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## Class of 2012 ready to roar



Linda Steil

New Heidelberg high school graduates move their tassels from the right side to the left side after receiving their diplomas Friday during a ceremony at the Kongresshaus Stadthalle in Heidelberg. See story and photos on pg. 9.

## Mannheim Elementary closes doors after 66 years Teachers, students all attend ceremony to say goodbye to treasured school

By Elizabeth Behring  
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

With colorful papier-mâché balloons dangling from trees, excited voices and a banner that read "We're off to great places ... off and away," the Mannheim Elementary School closing ceremony Friday could have been just another year-end party.

For more than 66 years, American children have been able to attend Department of Defense Dependents Schools in the Mannheim community. At its peak, 2,222 students filled MES halls, but due to the

2011 closure of U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim, only 128 students remained to finish the final years with a bang.

For many MES students, Germany is all they've known.

"I don't remember anything before Germany," said 11-year-old Abigail Chipps, who just completed fifth grade and will head with her family to Camp Humphreys, Korea, this summer. "I will miss jaegerschnitzel, my friends and this school. And I'll miss the mountains," she added.

Fifth grader Sara Buttweiler, whose father is



Elizabeth Behring

Mannheim Elementary students march toward an outdoor stage to perform songs and skits during the school's closing ceremony Friday.

German and whose mother relate. "I've been here in an American Department of the Army civilian, can see MANNHEIM page 9

## CUSTOMS ADVICE

## Job loss, divorce can affect right to remain in Germany

By Robert Szostek  
U.S. FORCES EUROPE CUSTOMS PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Some Americans like to remain in Germany after their official connections to the U.S. military have ended. Maybe they have lost their jobs with the Army or Air Force, their sponsors have left the country or they become divorced from a spouse who was stationed in Germany.

"Whatever the reason, personnel are required to properly outprocess and relinquish any documents such as identification cards, ration cards, Status of Forces Agreement certificates, U.S. Army Europe vehicle registrations, fuel cards and unused Value Added Tax forms that entitle them to tax-free privileges," said Fred Evans, chief of customer services at U.S. Forces Customs -Europe.

Subsequent use of these documents to buy fuel, register vehicles or shop in U.S. forces sales facilities is illegal, he added.

Americans who plan to stay in Germany after their official connection to the U.S. military has ended must obtain a residence permit from German immigration authorities.

U.S. civilians and contractors who are fired, retire or resign from U.S. government jobs lose their right to be in Germany based on their job status, as well as their tax and customs privileges, on the date that change in status occurs. This individual logistical support also ends

on the day a dependent child turns 21 (or 23 if enrolled in higher education) or establishes a separate residence. The same applies when someone is divorced from a U.S. citizen with individual logistical support in Germany.

However, family members keep their Status of Forces Agreement status and full logistical support for 90 days if their sponsor leaves Germany due to reassignment on a permanent change of station move or after their sponsor has died.

This support also includes entitlements to things such as use of Army post offices, government housing and Department of Defense schools.

"Sponsors who are leaving Germany must tell their local U.S. forces customs office if family members plan to stay in Germany beyond the 90 days," Evans explained.

U.S. government organizations have a responsibility to ensure that any employees who lose individual logistical support in Germany properly outprocess and hand over relevant documents to the proper agencies. They should also report violations to their U.S. forces customs office.

For more information about SOFA status or customs and tax benefits, call your local U.S. forces customs office. A list of offices and contact information can be found at [www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/custommail.htm](http://www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/custommail.htm).

## Cooks and Books



Elizabeth Glazier

Third grader Grace Glazier holds a copy of her book during the Patrick Henry Elementary School's multi-age Book Café May 23 in Heidelberg. Students in grades 1-4 dressed as waiters and served their parents food and books from the menu. Each book was written and illustrated by a student and was read out loud to their parents.



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"What advice would you give to new military families preparing for their first permanent change of station move?"

— BWnow Administrator

"Make sure to write down everything you have. Make sure that it is all listed too before you sign. Oh, and if you want anything left out, you had better put

it out of sight, because they will pack it even if you tell them not too ... had to deal without a stroller from Hawaii to Germany due to that one."

— Jessica Norris, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Go visit the Relocation Program Manager at Army Community Service. They will be able to give a wide array of information to help you prepare for your

move. Make sure to cancel all your German contracts ahead of time."

— Alexia Russey, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Have money saved. The Dislocation Allowance rarely covers all of your moving costs ..."

— Becky Riding, BWnow Facebook Fan



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# Closing of historic Mark Twain Village chapel marked by a new beginning

*Chapel was oldest built for American Soldiers in Germany after World War II*

**By Pat Bertola**  
 HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY HEIDELBERG

After 62 years of service to military families, local nationals and expatriates, Mark Twain Village Chapel held its final service June 3.

The chapel has simultaneously been home to the Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant and Gospel communities since its dedication in 1951.

“It was the first and the model for many other military chapels in the area,” remarked Father Jim Betz, who has been the Catholic chaplain in Heidelberg the last four years. “The chapel is recognizable by its unique U.S. Army Europe stained-glass window.”

The daily and weekly services were regularly attended by military members, civilians and local nationals, which resulted in a truly ecumenical community and gave the Americans here a unique bond with the local community.

What might have been a sad day here was marked instead by a joyful “beginning,” connecting the origins of the chapel with its final closing event.

The great-grandson of the first chapel assistant (or “Messner” in German), Sir Pius Daucher, was baptized at the final Mass.

Matthew Val Bergmann, son of Sir Pius Daucher’s granddaughter, Sandra Bergmann and her husband Val Michael Bergmann who works at the Patrick Henry Village Commissary in Heidelberg, was born on May 1, 2012.

“We heard that today would be the final Mass,” said Sandra Bergmann, “so we wanted to celebrate Matthew’s baptism here because of the connection with



Father Jim Betz leads a prayer during the final Mass and baptism at the Mark Twain Village Chapel in Heidelberg June 3.

Photos by Claus Schoeckel

my grandfather. This chapel is very special to us.”

Sir Pius Daucher worked for the European Command Chaplains Division from 1951-1995. Honors received from the Catholic Church included the Benemeriti Order (1967) from Pope Paul VI and the Order of St. Gregory the Great (1979), which added the title “sir” to his name.

From the U.S. Army, he received the Aaron and Hur Award and the Cardinal Cooke Medal (1976) and the Civilian Service Medal (1980), the highest award given to host-nation employees.

Chapel services for military members and their families will continue at the Patrick Henry Village and Nachrichten Kaserne Chapels. For service times, call DSN 373-6190 or civ. 06221-17-6190.



Matthew Val Bergmann is baptized during the final Mass at the Mark Twain Village Chapel June 3.

## Be empowered during ‘Safe Driving Week’ June 24-30

**By Kimberly Jeffery-Wolfert**  
 HMEADAC PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The National Safety Council has designated June as National Safety Month and June 24-30 as “Safe Driving Week.” This is a great reminder to think about your daily driving habits and what you may be doing to put yourself at risk.

It’s not hard to find Soldiers and family members behind the wheel talking on cell phones or texting.

Although there have been many tragic stories in the media in recent years about accidents and loss of life caused by distracted driving, many

still think they are skilled at multi-tasking and driving.

Safety is everyone’s responsibility. However, too often we stand by silently and observe these dangerous acts when we should talk to our co-workers and friends about them. Start by telling them you care about them and that is why you are compelled to say something. But how do you convey your safety concern without offending someone? This requires skill and can be a challenge.

In the medical world, they teach C.U.S. No, that doesn’t mean using foul language. The acronym C.U.S. empowers us to speak up and provide

“safe language” to communicate to others that we have a concern.

C stands for “I have a concern; U for “this makes me uncomfortable;” and S for “I think this is a safety hazard.”

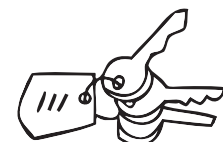
It’s not always easy to find the right words, and many worry about putting others on the defensive. Using this acronym and these words gives us the tools to be empowered to speak up and convey a concern in a respectful manner.

