recently unveiled a new iWatch and iSalute online reporting portal designed to provide a centralized location where members of the U.S. forces community can easily report suspicious activity.

The portal guides community members through the process of reporting potential threats to local counterintelligence services or reporting crimes in progress to military police.

Servicemembers, civilian employees and family members can find a link to the portal and antiterrorism, force protection, information assurance and operational security awareness and education resources by visiting the USAREUR vigilance website at www.eur.army.mil or the garrison website at www.bw.eur.army.mil.

'Fight the Risk' prepares for winter

International motor vehicle lighting equipment campaign to be held in October

IMCOM-E Public Affairs

Every year in October, U.S. forces in Germany participate in the International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment campaign.

"The reason we participate in the campaign each year is to encourage car owners to have them inspected before winter weather sets in," said Michael Schwarz, Installation Management Command Europe chief of safety in Heidelberg.

German garages, Exchange car care centers and most U.S. Forces vehicle inspection stations will be conducting free courtesy inspections to check vehicle lighting systems to include headlights, taillights, fog lights and turn signals.

"Exchange car care centers, U.S. Forces vehicle inspection stations and all off-post auto repair shops provide free inspections in support of the campaign," he said. "The campaign is conducted each year to correct deficiencies before the winter driving season. This is the time when hours of darkness increase and winter road and weather conditions begin."

In addition to lighting inspections, Exchange car care centers will also inspect windshield wipers, exhaust systems and tires.

"Any repair work to correct deficiencies is, of course, chargeable to the vehicle owner," said Schwarz.

Upon successful completion of the lighting system inspection, a safety sticker (Licht Test '11) will be affixed to the windshield showing that the vehicle has successfully passed the inspection.

Schwarz urged all car owners to take advantage of the International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment campaign and prepare their automobiles for winter weather.

The International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment campaign is part of the U.S. Army Europe and Germany Fight the Risk joint traffic safety campaign.

For information, visit the Army's Fight the Risk website at www.fight-the-risk.army.mil.

Conference of European Armies highlights success of longtime alliances, new partnerships, opportunities

By Sgt. Joel Salgado
USAREUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Senior land forces commanders from across Europe wrapped up three days of discussion of military partnerships and security cooperation as the U.S. Army Europe-led Conference of European Armies came to a close Sept. 21 in Italy.

U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno took part in this year's event. In an interview during the CEA he underscored the importance of developing relationships with America's European allies and partners.

"We have to continue to adapt and adjust, and so (the CEA) gives us an opportunity to discuss those issues as we move forward," Odierno said.

"It's about interoperability; it's about understanding each other's doctrine; it's about understanding tactics, techniques and procedures that different nations bring.

"This eases the burden as we deploy together as a coalition, and if we're able to ease the burden in training, it'll make it much easier to integrate ourselves as we're on a mission, whether it be in Afghanistan, Libya or other places around the world," he said.

Everything is about relationships, he said, strengthening bonds with longtime colleagues and reaching out to new partners, specifically those Eastern European forces that are now working so closely with the United States.

"In terms of U.S. security, the constant relationships that we have with these countries, the constant integration, the partnerships that are developed, the common training environments that we use, are very important as we meet the very complex challenges that are ahead of us," Odierno said.

USAREUR commander Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling co-hosted the CEA and spoke about the successes of the United States and European forces during a decade of combat in Afghanistan.

Eighty-five percent of the International Security Assistance Force has come from European armies, and every



Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, center, Chief of Staff of the Army; British Army Gen. Sir Peter Wall, Chief of the General Staff; and Brig. Gen. Mikhail Ciungu, Chief of Romanian Land Forces take part in a panel discussing doctrine and training at U.S. Army Europe's 19th Conference of European Armies in Italy Sept. 20.

Staff Sgt. Teddy Wade

one of those European armies has improved significantly because of combat experience and links with allies, Hertling said.

Many of those links have been forged in training as well, Hertling said, as forces have prepared for real-world operations at USAREUR and partner nation sites across Europe, participating together in bilateral or small and ad hoc multilateral exercises focused on the current fight.

Many of those events took place at what he called USAREUR's "crown jewel" – the Joint Multinational Training Command at Grafenwöhr and Hohenfels.

"At JMTC, we have incorporated the latest doctrinal changes as they apply to counterinsurgency operations; tactics, techniques and procedures; counter-improvised explosive device lessons; and new intelligence-gathering techniques" to keep the center's training state-of-the-art, Hertling told the assembled leaders.

He illustrated the extent to which USAREUR is applying those methods to combined training with an anecdote about Secretary of the Army John McHugh's recent visit to JMTC.

The secretary, he said, saw U.S. Soldiers training there alongside Bulgarian forces

Scope of Cooperative Training

- ◆ multinational partners have participated in every exercise at the Hohenfels Joint Multinational Readiness Center since 2005
- ◆ **14,000** – in predeployment training events at JMTC since 2005
- ◆ **4,000** from 21 countries – in operational mentor and liaison team training
- ◆ **300** from 24 nations – in intelligence training since 2010
- ◆ **900** from partner nations – attended the NCO Academy since 2003
- ◆ international forces serve as observer-controller teams and trainers at the NCO academy

conducting counter IED training, Georgian forces in a mission rehearsal exercise, USAREUR staff personnel returning from an exercise in Poland, an Italian observer-controller giving an after-action review to U.S. forces, and Soldiers from several European nations attending courses at the 7th Army NCO Academy.

