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TOWN HALL MEETING

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg will hold a town hall meeting 2 p.m. May 3 at the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg.

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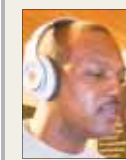


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MORE THAN A MELODY

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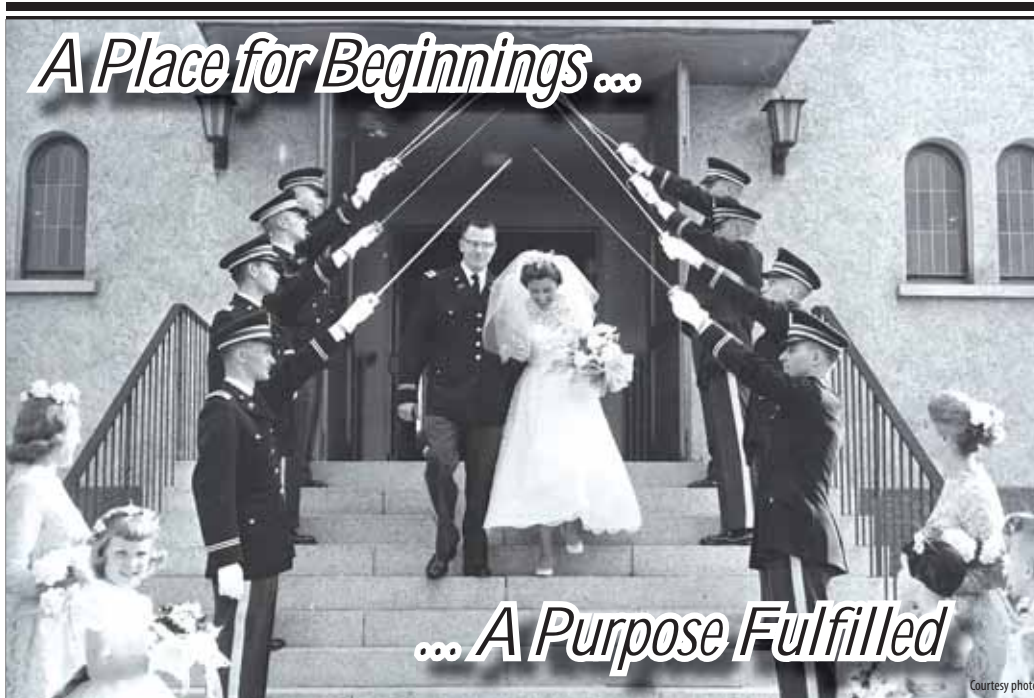
STOP LOSS PAYMENTS

Service members and veterans whose military service was involuntarily extended under the Stop Loss program from 9/11 through Sept. 30, 2009, now have until Oct. 21, 2012, to apply for special retroactive pay, Pentagon officials announced. Retroactive Stop Loss Pay provides \$500 for each month or partial month served in stop loss status. To receive this benefit, those who served under stop loss must submit a claim for the special pay. The average benefit is \$3,700. Individuals who meet eligibility criteria should submit an application by October 21, 2012. Eligible members should visit their specific service's Web site and submit their application online..

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A Place for Beginnings...

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Courtesy photo

Chapel to close after 56 years of ministering in Mannheim

By **Katja R. Pinkston**
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG VOLUNTEER CORPS

After more than 56 years, worship services at the Benjamin Franklin Village Chapel in Mannheim will come to an end in May.

The BFV Catholic community saw its last Mass on Saturday, followed by a last supper in the fellowship hall.

The BFV Chapel was one of the earlier U.S. military chapels built in Germany. In the early 1950s, Soldiers' chapels were constructed on Hammonds, Tur-

ley, Coleman, Sullivan and Taylor Barracks in Mannheim as places of worship for service members.

According to Prof. Dr. Christian Führer, a volunteer historian, the Soldiers' chapel on Coleman Barracks was designed by Mannheim architect Emil Serini. Serini's design served as the blueprint for other chapels in Germany, including the ones on BFV and Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. Upon consecration of the BFV Chapel in 1956, it became a family chapel.

By the mid-1950s, family see **CHAPEL** page 18



Jacquil Haggerty

Top photo, Just married 1st Lt. Clifton Goodwin walks through raised swords with Allison Nicolson Goodwin, a Department of Defense Dependents Schools teacher on May 26, 1957, shortly after the chapel on Benjamin Franklin Village was built. The chaplain who married them was James Webb, said their daughter Kathy Tone, Heidelberg community member.

Above, Father Jim Betz begins the Palm Sunday service Saturday, the last celebration for the Catholic congregation in Mannheim. The chapel will close in May.

Structural, legal issues delay bridge progress

The bridge construction site near Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen is snagged by a legal quarrel between the construction company and supervising construction authorities.

Since part of the structure does not meet specifications, construction has been put on hold until further notice. Timely

completion of the project, which began in October and was originally scheduled for the end of April, has become unlikely.

The first delay was caused by extreme cold in late January and February. Now, the maze of responsibilities for the project involving state and federal authorities, German rail-

ways and the builder prevent a quick resolution of issues.

For commuters, this means that the blockage of Friedrichsfelder Strasse and the detours for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians will continue into mid-year, said a supervising engineer.

TRANSLATION: Thomas Heiss



The new overpass on Friedrichsfelder Strasse over the new B535 bypass road toward the Hirschacker district of Schwetzingen remains congested as construction continues.

COMMENTARY

Month of the Military Child, time to thank our heroes' heroes

By William Bradner
IMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It's the pre-school child who – without being asked – passes his dessert to his little sister, simply because she looks sad. It's the second-grader who bravely puts a picture of her father at the head of the table for her birthday party, and the fifth-grade siblings who donate all their earnings from their lemonade stand to the USO that both their parents passed through on the way to Iraq. It's the junior high band member who asks if the spring concert can be dedicated to our deployed service members, and it's the high school cheerleader who organizes a care package drive. It's the college graduate who clings just a little longer to her father, wishing that her mother was at the commencement ceremony instead of in Afghanistan.

These are our military children, our nation's heroes.

With so much media attention focused on the Soldiers returning from war and the sacrifices they've made for our freedom, we don't want to overlook the youth who quietly support them in the background. Approximately 2 million children have experienced the deployment of one or both of their parents in the last 10 years.

They brave their own battlefields. They rely on an inner strength to face

each day. They swallow their fears and disappointment because they know that their Soldier-parent is doing something important. They inspire us with their resiliency.

It's hard for the average American to fathom how well our children cope. How those who are old enough to understand dread an unexpected knock on the door. How much joy they feel when their uniformed parent steps off the airplane in a sea of red, white and blue.

Like the Soldier on the battlefield who pushes forward because he has to, they push forward, counting the days and hours until the end of the deployments.

Our military children are heroes. Let's not let them be unsung heroes.

Military installations around the world have celebrated the Month of the Military Child each April since 1986.

Communities will host fairs, youth centers will sponsor special events and garrisons around the world will take a little time this month to honor military kids and thank them for their service.

It's a relatively common sight today to see a stranger say, "Thanks for your service" to a service member in uniform. This month, take it a step further ... take a moment to thank the child holding his or her hand.

Their heroism deserves our gratitude.

Reading Winners



Emily Doyle

Sixth-grade student Erica Pooler, left, seventh-grade student Jordan Johnson, center, and eighth-grade student Christopher Blanding pose as the winners of the Heidelberg Middle School Reading Exhibition contest held at the school March 27. The middle school, in association with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Theta Theta Lambda Chapter of Frankfurt, hosted its third annual event for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Henry A. Williams emceed the event, which featured 28 students reading selections of poetry or short fiction or non-fiction to an audience of students, staff and parents. Teachers Sheila Anderson and Ashante Halsey cosponsored the event and worked with the students for several months to prepare them for the competition. The contest promoted reading literacy, public speaking and a love for language.

SOURCE: Sharon Goodman



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

"Any particular reason cable is out on BFV? I mean the most important time of year for NCAA basketball championships and the cable is out through the entire BFV housing, from what I understand. Who do we call, is it TKS or someone else, seeing AFN is out as well?"

– Brad Shova, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Brad, we contacted TKS in Mannheim and there was a problem yesterday. They recommend that if you are still having issues to perform a manual reset. If that does not work, you can contact the TKS hotline at civ. 018-0485-7762."

–BWnow Facebook Administrator

break? Do tell."

– BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Stay here to enjoy this amazing country and to be really honest ... enjoy it with less kids everywhere... hehehehehe."

– Anna Campbell, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Alright BWnowers ... what are your plans for spring



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Mannheim residents get glimpse beyond gates

By **Dijon Rolle**

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A delegation of Mannheim residents and city officials paid a visit to Spinelli Barracks and Coleman Barracks in Mannheim March 29.

A group of roughly 80 local city representatives, journalists and members of the Bundesanstalt für Immobilienaufgaben, Germany's federal real estate agency, climbed out of their chartered tour bus, curious for a first-hand view of both installations.

For many, this was their first opportunity ever to get a glimpse behind the gates that have surrounded both military areas for more than six decades.

Officials from the city of Mannheim, through BlmA, requested the tour to help keep Mannheim's district and city council members and media representatives abreast of the ongoing transformation process.

"They want to see what they are possibly going to inherit in the future. Once we finish with the facilities we turn it over to BlmA and then they will decide how these installations will be utilized," said Bob Isbell, Mannheim community manager. Isbell and members of the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's public affairs office organized and hosted the transformation tour.

"In some cases the cities or townships near the installation will try to purchase parts of the installations and then use them. Right now they're trying to be proactive in seeing what they can do with these facilities if they have an opportunity to purchase them," he said.

Isbell also helped clear the military installations in Darmstadt in 2006. "It normally takes a little time. In Darmstadt there were 22 installations and only one installation has been utilized since then," Isbell said. "Transformation is a slow process, but it helps when individuals and units are proactive and start early."