Do your part and move us in the right direction. Don’t text or talk on your cell phone while driving, and say something to those who still do.

To learn more about distracted

driving or to review the latest research on transportation safety, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website, [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

To arrange a class for your organization, contact the Heidelberg Public Health Nurse at DSN 371-3115 or civ. 06221-17-3115.



## transformation UPDATE

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Have a transformation-related question you'd like answered?** E-mail [usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.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/news/personnel.htm](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/personnel.htm).

**NEW – “Why do I have to show a second form of identification whenever I go through the gate? Why isn't my military ID card enough to get onto the installation?”**

As a general rule, the Installation Access Control System associated with military ID cards is secure and sufficient enough to control access to U.S. installations. This is why IACS is the primary access control method used. The system also provides basic security and convenience to the user. However, as with most things, it is not perfect. Individuals can find a lost ID card or steal ID cards and, if they resemble the ID card holder, gain access to a US installation. There have also been cases of individuals loaning their ID cards to someone else in order to gain access to various places. Asking for a second form allows the Pond's contract security guards to take a closer look to ensure the person trying to gain access matches the ID card. Sometimes ID card holders have made changes to their physical appearance (hair color, facial hair, glasses, etc.) that may cause them to not look exactly like the photo on their ID card. Because IACS alone is not perfect, the garrison periodically employs more stringent access measures and anti-terrorism protections at all installations across United States Army Europe, usually on a random basis, but also when threats become more credible and require higher force protection conditions. Asking for a second form of photo ID is an example of that. Drivers are not picked specifically by the Pond's guard; he or she entered the installation at a time designated for this random access measure. Soldiers also have to produce a second form of ID when these random checks are in place. They are not exempt. The garrison works to balance security with the ability to get its Soldiers, civilians and family members on the installation in a timely fashion.

**NEW – “Is the Wiesbaden Health Clinic going to have all the comprehensive services that the Heidelberg Clinic has or had at one point? For example, CT Scans, ultrasound services, emergency room etc. If not, are families going to be expected to travel to the Kaiserslautern area?”**

The Wiesbaden Clinic offers services for family practice, immunizations and allergy, pediatric and adolescent care, physical exams, physical therapy, optometry, behavioral health, social work services, educational and developmental intervention services, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, community and public health, Tricare and the Soldier Medical Readiness Center. In addition to these services, there are also several quality health care services available on the local economy. Patient liaisons are in place to assist you and your family if you should ever need to access them. Patient liaisons are bilingual and available 24/7. They can assist with medical translation needs while at a local hospital or medical facility. The Wiesbaden clinic has contact information posted in HSK and St. Joseph Hospitals in Wiesbaden (emergency room, ultrasounds). Wiesbaden Clinic Contact numbers are civ. 0162-270-7743 (after hours), civ. 0162-270-7746, civ. 0162-296-4200 and civ. 0162-297-1057. Wiesbaden Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Call Central Appointments Booking and Cancellation at civ. 0611-705-6339, DSN 337-6339 or civ. 0611-705-6320, DSN 337-6320. Appointments can also be made online at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

**“What is the number of the ombudsman service to help navigate the German health care system (hospitals, forms and such), and where can I get help with translating the forms?”**

Host nation patient liaisons are available to assist U.S. beneficiaries hospitalized in host nation medical facilities. Patient liaisons can be contacted at DSN 371-2474/2881/2753/2993 or civ. 06221-17-2474/2881/2753/2993. You can also visit Bldg. 3613, 2nd Floor, Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg during regular duty hours. For assistance after duty hours and on weekends and holidays, call the Staff Duty desk at DSN 371-2605, civ. 06221-17-2605. Staff Duty will contact the

on-call Patient Liaison for you. More information on navigating the German health care system can be found at <http://ermc.amedd.army.mil/heidelberg/HNGuide>.

**“Are there any new developments concerning the issue of yard maintenance in the Mannheim community? There are still areas here that have not been mowed or maintained properly.”**

The garrison is aware of the problem and is working to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. Mannheim residents are urged to contact their installation coordinator or base operations immediately to report the problem and its location. Base Operations is located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks. Sgt. 1st Class Damien R. Hunt, Base Operations noncommissioned officer in charge, can be reached at DSN 385-1610, civ. 0621-730-1610, civ. 07622-70-0535 or [damienn.r.hunt@mail.mil](mailto:damienn.r.hunt@mail.mil). Bob Isbell, Mannheim Base Operations Manager, can be contacted at DSN 385-3944, civ. 0621-730-3944 or [robert.n.isbell2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:robert.n.isbell2.civ@mail.mil).

### Facilities Operations Changes Mannheim

**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, [damienn.r.hunt@mail.mil](mailto:damienn.r.hunt@mail.mil), or Bob Isbell, Mannheim Base Operations Manager, DSN 385-3944, civ. 0621-730-3944, [robert.n.isbell2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:robert.n.isbell2.civ@mail.mil).

**NEW – BFV South Closure** – Beginning **June 15**, public access to Benjamin Franklin Village South will end. The area and the access gate will be sealed off after The Exchange main store, gas station, food court and concessionaires end their operations **June 15**. Community members are asked to remove any personal items like cars, RVs, bikes, grills, toys and other personal property from the installation before **June 15**. Any items found on the installation not belonging to the U.S. military after this date will be impounded by the Military Police. Access to the area after **June 15** may only be arranged through the Provost Marshal Office at DSN 388-2222 or DSN 388-2223.

**Bowling Center** – The bowling center located on Sullivan Barracks is scheduled to close **June 22**.

**Burger King** – The Mannheim Burger King located on Sullivan Barracks is scheduled to close **July 28**.

**Chapel** – The chapel on Benjamin Franklin Village is now closed. All on post religious services have been transferred to the Heidelberg community.

**UPDATED – Coleman Clinics** – The Coleman Troop Medical Clinic ended full patient care services **June 1**, to include pharmacy services. The clinic transitioned to sick call support **June 4**. In addition, all dental support at the Coleman Dental Clinic, to include dental sick call services, ended **May 1**. Dental services for the Mannheim-Coleman Soldier population have transferred to the Patrick Henry Village Dental Clinic in Heidelberg. The sick call sign-in hours at Coleman TMC are 8-9:30 a.m. Sick call service will be available until Sept. 1. DSN 371-3130, civ. 06221-17-3130.

**Commissary** – Deli and bakery services are no longer available at the commissary. Sandwiches are still available in the grab 'n go section and customers can special order select items and purchase hot rotisserie chicken. The commissary operating 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 on Sullivan Barracks is closed Mondays. It is open 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

**NEW – Community Center** The Mannheim community center in Bldg. 2011 in Grant Circle is scheduled to close **June 29**.

**UPDATED – Facility Closures** – The Mannheim main Exchange, gas station, launderette, Popeyes, Taco Bell and concessions area are scheduled to close **June 15**. The Commissary, Community Bank and Service Credit Union, the Top Hat Club, Woods Field, Army Community Service, the Value Added Tax office, the Child Development Center and the School Age Center are scheduled to close no later than **Sept. 1**.

**NEW – Military Police** – The military police substation on Sullivan Barracks is scheduled to close **Sept. 7**.

**Postal Office Hours Change** – Mannheim postal facilities have new 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.

**Shuttle Bus** – The community shuttle bus no longer stops at the Benjamin Franklin Village guest house, but a stop was added on Funari Barracks. The new schedule is available from any shuttle bus driver, at the Central Processing Facility in Heidelberg or by calling DSN 373-8350, civ. 06221-17-8350.

**Sullivan Fitness Center** – The Sullivan Fitness Center is scheduled to close by **Sept. 1**.

**NEW – Sullivan Express** – The Sullivan Express store is scheduled to close **July 20**.

**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 Women, Infants and Children Overseas office further reduced office hours due to transformation and reduced base population. The Mannheim office is open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays.