Hertling offered a few statistics and facts to define the scope of that cooperative training:

- ◆ multinational partners have taken part in every mission rehearsal exercise at JMTC's Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels since 2005;
- ◆ more than 14,000 allied and partner nation personnel have participated in predeployment training events at JMTC since 2005;
- ◆ more than 4,000 personnel from 21 countries have participated in Operational Mentor and Liaison Team and po-

lice OMLT training programs; ◆ more than 300 troops from 24 nations have participated in intelligence training since May 2010;

- ◆ more than 900 NCOs from allied and partner nations – most from Poland – have attended the NCO Academy over the past eight years;
- ◆ international forces have been integrated into JMTC observer-controller teams and serve as trainers at the NCO academy.

In his remarks Hertling also emphasized the necessity of teamwork to future conflicts and challenges.

"As ISAF draws down, as some of our forces decrease in size, as we face budget constraints, we must find new ways to develop partnerships through theater security cooperation – exercises, training events, regional vice bilateral partnerships, professional development of officers and noncommissioned officers – to meet the challenges," he

"Security is a global challenge that requires global answers ... Operations today are about coalitions, partnering down to the last Soldier on the ground. We need to exchange experiences and try to widen our knowledge all together."

–Lt. Gen. Giuseppe Valotto, chief of staff of the Italian Army

said.

CEA co-host Lt. Gen. Giuseppe Valotto, chief of staff of the Italian Army, called the conference an ideal setting for "the true decision makers of our armies" to talk and develop, and consolidate new and old partnerships.

"Security and stability is increasingly relying upon joint efforts and true synergy amongst countries," Valotto said in an interview during the conference.

"Security is a global challenge that requires global answers. That is why the CEA is instrumental to our mission. Operations today are about coalitions, partnering down to the last Soldier on the ground. We need to exchange experiences and try to widen our knowledge all together," Valotto said.

"We discussed using the lessons learned from operations as a catalyst for change to create more effective multinational coalitions," Odierno wrote on his Facebook page of his experience at the conference. "We also discussed how coalition warfare doesn't just enhance international legitimacy for action, but it also brings valuable perspectives and unique capabilities to all of our nations. We will continue to address our shared security challenges in an uncertain future."



Sgt. Gene Arnold

Cpl. Jose Pacheco, a Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, practices rappelling techniques during the basic mobility portion of Mountain Exercise 08-11 at the Marine Corps' Mountain Warfare Training Center in Northern California's Toiyabe National Forest Sept. 22. Pacheco and his fellow Soldiers will use the technical skills they learn to gain a tactical advantage over their adversaries during the subsequent force-on-force exercise.



Erin Murray

Military spouses Heather Huson, Celisse Moyer and Kristin Skaggs work together on the Leaders Reaction Course in order to earn their wings at Aviation Spouse Day on Fort Rucker, Ala., Sept. 16.

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Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army, shakes hands with a wounded warrior during a visit to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., Sept. 22.



Staff Sgt. Luke Graziani

Capt. Jacob Hughes, commander of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Task Force Bronco, takes cover as Col. Richard Kim, commander for 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Task force Bronco lands Sept. 21 at Observation Point Shogun above Wanat Valley, Afghanistan. Hughes' company was responsible for setting up and maintaining the strong point that provided overwatch and support by fire for Afghan commandos and U.S. Special Forces during Operation Firerock, the most recent operation conducted by TF Bronco.



Tina Sanders

Hispanic Soul, Latin dance, taste of culture

Heidelberg Arts and Cultural Center Director Edward Codina hits the dance floor with partner Lisbania Perez seen here twirling during one of many turns of a Dominican merengue at the first ever Hispanic Soul event in the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg Saturday. The event was held in observance of Hispanic Heritage month and featured a Latin salsa band, dancing, musical performances, a food contest and an art exhibition. The multicultural family event also showcased Latin dances including the merengue, bachata, salsa and reggaeton and a taste of Hispanic cuisine served buffet style. The event was sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Heidelberg Equal Opportunity working group.

Romanian born Army reservist a renowned scientist

By Capt. Franklin Huffman
7TH CSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In an ever changing global security environment with new threats emerging around the globe, Army Reserve Soldiers with specialized skill sets are valuable assets.

Maj. Dana Perkins, who currently serves in the office of the surgeon for the 7th Civil Support Command in Kaiserslautern is one of those Soldiers.

After joining the U.S. Army in December 2003, Perkins has completed 35 Army training courses, the captain's career course and certifications as a senior and master chemical biological radiological and nuclear consequence management specialist.

Perkins is fluent in four languages, English, Italian, French, and her native Romanian and holds several degrees.

She is a graduate from the University of Bucharest with a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry and immunology and a master's in biochemistry and virology. Perkins attended the University of Maryland-Baltimore, and earned a Ph.D. in pharmacology and experimental therapeutics and neurovirology.

In her civilian career, she serves as chief of the biological weapons nonproliferation

and counterterrorism branch, office of policy and planning in the office of the Assistant Secretary for preparedness and response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.

"I am most proud of the life path that took me from a small town in Transylvania to Washington, D.C., to being an officer in the U.S. Army and to representing the United States at the Biological Weapons Convention in Geneva," said Perkins. "My career not only shows the diversity of jobs a scientist can have, but also the multitude of approaches the U.S. is taking to protect and preserve the global security.

"It was my mother who pushed me into a science career. I spent a lot of time doing my homework in her medical office while waiting for her to finish her duties each day," said Perkins, the winner of the National Collegiate Inventors Competition in 2001.

"I got to see a lot of the patient cases that came through, including terrible traumas and chronic diseases and my mother would explain the cases to me just like I was a medical student," she said.