The group toured the first floor of the U.S. Army Claims Service Eu-



Government Relations Advisor Harry Connors speaks with a group of Mannheim residents and city officials during a visit to the Coleman Barracks fitness center in Mannheim.

Photos by Dijon Rolle

"They want to see what they are possibly going to inherit in the future."

—Bob Isbell, Mannheim community manager

rope building, Maintenance Activity Mannheim and a few of the warehouse areas on Spinelli Barracks.

During their time on Coleman, the group visited the bowling alley and fitness center. While there, some guests took the opportunity to showcase their skills on the basketball court during a friendly free throw competition.

Although he did not participate, Dr. Konrad Hummel, chief of Mannheim's own transformation agency, kept a watchful eye on the game as he pondered the future of this facility and others like it.

"We have a lot of ideas. We want to maintain the memory of the German American history. One of those ideas is that in maybe the Benjamin Franklin area, we'd like to build a museum that would display the history. Not old history but the common values and the common democracy of 66 years



Mannheim city official Roland Weiss checks out the cockpit of a Black Hawk aircraft during a tour of the Coleman Army Air Field in Mannheim March 29. Weiss also visited Spinelli Barracks as part of a garrison sponsored transformation tour.

of development between our two cultures," Hummel said.

He also said the city is also interested in using the installations to create more green areas where residents

could play sports and walk, while living and working in harmony with nature.

"We need support from our own population for this process. What would people want to have in Mannheim in the next 20 years? What kind of development? If they want to have houses, families, we have to anticipate that now," he added.

Once the military installations are officially returned to the host nation, the city will have the option to purchase parts of them from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Soldiers from the 1-214th Aviation Regiment also provided a personal tour of Coleman Army Airfield, that included a Black Hawk helicopter display.

The group closed out their tour at the base chapel where garrison Commander Col. Bryan DeCoster met with the delegation.

"We welcome you all and I hope you had a valuable trip today visiting Spinelli Barracks and Coleman Barracks. I know for many of you, this is probably your first opportunity to see how big Coleman Barracks is as well as Spinelli Barracks and really get a grasp of the large amount of property that over time, we will be returning to BlmA," DeCoster said.

"We appreciate the wonderful relations that we have had with the city of Mannheim over many years, and we really hate to see our troops go. But that is what we have been directed to do and what we are executing today," he added.

City officials also took turns expressing their appreciation to garrison members for hosting the tour.

"It was very useful, and thank you for giving us the opportunity to view the installations. We appreciate it, and we want to thank you and your team on behalf of the whole delegation," said Mannheim's Lord Mayor Dr. Peter Kurz.

Coleman Barracks is currently scheduled to close in 2014 and Spinelli Barracks in early 2015.

Author visits elementary school

Staff Report

Children's author Dr. Michael Shoulders visited Patrick Henry Elementary School in Heidelberg Friday, giving students a well-received presentation on writing.

Shoulders was raised in a military family and spent his childhood traveling around Army installations in Kentucky, Arkansas and Germany.

Having been involved in education for more than 30 years, Shoulders travels frequently, visiting schools and speaking at conferences around the world.

He is the author of the dozens of books for elementary students, including "Say Daddy!," "Goodnight, Baby Bear" and letter books such as "V is for Volunteer: A Tennessee Alphabet" and

"M is for Magnolia: A Mississippi Alphabet."

During his time in Europe, Shoulders also paid visited school children in the Bamberg and Stuttgart military committees.

The Tennessee resident visits nearly 100 schools each year teaching and helping students unlock the magic of reading.

For information, visit www.michaelshoulders.com.



Linda Steil

Children's author Dr. Michael Shoulders teaches students at Patrick Henry Elementary School in Heidelberg how to improve their writing skills during his visit Friday.

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.

UPDATED and NEW – What's up with the Thrift Shop on Patrick Henry Village?

The Thrift Shop will be closed the last two weeks of May to move to Bldg. 4455 across from the Recycling Center where it will reopen June 1. The current building will be converted into a consolidated postal service center. Some renovation of the facility is necessary, and that work must begin by June 1 to be finished in time for the holiday mail season. The consolidation plan will combine four other postal facilities into one on PHV and will save the garrison and the Army approximately \$1.4 million. It will also allow customers from Campbell Barracks, Patton Barracks and the Community Support Center to keep their same mailing addresses when they transfer to the PHV facility.

UPDATED – Mannheim PX and Gas Station – What will happen to the Exchange stores in the Mannheim and Heidelberg communities?

The Mannheim Exchange, Gas Station and food court will close June 15.

NEW – I currently do not have a transportation entitlement to the United States. Will I still be eligible for a government-funded move to Wiesbaden?

Yes; however, the intra-theater move to Wiesbaden will not create a transportation entitlement to the United States.

NEW – I deploy this summer. My son goes to Heidelberg High School. Since he plays sports, will it have a team or will students be bused throughout Germany?

Heidelberg High School will be open for the 2012-13 school year and anticipates offering the same activities it has during the current 2011-12 school year.

Should we expect to see a raise in COLA for the service members staying behind – maybe a COLA survey?

Military finance centers pay Cost Of Living Allowance in U.S. dollars based on the currency exchange rate. COLA is calculated by comparing the prices of goods and services overseas with average prices for equivalent goods and services in CONUS. If prices in CONUS are rising at a greater rate than those overseas, COLA will decrease. If prices overseas are rising at a greater rate than those in CONUS, COLA will increase. For information about overseas COLA, see www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/cola.cfm. COLA rates wouldn't be affected by changes in access to military facilities.

Will Patrick Henry Village be big enough to accommodate everyone from Mannheim? Housing is already quite full.

There are sufficient quarters to move everyone into Patrick Henry Village quarters. Based on the numbers for PHV, even though we are at an 85 percent utilization rate, 200 units are open. Two complete buildings are coming out of renovation by the end of March.

Our child goes to Patrick Henry Elementary. When we move, do we need to re-enroll him in the new school or will his paperwork be forwarded?

Individuals who are PCSing and enrolling in another Department of Defense Dependents School in Europe can carry their paperwork to the new school. Parents must also ensure they disenroll their child from their current school. If you are changing to a stateside school, your child's paperwork will need to be forwarded. Contact the school for further guidance.

Facilities Operations Changes Mannheim

NEW – Barber Shop – The Mannheim Barber Shop will close April 30 due to low customer usage. Customers may use the Coleman Barber Shop 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. However, the Coleman Barber Concessionaire has agreed to remain open until 5 p.m. after April 30 if customer traffic increases.

Base Operations – For assistance, residents should contact 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, damien.r.hunt@mail.mil, or Bob Isbell, Mannheim Base Operations Manager, DSN 385-3944, civ. 0621-730-3944, robert.n.isbell2.civ@mail.mil.

Chapel Closure – The Benjamin Franklin Village chapel will close in May. The last worship service will be May 6.

NEW – Coleman Clinics – The Coleman Troop Medical Clinic will cease full patient care services June 1, to include pharmacy services, and will transition to sick call support beginning June 4. In addition, all dental support at the Coleman Dental Clinic, to include dental sick call services, will cease May 1. Dental services for the Mannheim-Coleman Soldier population will transfer to the Patrick Henry Village Dental Clinic in Heidelberg. The sick call sign-in hours at Coleman TMC beginning June 4 will be 8-9:30 a.m. Sick call service will be reassessed on a monthly basis to determine continuation based on use. DSN 371-3130, civ. 06221-17-3130.

UPDATED – Commissary – As part of the drawdown of forces in the area, the Mannheim Commissary will adjust operating hours beginning April 18. The new hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday. The commissary is slated to remain open through August. DSN 385-3940, civ. 0621-728-3611.

Community Bank – The Community Bank (Sullivan branch) is now closed Mondays. It is open 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Gas Station – The Gas Station on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim is closed on Mondays to coincide with the operating hours of the Exchange, which is also closed Mondays. There is no access to BFW South (PX gate) on Mondays.

NEW – Library Support Office – The Library Support Office and the ACS Computer Lab in Bldg. 246, Room 118, on Sullivan Barracks hours of operation have changed: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday and 1-5 p.m. Thursday. DSN 385-2688, civ. 0621-730-2688, <http://mwgermany.com/sullivanlibrary.html>.

Postal Office Hours Change – Mannheim postal facilities have changed their operating hours. The finance window at Postal Service Center 418 on Coleman Barracks is now open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The community mail room is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and closed Tuesdays and Thursdays. At Postal Service Center 437, finance is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. The community mail room is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and closed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Saturday Shuttle Service – The Baden Württemberg Family and MWR Saturday shuttle bus service has been discontinued. The garrison shuttle service continues Monday-Friday including German holidays but not U.S. holidays. DSN 373-8350, civ. 062201708350.

SORT Center – The SORT Center, Bldg. 804-806, on Funari Barracks accepts hazardous waste turn-in 10 a.m.-noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. If Monday is a German or U.S. holiday, turn-in days are 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays and Thursdays. Email environmental@eur.army.mil. Normal SORT Center hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday and closed holidays. DSN 380-4242, civ. 0621-730-4242. **Heidelberg's Recycling Center** is open for household hazardous waste turn-in 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Bldg. 4830, on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9321, civ. 338-9321.

Self-Help – The Self-Help Store on Funari Barracks at the recycle center compound is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and closed German and U.S. holidays. DSN 380-4435, civ. 0621-730-4633.

Sullivan Gym Hours – The Sullivan Fitness Center is open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. federal and training holidays.

Tax Relief Office – The Tax Relief Office on Sullivan Barracks has the following hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, closed Tuesdays, Thursdays, weekends and U.S. holidays. DSN 385-1780, civ. 0621-730-1780.

WIC Office – The Womens, Infants and Children Overseas office has reduced office hours due to transformation and reduced base population. The office is open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Work Orders – All Star no longer responds to service order calls in Mannheim. Customers should call the Directorate of Public Works service order desk in Heidelberg at DSN 387-3310/3311, civ. 06221-4380-3312. After duty hours, call DSN 115, civ. 06221-17-115.