### Heidelberg

**Airport Shuttle Buses** – The free shuttle bus service for service members, Department of Defense civilians and their families departing Germany from Ramstein Air Base on the Patriot Express departs Heidelberg once a week from the Patrick Henry Village Guest House in Heidelberg. For details on the shuttle schedule, call U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility, Room 180, Bldg. 3850, at the Heidelberg Shopping Center. DSN 370-7343/6711, civ. 06221-57-8399, [usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil).

**The shuttle bus to the Frankfurt Airport** - The shuttle bus service from Heidelberg Patrick Henry Village Guest House to Frankfurt Airport is no longer available. The cancellation of the service is a result of the implementation of the Patriot Express channel flights that depart Ramstein Air Base. DSN 370-8399, Civ. 06221-57-8399.

**NEW – Audiology** – Audiology services at the Heidelberg Health Center have been reduced due to limited staff. Medical technicians will still be able to provide screening and hearing conservation services. All other audiology services will be referred to host nation providers or Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

**UPDATED – Chapels** – The Mark Twain Village chapel is now closed. Chapel services have transferred to Patrick Henry Village and Nachrichten Kaserne. For more information on new service times and locations, call DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190.

## 21st TSC participates in Rheinland-Pfalz Tag



Angelika Lantz

Cpl. Benjamin Wilkinson of Springfield, Mo., adjusts the straps of the parachute he and fellow parachute rigger, Spc. Jonathan Diaz, of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, fasten on a young German boy at the Rheinland-Pfalz Tag (Day) in Ingelheim, June 2. The riggers are with the 5th Quartermaster Detachment, Special Troops Battalion, 21st Theater Sustainment Command. In addition to the riggers' demonstration, the 21st TSC was represented by the Theater Logistics Support Center - Europe's apprenticeship program display. Soldiers of the 773rd Civil Support Team, 7th Civil Support Command, also manned a display of protective clothing and equipment used during chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents.

## U.S. Army Europe commander visits reservists

By Spc. Glenn M. Anderson  
221ST PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, the U.S. Army Europe commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport, the U.S. Army Europe command sergeant major, visited Army Reserve Soldiers with the 7th Civil Support Command at Daenner Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, May 20.

After a command brief and lunch with Soldiers in the dining facility, Hertling took part in a question-and-answer-style town hall meeting, with more than 100 members of the 7th CSC, including members of the 361st Civil Affairs Brigade.

"This has been an important visit for me," Hertling said. "I can take this information to different countries and spread the word of what the 7th CSC can do and what they are prepared to accomplish."

Soldiers' questions ranged from what the USAREUR footprint will look like in the future, to the strategic importance of the 7th CSC's mission in Europe.

"It means so much for the USA-

REUR command team to come over in person and visit us," said Brig. Gen. Mark Hendrix, commander of the 7th CSC.

"Lieutenant General Hertling and Command Sergeant Major Davenport shared their thoughts on the way ahead, and they really enjoyed talking to our Soldiers and seeing everything they do," Hendrix added.

Afterward, Hertling listened to a presentation from the 361st CA Bde., about their recent successful humanitarian mission in Montenegro and their upcoming operation in the country of Georgia later this year.

The final stop for Hertling and Davenport was at NCO Field on Daenner Kaserne to see a static display with Soldiers from the 7th CSC's 773rd Civil Support Team and some combat life saver training.

"I think it is great that we have visibility at the USAREUR level," said Master Sgt. Jeffrey Rutledge, a senior non-commissioned officer with the 773rd CST.

"It is a great opportunity to show our capabilities to the USAREUR commander. It is nice that when he



Spc. Glenn M. Anderson

Maj. Leah Tingley, of the 361st Civil Affairs Brigade, asks Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, the commanding general of U.S. Army Europe, a question during a question-and-answer style town hall, with more than 100 members of the 7th Civil Support Command and 361st CA Bde. on Daenner Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, May 20.

is in the area, he takes the time to see what the 773rd is doing," Rutledge added.

"I know that Army Reserve Soldiers have a tough life that I could not do,"

Hertling said. "You all do some amazing things, and I want to thank all of the Soldiers. You are a great bunch of professionals, and you do a lot for USAREUR."

# Happy 237th birthday Army



**By Gen. Ray Odierno**  
CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE U.S. ARMY

This week, I am proud to celebrate the 237th birthday of our Army.

For 237 years, our Soldiers and their families have been the strength of our great nation in peace and at war. This week, across the nation, we will be celebrating our Army and the remarkable men and women, past and present, who have embraced our nation's call to service.

On June 14, 1775, our nation's leaders established the Continental Army. This act brought the militias of the 13 colonies together in their revolt against the oppressive rule of the British – thus beginning our Army's rich heritage of meeting the needs of our nation and defending her citizens.

The hodge-podge of farmers, shopkeepers, tradesmen and scholars of America's Continental Army faced a formidable opponent. The odds were not in their favor, but our Soldiers made up for what they lacked with patriotism, astounding perseverance and dedication to the ideals of freedom.

Whether crossing the Delaware River in 1776 or the English Channel in 1944, our Army forebearers demonstrated through their

actions that the American Soldier will bear any burden for the cause of freedom and their fellow citizens.

Today, America's Army is engaged in nearly 150 countries around the world, on six of seven continents, with more than 94,000 Soldiers deployed today and 94,000 forward stationed. Our nation depends on its Army to defend the shores of our homeland, defeat enemy forces abroad and help with recovery efforts in the wake of natural disasters, so that the American people may enjoy the fruits of freedom and live in peace.

We have the best-equipped, best-trained and best led Army in history, and it is because of the 1.1 million professional Soldiers who serve in the Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard, as well as the dedicated service of our Army civilians. Their hard work, commitment and professionalism have enabled our Army to stand firm when others might waver, to be a beacon of hope to those who desire freedom and to endure the agony of war because our nation asked us to sacrifice.

It is our Army's professional competence, moral character and resolute commitment that truly defines us as professionals and guarantees our sacred trust with the American people. It is a solemn responsibility that we must always strive to maintain.

Once a young man or woman joins the Army and takes the oath to support and defend the Constitution, they enter into a sacred trust with their Nation. And whether they serve one enlistment or retire from the Army, they will always remain a Soldier. Army Strong!

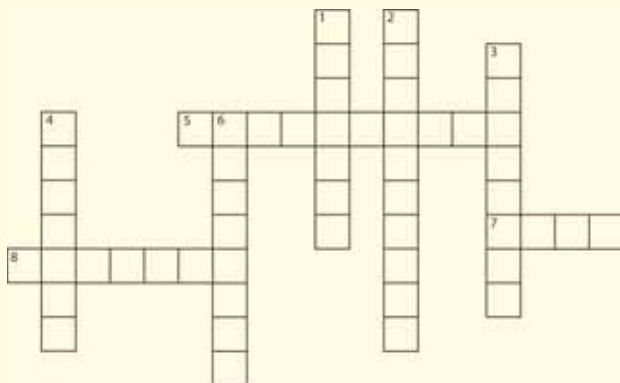
## Army Quiz

(answers at bottom of page)

- 1) What is the U.S. Army's Motto?
  - a. This We'll Defend
  - b. Army Strong
  - c. Duty, Honor, Country
- 2) When did Army Air Forces separate from the Army to become the U.S. Air Force?
  - a. January 1941
  - b. October 1955
  - c. April 1939
  - d. September 1947
- 3) "Doughboy" refers to Soldiers who served in which Army campaign?
  - a. Desert Storm
  - b. Vietnam
  - c. World War I
  - d. The War of 1812
- 4) What utility tactical transport helicopter replaced the UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) in 1979?
  - a. Black Hawk
  - b. Apache Longbow
  - c. Chinook
  - d. Kiowa Warrior
- 5) What year did the draft end and the U.S. Army become an all-volunteer force?
  - a. 1955
  - b. 1973
  - c. 1981
  - d. 1967
- 6) How many streamers are on the Army flag to show the campaigns fought?
  - a. 235
  - b. 89
  - c. 183
  - d. 237
- 7) What military award, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, was established by George Washington, then the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, on Aug. 7, 1782?
  - a. Distinguished Service Cross
  - b. Silver Star
  - c. Medal of Honor
  - d. Purple Heart
- 8) The first Special Forces unit was formed at what U.S. Army installation in 1952?
  - a. Fort Bragg, N.C.
  - b. Fort Benning, Ga.
  - c. Fort Carson, Colo.
  - d. Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
- 9) When did the U.S. Army (U.S. Military Academy at West Point) versus U.S. Navy (U.S. Naval Academy) football rivalry begin?
  - a. 1890
  - b. 1909
  - c. 1782
  - d. 2000
- 10) Which of the following is NOT a code name for a beach that the U.S. Army was responsible for during the D-Day landing at Normandy, France?
  - a. Omaha
  - b. Manche
  - c. Juno
  - d. Sword