"The old Chinese proverb applies. If you enjoy your job, you'll never work a day in your life. That's how I feel," Perkins said.

After coming to America in 1995, Perkins began working with a biotech company in Baltimore, but quickly wanted to renew the dedication to learning.

"I needed to go back to school to improve my knowledge of molecular biology," stated Perkins. "Science advances fast and one can't keep being relevant in the field without a commitment to lifelong learning. So I quit my job and went to the University of Maryland to get a Ph.D."

While Perkins' civilian career continued to progress, the call to service for the Army Reserve also put her in several important positions to include chief of clinical microbiology laboratory services at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. (two tours); category II translator and interpreter in counterintelligence, microbiologist at the U.S. Army Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, chief of clinical immunology and molecular diagnostics laboratories and CBRN threat instructor at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Perkins brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and contacts to the office of the surgeon for the 7th CSC, including efforts to keep microorganisms that can be engineered for lethal purposes or even synthesized chemically from scratch out of the wrong



Courtesy photo

Maj. Dana Perkins, chief of biological weapons proliferation and counterterrorism for the Department of Health and Human Services and an Army Reservist with the office of the surgeon for the 7th Civil Support Command in Kaiserslautern, performs laboratory work in this file photo.

hands.

Her ability to understand what makes germs do what they do and how we can treat the diseases they cause is a force-enabler for the 7th CSC and the U.S. Army.

Perkins' civilian expertise in international nonproliferation regimes, global health security and public health preparedness and response to weapons of mass destruction events, is critical in the current operational environment and the 7th CSC's foreign consequence management mission.

During her time in the Army, Perkins has published

or co-published 16 scientific articles in a host of military and military-related journals and publications.

They include Joint Combined Microbiology Training in Support of New and Emerging Bio-Warfighting Capabilities, U.S. Army Reserve Consequence Management Unit; Relevant and Ready, Biological Risk Management Overhaul, International Mechanisms for Investigation of Alleged Use of Biological Weapons, and Biological Weapons Convention; and A Primer for Armed Forces Medical Laboratory Scientists, among others.



Federica LeMauk

From left, Bernadette Pacer holding Aiden Pacer, Christa Stewart, Isabella Stewart, Sydney Kolbe and Hunter Yarbrough react to the story "Giraffes Can't Dance" at the Patrick Henry Village Library during Story Hour Sept. 14 in Heidelberg. The book will be featured at the Tell Me A Story event 2 p.m. Oct. 23 at Patrick Henry Elementary School with guest reader Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling who will sign a book for each registered family.

Book celebrates differences

Parent to Parent

Waltzing warthogs. Cha-cha-ing chimps. Rock and roll rhinos.

These are some of the creatures you'll meet at "Tell Me A Story" Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. at Patrick Henry Elementary School on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg.

Tell Me A Story is an initiative created by the Military Child Education Coalition to empower military children by reinforcing their experiences through literature.

October's TMAS event, hosted by the Heidelberg-Mannheim Parent to Parent team, will feature the book "Giraffes Can't Dance" by Giles Andreae.

It is the story of a giraffe named Gerald who loves to dance but is not the most graceful creature in the jungle. Some of the other animals make fun of Gerald and he is about to hang up his dancing shoes when an unlikely friend helps him find his own beat and move beyond his four left feet.

"The story shows children that all

people are different and special in their own way; it celebrates and embraces those differences. It sends the message that you should be true to yourself and believe in yourself and that nothing is impossible. It is great for those children who may feel different or left out," said Kathy Tone, Parent to Parent team member, explaining the message of MCEC's program.

"This message is especially poignant for military children who start over in new groups with each move to a new place," she added.

The guest reader, Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, will read the book and sign a copy for each family.

There will be activities for the children and families, snacks and more. TMAS is a free event, but it is necessary to make a reservation.

Email ptop.heidelberg@militarychild.org to reserve a place.

Please include the names of each family member attending and the ages of the children.

The reservation deadline is Oct. 17.

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about 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and again after 2:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. The traffic investigation and MP sections alternate duties, said Staff Sgt. David Crocket, traffic investigations supervisor.

"With this time of day, we have physical training traffic leaving and people on their way to work. This is an extremely odd intersection for us, and with buses coming in and out, we just want the kids to get to school safely," explained Crocket.

Each morning at 7:30 a.m., the road closest to the school is partially blocked to allow parents to drop their children at the curb. Due to the configuration and limited parking space, though, Crocket advised drivers to exert caution in the area.

"We currently don't control traffic down there, so we really need people to use their heads when turning

around," he said.

Even though military police help regulate the traffic, Crocket explained it's really up to drivers and pedestrians to pay careful attention to their surroundings and obey the traffic officer's hand and arm signals.

"It can be extremely dangerous out here for the officer and pedestrians especially, (as) they can be blind sided by a driver not paying attention. We have zero tolerance for those who disobey the officer's signals and we will cite those who do. We have already given out 10 tickets for this since school started and this particular citing adds four points to the license. We give no leeway when it comes to this," Crocket said.

Four points may not seem like a lot, but if drivers get just two more moving violations in six months, they lose their license for an entire year. Those extra points can come from just two parking tickets and can add up fast,

and the driver must then attend classes in order to receive his or her license back, said Crocket.

"We always have a spotter out here watching and taking down license plate numbers. They may not be wearing the MP brassard and could even be in civilian clothes, but they are out there. Regardless, it's important to still do the right thing. It's way too dangerous, and people are sometimes on their cell phone – which they are not supposed to be on anyway – and can take out a kid or Soldier," Crocket said.