Veterinary Treatment Facility – All records from the Mannheim clinic have been transferred to the Heidelberg Veterinary Treatment Facility on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9469, civ. 06221-338-9469.

Heidelberg

Airport Shuttle Buses – The free shuttle bus service for service members, DOD civilians and their families departing Germany from Ramstein Air Base on the Patriot Express channel flight now departs Heidelberg **4:20 a.m.** every Tuesday from the Patrick Henry Village Guest House, Bldg. 4527, Grasweg, 69124 Heidelberg. The chartered bus includes a toilet and makes no rest area stops during the one hour, 45 minute drive. Travelers should arrive 15 minutes prior to bus departure with military identification cards and copies of permanent change of station or temporary duty orders. Service members on orders have priority, but other ID card holders can ride if space allows. For information or to sign up, contact the USAG Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility in the Community Support Center, Room 180, Bldg. 3850, at the Heidelberg Shopping Center. DSN 370-7343/6711, civ. 06221-57-8399, usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil. **The shuttle bus to the Frankfurt Airport** departs Heidelberg 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday from the PHV Guest House. It returns to Heidelberg 11 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and approximately 11 a.m. Saturday if there are Soldiers traveling to Heidelberg. Frankfurt Gateway Reception Center in the Shelton Hotel: DSN 334-6903/6905, civ. 069-6959-73803.

NEW – Pharmacy Hours – The Heidelberg Health Center Pharmacy will change its operating hours beginning April 16. The pharmacy will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed weekends and federal holidays.

Postal Office Hours Change – The Heidelberg Army Post Office on the Shopping Center is now open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and closed Mondays. The post office on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg is now open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and closed Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends.

UPDATED – Tompkins Gym – The Fitness Center on Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen will close on or about July 12. Hours are 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed Saturdays, Sundays and U.S. holidays and open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. training holidays. DSN 370-9193, civ. 06221-57-9193.

Wood Shop – The Wood Shop on Patton Barracks will no longer close May 29. The facility is scheduled to remain open until the garrison deactivates. DSN 373-5195, civ. 06221-17-5195.

Shooters Bar and Grill – Shooters Bar and Grill in the Rod and Gun Club in Oftersheim is closed due to a decline in patronage. It has been re-designated Shooters Club House and is available for private events, parties and other group activities.

Transportation Motor Pool – The Transportation Motor Pool on Spinelli Barracks has closed and all vehicles are dispatched at the Heidelberg TMP, Bldg. 157, on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-8350, civ. 06221-17-8350, www.bw.eur.army.mil/Directories/DOL/TMP.html.

Faces of the Community: Maintenance Activity Mannheim



Dijon Rolle

A mechanic from Maintenance Activity Mannheim on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim accesses the control panel of a M9-69 fuel tanker to test the fuses and conduct other required maintenance March 29. MAM is responsible for conducting a variety of certifications and re-certifications for all fuel transport equipment in Europe, providing fuel maintenance for Left Behind Equipment belonging to deployed units and resetting equipment throughout the Theater Logistics Support Center-Europe and the 21st Theater Support Command footprint. The facility is open 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 384-6301 or DSN 483-3100.

Spring Cleanup set for April 23-27

Directorate of Public Works

The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg installation's spring cleanup will take place at the end of April this year. Cleanup dates for each location are as follows:

April 23: Patton Barracks/Mark Twain Village East and West

April 24: Campbell Barracks/Nachrichten

April 25: Benjamin Franklin Village/Sullivan/Spinelli/Funari

April 26: Shopping Center/Coleman

April 27: Patrick Henry Village Pavilion/Tompkins Barracks/Germersheim Army Depot

The morning of each scheduled work day will be dedicated to cleanup around the offices and workplaces. At 10 a.m., Soldiers will be released to perform cleanup activities in family housing and single Soldier housing areas under the direction of their area building coordinators.

Cleanup efforts outside will include trimming grass, removing weeds, cleaning and sweeping



sidewalks and entryways, raking leaves and removing any trash and unwanted items in common areas.

Garden tools, such as rakes, shovels and brooms will be supplied by the Self-Help Store and DPW will provide vouchers for supplies such as flowers, potting soil and fertilizer from local stores.

Interior cleanup will include general cleaning as well as removal of excess government furniture, cleaning out rooms no longer in use and consolidating storage areas to reduce the number of rooms in use.

Service orders or work orders can be submitted to the DPW

through their web page accessible at the garrison website: www.bw.eur.army.mil.

DPW will also provide a list of hazardous waste to be properly disposed of at the Heidelberg Hazardous Waste Collection point at the PHV Recycling Center.

"The community should use the reuse center as much as possible," says Sgt 1st Class Jamie Horton, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge at Department of Public Works (DPW).

However, bulky items will be picked up for disposal on the day of and morning following the designated cleanup day for each area. Please place these items on the curb by the road for pickup.

Street sweepers will clean the streets of Patrick Henry Village on April 23-24 and Mark Twain Village on April 25-26.

Private organizations are responsible for the cleanup efforts in and around their own facilities.

At the conclusion of the campaign, community activities will be judged and winners announced.

On with the show: Theater gets facelift

By Mindy Campbell

U.S. ARMY GARRISON KAISERSLAUTERN

After taking seven months of shows on the road, Kaiserslautern Military Community's thespians have returned home to a newly renovated theater at Kleber Kaserne.

KMC Onstage found temporary homes for five productions this season, while workers rebuilt the Kleber theater roof, said Nate Records, U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation artistic director.

"Luckily, they were shows that weren't too hard to make portable," Records said.

Productions were held at the Galaxy Theater on Vogelweh, Heaton Auditorium at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and the Kaiserslautern Community Activity Center on Daenner Kaserne. Meanwhile, Kleber's theater underwent multiple changes – a new roof, renovated seating, a new technical booth, spotlight towers and a designer's work room.

"The seating area is now on risers and re-configured, which will give patrons a better theater experience," Records said.

There's also an expanded lobby area with a Java Café. While serving the local workforce community, the Java Café will also run the concession booth during performances, Records said. Records anticipates one more final upgrade – an expansion for a set designers' workroom and an actors' practice area.

In late-March, KMC Onstage returned with "The Foreigner," the situational comedy by Larry Shue, said Leo Kosley, the director.

"They all have been very patient with all the changes," Kosley said. "I am very excited to bring this play to the community."

Heidelberg-based 7th Weather Squadron receives Air Force level awards

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Airmen from the U.S. Army Europe's supporting weather squadron earned four top Air Force level awards for Calendar Year 2011.

The 7th Weather Squadron is the combat weather squadron that provides weather forecasts and updates to commanders and their staff by delivering specialized weather bulletins in support of the crisis action team.

Winners include:

- ◆ Air Force Weather Field Grade Officer of the Year: Maj. Jason Wild, 7 WS, Heidelberg
- ◆ Air Force Battlefield Weather Senior Non Commissioned Officer of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. William Anders, 7 WS, Heidelberg
- ◆ Air Force Battlefield Weather Airman of the Year: Senior Airman Sarah Woehl, Det 2, 7WS, Grafenwoehr
- ◆ Outstanding Battlefield Weather Squadron: 7th Weather Squadron, Heidelberg

Oil analysis prevents failures, saves money

By Sgt. Michael Reinsch
USAREUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Army Oil Analysis Program is part of a Department of Defense-wide effort to determine impending component failures through periodic laboratory evaluations of used oil samples.

The AOAP Laboratory in Mannheim is part of the program that essentially helps prevent catastrophic failures to military equipment by detecting issues before they become serious.

"We test oil samples for helicopters or ground equipment, and we check to see if the oil is contaminated," said Heidi Bodeit, the director of AOAP Laboratory in Europe. Bodeit compares checking oil samples to having human blood checked for cholesterol.

"We can see if there is metal, fuel or other contaminants in the oil," she said.

The program helps military units save on maintenance costs for equipment by detecting a problem before it happens, therefore, decreasing the downtime of vehicles that would otherwise be out of commission. Finding the problem before it becomes catastrophic increases the overall safety of the equipment and minimizes the potential harm that could injure service members using the equipment.

"AOAP is a money saver for the service member and the command but also it is an environmental saver," said Bodeit. "We



Sgt. Michael Reinsch
Director of the Army Oil Analysis Program Laboratory Heidi Bodeit, left, Detlef Nuss, center, and Dahab Gebreyohannes, right, are physical science technicians who are shown here working with one of the testing systems at the laboratory March 26. The AOAP processes more than 400 samples of oil from military equipment each month and can have the results back to the unit in 24 to 72 hours.

need to think about our future and our children. [When using this program] less oil will be going into the landfills and waste disposal and eventually into the earth, our world."

AOAP unit representatives can submit a sample to their local lab, and have the results back to the unit in as little as 24 hours for air equipment and 72 hours for ground equipment. The AOAP handles 400 to 500 oil samples a month.

Soldiers can become AOAP representatives by taking an on-line course or a course provided by AOAP.

The training for AOAP can be taken onsite at the Logistics Information Warehouse. Applicants can also pick up a copy of the training DVD at the AOAP-Mannheim Laboratory Center at Coleman Barracks, Bldg. 50, Room 112.

The AOAP is scheduled to move to Kaiserslautern this summer to be closer to the maintenance hub, the 405th Army Field Support Brigade-Europe and Africa and Ramstein Air Base to better assist service members and their equipment.

For information, call DSN 373-5383 or 382-5288.

Reduce paper before Wiesbaden move

By Spc. Joshua Leonard
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Martin Gross.

Those assigned to the U.S. Army Europe headquarters in Heidelberg are being asked to archive or dispose of mission-related paperwork to cut back on paper use and reduce the volume of records that will move as the headquarters shifts to Wiesbaden.

