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## Several Mannheim facilities to close June 15

### Staff Report

As the Mannheim military community continues to draw down, several major facilities on Benjamin Franklin Village-South are scheduled to close next Friday as part of the Army's ongoing transformation efforts.

The final day of operations for the main Exchange store, Popeyes chicken restaurant, Taco Bell, laundromat, concessionaires (to include phone, Internet and cable provider TK5) and The Exchange gas station will be June 15.

Additionally, the entry and exit gate leading to BFV-South will also be permanently closed to the public after June 15.

Residents and community members are asked to remove all property from the area to include motor homes, vehicles, bicycles, motorcycles and any other personal items as soon as possible. Any items remaining after June 15 will be impounded by the military police.

Other facilities scheduled for closure this month are Mannheim Elementary School (Friday) and the community

center located in Bldg. 2011 on Grant Circle (June 29).

Access to BFV-South (after June 15) must be arranged by contacting the Provost Marshal Office at DSN 388-2222, civ. 06221-338-2222.

Community members can find the latest information on permanent closures in the Mannheim and Heidelberg communities on the Herald Post's weekly transformation page and on the garrison's online transformation page at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/personnel.htm](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/personnel.htm).

## Deployed parents can watch DODDS-E high school graduations online

By Bob Purtiman  
DODD-E PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Some deployed service members will be able to watch their high school graduating seniors cross the stage during special webcasts that will be broadcast live on graduation day.

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools – Europe, U.S. Army Europe and the U.S. Army 5th Signal Command have combined their assets, talents and technologies to provide the live webcasts via the Internet.

The effort will allow 12 graduation ceremonies to be viewed by more than 60 deployed parents in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world.

The first graduation ceremonies will be shown June 7 from Ansbach and Bamberg High Schools. The last webcast is June 14 from Vilseck High School.

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## Back in business



Elizabeth Behring

Marion Fry, Heidelberg Thrift Shop manager, sorts through a rack of clothing Thursday inside of the shops new location on Patrick Henry Village. Fry and several volunteers are working to prepare the facility for its official reopening 2 p.m. Thursday.

## Community members come together to save beloved thrift shop from closure

By Elizabeth Behring  
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Heidelberg Community and Spouses Club Thrift Shop is scheduled to open in its new location 2 p.m. June 7 in Bldg. 4455 on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg.

The new thrift shop will comprise of six uninhabited stairwell apartments that are in the final stages of renovation. The walls

will be kept intact, and the old rooms will house various items, including a media room with DVDs and books, a section for consigners to sort their items, clothing departments and more.

The reemergence of the thrift store has been well-received by the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg community, said bookkeeper Matt Hunt.

"The only reason

we're here is because of the feedback from the community saying they wanted the thrift store to stay," Hunt said.

"I was one of the people who wanted it to stay open if it was possible. It was a huge topic in the whole community. Some were torn; some didn't want to go through the move, but it all came together in the end," Hunt added.

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# To screen or not to screen:

## What men should know about screening for prostate cancer

By **Wayne Combs, Ph.D.**  
U.S. ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND

Did you know that the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force does not recommend prostate cancer screening for all men?

If you don't know the latest information about prostate cancer screening, you are not alone. Many men don't.

This article will help you understand more about the latest information on prostate cancer screening and help you discuss this issue with your health care provider.

### What are the latest recommendations for prostate cancer screening?

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is currently no scientific agreement on the best way to prevent prostate cancer, and there is not enough supporting evidence to recommend screening in all men.

The USPSTF has concluded that the current medical evidence is insufficient to compare the benefits and harms of prostate cancer screening in men younger than age 75.

The USPSTF also recommends against screening

for prostate cancer in men age 75 or older.

### What is prostate cancer?

Prostate cancer is made up of cells that do not grow normally. The cells divide and create new cells that the body does not need, forming a mass of tissue called a tumor. These abnormal cells can sometimes spread to other parts of the body, multiply and cause death.

### What causes prostate cancer?

As with many types of cancer, medical experts do not know what causes prostate cancer. They are studying several possible causes.

### Who is at increased risk for prostate cancer?

While all men are at risk for prostate cancer, some factors increase risk:

- Family history. Men with a father or brother who has had prostate cancer are at greater risk for developing it themselves.

- Race. Prostate cancer is more common in some racial and ethnic groups than in others, but medical experts do not know why. Prostate cancer is more common in African-American men than in white men. And, African-American men with prostate cancer are more likely to die from the disease than white men. It is less common in Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander and Native American men than in white men.

- Age. The prevalence of prostate cancer increases rapidly after age 40.

### Can prostate cancer be prevented?

Medical experts do not know how to prevent prostate cancer. But they are studying many factors. They do know that not smoking, maintaining a

healthy diet, staying physically active and seeing your doctor regularly contribute to overall good health.

### What does "screening" mean?

Screening means looking for signs of disease in people who have no symptoms. So screening for prostate cancer is looking for early-stage disease.

The main screening tools for prostate cancer are the digital rectal examination and the prostate specific antigen blood test.

However, the DRE and PSA test cannot tell if you have cancer; they can only suggest the need for further tests.

Many factors like age, race, certain medical procedures, an enlarged prostate or a prostate infection can affect PSA levels.

Because of the uncertainty about prostate cancer screening, the CDC recommends that men discuss prostate screening with their health care provider.

Every man needs balanced information on the pros and cons of prostate cancer to help him make an informed decision about screening.

For more information on prostate cancer, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/informed\\_decision\\_making.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/informed_decision_making.htm) and [www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/pdf/prosguide.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/pdf/prosguide.pdf).



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## DISCUSSION BOARD

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

"...Under what conditions can I put a child in a front passenger seat? What are USAREUR policies? ..."

— Mihaela Froehlich, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Mihaela, we received the following information from the BW Safety Office: In accordance with German Traffic Law, a child must be 5 feet tall and over

48 lbs. to sit in the front. All children regardless of age and weight if under 5 feet must sit in the rear.