Though military police receive extended traffic control training during military police school at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and must follow standard police signals. However, there may be some drivers or pedestrians who are unfamiliar with all of them.

"If you're not clear on what you're supposed to do, stop and let him tell you again. They'll get you through it," Crocket said.

Commissary Gate

On July 1, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg changed the hours for the gate near the commissary to coincide with the Department of the Army's contract security guard mandated reduction that was to be implemented Army-wide by Saturday. Community members brought their concerns about the gate closure to Col. Bryan DeCoster at his first town hall meeting and also used the garrison's Interactive Customer Evaluation system. In addition, after the start of the 2011-12 school year, buses that transport children to and from after school activities had trouble negotiating the access point near Burger King. The Directorate of Emergency Services conducted further mission analysis and shifted guards within the Heidelberg footprint and, effective Saturday, extended the hours of the gate near the commissary: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Sunday hours are 6 a.m.-6 p.m. 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. SOURCE: Directorate of Emergency Services

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between official and leisure travel and to shape the leisure business so the contractor may continue to offer trips and tours at the lowest possible price, according to Dan Gasparino, acting director for IMCOM-E Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

"The basic difference in the two services is that the government books and pays for official travel. In contrast, leisure travel bookings and payments are made by the

individuals," Gasparino said.

For this reason, most installation travel offices will change their appearance in the next few weeks to reflect separate handling of these services.

Another change for leisure travel will be adjusting the number of locations that offer in-person services.

This means customers who want to book and pay for leisure travel will do so by phone with a CWTSatoTravel specialized leisure agent or online at www.europe.satovacations.com.

The contractor is installing a new phone system that will connect call-in customers to one of 16 agents that will be available from several locations in Europe.

"Phones also installed in non-staffed locations provide a convenient way to reach us," noted Monnie Riggan, the general manager for global supplier relations and leisure with CWTSatoTravel.

"The easiest way, though, is our website," she said.

"All of this ensures that customers will still receive the same level of service

from CWTSatoTravel professional travel agents with their knowledge of Soldier and military family needs as well as their familiarity with the wide range of leisure travel opportunities," Gasparino said.

"It's also important to note that customers who wish to book leisure travel in conjunction with official travel will still receive the same great service as before," he added.

"In addition to the on-site offices and call center, CWTSatoTravel, offers direct booking service via our

website, www.europe.satovacations.com, to book flights, hotels, cars online and automated trip requests for packages, cruises and more," Riggan said.

"There is also the option to leave a message with travel interests for callback service at a convenient time," she added.

Officials advise customers to allow sufficient time to book and pay for the travel to get the most effective travel service at the lowest cost and time to review and understand the transaction.

More than just cuckoo clocks in Black Forest

Visitors can understand how Hansel and Gretel lost their way in woods

By Mark Iacampo
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For many, Germany's Black Forest conjures images of witches and wolves, gingerbread houses and girls in red hoods. With charming villages and crumbling castles, the area does indeed evoke a fairy tale feeling and is a destination that shouldn't be missed.

Stretching some 200 miles along the border with France, the region was named *Silva Nigra* (Black Forest) by the Romans because the dense growth blocked much of the light.

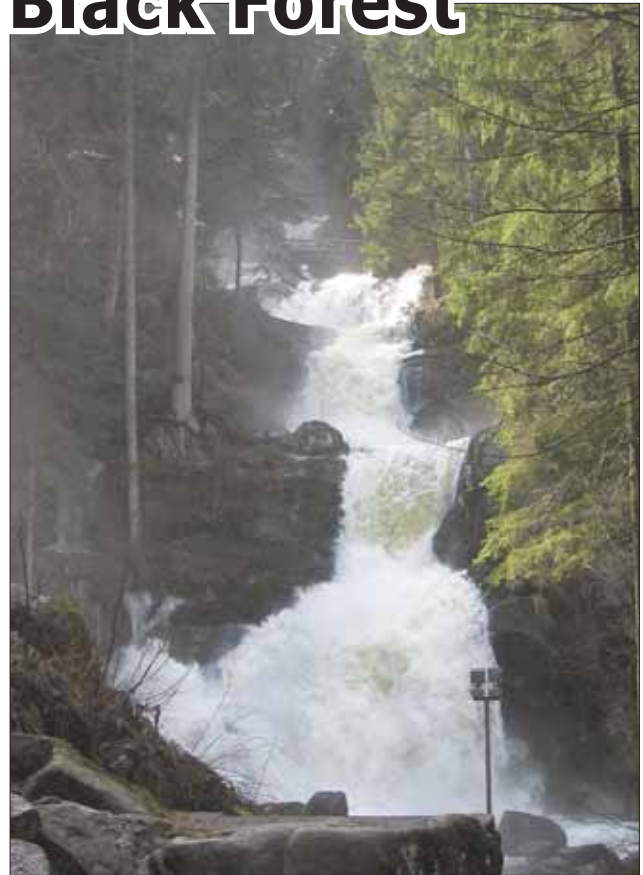
Besides being the setting for some Grimm Brothers' fairy tales, the region today is famed for its cuckoo clocks. Though they didn't originate here, they've been a staple of area industry since the 1700s and much of their distinctive character comes from the area.

Triberg, in the heart of the Black Forest, boasts not one, but two of the world's largest cuckoo clocks, located on either end of town.

While one is tucked away inside a house, the other is actually incorporated into the façade of a shop selling – what else? – cuckoo clocks.