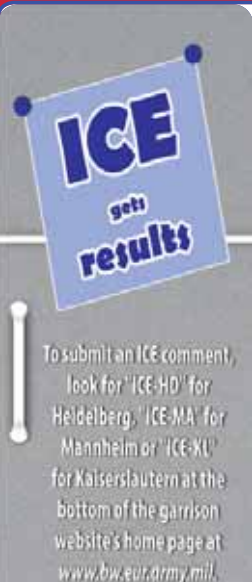
Army personnel are responsible for the life cycle of documents they acquire or create on the job, both hard copy and electronic, said Lorna D. Martin Gross, Records Administrator for Headquarters USAREUR. In December an initiative to reduce document holdings throughout the headquarters was put into place that is expected to reduce paper documents by 75 percent by June, she said.

"This process allows for the transfer of long-term and permanent files directly to the Army Electronic Archive by using the Army Records Information Management Bulk Archive Tool," said

The Bulk Archive Tool, found on the ARIMS website, allows users to send copies of long-term and permanent electronic official records in bulk to the Army Electronic Archive, she said. The AEA is the Army Records Management and Declassification Agency's long-term, secure storage repository for electronic records.

Prior to relocation, Martin Gross said personnel should examine paper and electronic documents and use applicable regulations to determine how long each should be kept. Documents that will be retained should be digitized and stored locally, while ARIMS should be used to electronically archive long-term or permanent documents. Documents eligible for destruction should be disposed of.

Headquarters personnel should begin now to prepare their documents for the move to Wiesbaden, and incorporate records management into every business process.



Interactive Customer Evaluation allows customers to rate products and services provided by Department of Defense offices and facilities worldwide.

Comment card ratings are used to improve the products and services in the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg. Community members are encouraged to use the ICE system to provide feedback, both positive and constructive, about

garrison issues.

The garrison convenes a Chill Board each quarter to discuss and evaluate the satisfaction rates received from customers throughout the community.

The Herald Post will periodically feature issues brought to leaders through the ICE system and ask readers to submit comments on garrison social media sites.

Issue: Closure of the Wood Shop on Patton Barracks

Scope

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg announced the closure of the Wood Shop in Bldg. 108 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg due to employee turnover and low patronage. The Wood Shop must follow environmental laws and safety guidelines, and

the cost of maintaining both did not equate to the low usage.

Customer Feedback

Community members submitted ICE comments asking to keep the Wood Shop open for the foreseeable future.

Command Response

Volunteers have agreed to staff the

wood shop and conduct safety briefings for patrons 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and training holidays. The Arts and Cultural Center in the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg can assist units that need to complete special projects.

What do you think?

Express your opinion on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bwnow) and BWnow (mybwnow.ning.com) by answering the Question of the Week: "What do you think about the Wood Shop on Patton Barracks remaining open? If you've used this service, do you think it's worthwhile to keep it open?" Comments may also be emailed to the Herald Post at usaghd.post@eur.army.mil or usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.post-newspaper.mil.



Sgt. Peter J. Berardi

Capt. Demetrius Walton, a chaplain with the 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, navigates a climbing obstacle on a confidence course at Fort Dix, N.J., March 26. The course is designed to build camaraderie.



U.S. Army

Second Lt. Steven J. Haley, platoon leader in 1st Squadron 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, gives an Afghan boy a high-five during a foot patrol in the Darafshan Valley of the Uruzgan Province March 25. Members of 1-14th CAV mentor and support the Afghan National Police in an effort to improve the security in the valley and gain trust within the local Afghan population.

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Gertraud Zach

Pvt. Ryan Slade, left, fires an M240 machine gun as Spc. Cody Branam fires his M4 carbine during a situational training exercise at the Grafenwöhr Training Area in Grafenwöhr March 22.



Markus Rauchenberger

Pvt. Vincent Redondo lays out concertina wire during a situational training exercise at the Grafenwöhr Training Area, Joint Multinational Training Command, in Vilseck March 22. Redondo is assigned to Company I, 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment.



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Finding the right mix

Kaiserslautern Soldier debuts first single

By **Mindy Campbell**
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The life of Zyon Ras Tafari Gooden has many different stories.

There's an early chapter about a boy whose mother fled violence in Kingston, Jamaica and settled her family in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Then, there's the chapter of a dedicated Soldier who's been in the Army nearly 18 years. A warrant officer, wounded in Afghanistan, Gooden now serves with the Army's 19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment on Ramstein Air Base.

Now, there's a new chapter – that of a rising recording star.

"Everything that is in my music is me," Gooden said. "I write the songs. I produce the songs. I engineer the songs. I record the songs in my own studio."

On March 16, Gooden released his first official single "Lyrical Murdera" through several online distribution sites. His style is a blend of rap and Jamaican dance hall music.

Gooden is not an overnight sensation. He labored long and hard at his dream.

"To be successful you have to work it," Gooden said.

Back in Brooklyn, in middle school, Gooden learned dancing, martial arts and the violin. A neighbor was a famous New York disc jockey and Gooden would listen to hip-hop and rap artists who came over to freestyle.

"I was always into music and wrote poetry," he said. "One day, I asked him if he thought I could turn my poetry into rap. He showed me how."

He tried for a time to do American-style rap, but it wasn't working.

"I couldn't really conform to the traditional dance hall style or American rap," he said. I said, "Let me see if I can mix a version of rap and Patois" – which is a form of broken British English, similar to American Ebonics. I am the only person that does it."

Lyrics come from personal

experience and tell the story of his life and beliefs.

"Rap music was developed as ghetto news," Gooden said. "Whatever was going on in your life or what you saw on TV that bothered you from an emotional standpoint, you rapped about. Today's great artists like Adele sing from the hurt they feel, and people can identify with that. That's what I do. Most of my music comes to me in my dreams. I say whatever is on my mind. I turn on my mike and let my spirit come out in words."

As his military career has progressed, Gooden took his act from Fayetteville, N.C., to Hawaii, where he performed, made contacts and learned the music business.

"If you want to be a part of this industry, you learn about this industry," Gooden said. "You don't reinvent the wheel. You learn from people's mistakes. What did they do to make themselves successful? I am not going to go to Iraq without learning about what language they speak, what their culture is like, what the geography is like. Same thing applies – I am not going to jump into this industry and not know the layout of my enemies."

In 2009, when Gooden moved to Germany, he continued making contacts and performing. His two previously-released mix tapes were played in Germany, Switzerland and France, he said.

"Clubs started playing it and asking me to do shows," he said. "DJs were playing my music because they saw the crowd react to it. The crowd went crazy and said it was something they had never heard before."

One day, Gooden heard a dance hall rhythm online that he liked and wrote "Lyrical Murdera." Gooden called Nico aka Red Cat, the Paris-based rhythm producer, who gave Gooden his blessing. In recent emails, Nico said he's impressed with Gooden's style.

"Lots of people just copy what is going on in the U.S., sometimes without enough



In his free time, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Zyon Gooden, a 19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment Soldier stationed at Ramstein Air Base, records original music – a blend of rap and Jamaican dance hall music.

"Of course, the dream is to be successful at it. When it actually starts happening, you are like, 'Did I just get a call from a record label?'"

–Zyon Ras Tafari Gooden,
19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment

musical background," Nico said. "When I hear Zyon, I feel that he has a large spectrum of influences, hip-hop from different periods, reggae, dance hall. It is a fresh mix. This is a sound that I miss nowadays and I really enjoyed to hear it again, especially on my song."

Dominique Ludwig, a German singer who has worked with Gooden on several songs, is impressed with Gooden's ability and passion.

"You can feel he has that

never-ending passion for his craft, which he puts into his music, and along with stories about his life, good or bad," she said. "He's capable of grabbing people's attention and making them not just hear, but actually listen to what he's saying in his songs."

Ludwig thinks "Lyrical Murdera" will be a big hit.

"It is already heavily requested in certain areas, and the song is too catchy to not get major recognition in the music business," she said.

Through social media sites like Facebook, Gooden has grown his fan base and promoted his music, especially his new single.

After "Lyrical Murdera," Gooden plans to "stay relevant" by releasing new songs online and circulating a music video recently shot in Munich.

"I am doing it because I love doing it," Gooden said. "Of course, the dream is to be successful at it. When it actually starts happening, you are

like, 'Did I just get a call from a record label?'"

At times, the military dampened Gooden's musical dreams. Deployments have caused him to lose two potential recording contracts, Gooden said.

"You get out of the scene for a year, they forget who you are," Gooden said. "I wasn't a topic anymore."

Despite setbacks, Gooden credits the Army with helping support his musical dreams.

"I wouldn't be this successful if I wasn't in the military," Gooden said. "The military provides me the capital, the drive, the professionalism. Even though things get hard, I keep going because I want to accomplish the mission."

In the beginning, Gooden tried to keep both his Army life and musical career separate.

"I didn't want the two to conflict," he said. "I didn't want the stigma of being a rap or reggae artist to hinder my professional reputation."

But recently, Gooden has seen the two merge as his musical career takes off. Col. Stephen J. Maranian, Gooden's commander at the 19th BCD, has been supportive. Maranian knows Gooden's music is an important part of who he is.

"To be well balanced and fit, we need relationships, activities and interests in our lives from outside the military as well as from within," Maranian said. "When Soldiers show a passion and ability in one of these areas, it's important that unit leaders are supportive."

Gooden's Army technical experience – information technology – has also helped his musical career, Maranian said.

"In addition to singing, there are tremendous technical requirements to produce and package his music," Maranian said. "I think the knowledge of computers and software that he has acquired in the Army has helped him greatly."

The Army served as an important role in Gooden's life, he said, and he takes his military career as seriously as his music.

"You have to be focused on two levels at the same time," Gooden said. "That can be stressful, but I love what I do on both sides."



Normandy Beaches still inspire awe

Photos by Peter J. Gonzales



Above: Crumbling concrete pontoons encrusted with mussels lie on the beach at Arromanches, France. Now a reminder of the Mulberry Harbor complex built to offload troops and supplies, the hulks sit on Gold Beach not far from the D-Day Museum.