Source: [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)

### Army Crossword



**ACROSS**

5. Five star general who later became president of the United States
7. "This We'll Defend" is their motto
8. Commands a company of Soldiers

**DOWN**

1. American twin-engine, tandem rotor heavy-lift helicopter
2. The disguising of military personnel to blend in with their surroundings
3. Promoted from rank of corporal or specialist
4. Consists of two or three platoons
6. Soldiers marching or fighting on foot

### Army Word Search

A I T I L I M S P K O P J R G  
 S A N B N E P C O A Y X Q E W  
 O O F K A O E O D K M D H D C  
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# Heidelberg seniors bid farewell to high school days during 66th annual graduation ceremony

**Staff Report**

Heidelberg High School seniors and a parade of proud parents, family members, friends and school officials packed the Kongresshaus Stadthalle in downtown Heidelberg Friday for the school's 66th annual commencement ceremony.

More than 150 seniors dressed in crisp navy-blue graduation gowns and matching caps accented with gold and blue tassels, crossed the stage to receive their diplomas.

This year's guest speaker was Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, Commander of Allied Force Command Heidelberg.

During the roughly two-hour ceremony, Morgan referenced Rudyard Kipling's poem "If," as he urged students to take responsibility and accountability for their actions, have patience, ignore naysayers, pursue what they are passionate about and continue learning. Morgan's daughter was a member of this year's graduating class. Class president Nathan Schiele, valedictorian Marie Goetzke and salutatorian Connor Daly also took the stage to present remarks to their classmates.

The ceremony concluded with an indoor fireworks show. Video of the graduation ceremony was streamed online and is still available for viewing at <https://doddsgrads.world-television.com/>.



Staff Sgt. Dwight Chaney  
 Guest speaker Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, Commander of Allied Force Command Heidelberg, presents a diploma to one of several graduating seniors from Heidelberg High School's class of 2012 during the ceremony in Heidelberg Friday.



Linda Steil  
 Heidelberg High School seniors, faculty and guests enjoy a fireworks display during the 2012 graduation ceremony Friday.



Linda Steil  
 Perkeo Fanfarezug, a local German flag and trumpet group, opened the Heidelberg High School graduation festivities with a flag waving ceremony to announce the entrance of the graduates during the event in Heidelberg Friday.

## MANNHEIM

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Mannheim all my life but I'm excited to make new friends and start at Heidelberg Middle School," she said.

The ceremony opened with Boy Scout Troop 137, which led the color guard. Students then sang "The Wildcat Boogie," and the fourth graders recited the Pledge of Allegiance out loud and in American Sign Language.

The Mannheim Girl Scouts performed "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the German-American students sang the German National anthem, "Das Lied der Deutschen."

Sharon Overstreet, the school principal, thanked Col. Bryan DeCoster, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber, garrison CSM and other German and American distinguished guests for attending, including former and retired MES teachers who returned to say goodbye.

"Dr. Seuss was the inspiration for our theme this year, with his book, "Oh, the places you'll go." And oh my, we have been to some fabulous places this year,

haven't we? From our back-to-school picnic and our Volksmarch Saturday, to you becoming fabulous writers, great readers, mathematicians, singers, athletes and speakers of Spanish, today is our day to celebrate your talents and accomplishments," Overstreet said.

Students Devante' Bronson and Ariah Gee gave a brief history of MES with "Oh, the things we know," a play on words from Seuss' book.

The first American school in Mannheim opened Oct. 14, 1946 with 55 students, the children said into the microphone. The school moved on base in 1949 to the building that later became 5th Signal Command, and in 1952, a new school building was opened, which later became Mannheim High School.

"The building you see today as Mannheim Elementary School has been used since 1955. Our largest number of students we've ever had was 2,222. Today we have 128 students. If you took all the students and staff at our school right now and added up all the years they have worked at Mannheim, it would equal 458 years," Bronson and Gee said.

Four recent students - Caleb Brown, Rosemary Datz, Darish Tehranfar and Iman Karnabi - then shared their experiences and memories of MES during a segment called "Oh, the things we remember." Brown, a sixth grader at Heidelberg Middle School, gave three tips to the students, including how to identify who is a friend and who isn't, and to not underestimate the abilities of the opposite gender.

"Boys aren't always faster or stronger than girls. Even though I was a pretty good athlete while I was at MES, you're looking at an athlete who never once won a tug of war at a field day. And proud as I was to be the fastest boy in second grade, there were three girls who were faster than me," he said while the audience chuckled.

Karnabi, who spoke last, became teary-eyed toward the end of her speech, and the audience was equally moved.

"Now that I've moved on to college in the U.S., looking back, I now realize what an honor and privilege it was to have the opportunity to experience my first six years of school here. It breaks my heart to see this community and school close, but the

memories will always be with me," Karnabi added, choking back tears.

After the audience applause quieted down, Frank Roehl, Superintendent of Schools for DODDS-Europe Heidelberg District, spoke.

Roehl moved 13 times during his 12 years with DODDS schools, and he and wife Margy raised two children in DODDS from kindergarten through 12th grade. "One of my fondest memories of this school was the first day I reported for duty, and we had the opening day. It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining and there were 2,000 some-odd students. About 1500 of them were standing out just behind you, across the street. There were 18 first grade classrooms eating lunch in that cafeteria. Lots of ground was covered during that time," Roehl said.

"... We all return home to many fond memories of Mannheim. Our gracious German hosts, how they welcomed us into their community and into their lives, and in such a time and in such a special place that we will never forget," Roehl finished.

MES students then gave a musical presentation of the

song "You've got a friend in me," and Professor Christian Führer, course director for marketing at Cooperative State University Baden-Württemberg Mannheim, who is writing a book about the U.S. military in Mannheim, gave a detailed account of the history of MES and other area schools and the impact left on the community.

MES students then recognized current Mannheim teachers and those retiring, including June Southard, who was surprised by former student Tony Lee Barnes, who attended MES off and on from 1968-1974 and presented her with flowers and a hug. Southard's large grin intensified as the crowd clapped and whistled.

Barnes' father, a Soldier, was reassigned to Texas the summer after Barnes finished second grade at MES. Then by a stroke of luck the family was sent back, and Barnes completed third grade. He eventually settled in Germany himself as an adult.

The students' final number, was a skit based on the song "So Long, Farewell," from the musical "A Sound of Music." Afterwards, the crowd tossed confetti and adjourned to the back of the school for a picnic.

## GERMAN NEWS

### Love Letter Mistaken For Bomb

A love-struck young German's romantic plans went awry in a Bavarian village after he used fancy paper with a special seal to send a letter to his girlfriend. A neighbor feared it was a bomb and took it to the police. The 20-year-old from Bayerisch Gmain, close to the Austrian border, poured his aching heart out onto vellum parchment and put the passionate letter in an envelope of the same material. But he did not want to sully his handiwork with stamps and postage marks. "So I looked for a neighbor of Pia's on Google with a German-sounding name, and sent her a letter in a second envelope, asking her to please put the parchment letter in Pia's letter box," Michael said. But the neighbor, confused by the complicated instructions, apparently panicked and took the letter to the police, Pia said. When she heard what happened, Pia's mother went to the police to explain. "My mother then told me in the evening that the police had thought it was a letter bomb; apparently the officers looked really scared." The mother managed to calm the nervous cops, who took no further action. Michael has apologized to Pia's mother, and added: "I wanted to send the neighbor an apology and a box of chocolates, but who knows what would have happened."