Triberg is also home to Germany's highest waterfall, plummeting 163 meters down a multi-tiered mountainside. The climb to the top is a bit steep, but worth it for spectacular views of the valley.

Hiking trails abound, and you'll



have no problem understanding how Hansel and Gretel lost their way among the towering firs. The main trail zigzags alongside the waterfall, crossing the crashing water on several picturesque bridges.

About 28 miles down B33, the medieval town of Gengenbach tempts one to wander its twisting cobblestoned streets lined with colorful *fachwerk* (half-timbered) houses. Pop into St. Mary's church to see how colorful churches were before the austerity of the Restoration. Gengenbach also houses the Fool's museum in the Niggel Tower, a collection of costumes, masks and photographs depicting the history of the region's Alemannic carnival, the local version of Fasching.

About half way between Triberg and Gengenbach on the B33 is the *Schwarzwalder Freilichtmuseum* (Black Forest Outdoor Museum), an outdoor collection of homes and outbuildings spanning 400 years of history. The centerpiece of the museum, the *Vogtsbauernhof*,

stands where it was originally built in 1612. Other structures on the 12-acre site were brought here, often to save them from demolition. Antiques and typical household items are on display in such a manner that you might expect to find the original owners walking about.

Clothed in traditional dress, reenactors populate the museum and provide practical demonstrations of life and crafts in the *Schwarzwald* hundreds of years ago. Witness traditional glass blowing and schnapps making or lend a hand making butter or milking a cow.

Don't end your trip without trying some of the region's traditional treats like smoked Black Forest ham, or the delectable Black Forest cake, a chocolate cake with layers of whipped cream and cherries crammed within.

With its rich and varied landscapes, charming villages and bustling towns, the Black Forest can be visited time and again and never offer the same experience twice.



Photo top left, reenactors wear traditional Black Forest costumes at the outdoor museum near Gengenbach. Middle left photo, the interior of St. Mary's church in Gengenbach resembles a candy store with its vibrant columns. Photo left, the *Vogtsbauernhof* reflects 400 years of history near Gengenbach. Top right, Germany's highest waterfall plummets 163 meters near Triberg in the central region of the Black Forest.

Photos by Mark Iacampo

GERMAN COOKING

Sauerbraten German Pot Roast

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2.2 pounds beef roast
- 2 cups vinegar
- 2 cups water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 bay leaf
- 10 peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon allspice
- 2 onions
- 3 tablespoons sugar beet syrup (Zuckerrübensirup can be purchased at any large grocery store)
- Flour
- Oil

Preparation

- Rinse the roast in cold water, dab dry and put in a bowl.
- In a small pot, add vinegar, water, salt and sugar and bring to a boil.
- Peel the onions and slice them into rings.
- Add the onions to the meat.
- Cover the meat with the water and vinegar, bay leaf, pepper and allspice.
- Cover the bowl tightly and let the meat marinate in the refrigerator for five to seven days.
- Take the meat out of the marinade and dry well. In a medium size pan, brown the meat in oil.
- Strain the liquid marinade and add the liquid to the meat.
- Cover the pan and let the meat simmer for two to three hours.
- Add the sugar beet syrup 30 minutes before the end of the simmer time.
- Take the meat out of the liquid, slice, and set aside.
- Thicken the sauce with the flour until desired consistency is reached.

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

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I'm a spouse of a Soldier who just recently joined. My question for you is, how do you handle a husband who thinks he owes his mother everything? He not only pays her bills but he tries to help everybody that helped him when he was growing up. What I try to get him to realize is he is a married man with two children and he has to take care of home first. Do you have any advice?

Husband Acts like a Bank

Dear Bank,

If I had \$100 for every letter I receive like yours, I would be independently wealthy.

Did your husband get a bonus? Is this how he helps everyone? Surely he is giving this money from his monthly base pay?

I'm not being condescending but he is just starting out so he doesn't have the money to help everyone with his monthly pay.

Bonus or not, your family will be dead broke. It will be financially

devastating for you, your husband and your children. Your husband has a good heart, but it will lead to ruin just the same. Here's why: these people are taking advantage of him.

I have young adult sons too, but I don't make them think it's their responsibility to take care of me and their father. We still help them financially.

Is his mother sick or in bad health so much that she cannot work? Or is she a young woman who wants to sit on her butt and have her son take care of her?

The sad truth is there is nothing you can do. You won't be able to stop him from giving money to his mother. This will only cause marital discord between you and your husband. He has to get this lesson on his own.

Honestly, you will have to get a job to help out before he will get this. Then you will be able to have more say over the family finances. I'm in no way saying you have no say if you are not working. What I am saying is that many times the major bread winner sometimes feels entitled to do as they wish with the finances.

You should surely voice your opinion about this to your husband because it's not right. His responsibility is definitely to you and to your children. He is being taken advantage of but he doesn't see it.

His mother and the others who receive money from your husband know they are taking advantage of him but they don't care because he willingly gives it. It's a sad, but a true fact.

This is a tangled web, where you have to move slowly or you could be on the outs with everyone,

including your husband.

You could put your foot down and say, "You will not continue to give money away like a bank." But I don't think this will help. In the meantime, continue to stay in touch with me and feel free to vent any time. I'd be happy to let your husband know that I agree with you.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I disagree with so many people who don't like your column. The nerve of people who send you letters with a nasty tone about your answers. Why are people blaming you for answering the letters? People write to you and ask you for your advice and you give it. It's like they shoot the messenger and please forgive me for using the words shoot.