Thousands lost their lives in a few days of fighting here during Allied invasion of Normandy in 1944

By Peter J. Gonzales
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG VOLUNTEER CORPS

Travel in Europe generally revolves around cultural attractions and battle sites. There is perhaps no area in Europe more associated with the latter than the coast of Normandy, France. The region has played host to nearly every invading army in Europe: Celts, Gauls, Romans, Saxons and the Frankish Lord Clovis. Eventually the Normans settled this area and established the unique culture of the

region. Though the area traded hands frequently over the centuries, it is the D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944, that the area is commonly known for today.

The cliff walls that housed the majority of Hitler's Atlantic Wall are quiet now, populated sparsely by beachcombers and the occasional horseback rider.

Standing on Omaha Beach today and facing inland, however, gives you a sense of the challenge faced by so many young men, many of whom never made it.

Pointe du Hoc, not far from Omaha Beach, stands much as it did after it was scaled and captured by the 2nd Ranger Battalion. Craters dimple the landscape like a golf ball, and bunkers lay destroyed as the Rangers left them.

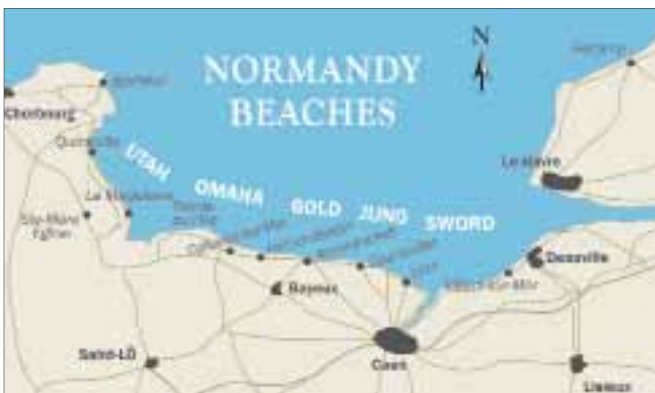
Looking over the cliff face here makes you wonder how anyone made it to the top, but that's why they're Rangers.

Any American visiting Normandy should visit the American cemetery



Top photo, Omaha beach is a quiet seaside village now, but 67 years ago this was the scene of some of the most intense fighting of the war.

Above, a turret foundation sits minus its 155mm gun at Pointe du Hoc, overlooking the English Channel. Three companies of U.S. Rangers captured and held this objective against overwhelming odds until relief came from the 5th Ranger Battalion and 116th Infantry Regiment the following day.



at Colleville-sur-Mer, the final resting place of 9,387 American men and women who gave their lives during the invasion and the fighting that followed.

A visitor to the Normandy coast is also treated to a simple but delicious spread of regional specialties, the cuisine being based around the three staples of the region: seafood, apples and dairy products.

Norman apple cider comes in all varieties from kid-safe sparkling ciders to high octane Cidre and Calvados that are best enjoyed with pork and regional seafood. Much like the Pacific Northwest, Norman gourmards enjoy the bounty of the sea year round and nearly every restaurant has a unique specialty that sets it apart from its

neighbors.

Traveling to Normandy is simple, though visitors should plan a few days to soak up the experience and the warm hospitality of the locals.

From Mannheim or Heidelberg, take the TGV, the worlds fastest train at 574.8 km/h (357.2 mph) to Paris L'est, and from Paris Gare Saint Lazare to Caen. A switch there sends you to Bayeux. Be advised the station in Bayeux is renovating its parking lot so wear sturdy shoes.

From there you can arrange day excursions through any number of tour operators in the area or explore on your own via local transit.

The weather is renowned for it's unpredictability, so pack accordingly.

GERMAN NEWS

Detective Jumps On Car

Peter J., a 51-year-old store detective, jumped on the hood of a getaway car to prevent a pair of thieves from getting away with stealing a leather jacket from a designer clothes store in the center of Berlin Saturday. The detective chased the thieves outside and stood in front of their BMW Coupé to block their escape. A police spokesman said the driver drove into Peter J.'s leg, but he remained standing. As the car drove away, Peter J. flung himself onto the car's hood and clung there for what witnesses said was more than 50 meters. The would-be shoplifters then dropped the jacket out the window and the detective calmly dismounted, brushed himself off and returned the jacket to the shop. The thieves have not been identified.

Bundeswehr Overheating Guns

German Soldiers are likely burning their fingers and missing their targets in long gun battles in Afghanistan after tests showed their guns are overheating, according to a Sunday report in Der Spiegel news magazine. After several hundred rounds, the G36 gun barrel gets so hot that the chances of hitting a target at 300 meters drops to around one third, according to a troop survey. However, there have not as yet been any complaints by German troops based in Afghanistan, despite gun battles with enemy fighters often last for hours. According to the report, the German Operations Command has issued advice on the proper use of the weapons for units deployed in the country, saying troops must allow the barrel to cool down enough to touch it before continuing to shoot. The G36, made by weapons manufacturer Heckler and Koch, and used by the Bundeswehr for the past 15 years, mostly consists of light plastic and was not intended for continuous fire, said the report.

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DEAR MS. Vicki
Vicki Johnson is a military spouse and clinical social worker with more than 13 years experience working with families in crisis. Contact Ms. Vicki by e-mail: dearmsvicki@yahoo.com, follow her on Twitter @dearmsvicki, or visit www.dearmsvicki.com.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I'm a college student and I've been dating a Soldier for about a year. We had a lot of great times and we were together both day and night.

Before he deployed to Afghanistan, he became more and more distant from me, and I felt helpless. He started saying things like, "If it's meant to be (between us) it will be."

Basically, it was like he was saying, "Whatever," and, "It's

over."

He left in November, and I never hear from him. He won't respond to any of my letters, emails or Facebook messages. I've only received one message from him, basically stating he is too busy to keep in touch.

However, he is always posting messages to everyone on the social network sites he uses. Why won't he give me an answer or tell me to move on? All I want is the truth.

I basically failed my midterms because I was consumed with nothing but thoughts about my Soldier. I'm a pathetic mess. I love him very much, but I feel like I'm begging him to love me and communicate with me.

Am I being foolish? Please give me your unbiased opinion. Have I been replaced?

Dear Replaced,

You wrote to the right person about this. Yes he is busy, but is he really too busy not to say one word to you? I don't think so.

If he loved you, he would keep the lines of communication open. He would stop at nothing to do that. Besides, you say he is always on various social network sites communicating with other people, right? Well, what does that say to you?

It should say that you don't matter and that you should keep your head in the college game.

Are you really telling me that you are willing to throw this semester down the toilet for a man who used you for one year and then dumped you? You seem to want to respect his boundaries and give him space, and that's great.

I don't want to sound harsh, but he is saying you are not that important. Here's the deal: He can write you next week and apologize for his behavior and his distance and you can accept his apology if you wish.

You can keep writing him, but please know this will be his normal behavior. He will always do a disappearing act, even if he is not deployed.

I think you should start distancing yourself from him. Personally, I think you deserve better. You appear to be a loyal young woman, but you deserve the same.

Don't pass up a hero while waiting on a zero. Don't trust this guy. This will only be his normal behavior: he'll be in one day and then gone the next, always disappearing and leaving you hanging. He's a great guy, if you like roller coasters. My advice is, don't continue to waste your time, OK?

Thanks for writing and sharing. Please let me know how you are doing and give me an update. I wish you all the best.

Easter comes early to Pirmasens

By Rick Scavetta

USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PIRMASENS, Germany — Easter came early this year for some German and American kids, who took part in U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe's annual holiday event March 24.

More than 50 children from Pirmasens' Nardinhaus, a local youth services center, got to have a traditional egg hunt, followed by food, games and fun. Joining them were about 50 children from U.S. military families.

"It's the fourth year we've held this Easter 'Eggstravaganza,'" said Col. William Stubbs, the unit commander. "It's a way for us to give back to the community, especially the Nardinhaus and underprivileged children."

It took volunteers 30 minutes to scatter roughly 2,000 candy-filled eggs and just over a minute for 100 kids to pick them up, Stubbs said.

"It's great fun for American families and Germans to do this together," Stubbs said.

Planning for the event began in February, said Spc. Shelvia



Rick Scavetta

Wearing blurry goggles, Spc. Shelvia Greene navigates cone obstacles during a crazy egg race at U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe's annual Easter event in Pirmasens.

Greene, who helped coordinate everything from relay races and musical chairs to face painting and magic shows.

Soldiers in Pirmasens are used to volunteering, she said. Including local children, some who are orphans, is what really made the event special, Greene said.

"For us to help our German community, it shows them how much we as Americans appreciate being here," Greene said.

The annual event also brings USAMCE staff together for family fun, something outside of work that helps build morale, said Staff Sgt. Jose Martinez, of Brownsville, Texas, who brought his family to the event.

"We stay pretty busy here and we don't spend time together outside of work," Martinez said.

"It brings out good camaraderie between Soldiers, officers and civilians."

Easter Happenings



Heidelberg

April 6 • Patrick Henry Village Chapel

- Lutheran Service, noon
- Catholic Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.
- Catholic Liturgy of Good Friday, 6 p.m.

April 7 • Patrick Henry Village Chapel

- Catholic Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. (no 5 p.m. Mass)

April 8 • Mark Twain Village Chapel

- Community Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
- Catholic Easter Sunday Mass, 9 a.m.
- Traditional Protestant Easter Service, 10:30 a.m.
- Gospel Easter Service, 12:30 p.m.

April 8 • Patrick Henry Village Chapel

- Lutheran Easter Service, 8:30 a.m.
- Contemporary Protestant Easter Service, 10:15 a.m.
- Catholic Easter Sunday Mass, noon

April 8 • Village Pavilion Community Center

- Easter Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt 12:30 p.m.

April 11 • Slapshots on Patton Barracks

- Easter Egg Hunt, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

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April 5

Wizard of Oz—The classic children's book and movie. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz comes to life in a ballet performed by the Staatsballet Berlin. Enjoy a modern twist on a classic favorite. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. April and April 20. Tickets are priced at €9 - €42. Komische Oper Berlin, Behrenstrasse 55-57. www.staatsballet-berlin.de.