### Germany's First-Ever Black Mayor

John Ehret, who used to work for the Bundeskriminalamt, Germany's equivalent of the FBI, is Germany's first black mayor. The 40-year-old, whose father was an African-American Soldier and whose mother was a native German, took over running the village of Mauer near Heidelberg June 1, Der Spiegel reported. Despite almost no campaigning, Ehret picked up slightly more than 58 percent of the vote, defeating a civil servant in the village of about 4,000 residents. Observers said Ehret profited from a so-called "Obama" effect, though the trained police inspector didn't seek the comparison. Ehret's first days suggested he was unlikely to end up as head of anything. The only thing he knows about his American father is that he was stationed as a U.S. Soldier in Karlsruhe. His mother suffered a brain tumor when he was a toddler and gave him to a children's home at the age of 2. At 6, he was adopted by the Ehret family, of whom the father was a respected Social Democratic Party member on the local council. Ehret says his skin color was never an issue – either in Germany or in the many places he's traveled to as a member of the BKA, where he was his first black employee. He served as an investigator into attacks in Lebanon, as a mentor in Sarajevo to help expand the village's finance office and as an advisor to help rebuild Afghanistan's police force. But deep down he was a boy from Mauer, so when he saw that the mayor's job was vacant, he applied. Ehret, who insists he's never experienced discrimination in Germany, is now in an odd position in which black Germans want him to be an example to others. But he's not interested in that role. "For that I feel I'm too German," he said.

SOURCE: [www.thelocal.de](http://www.thelocal.de)



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**Dear Ms. Vicki,**  
My husband enlisted three years ago when our son was 5 months old. Since that time, we've moved several times, and my husband is four months into his second deployment.

Because of that, my son is incredibly attached to me. We're working on attending play dates with other kids, and hopefully soon I'll be able to find a babysitter to be able to give both of us a break, but I'm getting very bored at home.

Is there anywhere on post I could volunteer and have my son with me? He's a good kid, and I'm a smart woman.

There has to be something that I could do, but I just have no idea how to find that.

From: Bored at Home

**Dear Bored,**  
You are right, there are many things on post for you to do. I am so happy to hear you say you are a smart woman. I often hear from spouses who feel they have low self-esteem and low self-worth, so there's no harm in being confident.

Volunteering would be great for you, and play groups could be very good for your son.

Here's my advice: instead of simply volunteering some place to get out of the house, I think you should give careful consideration to what it is that you really like to do, something you are passionate about or maybe have some career interest in.

Then try to volunteer where you may be able to carry out that mission.

Visit Army Community Service or the American Red Cross. These agencies are great places to start.

Good luck to you.

**Dear Ms. Vicki,**

I'm writing because I hope you can help with my dilemma.

I'm married to a woman who brought two children into the marriage.

I love her children with all my heart. I have two children from a previous marriage, and I am still very supportive of them in every way.

However, my new wife is resistant, so much so that she does not want me to provide any money to them whatsoever, unless she approves of it first (and she usually doesn't).

I am in trouble with my child support order. My wife keeps saying my children will be 18 soon, so they are old enough to get jobs and support themselves.

I could barely send them anything for Christmas last year. She says we cannot afford it, and there is no way to put this in our budget.

I'm willing to do whatever I have to do, even get a different credit card unbeknownst to her.

My wife does whatever she wants with "my" money. She buys whatever she wants and for whomever.

I don't think it's fair that she mistreats my children.

How can I show her that enough is enough, without ruining my marriage? *Wife Wears The Pants*

**Dear Pants,**

Dude, I'm not trying to gas you up and make you do something hurtful or demeaning toward your wife, but I think it's time you wear the pants in your family.

What are you supposed to do, pretend your children don't exist? Get real; those children need your continued support 24/7 and 365 days a year.

You have to provide support for them (to include financial and emotional support), no matter what your wife says.

Your wife spends money on whomever she pleases, but you are not in compliance with your child support order?

Jeesh, this lets me know that it's probably been a long time since you have seen your children. This is awful, and I think it's your fault.

Obviously you have not expressed your disgust for her behavior in a way that makes it clear her behavior is unacceptable.

Continue to stay in touch with your children on a daily basis. Make phone calls, write letters, email, Skype and give your very best effort to participate in their school activities.

I'm not sure of the distance between you and your children, but it doesn't matter. They must know that you put them first, and your wife must know you will not relent on this issue.

I think a different credit card is not the answer, because the additional debt won't be good for you. I think you should start managing your household finances.

I'm not saying your wife shouldn't be apprised of the finances; I'm saying she shouldn't have full control while you sit on the sidelines and watch.

You should visit Army Community Service, because they have financial and budget resources.

A professional in that office will help you learn to pay bills, make a budget and how to manage a check book.

Lastly, you also need to pay your child support. This could cause legal and career problems for you.

Tell your wife I said she is dead wrong on this issue.

I wish you the best, and stay in touch.

# Stateside number gives access from U.S.

## USAREUR Public Affairs

Anyone can now call United States Army in Europe's official Defense Switched Network phone numbers from the U.S. via a standard Stateside commercial telephone number.

The number – 301-981-1059 – gives callers in the U.S. who do not have a DSN line available immediate commercial access to an operator in Germany, who will then connect

them to the appropriate DSN number in Europe.

"We realized that some people Stateside not used to calling overseas are put off by foreign access codes and country codes," said U.S. Army Europe Chief of Public Affairs Bryan Hilferty.

"I know I was. So we designed this system to encourage communication with incoming Soldiers and families, as well as with U.S. citizens or

researchers who have questions about the Army in Europe," Hilferty said.

"However, you still need to know the unit you want to connect with, or their DSN number, or the operator cannot complete the call," he added.

"And remember, the Army in Europe is six hours ahead of the East Coast, so [it's] best to call us when it is morning in the U.S."

Callers must pay commercial calling costs to the Maryland 301 area

code, but there are no overseas calling charges, and the number is accessible from any phone.

This number is for official use only – not for morale and welfare calls – to access a civilian number or for other personal use. Furthermore, the primary method for official communications remains DSN or e-mail.

For more information, e-mail [ocpa.pi@eur.army.mil](mailto:ocpa.pi@eur.army.mil) or call civ. 06221-57-7270.



# GET OUT!

## area events

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

### June 14

**Concert** – The Belgian “Royal Symphonic Band of the Guides” will host a concert at the Heidelberg Congress Center 8-10:30 p.m. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Band will perform classical works by Mozart, Brahms and Tchaikovsky and other compositions. Tickets are €12-25 and can be purchased at Zigarren Grimm in Heidelberg, Sofienstraße 11. Proceeds go to charity. Neckarstaden 24, 69117.

**Mozartfest** – Internationally renowned symphony orchestras come together with well known artists to perform Mozart’s masterpieces during the annual Mozartfest in Würzburg. Enjoy the open air concerts in the festively illuminated Court Gardens of the Residence, which are famous for their romantic atmosphere. Festival ends July 1. [www.buzzoffbase.com](http://www.buzzoffbase.com).

### June 15

**Music Festival** – Neckar-Musikfestival 2012 at Schloss Liebenstein in Neckarwestheim 8 p.m. [www.neckar-musikfestival.de](http://www.neckar-musikfestival.de).

**Seewoog Festival** – Music, fun and entertainment during the annual Seewoog festival in Miesbach, Waldstrasse. Festival runs through June 17. [www.ramstein-gateway.com](http://www.ramstein-gateway.com).

### June 16

**Frankfurt Zoo** – Travel by train to the Frankfurt Zoo and enjoy a guided tour of the city. DSN 370-7924, civ. 06221-57-7924.