If all the rear seats are occupied with a child, then a child may sit in the front seat in the appropriate child safety seat or booster seat (approved by manufacturer for front seat installation). If it is an infant (less than 20 lbs.), then the seat must be rear-facing. In all

cases, the airbag must be turned off. The safety office recommend that the largest child be placed in the front seat, and only when all other rear seats are occupied with smaller children. For further information, you may contact the USAG BW Safety Office at DSN 373-5277, civ. 06221-17-5277."

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# U.S. Army in Europe members, allies gather across five nations to salute sacrifices of fallen service members

## USAREUR Public Affairs

More than 200 Soldiers from units across the U.S. Army in Europe joined with U.S. Air Forces in Europe elements and members of allied forces in honoring America's past and present commitments to its European allies and partners at a dozen Memorial Day events in five nations.

USAREUR supported ceremonies in Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with senior leaders, chaplains, color guards, buglers and the USAREUR Band, while USAFE and allied pilots and air crews conducted flyovers in A-10, F-15 and C-130 aircraft at each event.

USAREUR Commander Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling and his wife, Sue, participated in the first event, at the Luxembourg American Cemetery in Hamm, Luxembourg, May 26.

The Hertlings were joined by Luc Frieden, Minister for Finances of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; Robert A. Mandell, U.S. Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; Darrel Dorgan, commissioner to the American Battle Monuments Commission and an audience of about 3,000 participants.

The general gave the keynote address for the ceremony, which also included the laying of 20 memorial wreaths and Luxembourg citizens adorning each of the cemetery's 5,061 graves with a U.S. and Luxembourg flag and a single red rose.

The following day, the Hertlings traveled to the Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten, where the general gave the keynote address at a ceremony at which more than 10,000 people gathered to honor American and allied Soldiers who died in World War II.

The USAREUR Band provided 30 musicians, who joined 35 Soldiers from U.S. Army Garrison Benelux in taking part in the event. While members of the



Tom Budzyna

Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, Commander of U.S. Army Europe and, gives the keynote address at the 68th observance of U.S. Memorial Day at the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in Margraten, the Netherlands, May 27. The general was one of more than 200 Army in Europe members who participated in memorial events in five countries.

armed forces of numerous countries were represented in the audience, alongside ambassadors from five countries, representatives of royal families and government leaders, the vast majority of attendees were Dutch citizens from the towns surrounding the cemetery.

There is a special bond between local residents and the American Soldiers who died fighting there. Since the cemetery was created in November 1944, citizens have adopted and cared for each of its 8,301 graves. There is a waiting list to adopt graves, and a book by local author Peter Schrijvers published in March called, "The Margraten Boys: How a European Village Kept America's Liberators Alive," describes the relationship between the people of the region and American Soldiers and their families.

Some 400 miles away, Maj. Gen. Aundre Piggee, commander of USAREUR's 21st Theater Sustainment Command, joined some of the 21st's Soldiers and two D-Day veterans to lower the flags at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial overlooking Omaha Beach. Piggee gave the keynote speech and took part in laying memorial wreaths. The USAREUR Band provided an element for the ceremony, which also included a gun salute and the playing of taps. A reception attended by more than 1,000 followed the event, and USAREUR Soldiers had the opportunity to tour the famed D-Day sites at Sainte-Mere-Eglise and Carentan.

At the American cemeteries and memorials in Oise-Aisne, Lorraine and Brittany, France, USAREUR Deputy Commander Maj. Gen. James Boozer Sr., USAREUR Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (G3) Brig. Gen. Michael Bills and Brig. Gen. Mark Hendrix, commander of the 7th Civil Support Command, provided keynote addresses in ceremonies supported by USAREUR Soldiers from 21st TSC, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and 2nd Cavalry Regiment.

Federal representatives from throughout France and prominent Americans, including the great-grandson of former U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt, supported these events as well. Boozer and Bills called the ceremonies "highlights of their careers" and said they were incredibly humbled by the outpouring of support from French Soldiers and veterans and the empathy of French citizens.

Additionally, Brig. Gen. (P) James F. Pasqualette, director of the Army Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program at Fort Hood, Texas, took part in the ceremony at the largest American military cemetery in Europe, the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial in Romagne-Gesnes, France.

# Obama announces military-to-civilian skills certification program

By Claudette Roulo  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama announced Friday a new presidential initiative aimed at preparing service members for civilian employment.

Obama provided details about the military-to-civilian certification program during his visit to a Honeywell International Inc. plant in Golden Valley, Minn.

"Let me tell you something: if you can save a life on the battlefield, you can save a life in an ambulance. If you can oversee a convoy or millions of dollars of assets in Iraq, you can help manage a supply chain or balance its books here at home," Obama said at the plant.

"If you can maintain the most advanced weapons in the world, if you're an electrician on a Navy ship, well, you can manufacture the next generation of advanced technology in our factories, like this one. If you're working on complex machinery, you should be able to take those skills and find a

manufacturing job right here – right here at home."

But unfortunately, Obama said, many returning veterans with such advanced skills "don't get hired simply because they don't have the civilian licenses or certifications that a lot of companies require."

At the same time, the president noted, business leaders often say they can't find enough workers with the skills necessary to fill open positions.

"Eighty percent of manufacturers say this, according to one survey," Obama said. "So think about it – we've got all these openings and all these skilled veterans looking for work, and somehow they're missing each other."

That doesn't make any sense, the president said, noting it's time to fix it.

The initiative will enable up to 126,000 service members to obtain civilian credentials and certifications in a number of high-demand industries, officials said.

"I applaud President Obama's initiative to help thousands of service members obtain industry-recognized

certifications for the trade skills they have learned and worked hard to master while in uniform," Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said in a statement.