Flamenco Festival—Düsseldorf hosts a Flamenco dance festival featuring professional performances by dance ensembles and workshops for visitors who want to learn more about the dance. Festival starts 8 p.m. daily and runs through April 9. Tanzhaus NRW, Erkrather Strasse 30.

Hip-Hop Concert—Tickets are on sale at the Vogelweh Community Center in Kaiserslautern for the Watch the Throne European tour. The rap duo featuring Jay-Z and Kanye West will perform June 5 at the Frankfurt Festhalle. Ticket price includes transportation to and from the concert. DSN 489-7626, civ. 0631-536-7626.

Rock Climbing—Enjoy a taste of adventure at the RockTown Bouldern and Bistro am Betze. The bouldering gym features a variety of walls to challenge climbers of all ages and skill levels. There's also a bistro where visitors can feast on burgers, pizza and pastries. RockTown is open 11-11 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. Kantstrasse 38, Kaiserslautern. Civ. 0631-8929-0850. www.rocktown.eu.

Heidelberg Zoo Easter Event—The educational department (Zooschule) at the Heidelberg Zoo offers its popular Easter event 2:30-5:30 p.m. Children 5-12 can act as Easter bunnies and hide tasty snacks for zoo animals. During the afternoon children will also visit the animals, play games and participate in other activities. Tickets are available for €15 at the box office located at Tiergartenstrasse 3, 69120 or at civ. 06221-3955713 (Monday and Thursday 2-4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 10-12 a.m.). www.zooschule-heidelberg.de.

April 6

Spring Festival—The Annual Heidelberg Spring Festival or Heidelberger Frühling features fun events and renowned classical music artists, including international soloists, ensembles and orchestras. Festival runs through April 29. Kongresshaus Stadthalle Heidelberg, Neckarstrasse 24. www.heidelberg-tourismus.de.

April 7

Botanical Gardens—Explore nature's beauty and the wonders of spring. Army Community Service meets at the main ACS office on the shopping center in Heidelberg and takes public transportation to the

Botanical Garden Hermannshof 10 a.m.-3 p.m. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883. Free admission www.mwgermany.com.

Medieval in Mainz—Travel back in time at the largest medieval spectacle in the Rhine Main area. Held on the riverfront (Reduit) in Mainz-Kastel, the event features a medieval market place with vendors, performances and an Easter Sunday children's treasure hunt (ages 6 and up). See jousting, knights, archery and falconry through April 9. Civ. 06131-286-2124, www.prohistory.de.

April 8

Kaiserslautern Zoo—An Easter bunny village with baby chicks, an Easter egg hunt, an inflatable giant slide and coach rides through the zoo await young visitors during the Easter Festival at Kaiserslautern Zoo 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Festival runs through April 9. Zum Tierpark 10, 67661.

King Tut—The exhibition Tutankhamun: His Tomb And His Treasure shows the world's only museum-quality replica of human-kind's most fascinating tomb and treasures and the opportunity to visit the tomb three-dimensionally in its original state 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Sunday through June 24. Mainzer Landstrasse 124, Güterplatz, D-60327 Frankfurt am Main, www.tut-ausstellung.com/en/frankfurt/the-great-tutanchamun-must-see-exhibition.html.

April 10

Keith Sweat Concert—Rhythm and Blues singer Keith Sweat will perform at Club Zapata in Stuttgart 8 p.m. May 16. Tickets are on sale now. Pragstrasse 120 70376. www.songkick.com/concerts/12171948-keith-sweat-at-zapata

April 11

Japanese Garden—The Japanese Garden in Kaiserslautern is now open for visitors 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is free for children under 11 and Gartenschau season tickets can also be used to enter the Japanese Garden. www.japanischergarten.de.

April 14

Art Exhibit—Artist Milena Tiner will showcase her artwork 7 p.m. at the Village Pavilion Gallery in Heidelberg. Exhibit runs through April 29. DSN 388-9421, civ. 06221-338-9421.

Stuttgart Zoo—Take a trip to the Stuttgart Zoo located at the Wilhelma Park, the largest zoological and botanical gardens in Europe. The zoo features newly designed polar bear enclosures and other attractions to delight all ages. Visitors can also stroll through the park and admire the exotic trees, orchids, water lilies and a magnolia grove. <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern/>.

Ozzy Osbourne—Rocker Ozzy Osbourne hits the stage in Mannheim's SAP arena 8 p.m. June 20 with special guests Black Label Society. Tickets: www.saparena.de.

April 21

Long Night of Museums—Mannheim, Ludwigshafen and Heidelberg will host a series of concerts, exhibitions and presentations highlighting art, history and architecture during the Long Night of Museums 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Visitors can explore more than 200 venues, art galleries, studios, churches and theaters throughout these cities. Turley Barracks in downtown Mannheim will also be open to the public for a light and sound show and photo exhibit detailing the contributions of former Soldiers. <http://langenacht.meier-online.de>.

Holland—Enjoy Holland during tulip time during a special overnight tour that will highlight Tulipmania and the charms of the Netherlands. Journey through the beautiful countryside to the coastal town of Noordwijk to observe the annual flower parade, Holland's version of the rose parade. Tour The Hague, Keukenhof Gardens, a Delft Blue porcelain factory and other attractions. <http://affiliates.uso.org/Kaiserslautern/>.

April 27

London—Tour one of the most famous cities in Europe during a city tour of London. View famous sights such as the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Globe Theater, and St. Paul's Cathedral. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinmain>.

April 28

Maimarkt—The Maimarkt, or May Fair, in Mannheim is one of Germany's largest and oldest attractions. More than 1,400 vendors will fill the fairground near Mannheim's SAP Arena offering a variety of unique goods. Fairgoers can also feast on food and drinks from all over the world and enjoy amusement park rides and other novelties. The fair is open daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. through May 8. Tickets can be bought in advance at the box office. www.maimarkt.de/index.php?id=13&L=0%2Fpm%2Ffileadmin%2F (German language only).

Bruce Springsteen Concert—Tickets are on sale for the Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band concert 8 p.m. May 24 in Frankfurt's Commerzbank Arena. www.worldticketshop.com.

Georgia O'Keeffe Exhibit—View the works of artist Georgia O'Keeffe at Munich's Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung. Exhibit features 75 paintings, sculptures, works and photographs of the artist and the western American landscape that inspired her. Exhibit is open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily through May 13. Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung, Theatinerstrasse 8. www.hypo-kunsthalle.de.

coming to THEATERS

WRATH OF THE TITANS

(Liam Neeson) A decade after his heroic defeat of the monstrous Kraken, Perseus, the demigod son of Zeus, is attempting to live a quieter life as a village fisherman and the sole parent to his 10-year old son, Helius. Meanwhile, a struggle for supremacy rages between the gods and the Titans. Dangerously weakened by humanity's lack of devotion, the gods are losing control of the imprisoned Titans and their ferocious leader, Kronos, father of the long-ruling brothers Zeus, Hades and Poseidon. The triumvirate had overthrown their powerful father long ago, leaving him to rot in the gloomy abyss of Tartarus, a dungeon that lies deep within the cavernous underworld. (Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of fantasy violence and action) 99 minutes.



PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

April 5 - UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 7 p.m.
 April 6 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 7 p.m.; 10 p.m.
 April 7 - BIG MIRACLE (PG) 4 p.m.; WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 7 p.m.; MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 10 p.m.
 April 8 - BIG MIRACLE (PG) 4 p.m.; WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 April 9 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 April 10 - BIG MIRACLE (PG) 7 p.m.
 April 11 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 April 12 - MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

April 6 - THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 April 7 - RED TAILS (PG-13) 4 p.m.; UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 7 p.m.
 April 8 - HAYWIRE (R) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

April 5 - THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.; UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; HAYWIRE (R) 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; ZOOKEEPER (PG) 2 p.m.
 April 6 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.; BIG MIRACLE (PG) 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; CARS 2 (G) 2 p.m.
 April 7 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.; BIG MIRACLE (PG) 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; CARS 2 (G) 2 p.m.
 April 8 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; BIG MIRACLE (PG) 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; CARS 2 (G) 2 p.m.
 April 9 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; BIG MIRACLE (PG) 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; CARS 2 (G) 2 p.m.
 April 10 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; BIG MIRACLE (PG) 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; CARS 2 (G) 2 p.m.
 April 11 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; BIG MIRACLE (PG) 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; CARS 2 (G) 2 p.m.
 April 12 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; BIG MIRACLE (PG) 11:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; CARS 2 (G) 2 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

April 11 - TITANIC 3D (PG-13) 7:30 p.m. at Cineplex
 April 5-11 - MIRROR MIRROR (PG) 5 p.m. and April 5-8 at 10:45 p.m. at Cineplex
 April 5-11 - WRATH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG-13) 4:30 p.m. at CinemaxX

community HIGHLIGHTS

Asian Pacific American Heritage

Volunteers are needed to sing, dance and prepare food samplings for the observance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month throughout May. The programs will be sponsored by the Heidelberg Equal Opportunity working group and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. A meeting is scheduled 1:30 p.m. April 10 at Wilson Theater on Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg. DSN 373-7955, civ. 06221-17-7955.

NAF Furniture Sale

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will sell guest room furniture, paintings and refrigerators 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 14 in Bldg. 1509 on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim. Other FMWR items will be sold in Bldgs. 1518 and 1523. The sale is open to ID card holders, and buyers must arrange for removal of their items the same day.

Tournament Of Plays

The Roadside Theater will host the Tournament of Plays "Topper" Awards at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion Community Center in Heidelberg 7:30 p.m. April 21. This evening of song and dance celebrates U.S. Army theater productions from across Europe, Tony Awards style. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, www.roadsideheater.com.

AUSA Award Nominations

The Association of the U.S. Army Abrams Chapter (Heidelberg and Mannheim) is seeking nominations of Department of Defense civilians for the Joseph P. Cribbins exceptional service award. Deadline is May 4. Civ. 06221-363-5321.