You get my point, Ms. Vicki. You are a wonderful addition to the newspaper. I hope that you will be featured in every magazine on a shelf because your advice is so real.

Many of the advice columns in other magazines never make you stop and take notice but yours does. I think it's because your questions are real life issues and your answers tell it like it is. So keep speaking the truth, Ms. Vicki. Others may disagree with you, but I don't. I'm a fan.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

Please let me give you a piece of advice. Have you ever thought of publishing a book about all of your letters and answers? I'll bet it could be a best seller. Your letters are so real life and applicable to many situations, all ages, gender and not just relatable to the military. Many of my family and friends who have no association with the military read your column.

Army campaigns against domestic violence

By Michael Burkhalter
INCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SAN ANTONIO – October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Army is doing its part to help combat violent behavior in its ranks.

The awareness campaign aims to highlight the prevention, intervention and services provided by a community more than willing to address and stop domestic violence.

"All of you are dedicated to eliminating this threat," said Army Secretary John McHugh during a Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention summit held in March, "and it's a threat to our cohesion of our units, a threat to our units and a threat to our very humanity."

"The fact that sexual assault still

occurs in our ranks is heartbreaking; it's (opposite) to everything we value in this institution," he added.

In 2008, former Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and Army Chief of Staff George W. Casey Jr. launched a new strategy – including the I. A.M. (Intervene, Act, Motivate) Strong Campaign – to thwart sexual assault and harassment.

This year's SHARP summit opened phase three of I. A.M. Strong's fourpoint effort to eliminate sexual violence in the Army. At the summit Carolyn Collins, SHARP Program Office division chief, noted that domestic violence numbers went down 8 percent in 2010. She said 1,689 cases were reported last year, and 1,795 were reported in 2009.

"We know our actual numbers went down, not just our reported

numbers. And our rate per 1,000 went down," Collins said. "We grew our Army the last few years, but our rate per 1,000 didn't go up with that; it actually came down, so we believe we are reducing crime."

Collins attributed this to encouraging victims to report incidents of violence, providing some of the best medical care and counseling techniques in the nation and the Army dedicating itself to prosecution and investigation techniques.

"We will assess ourselves by ensuring we are doing the best we can," Collins said. "We will adjust fire, just as in the Army, to ensure our investment is bringing about change so we can achieve our goal of eliminating sexual harassment and assault."

Statistics show a need for the Army to build social intolerance toward

domestic violence, such as strengthening programs designed to promote awareness; encouraging reporting; providing safety for victims; and ensuring treatment or administrative action for offenders, with special emphasis on services for junior Soldiers and their spouses or intimate partners.

Also, the Army Family Programs office has established an Army Family Advocacy Program web page on www.ArmyOneSource.com for Soldiers and families with information and awareness campaign resources.

The website makes available resources for new parent support visitors, victim advocates, transitional compensation and other prevention and educational services.

NOTE: Additional information provided by Rob McIlvaine, Army News Service.

GET OUT!

area events

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

September 29

Film Festival - The 19th annual Filmfest Hamburg will showcase the works of nearly 120 national and international films. Films will be shown at multiple venues around the city. Ticket costs vary but most showings start at €6.50. The festival runs through Oct. 8. www.filmfest-hamburg.de/en/information/karten.php.

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.

Sustainable Art Project - Through Sept. 30 SAP, Germany's software giant headquartered near Heidelberg, hosts an exhibition where art meets sustainability. Compiled by Samuel J. Fleiner, an internationally renowned conceptual artist, the project features works from more than 60 artists and designers. The exhibits range from art involving solar and wind kinetics to items and concepts designed to enhance sustainability. The display is at SAP's International Training Center in Walldorf (Dietmar-Hopp-Allee 16, 69190 Walldorf). The exhibition is open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday. Admission is free. Civ. 06227-7-63811.

Alex Max Band - Tickets are now on sale for the Alex Max Band Forever Yours Tour 2012 at the Capitol Mannheim, 8 p.m. Jan. 17. Civ. 0621-101011, www.bb-promotion.com.

Thriller - This spectacular show of songs and dancing celebrates Michael Jackson as the King of Pop at the Rosengarten in Mannheim Feb. 10. Tickets: civ. 0621-101011, www.bb-promotion.com.

Chris Rea Concert - The British singer and songwriter will perform his Santo Spirito Tour 2012 at the Rosengarten in Mannheim Feb. 25. Concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets available now: civ. 0621-101011, www.bb-promotion.com.

Bryan Adams - The singer and songwriter will perform at the SAP Arena in Mannheim March 29. Concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets: civ. 0621-101011, www.bb-promotion.com.

September 30

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.

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. 030-26642424, www.smb.museum.

October 1

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.

October 2

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 Brahmsstrasse 8, 1-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Jan. 15. www.heidelberg.de/museum (may not be accessible from within .mil domain).

October 3

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.

October 4

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.

October 5

Lenny Kravitz Concert - Tickets are now on sale for rocker Lenny Kravitz's concert at the SAP arena 8 p.m. Nov. 5. Tickets available now at www.bb-promotion.com.

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.hcsc-heidelberg.com.

Istanbul Trip for Soldiers - Spend Columbus Day weekend in Istanbul, Turkey with the Heidelberg Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, BOSS, group Oct. 7-10. Bus departs Oct. 6. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

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.mwgermany.com.

October 16

Evening at the theater - Travel to Frankfurt for the English Theater's production of Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest. Directed by Matthew Ryan, The play, set in England in the late Victorian era, follows two young gentlemen who decide to bend the truth in order to add some excitement to their lives. Both using the pseudonym Ernest, they fall in love with two different women and a comedy of errors ensues. <http://affiliates.usa.org/kaiserslautern>.