The Defense Department has created a military credentialing and licensing task force as part of the initiative, officials said. It developed partnerships with major manufacturing credentialing agencies to expand certifications to active duty military personnel in the fields of engineering, logistics, maintenance and welding.

"Supported by the efforts of the Defense Department's military credentialing and licensing task force, these certifications will give our returning troops a leg up in a competitive job market, and they will make it easier for veterans to transition to civilian life," Panetta said.

Service members can earn these credentials free of charge.

The services will also explore how credentialing opportunities can be integrated into existing military training programs and expanded to include everyone with relevant skills and train-

ing, the officials said.

The initiative was developed in response to a report on veterans' employment by the President's Council of Economic Advisers and the National Economic Council.

The report, Military Skills for America's Future: Leveraging Military Service and Experience to Put Veterans and Military Spouses Back to Work, describes the difficulties faced by veterans and military spouses in transitioning their military experience to civilian employment.

Three such partnerships will begin this summer, the officials said.

"Going forward, the president and I will remain committed to addressing the full range of challenges our troops and their families face as they leave the service, and to making sure that these men and women have the support they so richly deserve," Panetta said in his statement.

"They are a national asset, and they stand ready to continue making our country great in their civilian careers."

## transformation UPDATE

### Frequently Asked Questions

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

E-mail [usarmy.badenwuer.usag.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwuer.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** – “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/Guide\\_to\\_Host\\_Nation\\_](http://ermc.amedd.army.mil/heidelberg/HNGuide/Guide_to_Host_Nation_).

#### **“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.hunt@mail.mil](mailto:damienn.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

**Barber Shop** – The Benjamin Franklin Village Barber Shop is closed. The Coleman Barber Shop is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. The Coleman Barber Concessionaire will remain open until 5 p.m. 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, [damienn.hunt@mail.mil](mailto:damienn.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**.

**NEW** – **Elementary School** – Mannheim Elementary School will hold a closing ceremony 10:30 a.m. **June 8** at the school.

**UPDATED** – **Facility Closures** – The Mannheim main Exchange, gas station, laundrette, 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**.

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

**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.

**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.

**Sexual Assault Hotline Consolidated** – The 24-hour sexual assault and domestic violence hotline for Mannheim and Heidelberg is civ. 0170-609-2862.

**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. As of **May 18**, the Mannheim office is now 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.badenwuer.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwuer.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil).

**UPDATED** – **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.

**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.

**UPDATED** – **Dental Clinic** – The sick call and exam hours for the Patrick Henry Village dental clinic are now 8:30-10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 388-9500.

**NEW** – **Health Center Shoppette** – The Exchange Shoppette located on Nachrichten Kaserne will close **July 28**.

**Optometry Clinic** – The Heidelberg Health Center's optometry department has reduced care to provide services only for active duty military and their family members who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime. The change is necessary, as the optometry staff is down to only one provider and can no longer accommodate all previously-seen beneficiaries. As a result, the optometry clinic will no longer provide care for dependent parents or Department of the Army and Department of Defense civilian employees and contractors. Optometry services for these beneficiaries can be obtained via host nation providers.

**Pharmacy Hours** – The Heidelberg Health Center Pharmacy has changed its operating hours. The pharmacy is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed weekends and federal holidays.

**Teen Clinic** – The Teen Clinic at Heidelberg High School will cease on-location support at the end of the school year. Teens can be seen at the Heidelberg Health Center. DSN 371-2622, civ. 0800-376-22273.

**UPDATED** – **Thrift Shop** – The Thrift Shop on Patrick Henry Village is temporarily closed to prepare for its relocation to Bldg. 4455 (directly across the street from the PHV Recycling Center and Outdoor Rec Center). The thrift shop is scheduled to reopen at its new location **June 7**.

**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.

# HCSC Scholarships presented May 15

By **Cathy DeCoster**  
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

On May 15, the Heidelberg Community Spouses' Club gave back to the community through its scholarship program.

Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling was at the Village Pavilion Community Center ballroom to present the scholarships to the winners.

Two Army spouses, nine current college students and 18 high school seniors were among the 29 scholarship winners who received scholarships totaling \$50,000.

The top award, named the "General and Mrs. Eric Shinseki Award" in honor of the former U.S. Army Europe commander and current Secretary of the Veterans Administration and his wife, honors one outstanding graduating high school senior. This award recognizes the student who rises to the top through academic achievement, community service, community involvement and overall excellence.

This year's recipient was Heidelberg High School senior Allison Shapiro, who will attend Northwestern University in the fall.

Other high school graduating seniors who received scholarships included Christian Allred, Isabelle Boehm, Michelle Cuthbert, Connor Daly, Aileen Donnelly, Mezzan El Sayed, Marie-Elise Goetzke, Erin Hodge, Melissa Irvine, Beatrice Levine, Christina Muehlbauer, Marlowe Muehlbauer, Kathryn Perrotta, Patrick Roos, Carrie Smith, Darren St. John and Alex Weaver.

There are also two additional categories in which family members can compete. Scholarships are available for spouses and family members who are current college students. Winners in the spouse category were LeAnne Hendrix and Annette Vega.

Winners in the college student category included Kristine Bremer, Michael Bremer, Emily Hall, Sommai Hendrix, Jennifer Jost, Jonathan Ochart, Rachel Perrotta, Rebecca Steil and Erika Valek.

In addition to scholarships based on merit, the HCSC also awarded a \$1,000 special essay scholarship to graduating high school senior Marie Goetzke.

This award was solely based on a 1,000-word essay in response to the following question: "Optimistic futurists envision a world without boundaries; an interdependent global society. Write about your personal impression of this idea."

Although this question generated many great essays, Goetzke's essay stood above the rest.

The HCSC is proud to be able to support the Heidelberg community in this way, but it can't do it alone.