Summer Hire Program

The Civilian Human Resources Agency Europe Region is accepting applications until May 20 for the Summer Hire Program, June 18 to July 27. Applicants must be unmarried family members of active duty service members or Department of Defense civilian employees, ages 14-22, who have reached their 14th birthday prior to June 21 and will not turn 23 prior to the end of the program. Jobs include clerical, labor and child development positions. Applications are available at <https://cpolrhp.cpol.army.mil/eur>. Prospective employees must also submit hard copies of employment documents directly to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center that services their community. DSN 370-8514, civ. 06221-57-8514.

Family and MWR Services Survey

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation recently sent a survey in the mail to determine which FMWR programs and services are most important and vital to community quality of life. If you receive the survey, please take 15 minutes to complete it.

Straight From CSM

U.S. Army Europe's senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. David S. Davenport Sr., takes to the air waves with "Straight from the CSM," a two-minute prerecorded radio show on AFN's Morning News Watch and throughout the day every Wednesday on AFN's PowerNet. Davenport - sometimes along with a guest - addresses hot issues for USAREUR Soldiers. Upcoming topics include personnel matters, retention changes and sponsorship. The show is also on AFN's web site, www.afneurope.net; Davenport's Facebook site, www.facebook.com/USAREURCSM and his blog site, www.eur.army.mil/leaders/csm.

KAISERSLAUTERN Community

• **EDGE! Academic Today** - Child, Youth and School Services-enrolled youth in grades eight-12 can work on team building, learn mutual respect, build a desire to learn at a higher level and identify college and career opportunities 5-6 p.m. April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at Landstuhl Youth Center, Bldg. 3819. Registration is required by the Friday prior. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516.
• **Eggstravaganza** - A free egg hunt for children ages 12 and under will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 7 at Pulaski Park on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.
• **EDGE! T-shirts** - Youth ages 6-12 and enrolled in Child, Youth and School Services can make their own T-shirts April 11, 18 and 25. Registration required by the Friday prior. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516.
• **BOSS Car Safety Day** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts a free spring safety check 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 20 at Pulaski Auto Skills, Bldg. 2859 for all ID card holders. DSN 489-6162, civ. 0631-536-6162.
• **MOMC Celebration** - The Month of the Military Child celebration includes live entertainment and face painting 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 28 with free refreshments noon-2 p.m. at Pulaski Park on Pulaski Barracks. Parent Central Services: DSN 486-4515, civ. 0631-3406-4515.

HEIDELBERG Education

• **FAST Class** - Schedule the mandatory pre-test for the Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) by April 16 at the Patton Barracks Education Center. FAST is 8 a.m.-noon April 17-May 7 and can reinforce basic math or reading skills, resulting in improved General Technical scores for reclassification or re-enlistment purposes. DSN 373-6176, civ. 06221-17-6176.
• **University of Oklahoma** - Enrollment is open for the University of Oklahoma Master of Human Relations and Master of Arts programs with emphasis in international relations. Courses are taught on-site, online and through independent study by campus professors. DSN 373-7919, civ. 06221-17-7919, apheidelberg@ou.edu.
• **ACS Classes** - Applying for a Federal Job (USAJOBS) and Civilian Resume Writing, 9-11 a.m. April 10 and 11, Information Center, Patrick Henry Village Pavilion Community Center; Financial Readiness Briefing, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 11; Army Community Service Volunteer Orientation, 10-11 a.m. April 11. Registration is required. Classes are in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center

unless noted otherwise. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

Community

• **Cell Phones For Soldiers** - Old cell phones may be donated during the month of April at the following locations: ACS, Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850; Information Center, Patrick Henry Village Pavilion Community Center; PHV Commissary; Campbell Fitness Center; Patton Fitness Center. Proceeds will be used to purchase calling cards for troops serving overseas. www.mwrgermany.com.
• **Religious Services** - Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 5: Catholic, 6 p.m. at the PHV Chapel; Good Friday (April 6): Lutheran, noon at the PHV Chapel, Catholic Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m. at the PHV Chapel, Catholic Liturgy of Good Friday, 6 p.m. at the PHV Chapel; Holy Saturday (April 7): Catholic Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. at the PHV Chapel (no 5 p.m. Mass); Easter Sunday (April 8) Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. at the MTV Chapel. Other Sunday services will be at the regular time. DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-57-6190.
• **Book Group Discussion** - The Patrick Henry Village Library book group discusses "Would It Kill You to Stop Doing That: A Modern Guide to Manners" by Henry Alford 7 p.m. April 5 at the library. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.
• **Family Movie Day** - Army Community Service will present the movie Happy Feet 2 and offer snacks and treat bags during a family movie day for all ID card holders 2 p.m. April 6, with registration starting 1 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Village Theater. The event is in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.
• **National Library Week** - Enter your self-checkout library receipts to win a daily raffle drawing at the Patrick Henry Village Library April 8-14. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.
• **Trash Pickup** - Due to the Easter holiday, refuse collection on Mark Twain Village and Patrick Henry Village will shift one workday later than normal. For example, trash pickup on April 6 will be April 10, and normal pickup April 12 will be April 13. The city will remove any overflow caused by the extended time between collections. DSN 387-3180, civ. 06221-4380-3180.
• **Community Bank** - Due to the upcoming Easter holidays, all Community Banks will be closed April 6-9. Automatic Teller Machines and online banking will remain available.
• **The 39 Steps** - The Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks will present a comedic Hitchcock thriller 7:30 p.m. April 6 and 7. Children under 5 not admitted. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020.
• **National Beer Day** - Celebrate

National Beer Day and enjoy free finger food 9 p.m.-2 a.m. April 7 at Slapshots on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5190, civ. 06221-17-5190.

• **Easter Sunday Brunch** - Enjoy Easter Sunday Brunch with a carving and omelet station and a dessert buffet 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 8 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion Community Center. Reservations recommended. DSN 388-9098, civ. 06221-338-9098.
• **Easter Egg Hunt** - The Easter Bunny will be at a free Easter egg hunt for children 12 and under 12:30-1 p.m. April 8 at the Village Pavilion Community Center. Children will receive a chocolate egg, and prizes will be awarded for the most eggs found by each age group. Special awards will also be given for mystery eggs.
• **Story Time** - The Patrick Henry Village Library hosts story time for parents and their preschoolers 11 a.m. April 11 and every Wednesday. Children under 3 can enjoy a story 11 a.m. April 12 and every Thursday. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.
• **Slapshots Easter Egg Hunt** - Find hidden Easter eggs to win prizes 9 p.m.-2 a.m. April 11 at Slapshots on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5190, civ. 06221-17-5190.
• **Kids' Choice Book Party** - Children in grades 1-5 can vote for their favorite book during the Kids' Choice Book Party Election until April 15 at the Patrick Henry Village Library. The Kids' Choice Book Party is scheduled 3:30 p.m. May 23. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.
• **BOSS Cheap Eats** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers serves Italian fare free for all military personnel 5 p.m. April 18 at the Patton Warrior Zone. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275, www.mwrgermany.com.
• **FRG Forum** - Army Community Service hosts a Family Readiness Group Forum 2:30-4 p.m. April 26 in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850 with guest speaker Ashley Grassl, USO Central Manager. Register with ACS by April 19. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883.
• **Highly Effective Families** - Face and conquer unique challenges that come with being an Army family during the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families seminar 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 19 and 20 in the Patrick Village Pavilion Community Center. Registration is required. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.
• **Days Of Remembrance** - Europe Regional Medical Command will present Days of Remembrance with theme Choosing to Act: Stories of Rescue noon-1 p.m. April 19 at Wilson Theater on Nachrichten Kaserne. Guest speaker will be Dr. Eva Iszak Djordjevic, Dachau Concentration Camp survivor. DSN 371-2604, civ.

06221-17-2604.

• **Denim Day** - Wear blue jeans on Denim Day, April 20, as part of an annual international protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes toward sexual violence. In 1999, the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans and allegedly inferred consent.
• **Volunteer Of The Year** - Volunteer ID card holders and guests are invited to a volunteer recognition ceremony 6-8:30 p.m. April 26 at the Village Pavilion Community Center. This year's theme is Resilient Volunteers Make A World Of Difference. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883.
• **Stuffed Animal Sleepover** - Children can wear pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal for story time 6:30 p.m. April 27 at the Patrick Henry Village Library. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.
• **Wine Tasting** - The Abrams Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will host a wine tasting of Heidelberg red wines and a winery tour 7-9 p.m. April 27 at Weingut Clauer. Proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Program. Reservations are recommended. Civ. 0171-496-3564.
• **EFMP Family Fun Day** - Exceptional Family Member Program members can enjoy a day filled with games, entertainment and refreshments 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 28 at the Burger King Park on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.
• **AER Campaign** - Contribute to the Army Emergency Relief campaign to help fellow Soldiers until May 15. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.
• **Am Schlierbachhang** - Due to construction work, the Am Schlierbachhang road will remain closed to through traffic until July. Residents will be able to access their property, and pedestrians and cyclists will be able to bypass the construction site.

MANNHEIM Community

• **Cell Phones For Soldiers** - Old cell phones may be donated during the month of April at the ACS Satellite Office, Bldg. 246 on Sullivan Bks. www.mwrgermany.com.
• **Community Bank** - Due to the upcoming Easter holidays, all Community Banks will be closed April 6-9. Automatic Teller Machines and online banking will remain available.
• **Story Time** - Parent to Parent and the Mannheim Library Support Office have partnered to offer toddlers and preschoolers stories and a craft 10:30-11:30 a.m. April 18 and first and third Wednesdays in the ACS satellite office, Bldg. 246, on Sullivan Barracks. DSN 385-2688, civ. 0621-730-2688.

Lions open track season with wins

The Heidelberg Lions opened their 2012 season Saturday at Ramstein.

The Heidelberg boys won first place over Ramstein, Kaiserslautern, Wiesbaden, Baumholder and Bitburg, while the Lady Lions finished third.