October 22

Frankenstein Castle - If you love to be frightened, then don't miss the annual Halloween festivities at Frankenstein Castle near Darmstadt. Of course, it really wouldn't be Halloween without a haunted castle. You'll be able to walk through the Frankenstein Castle and see all kinds of horrific monsters, vampires, werewolves, and ghosts in each room of the castle ruins, brave visitors will see different scenes of the macabre and experience fear at its finest. <http://affiliates.usa.org/kaiserslautern>.

coming to THEATERS

DOLPHIN TALE

(Harry Connick Jr., Ashley Judd) A young dolphin is caught in a crab trap, severely damaging her tail. She is rescued and transported to a marine hospital, where she is named Winter. Without a tail, Winter's prognosis is dire. It will take the skills of a dedicated marine biologist, a brilliant prosthetics doctor and the unwavering devotion of a young boy to bring about a miracle that might not only save Winter but scores of people around the world. (Rated PG for mild thematic elements.) 113 minutes.



PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Sept. 29 - HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Sept. 30 - DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 7 p.m.; FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 - WINNIE THE POOH (G) 4 p.m.; DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 7 p.m.; FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 2 - WINNIE THE POOH (G) 4 p.m.; DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 7 p.m.
Oct. 3 - FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 7 p.m.
Oct. 4 - DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 7 p.m.
Oct. 5 - WINNIE THE POOH (G) 7 p.m.
Oct. 6 - FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

Sept. 30 - STRAW DOGS (R) 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 - ZOOKEEPER (PG) 4 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Oct. 2 - HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

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.
Sept. 30 - DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 - DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 2 - DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Oct. 3 - DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 4:30 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 1:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Oct. 4 - DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 11 a.m., 4 p.m.
Oct. 5 - DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2 (PG-13) 11 a.m., 4:30 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 1:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Oct. 6 - DOLPHIN TALE (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R) 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 for updated listings and more movie descriptions
Mannheim Cineplex (P4 13), CinemaxX (N7, 17), Mannheim, civ. 01805-625466, www.cineplex.de

Mannheim, CinemaxX, Cineplex - English Language movies

Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2 - HORRIBLE BOSSES (R) 10:15 p.m. at Cineplex
Oct. 5 - HORRIBLE BOSSES (R) 7:15 p.m.; MIDNIGHT IN PARIS (PG-13) 8:15 p.m. at Cineplex

community HIGHLIGHTS

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.

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. On Nov. 8, Arkansas will hold a special state-wide election for a state highway bond to renew \$575 million in bonds to repair approximately 300 miles of interstate highways.

Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting is scheduled 6 p.m. Oct. 12 for the Heidelberg and Mannheim communities in Bldg. 725 on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim.

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 Sgt. Maj. 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.

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.

Estate Claim

Those 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.

Automated Housing Referral

The Automated Housing Referral Network is now available on Internet accessible mobile devices by logging in with the AHRN username and password at www.ahrn.com/mobile. The site includes listings with photos and maps, geography-based search options, message access, housing office contact information and account management.

local EMPLOYMENT

DODDS Jobs

DoDDS Europe is looking for motivated, high performing and diverse U.S. citizens for paid and volunteer positions as special educational aids, substitute teachers and AVID tutors. Volunteers can inquire at child's school. DSN 338-7556, www.eu.dodea.edu.

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.

♦ **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.

♦ **Flu Shots** – FluMist and Fluzone immunizations will be available 3-5 p.m. Oct. 3 at Sembach Elementary School; 2:45-5:30 p.m. Oct. 5 at Landstuhl Elementary and Middle School; during College Night, 6 p.m. Oct. 6 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks; 2-6 p.m. Oct. 13-14 at Kaiserslautern High School and 4-7 p.m. Oct. 18, 20 and 26 in Kaiserslautern Mall's food court.

♦ **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.

♦ **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** – Army Family Team Building Level II, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 3-5, Room 2508; Culture College, 5-9 p.m. Oct. 3-6 with field trip 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 8, Bldg. 3850, Room 172; Introduction to Microsoft Word, 9-11 a.m. Oct. 4-5, Bldg. 3850, Room 250A; Applying for a Federal Job, 9-11 a.m. Oct. 10-11, Bldg. 3850, Room 250A; Family Readiness Group Forum, 9-11 a.m. Oct. 12, Bldg. 3850, Room 172;

Exceptional Family Member Teen Social, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, Panther's Place, PHV, Bldg. 4461.

♦ **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 and 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** – University of Maryland University College Europe announces registration for on-site and online courses for the fall session 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.

Community

♦ **Trash Removal** – Due to the German holiday Oct. 3 (Day of German Unity), trash removal in all city districts will be delayed by one day all week. For example, trash cans normally emptied Monday will be picked up Tuesday and Friday pickup moves to Saturday. This affects all types of trash (paper, yellow bag, can, biodegradables, glass, waste).

♦ **Patton Pedestrian Gate** – The Patton Barracks pedestrian gate is closed to all foot traffic until further notice. All pedestrian traffic should proceed through the main Patton Barracks access control point. DSN 388-2357, civ. 06221-338-2357.