Funds generated by the annual Heidelberg Holiday Bazaar – combined with donations and consignments to the PHV Thrift Shop – fund these scholarships, as well as the multiple HCSC welfare grants that are provided to private community organizations.

In 2010-2011, the HCSC gave more than \$157,265



Cathy DeCoster

**Heidelberg High School senior Allison Shapiro was this year's General and Mrs. Eric Shinseki Award winner. Shapiro will attend Northwestern University in the fall.**

in scholarships and grants to organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Heidelberg Sea Lions, Unit Family Readiness Groups, Club Beyond and the PTAs, just to name a few. The HCSC still needs the support of the community by its continued use of the Thrift Shop in the new facility across from the Recycle Center.

The Thrift Shop is scheduled to re-open June 7 and will begin taking consignments at that time. The new facility will have plenty of space to hold consignments as well as donated items.

The HCSC is open to all and welcomes new members. Plans are being made for the final Holiday Bazaar in October, and HCSC is looking for volunteers to take chair positions and help with the planning. Those interested should contact the bazaar chairperson.

To find out how your organization can request a grant, or for information on how to apply for scholarships in the future, visit the HCSC website at [www.hcsc-heidelberg.com](http://www.hcsc-heidelberg.com).

## Saber Strike demonstrates international cooperation

USAREUR Public Affairs

Saber Strike is a U.S. Army Europe-led, multi-national exercise scheduled for June 10-22 at multiple training areas in Estonia and Latvia.

The exercise promotes regional stability and security, strengthens international military partnering and fosters trust while improving interoperability between participating nations.

"This is a great way for us to train together before we deploy and operate together," said Col. Bill Williams, director of Training and Exercises for USAREUR.

Williams emphasized the Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian militaries have all contributed greatly to the International Security Assistance Force, Kosovo Force missions and other international operations.

Saber Strike 2012 involves about 2,000 personnel from eight countries. This, the second year of the Saber Strike exercise program, is part of an ongoing cooperative training effort primarily focused on the three nations of the Baltic States: Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

This exercise prepares partici-

pants to operate successfully in a joint, multinational, integrated environment with host-nation support from civil and governmental agencies.

Saber Strike 2012 will consist of situational training exercises and a field training exercise at the Adazi training area, Latvia.

A command post exercise will be conducted at various sites in Estonia, including one near Tapa. Other participants include Canada, Finland, France and the United Kingdom.

Units from USAREUR include the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, which will fly a company of Strykers into Latvia.

The Michigan Air National Guard is participating with KC-135 and A-10 aircraft providing close air support. An infantry company of the 4th Marine Division will also be there, and a Joint Terminal Air Controller team from the Washington Air National Guard.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the state partnership program between the Michigan Air National Guard and Latvia.

## Making soup



Samantha Smith

Heidelberg Middle School students chop vegetables for soup in the 275-year-old kitchen of the Falkenhof building at the Schwarzwälder Freilichtmuseum in the Black Forest May 24. German teacher Jennifer Jackson organized the field trip to give students a hands-on presentation of what life was like for the early settlers of the Black Forest. Students made soup and bread, saw a demonstration of a grinding mill and toured several other buildings at the museum, including the original mayor's house, which is 400 years old this year.



### Got news or photos to share?

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Staff Sgt. Joe Armas

Family members of a Soldier with 1st Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, await to be reunited during a welcome home ceremony at Cooper Field, Fort Hood, Texas, May 28.



Gertrud Zach

A Soldier stays low in the grass after dismounting a Stryker armored vehicle during a blank live fire exercise at the Grafenwöhr Training Area, May 24.



Kenneth Drylie

Cadet Jeremy Garrett plays taps at the conclusion of the Memorial Day commemoration at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Apple Valley, Calif., May 28.



Staff Sgt. Joel Salgado

Pvt. Jacob Pharr, a radio operator with U.S. Army Europe's 1st Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, and his Bosnian-Herzegovinian partner, foreground, check their mission time during an ambush Situational Training Exercise, part of Immediate Response 2012, at the Slunj Training Area in Croatia, Friday.



Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod

Support Soldiers with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team signal to a truck driver which way to back up while loading a flat rack onto a Load Handling System May 25 at Forward Operating Base Arian, Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. The Soldiers are paratroopers with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.



# Belgian soldiers say goodbye with charity concert

## HQ Allied Force Command Heidelberg

The Belgian community invites Soldiers and families of the Allied Force Command Headquarters Heidelberg and community members to a performance by the Belgian band Royal Symphonic Bands of the Guides.

The concert will take place 8-10:30 p.m. June 14 at the historic Heidelberg Congress House, located at Neckarstrasse 24 in Heidelberg.

The event is being organized as a farewell to the Heidelberg community as the Allied Force Command will close in 2013.

The band will play works by Mozart, Brahms and Tchaikovsky and other classical compositions and will be directed by Yves Segers together with the Heidelberg soprano Eva Leberherz-Valentin.

Tickets can be purchased at Zigarren Grimm at Sofienstrasse 11 in Heidelberg and cost €12-25.

The proceeds will be donated to the

city of Heidelberg, which will support the Heidelberger Südstadt-Tafel Rat und Tat St Elisabeth.

The Royal van de Gidsen band is a large orchestral harmony of the Belgian Army.

It consists of 84 carefully selected musicians, all of whom were awarded various prizes from the Belgian-Royal Conservatory.

Since the founding of the orchestra in 1832, it has thrilled large audiences at home and abroad by its exceptional quality.

Renowned foreign composers, including Roger Boutry and Derek Bourgeois, have had their works by the Royal Chapel Music Van de Gidsen played and recorded to CD.

The real appeal of the band, however, is the Belgian music which was composed specifically for this kind of orchestra.

In the autumn of 1832, Jean-Valentin Bender was an accomplished clarinetist and conductor with the

music corps of the 1st Belgian line regiment.

Belgian King Leopold I personally commissioned a military band, which would accompany the changing of the guard at the royal guard battalion musical.