Several athletes earned first place finishes or qualified for the European championships.

The boys were led by seniors Wayne Dawkins, Jeremiah Miller, Brian Hannum, Bryce

Jackson, David Hoke and junior Tyler Holderby.

In field events, Dawkins took top spot in the triple and long jump with qualifying jumps, while Miller was victorious in the high jump and also qualified in the triple jump.

Running their way to first place finishes were Brian Hannum who won both the 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs and David Hoke in the 300-meter hurdles.

Bryce Jackson qualified in the 300-meter hurdles and 110-meter hurdles, while Tyler Holderby finished second in the 800-meter run, qualifying for Europeans as well.

On the girls team, newcomers Tymesia McFadden and Ayanna Bernard qualified in the 100-meter dash, while Diana Hicks qualified in the high jump.

The team returns to action April 21 with a meet at Ansbach. SOURCE: Sharon L. Brady



Sergeants Major sponsor bowl for charity

Joseph Crusan, age 10, swings his bowling ball during one of his games Saturday during the Heidelberg Sergeants Major Association Fourth Annual Bowling Tournament. Crusan, the son of Lt. Col. Mary K. Kearney and Richard M. Crusan, bowled a three-game series score of 683, and he has only been bowling for less than a year. His game scores were 233, 260 and 190.

Photo right, Crusan shakes hands with HSMA President, Sgt. Maj. Jesus Zamarippa. Crusan was one of approximately 100 bowlers who participated in the tournament. The HSMA earned \$1,045 that the association annually donates to the Mannheim Children's Hospital to support the Easter and Christmas programs for patients there.



Photos by Sgt. Maj. Lisa Hunter

Winding Up

Heidelberg High School Senior Alex Weaver, right, demonstrates proper pitching March 25 in Heidelberg. The high school baseball team hosted the Youth Baseball Camp March 25 and April 1 for 6-14 year olds. Approximately 50 boys and girls from Heidelberg, Mannheim, Kaiserslautern, Ramstein and Stuttgart attended. The theme was "The Skills that Drive the Game." The high school players ran skills stations where the kids received small group and age appropriate instruction. Heidelberg varsity softball players also volunteered to help.

SOURCE: Carol Baxter



Carol Baxter

staying ACTIVE

Intramural Golf

Register by April 5 for the Intramural Golf Program April 12-June 28. Play will be 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Heidelberg Golf Course and is open to the first 20 two-player teams that register. All units located in USAG Baden-Württemberg are eligible to participate. Each unit can enter two two-person teams. The organizational meeting is 4 p.m. April 12 at the Heidelberg Golf Course. Open to ID cardholders age 18 and older. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032, www.mwrgermany.com.

Rod and Gun Club

Rod and Gun Club offers a trap shoot 1 p.m. April 7, a hunters meeting 8 p.m. April 11 at the club, Bldg. 4130, Oftersheim an der Bundesstrasse 291. DSN 06202-51193, civ. 06202-605644.

The Masters Golf Tournament

A Masters Golf Tournament will take place 8 a.m. April 8 at the Heidelberg Golf Club an der Bundesstrasse 291, Oftersheim. Civ. 06202-53-767, www.mwrgermany.com.

Youth Tennis Camp

A youth tennis camp for ages 6 to 18 will be held 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 9-13 at the Patrick Henry Village Tennis Center. Registration is required. DSN: 388-9037, civ. 06221-338-9037.

Sullivan Fitness Center Cleaning

Sullivan Fitness Center (Bldg. 237 only) will be closed 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 14 for deep cleaning and sanitation. It will reopen at 2:30 p.m. The gym (Bldg. 237a) will be open all day April 14. DSN 385-2001, civ. 0621-730-2001.

Beginner Bike Maintenance Workshop

The Beginner Bike Maintenance Workshop will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 15 at the Patrick Henry Village Activity Center (Village Pavilion) for beginners and all types of bikes. Receive information on bike safety, roadside repair, tire and tube changing and rules of the road. A bike ride takes place after at 2 p.m., weather permitting.

Coleman Bowling Center

Coleman Bowling Center closes at 1 p.m. April 30 for inventory processing. The regular schedule resumes May 1.

Community Volleyball

Unit Volleyball games take place 6-9 p.m. through May 7 at the Patton Fitness Center. Competition is open to all military units or components assigned to the Heidelberg military community. Participants must be at least 18 years old and authorized to use Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032, www.mwrgermany.com.

Summer Basketball Camp in Heidelberg

A Wilson Swiss Allstar Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 8-19 will take place in Heidelberg Aug. 12-18 featuring special guests NBA player DeMarcus Cousins with the Sacramento Kings, Mike Weinar from the Dallas Mavericks, top-level European coaches and (former) pro players. We also have a special guest camper: Jordan McCabe a 13-year-old Ball Wizard from Wisconsin. Sign up through camp website www.germanbasketballcamp.com. For information, email info@germanbasketballcamp.com or see http://espn.go.com/blog/truehoop/post/_id/6528/a-basketball-camp-in-switzerland. Civ. 0767-572-141.

Patton Fitness Center Kids Area

The Kids Area in the Patton Fitness Center along with numerous cardio machines occupy a spacious room separated from the general weight room and gym. Children can play while parents work out during regular hours of operation 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. DSN 373-6110, civ. 06221-17-6110.

Sea of Music



Linda Steil

Band students from Heidelberg Middle School, Wiesbaden Middle School, Robinson Barracks Elementary-Middle School in Stuttgart and Böblingen Elementary-Middle School in Stuttgart are led by band director Melissa Gitlin (Robinson Barracks) in the District Middle School Honors Band Festival March 28-29 in the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. The annual event includes 190 of the best band students from the four schools.

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members of U.S. Armed Forces began arriving in Germany and shortly afterward, women formed chapel support groups.

Führer discovered that the Mannheim chapter of Protestant Women of the Chapel was also founded in 1956, which makes it one of the first PWOC groups established worldwide.

Current PWOC president Diana Harelson expresses her gratefulness that a group of women in the mid-1950s decided that military wives needed a group for support while living overseas.

"This legacy is not coming to an end because this group of women will take their experiences and talents to other bases all over the world. This experience of going through a base closure will give us all a unique outlook on circumstances to share with others," Harelson said.

Going through the closure, however, is still a sad experience, Harelson added. "We've become a close knit group, especially because we all knew we were going to be the last ones. We've prayed together, had fun together, helped each other. It'll be hard to let that go," she said.

Paul Held, who plays the piano for Catholic and Protestant services and has attended the chapel for six years, shares Harelson's feelings.

"It's a big loss to the Mannheim community. I'm living here, so it's sad to see the American presence disappear," he said.

After renovations in the 1980s, which included adding a handicapped access near the stairs, the BFV Chapel was the place of five different denominational services every Sunday.

From the start, the small annex was intended for use of various denominations. The crucifix can be turned so that one side displays the figure of Jesus, making it usable for different denominations to practice their faith in the chapel.

During the past year, the chapel has seen a decline in attendance because of the impending closure. Many parents who wanted their children to receive continuous religious education have had to travel to the chapel on PHV.

"A lot of them were already coming over," said Catholic religious education coordinator Heather Harbach.

For more than half a century, members of the military community have come to BFV not

only for worship and fellowship but also to celebrate special moments.

Countless were baptized, received sacraments or exchanged wedding vows.

"My parents [the Goodwins] got married there at the BFV Chapel in 1957," said Kathy Tone.

"It's a special experience to stand in a spot where your parents got married. I took the kids there, before it closes, so they could see the chapel, too," she said.

Special moments also include the memorial services at the chapel remembering those who have gone.

When the BFV Chapel closes its doors in May, parishioners will find somewhere else to worship said Alvin Simmons, retired command sergeant major and retired Department of Defense Dependents Schools teacher, who has been in Mannheim since 1978.

"The chapel has a lot of memories for us. My kids grew up here, went to church here. So there is a lot of sorrow coming from my heart that it is closing. But, what will be, will be," Simmons said. "But we must also remember that it is not the end of our faith. Our faith will go on."



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Spc. Brandon Cordova, left, and Spc. Jamale Goode, right, cable installation and repair specialists with the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's information, signal and communications section, search for phone lines on a 110 Krone punch down termination dock during exercise Unified Endeavor in Grafenwöhr March 23.

Soldiers unify to learn

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GRAFENWÖHR, Germany – Soldiers of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's information, signal and communications staff section apply their technical and tactical knowledge and skill in support of exercise Unified Endeavor here March 18 through Friday.

Unified Endeavor is a semi-annual series of exercises developed in 1995 to train commanders with new, computer simulation technology. The three-phase exercise consists of academic training (how to develop a plan), development of the operations plan and execution of the operations order.

Supporting the exercise involves hundreds of man hours, miles of cable, hundreds of computers and modems, switches, monitors, power supply cords and printers.

"We support between 100 and 200 people for this exercise," said Staff Sgt. Kenwaun Prince, helpdesk and networking noncommissioned officer in charge. "We have approximately 15,000 yards of cable, 150 computers 120 Voice-over-Internet Protocol phones, another 25 regular telephones, 15 switches and two routers. We can do whatever is needed in order for the 21st TSC to be able to communicate," said Prince.

"Whether you need to go on[line] and talk to your spouse in the rear or if you need to get on the secure Internet protocol router and complete the mission or get on Centrex and talk to people in Afghanistan, or call defense switched network back to the states – whatever you need, we can do it all," he said.

The 21st TSC communications section brought 11 Soldiers. The team left for Grafenwöhr six days ahead of the set up crew and 12 days ahead of the main body. They work 12 hour days and stay ready to execute 24 hour operations. They were the first to arrive and will be the last to leave at the completion of the exercise.

"I like the challenge. I like the learning. I'm always trying to learn something new, whether it's installing cable and doing cable work or whether it's on the computer side learning my counterpart's mission," said Spc. Brandon Cordova, cable systems installer and repair specialist. "... I am glad that I can play a part in helping to train Soldiers and prepare them for operations in Afghanistan."