**Saarbrücken Tour** – Saarbrücken is a city with a lot of French flair, evident in their cuisine, but moreover in their lifestyle. But visitors can still enjoy a taste of German beer during a stop at the oldest family owned micro brewery in the Saarland. Saarbrücken’s history spans more than 1,000 years, with it frequently changing hands between France and Germany over the last 200 years. Above ground, take in the beautiful baroque architecture of the palace and churches and underground, explore the medieval and renaissance fortifications and casemates of the city. There will also be time to visit a World War I memorial dedicated to members of the U.S. Army who liberated Spichern in February 1945. Later, peruse a French grocery store to stock up on cheese, wine and other French specialties. <http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern>.

**ACS Outing to Luisenpark** – Luisenpark is one of Mannheim’s best-kept secrets. This beautiful park has many attractions including a conservatory, Japanese tea garden, aquarium, butterfly house and bird sanctuary. Children love the Gondoletta

boat ride, the mini-farm petting zoo and the many large playgrounds. Meet at Army Community Service in Heidelberg at 9 a.m. and take public transportation. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Munich** – Travel to Munich in the heart of Bavaria and take a guided tour of Dachau, one of the first of the Nazi Concentration Camps. DSN 370-7924, civ. 6221-57-7924.

### June 17

**Cruise** – Spend Father’s Day cruising up the Rhein to the famous Loreley. Take a tour of the Rheinsteine Castle and enjoy some shopping at Rüdesheim. DSN 370-7924, civ. 6221-57-7924.

### June 18

**Bonn Summer Festival** – The Bonn Summer Festival is the bustling city’s main summer festival. The open air event is free. Visit more than 100 events focused mainly on celebrating cultural diversity, with concerts, performances, fireworks and other activities taking place all around the city. Festival features a program of silent films, scored by live music and screened in the university courtyard. [www.buzzoffbase.com](http://www.buzzoffbase.com).

### June 23

**Flower Expo** – Florida 2012 World Horticultural Expo in Venlo, Netherlands. This event is held only once every 10 years. Enjoy flowers, plants and trees from around the world. DSN 370-7924, civ. 6221-57-7924.

**Comedy Show** – Comedians Joe Torry, Johnny Hollywood and Job perform starting 9 p.m. (Doors open 8 p.m.) at Armstrong’s Club, Bldg. 1036 on Vogelweh Housing. There will be an Old School Rhythm and Blues party in Armstrong’s Irish Pub after the show. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

**Brussels** – Spend the day in one of Europe’s most bustling capitals. Full of flair and culture, Brussels beckons visitors to explore its many winding streets during a special city tour. Stroll through the beautiful main square, Grand Place, the famous statue MannekenPis and local museums. <http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern>.

**Playmobil Park** – The Playmobil fun park in Zirndorf features pirate ships, tree houses, castles, enchanted fairies, jungle ruins and other surprises. Activities and fun for the whole family. Brandstätterstraße 2-10, 90513 Zirndorf. Civ. 0911-966-6455, [www.playmobil-funpark.de/en](http://www.playmobil-funpark.de/en).

### June 24

**Concert** – Catch a performance of “Delta Blues,” a ballet by Kevin O’day 7:30 p.m. at

the National Theater in Mannheim. [www.nationaltheater-mannheim.de](http://www.nationaltheater-mannheim.de).

### June 25

**Concert** – The Northshore Concert Band will perform an open air concert 5 p.m. at Karlsplatz, downtown Heidelberg. The orchestra will play standard American band repertoire including music by George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein and John Phillip Sousa. Special guest appearance by Lt. Col. Beth Steele, the former commander of the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus. Free admission.

**Macbeth** – The American Drama Group Europe and TNT Theatre Britain present William Shakespeare’s Macbeth. This popular play will be presented in English at Schloss Heidelberg 8 p.m. Tickets: DSN 370-7924, civ. 06221-57-7924.

### June 28

**Folk im Schlosshof** – Experience one of Germany’s best Celtic folk and folk rock festivals in Schlosshof, Bonfeld through June 30. Folk im Schlosshof festivals features music, whiskey tasting, Irish tap dance and instrumental workshops. One-day tickets start at €15 and up; €68 for all three days. [www.buzzoffbase.com](http://www.buzzoffbase.com).

### July 7

**Friendship Concert** – United States Army Band and Chorus host a free Friendship concert 6:30 p.m. at the Heidelberg Castle.

**Sommerfest** – The city of Mannheim hosts a Sommerfest in Herzogenriedpark. Enjoy music, food and outdoor fun. Fest starts 4 p.m.

### Upcoming concerts

**Jay-Z and Kanye West** – The rap duo performs at Lanxness Arena in Köln on 9 p.m. June 16. Tickets at [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de).

**Bobby McFerrin** – Vocalist and conductor Bobby McFerrin plays the Alte Oper in Frankfurt 8 p.m. June 19. Tickets available online at [www.germanticketoffice.com](http://www.germanticketoffice.com).

**Nas** – Rapper Nas performs in concert 9 p.m. July 4 at the Backstage club in Munich. Friedenheimer Brücke 7, 80639. Tickets: [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de).

**De La Soul** – Rap group De La Soul performs at the Gibson in Frankfurt 8 p.m. July 8. Zeil 85 -93, 60313. [www.songkick.com/concerts/12531033-de-la-soul-at-gibson](http://www.songkick.com/concerts/12531033-de-la-soul-at-gibson).

**Billy Idol** – Punk sensation Billy Idol plays the Porsche-Arena in Stuttgart 8 p.m. July 8. Information and tickets at [www.billyidol.net](http://www.billyidol.net).

## coming to THEATERS

### MADAGASCAR 3

(Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett-Smith) Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Gloria the Hippo and Melman the Giraffe are still fighting to get home to their beloved Big Apple and of course, King Julien, Maurice and the Penguins are all along for the comedic adventure. Their journey takes them through Europe, where they find the perfect cover: a traveling circus, which they reinvent - Madagascar style. (Rated PG for some mild action and rude humor) 91 minutes.



### PLAYING THIS WEEK

#### Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

June 14 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 June 15 - PROMETHEUS (R) 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.  
 June 16 - MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 4 p.m., 7 p.m.; PROMETHEUS (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 June 17 - MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 4 p.m.; PROMETHEUS (R) 7 p.m.  
 June 18 - PROMETHEUS (R) 7 p.m.  
 June 19 - MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 7 p.m.  
 June 20 - THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 June 21 - AMERICAN REUNION (R) 7 p.m.

#### Vogelweh, Galaxy

June 15 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 June 16 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 4 p.m.; 21 JUMP STREET (R) 7 p.m.  
 June 17 - HUGO (PG) 4 p.m.

#### Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

June 14 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; 21 JUMP STREET (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 4 p.m.  
 June 15 - PROMETHEUS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m.  
 June 16 - PROMETHEUS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m.  
 June 17 - PROMETHEUS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m.  
 June 18 - PROMETHEUS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m.; AMERICAN REUNION (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.  
 June 19 - PROMETHEUS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; AMERICAN REUNION (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.  
 June 20 - PROMETHEUS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; AMERICAN REUNION (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.  
 June 21 - PROMETHEUS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED (PG) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m.; THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

#### THEATER INFORMATION

Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg, 06221-27-238  
 Galaxy Theater, Vogelweh, 0631-50017  
 Gateway Cineplex, Ramstein, 06371-47-5550

Visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) for updated listings and more movie descriptions

Mannheim Cineplex (P4 13), CinemaxX (N7, 17), Mannheim, civ. 01805-625466, [www.cineplex.de](http://www.cineplex.de)

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

June 14, 15 and 20 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 8 p.m. at CinemaxX  
 June 17 - MEN IN BLACK 3 (in 3-D) (PG-13) 7:45 p.m. at CinemaxX  
 June 15, 16 - DARK SHADOWS (PG-13) 11 p.m.; 8:15 p.m. (June 20 only) at Cineplex

## community HIGHLIGHTS

### Estate Claim

Claims on or obligations to the estate of Spc. Yvonne Mitchell, 196th Medical Support Unit- Europe, should be made to the summary court officer, Maj. Kelly L. Johnson. DSN 382-4401, civ. 0162-296-5865.