As the music corps of 1 Gidsen Regiment often accompanied the royal family in their travels abroad, it was awarded the honorary title of "barge Muziekkapel of de Koning," or "special band of the king."

Since its inception, the band has enjoyed increasing popularity. In 1985, Norbert Nozy, himself an internationally renowned saxophonist, became conductor of the orchestra.

Through his many concerts at home and abroad, as well as television appearances, he has boosted the prestige of the orchestra.

In March 2008 Lieutenant Yves Segers became conductor of the orchestra harmony.

He has conducted musical creations



File photo

Soloist Eva Leberherz-Valentin will perform with the Royal Symphonic Bands of the Belgian Guides June 14 at the Congress House in Heidelberg.

by Jacqueline Fontyn, François Glorieux, Derek Bourgeois and Frédéric Devreese.

Next year, Allied Force Command Heidelberg will close due to structural reform of NATO, and many of its service members and families will leave the area.



File photo

The Royal Symphonic Bands of the Belgian Guides will perform a charity concert at Heidelberg Congress House June 14. The concert is a farewell to the Heidelberg community, as the Allied Force Command will close in 2013.

## Belgian soldiers in Heidelberg

- ◆ **1952:** Central Army Group Europe was formed. In the beginning, CENTAG was intended as a planning staff that worked with U.S. Army Europe at Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg.
- ◆ **1959:** CENTAG became an official NATO headquarters and was operational Oct. 1, 1960.
- ◆ **1960:** The first Belgian soldiers came to Heidelberg to serve with the ACE Mobile Force Land. The AMF-L was a multinational brigade that worked in association with land and air forces and served during the Cold War as a rapid intervention force. Participating nations were the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Germany. In the event of an attack by the Warsaw Pact countries, this group would immediately organize a counter-attack, which would demonstrate the solidarity of the nations involved in the alliance.
- ◆ **1993:** Allied Land Forces Central Europe was launched. Seven countries (Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States) participated and provided the staffing. Belgium was represented by 23 officers and 76 NCOs and soldiers.
- ◆ **2002:** The Association dissolved and some of the Belgian soldiers were integrated into the Central Joint Headquarters.
- ◆ **2012:** There are currently 380 soldiers from 23 nations serving with Allied Force Command Heidelberg. The headquarters is able to perform land force operations across the spectrum of NATO. American Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III has served as commander since May 5, 2010.
- ◆ **2013:** Allied Force Command will close in Heidelberg as part of structural reform of NATO.



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#### Dear Ms. Vicki,

I'm writing because I am so disgusted with my 18-year-old son and his recent decision to join the Army instead of going to college like we have always planned for him. College was his plan too; it's not like we were forcing him to go. This is disgusting, because my son has said he wanted to go to college since he was 6 or 7. It's disheartening because we saved money for him to go to college. How did I go to college? Well, I needed student loans, grants and a few scholarships, too. When I graduated with my Master of Business, I was loaded with student loan debt.

We didn't want our children to have to face the hardship of going to college like we did. His father and I have worked hard to make life easier for our children. His father (my husband) was in the Army four years and went to

Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. One enlistment was enough. It wasn't the life we wanted for our family. Even during the '90s, we knew the Army was full of warmongers. Just look at where we are today. We have wars going on in Iraq and Afghanistan, even though we supposedly have no ground troops in Iraq anymore. It's still a war there to me.

I just don't want my son involved in anything like this. He can do much better than the Army. He doesn't need the Army to pay for college, to give him leadership skills or experience or to make a man out of him. His father has been the perfect role model for him.

I just can't support this decision, and it's driving some distance between me and my son. I can't talk to him without crying, and the crying turns into arguments. I'm even arguing with my husband, because I think we should have moved far away from this military town, where these parents talk their sons and daughters into joining the Army. They think that life has nothing better to offer than enlisting in the Army. The military life is not the life I wanted for my son. I don't want him deploying and fighting for our country.

To be honest, I don't even believe in the wars we are fighting. Everything was based on an out-right lie, so why should I support my son doing something I don't believe in? My son is not deployed, he hasn't gone to boot camp and he hasn't even finished the enlistment process. However, when I look globally, I know it's just a matter of time until my son will be deployed, too.

We have spoken to our pastor, and it didn't do any good. My son will not relent from his position. He has his final Military Entrance Processing appointment in two weeks. He will have a swearing in ceremony and leave

for boot camp the same day. I need some advice on how to stop my son from joining the Army before it's too late.

#### Reservations about Enlistment Dear Enlistment,

The only thing I can say is that I understand your concerns for your son. Your husband served our country for a short time, but I think it's different when it's your child who is leaving for boot camp. Well, it sounds like your son has already made up his mind about joining the Army. I'm saddened because his enlistment has caused some distance and frequent arguments. While I understand your concerns, I think your son needs your support now. From your report, you have raised a good young man who has many options on the course of life he wants to take. The Army appears to be the most viable option to him, and he will join with or without your blessing. Because of this, I think you should ask your son his reasons for wanting to join. It will be good for you to hear what his goals are.

I know as parents, we sometimes plan our children's lives and set goals for them. However, he is 18, and it's normal and natural for him to have goals and dreams of his own.

I also wanted to respectfully say that your tone appears to be condescending of service members. It's like you are saying they aren't good enough or smart enough to do anything else with their lives, so they joined the Army. This is false. I only know smart, bright, intelligent service members of all ranks, from private to general. They are well-educated and most have higher education; they are well-trained and have many skills, too. Besides, you have to understand that you are writing your letter to a proud

Army spouse.

Let me refer you to a resource that may help and give you some insight. Blue Star Moms ([www.bluestarmoms.org](http://www.bluestarmoms.org)) are mothers who share pride, devotion and worries for our sons and daughters currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and for the sons and daughters who are now veterans. They have chapters across the country, and their support would be very beneficial to you. There are many other websites as well.