♦ **Road Closure** – Drivers traveling to and from Tompkins and Kilbourne Barracks will experience delays due to road work of the Friedrichsfelder Strasse overpass across the new B535 highway north of Schwetzingen. Friedrichsfelder Strasse will remain closed to all traffic until April. Friedrichsfelder Strasse is from the Avia gas station to Rheinalstrasse near the bowling center in the Hirschacker business district – it is not Friedrichsfelder Landstrasse which leads to Tompkins and Kilbourne Barracks. Detours are posted for long distance traffic via highways L597 and B36, while local traffic will be redirected through Essener and Bochumer Strasse.

♦ **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.

♦ **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.

♦ **Customs Closure** – U.S. Forces Customs Field office Heidelberg will be closed Oct. 3 and 10 due to German and U.S. holidays.

♦ **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. 23 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.

♦ **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. 21-8 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 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 is available through the chaplain's office. DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190.

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

♦ **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.

♦ **Costume Party** – Dress up in your best costume and join the party 9 p.m. Oct. 29 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570.

♦ **Flu Shots** – FluMist and Fluzone immunizations will be available 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 6 at Heidelberg High School; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 7-8 at the Heidelberg Holiday Bazaar at

the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 12 and noon-3 p.m. Oct. 13 in the Casablanca Room on Campbell Barracks; 1-4 p.m. Oct. 14 at Heidelberg Middle School; 8-10 a.m. Oct. 15 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 15 at Retiree Appreciation Day (retirees only); 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 20-21 at Patrick Henry Village Elementary; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 27 on Patton Barracks, Bldg. 113; 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 9 and noon-3 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Casablanca Room on Campbell Barracks.

♦ **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.

♦ **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.

MANNHEIM Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – English as a Second Language, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Bldg. 246.

Community

♦ **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.

♦ **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. 30 and Oct. 1. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, www.roadsideheater.com.

♦ **Flu Shots** – FluMist and Fluzone immunizations will be available 2-4 p.m. Oct. 4 at Mannheim Elementary School.

♦ **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.

♦ **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.

♦ **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.



Rebecca Steil

Heidelberg High School's Emma Roberts spikes a ball against Kaiserslautern's team Saturday in Kaiserslautern while Rebecca Luna looks on. Heidelberg went on to win the match 3-0 with the scores of 25-11, 25-12 and 25-15. Later in the afternoon, Heidelberg also beat Ramstein 3-1 with scores of 25-15, 16-25, 25-15 and 25-23.

Heidelberg volleyball team victorious

The Heidelberg volleyball team took on Kaiserslautern and Ramstein Saturday, securing victories in both contests.

The 3-0 win against Kaiserslautern came easy with scores of 25-11, 25-12 and 25-15.

A more challenging Ramstein team offered a hard fought battle,

but in the end, they were outplayed by the Lions with scores of 25-15, 16-25, 25-15 and 25-23. The Lions defeated the Royals 2-0 at last week's Jamboree.

Games three and four were challenging for both teams as players picked up spiked balls and hustled to get balls most thought

would be downed.

Strong net play by Emma Roberts, Aneli Whitford and Carrie Smith taking advantage of holes in the Ramstein defense made for a solid victory. The Lady Lions will face SHAPE and RAF Lakenheath in Brussels Saturday. SOURCE: Linda Steil

Cross country boys, girls win

The Heidelberg cross country team dominated Saturday at the Vilseck cross country meet with the both boys and the girls teams taking home first place honors against Vilseck, Hohenfels and Ansbach.

The Lady Lions placed

seven runners in the top 10.

Leading was sophomore Anna Seiferth who finished second and senior Tiffany Matthews who finished fourth.

Other top 10 ladies were Priscilla Steele, Stephanie Barlow, Hannah Mayfield, Marlowe

Muehlbauer and Shanice Harmon.

The boys team was led by senior Brian Hannum. Hannum set a course record of 17 minutes, 32 seconds over the challenging 5-kilometer course.

Marquez Ensey and Camden Stokes finished

third and fourth respectively, while Dustin Morton, Logan West, and Sean McGlone also placed in the top 10.

The team travels to Ramstein for its next meet in a show down with four Division I schools.

SOURCE: Sharon Brady

staying ACTIVE

Mini Cheer Camp

A mini cheer camp for boys and girls ages 5-14 will be held noon-4 p.m. Oct. 1 at the bubble gym on Mart Twain Village. Cost is \$40. All participants will be able to cheer at the Heidelberg High School homecoming game Oct. 15. Civ. 0171-271-0152.

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 to traffic traveling from Walldorf to Oftersheim-North. The closure is necessary to resurface the road and is expected to be completed by the end of October. **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 games played Sept. 19-22, NATO beat the 565th Engineer Battalion (38-7) and Medical Department Activity (25-7), Medical Command beat Medical Department Activity (32-13) and the 529th Military Police Company (26-18), the 1-214th Aviation beat U.S. Army Europe (33-12), 43rd Signal Battalion beat 565th Engineers (19-6), 565th Engineers beat USAREUR (20-14) AND 529th MP beat 43rd Signal (27-19). MEDCOM is in first place as of Sept. 22. **Upcoming games** will be played Oct. 3 – USAREUR vs. MEDDAC at 6:30 p.m. and NATO vs. 1-214th Aviation at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 4 – 43rd Signal vs. NATO at 6:30 p.m. and 565th Engineers vs. 529th MPs at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 5 – NATO vs. 565th Engineer Battalion at 6:30 p.m. and USAREUR vs. 529th MP at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 6 – MEDDAC vs. 1-214th Aviation at 6:30 p.m. and 43rd Signal vs. USAREUR at 7:30 p.m. on the Patton Barracks sports field in Heidelberg. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032, www.mwrgermany.com.

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.

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.

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.

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