### Last Day Of School

June 14 is the last day for students enrolled in Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe. The first day for students for the 2012-13 school year is Aug. 27.

### Army Birthday Ball

United States Army Europe will host an Army Birthday Ball 6 p.m. June 14 in the Community Activity Center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg for ages 18 and older. Military dress is the Army Service Uniform, Dress Blues or Greens with bow tie. Civilian dress is Black Tie. Price per person includes dinner and entertainment: \$25 for E1-E6 and GS-7 (or equivalent) and below; \$35 for E7-O5 and GS-9 (or equivalent) and above; \$40 for O6, general officers and Senior Executive Service civilians. DSN 377-4507/4521/4520, civ. 06221-39-4507.

### Joint Task Force TIP Line

Incidents involving threats to children have been reported in the Kaiserslautern Military Community. No matter where you live, Installation Management Command-Europe officials ask everyone to stay vigilant and report suspicious activities to the authorities. Every tip counts. Save the Joint Task Force TIP Line phone number: DSN 388-2222, civ. 06221-678-2222. For emergencies off post, call 112. The safety of our families is a priority for IMCOM-E. We are aggressively working to resolve these threats and are using all our available resources to track down those responsible.

### NATO Change Of Command

Col. BJ Constantine Jr. will relinquish command of the U.S. Army NATO Brigade to Col. Robert S. Larsen, and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark K. Schindler will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Joanne M. Cox, 5 p.m. July 26 at Schollossgarten Mittelbau in Schwetzingen. Ceremony is by invitation only. DSN 496-5302, civ. 06302-67-5302.

### Sexual Assault Reporting

A revised Department of Defense directive allows dependents 18 and older who are eligible for military system health care to report sexual assault under the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Restricted reports allow victims to confidentially seek help and only report to selected individuals without starting an investigation. Unrestricted reports follow the same procedures, but a full investigation will be launched.

### American Forces Network Radio

American Forces Network Europe is now streaming music on [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net). "AFN 360" allows listeners the opportunity to hear music on wireless mobile devices or home computers, and to get the name of the song and artist as it streams. "AFN 360" features a mix of music shows from the network's AFN The Eagle and Power Network services as top of the hour radio news. It is available in Germany, Italy and Belgium. AFN Europe hopes to eventually expand the service to include local station live morning and afternoon shows. Free AFN Europe mobile app downloads are available on the web site.

### KAISERSLAUTERN

#### Education

♦ **New Parent Basic Training** – New parents can learn what to expect, what to avoid, the importance of bonding and more 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 18 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. Hands-on practice with life-size dolls, a free diaper bag and "Baby's First Year" book included. Registration required. DSN 493-4066, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

♦ **English For Adults** – English as a Second Language for Adults classes are available at no cost in Bldg. 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. Beginner classes are 9:30 a.m. June 18 and Mondays; intermediate classes meet 9:30 a.m. Fridays. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

♦ **Security Clearances** – Army Community Service Financial Readiness offers a hands-on workshop about how to obtain and maintain a security clearance and how to establish a sound financial future 3 p.m. June 18 in the Heaton Auditorium on Landstuhl Post. DSN 493-4151, civ. 0631-3406-4151.

♦ **Stress Management** – Learn about the different kinds of stress and healthy ways to cope 11:30 a.m. June 19 and Tuesdays in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4062, civ. 0631-3406-4062.

♦ **Food Safety for Volunteers** – The Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Environmental Health Section presents a food safety for volunteers class 5-7 p.m. July 5 and first Thursdays at the Learning Resource Center (Bldg. 3718) at LRMCC. A food handler's card is required for anyone responsible for organizing and supervising food sales fundraising activities. Registration required. DSN 486-8489, civ. 06371-86-8489.

#### Community

♦ **Summer Reading Program** – The Summer Reading Program at the Kaiserslautern Main Library, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl Post, begins June 14 and is open to all ages. DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-7322.

♦ **Independent, Foreign Films** – There will be a free showing of the film "The Wind Journeys," 5:30 p.m. June 21 at Kleber Branch Library, Bldg. 3205. Refreshments provided. DSN 483-1740, civ. 06371-411-1740.

♦ **HUGS Playgroup** – HUGS (Help Us Grow Securely) playgroup, for parents and children birth to age 4, meets 10-11:30 a.m. June 15 and Fridays at the Vogelweh Community Center. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

♦ **Country Nights** – Check out Germany's largest country party and ride the mechanical bull 8 p.m.-4 a.m. June 16 at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057 on Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261.

♦ **Cinema Sunday** – Watch "The Princess Diaries" while snacking on

free popcorn 2:30-6:30 p.m. June 17 at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036, Vogelweh Housing. Free snack bags available for children 12 and under. Civ. 0631-536-6000.

♦ **Father's Day Bingo** – Play Father's Day Bingo 3-7 p.m. June 17 at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057 on Vogelweh. Dads will be entered in a special prize drawing. DSN 489-7861, civ. 0631-536-7261.

♦ **LRMC Traffic Alert** – The section of Munson Circle between the Fisher Houses and the Headquarters Building at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center will be closed 3:30 p.m. June 18 until about 5 p.m. June 19. The closure is due to the LRMC Staff Appreciation Day barbecue. DSN 590-8144, civ. 06371-9464-8144.

♦ **Job Fair** – Army Community Service Employment Readiness Office will present a job fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 19 at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057 on Vogelweh. Come prepared to interview. Civ. 0631-3406-4029.

♦ **Family Fun Days** – Spend the afternoon playing darts, virtual bowling, video games and more 3-6 p.m. June 24 at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036, on Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Summer Dramatics Camp** – Ages 4-7 can attend a summer creative dramatics camp 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 9-13 and 16-20 at KMC Onstage on Kleber Kaserne. Children will play theater games and learn improvisation, voice and self-confidence. Register at Parent Central Services, Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks or the One Stop Shop, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Kleber VAT Office** – The Kleber Kaserne Value Added Tax office in Bldg. 3205 has new hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 483-1780, civ. 0631-411-1780.

♦ **Pulaski VAT Office** – The Pulaski Barracks Value Added Tax office has new hours: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 493-4035, civ. 0631-346-4035.

♦ **Mystery Shopper** – Mystery shoppers perform customer service reviews throughout the garrison and through various Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### HEIDELBERG

#### Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – First Sergeant Spouse Seminar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 18-20; Applying for a Federal Job (USAJOBS) and Civilian Resume Writing, 9-11 a.m. June 19-20, Information Center, PHV, Village Pavilion Community Center; Checkbook Management, 9-11:30 a.m. June 20; English as a Second Language, 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, ACS Annex, PHV, Bldg. 4531; Re-

integration Briefing, 9 a.m. Tuesdays. Registration is required. Classes are in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center unless noted. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

♦ **Central Texas College** – Central Texas College's summer semester includes criminal justice classes and a fire protection course. Classes are taught evenings and weekends for eight weeks at the Education Center on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-8660, civ. 06221-17-8660, [www.europe.ctcd.edu](http://www.europe.ctcd.edu).

♦ **German Classes** – The USO will offer level one German 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday at Campbell Barracks and 6:15-7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday in Bldg. 3850 on the Shopping Center July 31-Oct. 25. Level two German will be 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday on Campbell Barracks and 6:15-7:45 p.m. in Bldg. 3850 on the Shopping Center Aug. 1-Oct. 26. Registration and purchase of textbook required. DSN 370-7924, civ. 06221-57-7924.

#### Community

♦ **Army Birthday** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers honors the Army's birthday 6 p.m. June 14 and serves free cake at Slapshots on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

♦ **Schwetzingen Offices Closed** – All Schwetzingen city hall offices and annexes, including tourist information, will be closed due to an annual organizational day June 20. An emergency service desk will be open 8 a.m.-midnight at Grundbuchamt (Hebelstraße 7).