I wish you and your family all the best, and especially your son with his future Army endeavors. Feel free to keep in touch.

#### Responses to previous columns:

##### Dear Ms. Vicki,

I just love you. I'd like to be part of your Facebook or Twitter community, if they exist. I am an Army spouse and read your column every week. Thanks for keeping it real. It's what we need.

From A Real Fan

##### Dear Ms. Vicki,

I just want to tell you I love your articles. Your wisdom is great to share in situations that are less than perfect, ideal or normal. Keep it up.

##### Dear Ms. Vicki,

I don't know why our paper continues to give you a forum to bash people and make condescending remarks about everyone who writes you. You should feel good they take the time to ask you for advice, because I never would. Who are you, and what real skills or intellect do you have to be able to say the things you do to people? Put yourself in their shoes for a change, and maybe you would understand. You are a true elitist who is very uppity. Get off your high horse, please.

## MRSA may be transmitted in workplace

By Karla Simon

U.S. ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus is a potentially dangerous type of staph bacteria that is resistant to certain antibiotics.

It typically causes skin infection but can also affect the bloodstream, lungs, heart, bones and joints.

MRSA is transmitted most frequently by direct skin-to-skin contact or contact with shared items or surfaces that have come into contact with someone else's infection (for example, towels, used bandages and equipment).

Q: Am I at risk of getting MRSA from someone at work?

A. Some workplace settings have risk factors that make it easier to transmit MRSA. These factors, referred to as the five Cs, are as follows:

- Crowding
- Frequent skin-to-skin contact
- Compromised skin (like cuts or abrasions)
- Contaminated items and surfaces
- Lack of cleanliness

Q. How can I prevent MRSA infections?

A. Practice good hygiene:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Shower immediately after working out on gym equipment.

- Cover your wound. Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed.

- Do not touch. Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages.

- Do not share personal items. Avoid sharing personal items that touch bare skin, like towels, razors, uniforms and personal protective equipment.

Q. What should I do if I think I have a MRSA infection?

A. See your health care provider and follow your health care provider's advice about returning to work.

Q. I have MRSA. Can I go to work?

A. Unless directed by a health care provider, employees with MRSA infections should not be routinely excluded from going to work. Exclusion from work should be reserved for those with wound drainage ("pus") that cannot be covered

and contained with a clean, dry bandage and for those who cannot maintain good hygiene practices. Employees with active infections should be excluded from activities where skin-to-skin contact with the affected skin area is likely to occur, until their infections are healed.

Q. What should I do if I suspect that my uniform, clothing, personal protective equipment or workstation has become contaminated with MRSA?

A. Wash uniforms, clothing, sheets and towels that become soiled in a washing machine set to the hottest water setting (with added bleach, if possible). Dry the washed items in a hot dryer, rather than air-drying.

Cleaning contaminated equipment and surfaces with detergent-based cleaners or Environmental Protection Agency-registered disinfectants is effective at removing MRSA from the environment. The EPA provides a list of EPA-registered products effective against MRSA.

For more information, call U.S. civ. 1-800-CDC-INFO or visit [www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/mrsa](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/mrsa) or [www.epa.gov/oppad001/chemregindex.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/chemregindex.htm).



# GET OUT!

## area events

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

### June 6

**English Language Stammtisch** – The Stammtisch meets 6:30 p.m. at Zum Goldenen Schaf, Hauptstraße 115, Heidelberg Altstadt. Civ. 06221-20879. The discussion topic is recent elections in France, Greece and Germany and the gains of socialists and far right parties. Open to the public.

### June 7

**Festival** – Rose and light festival at the Palmengarten in Frankfurt. Visitors can enjoy music and dancing in the gardens through June 10.

**ADAC Bavaria Historic** – There will be a classic car show at Schloss Maxlrain near Bad Aibling (southeast of Munich), 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. [www.bavaria-historic.de](http://www.bavaria-historic.de). (German language only).

### June 8

**Black Sabbath 2012 Reunion Tour** – Ozzy Osbourne and original band members play 8 p.m. at Westfalenhalle in Dortmund. Tickets: [www.concertboom.com/dortmund/2012/june/black-sabbath-in-dortmund](http://www.concertboom.com/dortmund/2012/june/black-sabbath-in-dortmund).

### June 9

**Tutankhamen Tomb and Treasures** – Take a trip to see the world's only museum-quality replica of mankind's most fascinating tomb and its treasures. Tour includes round trip transportation, tickets and audio guide. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Amsterdam Express** – Take a tour of Amsterdam, known as the "Venice of the north." Tour includes breakfast, demonstrations of cheese and wooden shoe making, shopping at the DeSimonehoeve Cheese Factory, a sightseeing tour of all the main sights in Amsterdam and free time to enjoy the city on your own. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinmain/files/einebrucke32012web.indd.pdf>.

### June 10

**Freisen Mineral Fair** – The Freisen Mineral Club holds its annual Mineral Fair 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Bruchwaldhalle (town hall) in Freisen town, about 5 miles from Baumholder. Exhibitors and sellers from various European countries and the local area present their minerals and jewelry.

### June 14

**Concert** – The Belgian "Royal Symphony Bands 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. Neckarstadt 24, 69117.

### June 15

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

### June 16

**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 II 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).

**Heidelberg Zoo** – Explore the Heidelberg Zoo this summer. Opening hours 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. [www.zoo-heidelberg.de/information-in-english](http://www.zoo-heidelberg.de/information-in-english).

**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 23

**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 after 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, La 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. Brandstätterstraße 2-10, 90513 Zirndorf. Civ. 0911-966-6455, [www.playmobil-funpark.de/en](http://www.playmobil-funpark.de/en).

### June 25

**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.

### July 7

**Friendship Concert** – United States Army Band and Concert hosts a free Friendship concert 8:30 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 Lanxess Arena in Köln at 9 p.m. June 16. Tickets at [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de).

**Bobby McFerrin** – Ten-time Grammy Award winning vocalist and conductor Bobby McFerrin plays the Alte Oper in Frankfurt 8 p.m. July 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).

**Lady Antebellum** – The Grammy-award winning country music group plays the Jahrhunderthalle in Frankfurt 7 p.m. July 20. Tickets: [www.germanticketoffice.com](http://www.germanticketoffice.com).

### Ongoing

**Olympia Park** – Munich's Olympia Park was home to the 1972 Summer Olympics and the venue now hosts concerts, sporting events, conventions and other special events. Guided tours are available for visitors. [www.olympiapark.de/en/home](http://www.olympiapark.de/en/home).

## coming to THEATERS

### SNOW WHITE

(Kristen Stewart) Snow White is the only person in the land fairer than the evil queen, who is out to destroy her. But what the wicked ruler never imagined is that the young woman threatening her reign has been training in the art of war with a huntsman who was dispatched to kill her. Joining her is the prince, long enchanted by Snow White's beauty and power. (Rated PG-13 for emotional thematic material, some disturbing images and language) 127 minutes.



### PLAYING THIS WEEK

#### Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

June 7 - MIRROR MIRROR (PG) 7 p.m.  
 June 8 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.; 21 JUMP STREET (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 June 9 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 4 p.m.; WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 7 p.m.; 21 JUMP STREET (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 June 10 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 4 p.m.; WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 June 11 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 June 12 - 21 JUMP STREET (R) 7 p.m.  
 June 13 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 June 14 - WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) 7 p.m.

#### Vogelweh, Galaxy

June 8 - MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 June 9 - MIRROR MIRROR (PG) 4 p.m.; THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 June 10 - TANGLED (PG) 4 p.m.

#### Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

June 7 - MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6:15 p.m.; MIRROR MIRROR (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; TANGLED (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.  
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 June 11 - 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., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m.  
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 June 13 - 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., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; TANGLED (PG) - 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m.  
 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., 4:45 p.m.; HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 4 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), Cinemax (M7, 17), Mannheim, civ. 01805-625466, [www.cineplex.de](http://www.cineplex.de)

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

June 7-9 MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG-13) 10 p.m. at Cineplex  
 June 7-9 DARK SHADOWS (PG-13) 11:45 p.m. at Cineplex  
 June 7-10 - SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN (PG-13) 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:45 p.m. at CinemaxX

## community HIGHLIGHTS

### 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. Tickets available 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday until June 8 in the USAREUR Protocol Office, Room 215, Bldg. 1 (Keys Building), on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg. DSN 377-4507/4521/4520, civ. 06221-39-4507.

### Local National Assembly

The semi-annual local national personnel assembly is scheduled for 1 p.m. June 11 in the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. The assembly will include information about the closure of U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg. Managers are required to release their local national employees to attend the assembly. DSN 373-6006, civ. 06221-17-6006.

### Displaced, Nondisplaced Briefings

The Department of Defense Transition Programs Office will sponsor a briefing that familiarizes non-displaced overseas employees with the basic policies and procedures of the Priority Placement Program 10 a.m.-noon June 11 at the Patrick Henry Village Theater in Heidelberg. The briefing will allow participants to make informed decisions regarding their participation in the program. Employees enrolled in the Priority Placement Program due to normal Date Eligible for Return from Overseas or return rights to a lower grade should go to the non-displaced briefing. The displaced personnel briefing, which primarily impacts organizations with employees losing their jobs due to abolishment, Reduction in Force or base closure, is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. June 11 in the PHV Theater. DSN 370-3347, civ. 06221-57-3347.

### 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.

### 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.

### NATO Change Of Command

By invitation only, 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. DSN 496-5302, civ. 06302-67-5302.

### KAISERSLAUTERN Education

• **Hello America** – Family members who have never been to the United States can attend a free class to learn about American customs, courtesies and traditions 10 a.m. June 7 in the Yellow Ribbon Room, Bldg. 2926 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration required. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

• **Couples Communication** – Family Advocacy now offers a two-part Couples Communication series that teaches the keys to better communication, effective listening and understanding 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 7 and 14 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration required. Civ. 0631-3406-4203.

• **USA Jobs** – Receive hands-on instruction and assistance from Army Community Service employment readiness experts on how to find government jobs 10 a.m. June 8 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4029, civ. 0631-3406-4029.

• **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 11 and Mondays; intermediate classes meet 9:30 a.m. Fridays. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

• **Stress Management** – Learn about the different kinds of stress and healthy ways to cope 11:30 a.m. June 12 and Tuesdays in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4062, civ. 0631-3406-4062.

• **Anger Management Classes** – Learn how anger is triggered, ways to monitor and associate patterns of anger with thought processes and how to control it in a 3-part anger management class 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. June 13 and Wednesdays in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration required. DSN 493-4062, civ. 0631-3406-4062.

• **Bank Account Management** – Learn how to establish a budget, track spending and maximize savings to increase net worth 9-11 a.m. June 12 in Bldg. 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration required. DSN 493-4151, civ. 0631-3406-4151.

• **Resume Writing Workshop** – Learn what employers look for on resumes and practice an interview 10 a.m. June 12 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4029, civ. 0631-3406-4029.

• **Budgeting for Baby** – Learn how to understand the cost of raising a child 1:30 p.m. June 12 in Bldg. 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration required. Civ. 0631-3406-4203.

• **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.

• **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.

### Community

• **Independent, Foreign Films** – There will be a free showing of the film "The Human Resource Manager," about a manager trying to prevent the publication of a defamatory article on the largest industrial bakery in Israel, 5:30 p.m. June 6 at Kleber Branch Library, Bldg. 3205. Refreshments provided. DSN 493-4558, civ. 0631-3406-4558.