♦ **Right Arm Night** – Ages 18 and older can enjoy happy hour with their bosses and co-workers 5-7 p.m. June 22 at the Copper Lounge in the Village Pavilion Community Center. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Line Dance Instruction** – Learn how to line dance 7-9 p.m. and stay for a karaoke and dance party 9 p.m.-close June 15 and Fridays at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570.

♦ **Texas Hold 'Em** – Buy-in for a Texas Hold 'Em tournament starts 7 p.m. June 16 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570.

♦ **EFMP Teen Social** – The Exceptional Family Member Program Teen Social will be 6-8 p.m. June 20 at Panther's Place on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **BOSS Meeting** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets 3:30 p.m. June 20 and third Wednesdays in Bldg. 104 on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

♦ **BOSS Cheap Eats** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers serves a free potluck for all military personnel 5 p.m. June 20 at the Warrior Zone

on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

♦ **Summer Patio Party** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts a summer patio party, with food and outdoor activities 4 p.m. June 23 at Slapshots on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Summer Reading Program** – The summer reading program for teens begins with a kick off event 2 p.m. June 26 at the Patrick Henry Village Library. Preschoolers and kindergartners can participate 11 a.m. Wednesdays June 27-July 25, and students in grades 1 through 5 can participate 11:30 a.m. Thursdays June 28-July 19. DSN 388-9443, civ. 06221-338-9443.

♦ **Hip-Hop, Rhythm and Blues** – A hip-hop and rhythm and blues party featuring disc jockey Bello, as well as a dance contest, starts 9 p.m. June 30 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **PHV Commissary Closed** – The Heidelberg Commissary will be closed July 25 for an organizational day. Normal operating hours will resume July 26: 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. for Early Bird shopping and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. for regular shopping. DSN 388-9074, civ. 06221-759-3112.

♦ **Trivia Challenge Season** – Bring a team or join one for trivia 7-9 p.m. Thursdays until Aug. 3 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. The team that gathers the most points will win a prize. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **ITR** – Information, Tickets and Reservations, now in the Village Pavilion Community Center, can assist with booking Outdoor Recreation trips, registration for Rod and Gun Club classes, event tickets and more. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and closed U.S. holidays. DSN 388-9438, civ. 06221-338-9438, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### MANNHEIM

#### Community

♦ **TKS** – Telepost Kabel-Service customers will receive information in their upcoming billing statement about the June 15 closure of the TKS shop in Mannheim and information about the Heidelberg TKS location. Civ. 0631-352-2407.

♦ **Customs Field Office** – The U.S. Forces Customs Field Office located in Bldg. 256 (MP Station) is open 7:30-3:45 p.m. Monday-Friday (no lunch closure) and is closed American and German holidays. DSN 385-3326, civ. 0621-730-3326.

♦ **TGIF Buffet** – Enjoy a buffet 6:30 p.m. and stay for variety music 9 p.m.-2 a.m. June 15 and every Friday at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-9370,

# Happy birthday U.S. Army



Brandon Spragins

Soldiers at U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern celebrated the Army's 237th birthday with a motivational run on Rhine Ordnance Barracks Friday. More than 600 Soldiers participated, led by the garrison's commanding officer, Lt. Col. Lars Zetterstrom.

**By Staff Sgt. John Zumer**

10TH ARMY AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Many children might say the only thing matching the excitement of a birthday celebration is the chance to kick off the party earlier than scheduled. For Soldiers from throughout the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, including the 21st Theater Support Command, 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, the early celebration began with a 3-mile run held at Rhine Ordnance Barracks Friday.

Officially known as the "Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Army Birthday Run," the event attracted more than 600 participants. While the traditional birthday of the U.S. Army is recognized as June 14, logistics and other planning circumstances resulted in celebrating the Army's 237th birthday a week early.

As far as Tom Dennis was concerned, the most important thing was to simply get together to celebrate the U.S. Army, regardless of the day.

"It's a great way to start a Friday," said Dennis, a civilian serving as the chief of sports and fitness for USAG Kaiserslautern, which assisted with organiz-

ing the event.

Runners hit the course moving out in formation with their units, leading to a column of sweating, motivated and singing Soldiers that stretched far into the distance. The BOSS program, instrumental in organizing and staffing the run, also provided support along the course, which included numerous water points to provide refreshment.

Spc. Cynetta Moore, who serves as the USAG-Kaiserslautern BOSS president, said that staging the event was by no means a last-minute affair.

"We've been planning for the run since March," said Moore, noting that synchronizing the operations of police escort, medical support and transportation necessary to bring everyone together was a team effort. But most of all, the event was successful in helping bring Soldiers and civilians together for exercise, fun and a way to honor the Army.

The only thing missing from this birthday celebration may have been the cake, yet none of the participants complained. An opportunity for Soldiers and civilians to gather with others committed to the U.S. Army left good feelings that are likely to prove far sweeter to those involved.

## Heidelberg 5k fun run honors Army birthday

Photos by Alyx Fuhrman

Right: Tim and Bekka Hower cross the finish line with son Spencer hitching a ride at Saturday's 5k fun run at Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg in honor of the Army's 237th birthday.

Far right: Staff Sgt. Frank McCaskill leads the U.S. Army Europe Brass Quintet in a rendition of the Eye of the Tiger, with Sgt. Ben McMillan on trumpet and Cpl. Jared Disbro on the french horn.



### staying ACTIVE

**Boxing Invitational**

A Boxing Invitational will be held 7 p.m. June 23 at Miesau Gym (near Kaiserslautern), Bldg. 1220. Open to Military ID card holders. Boxers must register by June 15 to participate. Tickets available at the door. VIP seating \$8 or general seating \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. DSN 493-2088 or Civ. 0631-3406-2088.

**Tennis Camps**

Youth tennis camps will be held at the Heidelberg Tennis Center June 18-22; June 25-29, July 9-13, July 30-Aug. 3 and Aug 20-24. Open to ages 6-18. Cost is \$250 per person. DSN 388-9037 civ. 06221-338-9037.

**Tennis Championships**

Register beginning June 18 for the 2012 U.S. Forces Europe Tennis Championships to be held at the Heidelberg Tennis Center July 20-22. Categories include men's, women's, doubles and mixed doubles. DSN 388-9037 civ. 06221-338-9037.

**Skydiving in Bitburg**

Take a memorable trip tandem skydiving with Outdoor Recreation July 4. Jump from a plane over two miles high and descend at speeds approaching 200 miles per hour. Trip departs 7:30 a.m. from Pulaski Barracks Bldg. 2905 and costs \$269. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Summer Bowling Leagues**

Join a summer bowling league at the Patrick Henry Pavilion Bowling and Entertainment Center. Open to all skill levels. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040.

**Sembach Soccer Clinics**

Sembach Soccer Clinics are now available through SKIESUnlimited for beginner, intermediate and advanced youth players. Clinics include scrimmages, drills, team tactics, attacking and defending skills. Register through Parent Central Services, Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2898 or One Stop Shop, Landstuhl Post, Bldg. 3810.

**Dynamic Yoga**

Landstuhl Fitness Center offers a dynamic yoga class to revitalize the body and awaken the mind and spirit, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays. Class features challenging posture flow along with meditation and breathing exercises. Landstuhl, Bldg. 3720. DSN 486-7172, civ. 06371-86-7172.

**Special Mix**

Sullivan Fitness Center offers a total body conditioning workout designed to tone, firm and sculpt the body and flatten the stomach. 6-7 p.m. Mondays at Sullivan Fitness center in Mannheim. DSN 385-3149, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Pump Iron**

Use a weighted bar to burn calories and sculpt your physique during a Pump Iron workout. Classes meet noon Mondays, 6 p.m. Tuesdays and 6:30 a.m. Fridays at Campbell Fitness Center in Heidelberg, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Archery Range**

Located behind the Rod and Gun Club, the Archery Range contains a 14-target archery course as well as two tree stands with a random number of 3D targets scattered across the range. Equipment available for rental. Open to all ages. Civ. 06205-14-309, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

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