• **BOSS Amsterdam Trip** – Registration is required by June 8 for the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers trip to Amsterdam by bus 10 a.m. June 15 from Army Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 2905 on Pulaski Barracks, returning June 16. Trip is open to single and married service members, geographical bachelors and spouses accompanied by their service member ages 18 and older. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

• **HUGS Playgroup** – HUGS (Help Us Grow Securely) playgroup, for parents and children birth to age 4, meets 10-11:30 a.m. June 8 and Fridays at the Vogelweh Community Center. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

• **Right Arm Night** – Join fellow Soldiers in celebrating the Army's birthday with karaoke, bratwurst, soda, snacks and cake 4-8 p.m. June 8 at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036 on Vogelweh Housing. Advanced tickets available at a discount. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

• **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** – KMC Onstage presents Dirty Rotten Scoundrels 7:30 p.m. June 8 and 9 and 3 p.m. June 10 at KMC Onstage, Bldg. 3232 on Kleber Kaserne. Purchase tickets at the Landstuhl One Stop Shop. DSN 486-8943, civ. 06371-86-8943.

• **Country Nights** – Check out Germany's largest country party and ride the mechanical bull 8 p.m.-4 a.m. June 9 and Saturdays at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057 on Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

• **Family Fun Days** – Spend a quality family afternoon playing darts, virtual bowling, shooting pool, video games and more 3-6 p.m. June 10 and 24 at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036, on Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

• **Kleber VAT Office** – The Kleber

Kaserne Value Added Tax office is moving to the first floor of Bldg. 3205 and will be closed June 11-13. Hours starting June 14 will be 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

• **New Moms Group** – Mothers can bring their babies birth to 12 months to network and learn about intimate topics during a New Moms Group meeting 10:15-11:30 a.m. June 12 in Bldg. 2919 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4058, civ. 0631-3406-4058.

• **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.

• **Pulaski VAT Office** – The Pulaski Barracks Value Added Tax office will be closed June 11-15. Hours starting June 18 will be 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 493-4035, civ. 0631-346-4035.

• **Father's Day Bingo** – Father's Day Bingo is 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.

• **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.

### HEIDELBERG Education

• **ACS Classes** – Culture College, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 11-14; Interviewing Skills, 9-11 a.m. June 12, Information Center, PHV, Village Pavilion Community Center; Financial Readiness Briefing, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 13; Effective Management of Volunteers, 10-11 a.m. June 13; 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.

• **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**

• **Playgroup** – Parent 2 Parent hosts a playgroup 9:30-11 a.m. June 8 and Fridays at the Patrick Henry Village Child Development Center.

Parents and their babies, toddlers and preschoolers can make crafts, sing songs and more. DSN 388-9241, civ. 06221-338-9241.

• **Heidelberg High School** – Heidelberg High School's graduation will be 6-8 p.m. June 8 in the Kongresshaus Stadthalle in Heidelberg. DSN 370-8004, civ. 06221-57-8004.

• **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 8 and Fridays at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570.

• **Cultural Club** – The Heidelberg Cultural Club meets 6:30 p.m. June 14 and second Thursdays at the Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village. Members 18 and older visit various cultural sites and more. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418.

• **Right Arm Night** – Ages 18 and older can enjoy happy hour with their bosses and co-workers 5-7 p.m. June 15 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. 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).

• **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).

• **TKS** – Teletop 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.

• **Mannheim Elementary** – The Mannheim Elementary School closing ceremony will be 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 8 at the school, with a picnic and celebration hosted by the PTA afterward. DSN 380-4705, civ. 0621-730-4705.

• **TGIF Buffet** – Enjoy a buffet 6:30 p.m. and stay for variety music 9 p.m.-2 a.m. June 8 and every Friday at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

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# Community Softball Action



Sgt. 1st Class Adam Shaw, American Forces Network, mans the pitcher's mound during the first half of a softball game against the 529th Military Police Company on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg Monday. Below, AFN's Staff Sgt. Jarrett Simpkins sprints toward home plate.



Spc. Brittni Morgan, 529th Military Police Company, takes a crack at a pitch during a game against American Forces Network-Europe and Heidelberg Medical Activity (combined team) Monday in Heidelberg. Below, HMEDDAC's Staff Sgt. Casey Lowe pounds a pitch toward the outfield. AFN beat the 529th MP with a final score of 8 - 7.

Photos by Dijon Rolle



## Tennis tourney spotlights local youth talent

By John English  
CYSS SPORTS AND FITNESS

Amid overcast skies, youth from the Kaiserslautern, Wiesbaden, Mannheim and Heidelberg communities gathered to participate in the Installation Management Command-Europe Child, Youth and School Services tennis championships Saturday in Heidelberg.

The event highlighted the culmination of the 2012 CYSS tennis season.

Some 52 participants displayed their skill on the clay courts, with many of the youth just recently picking up the racquet for the first time at the start of the season.

At the conclusion of the tournament, CYSS officials offered special thanks to the many players, parents, coaches and administrators for their hard work and dedication to the 2012 CYSS tennis program.

For more details on CYSS sports programs, call DSN 388-9397, civ. 06221-338-9032.

### CYSS Tennis Championships Results

#### Singles

##### Boys (8-9 years old)

1st Place - Ben Kuhn  
2nd Place - Declan Colbert  
3rd Place - Royce Smola

##### Boys (10-11 years old)

1st Place - Hayden Hamrick  
2nd Place - Joseph Krapf  
3rd Place - Chris Hochgesang

##### Boys 12-13 years old

1st place - Adam Jost  
2nd place - Scott Jost  
3rd place - Konnor Ramos,  
Ian Colbert and Jacob  
Frohlund-Hagg

##### 14-15-year-olds

1st place - Alexander Burke  
2nd place - Cassandra  
Richmond

##### Girls (8-9 years old)

1st place - Kate Thomson  
2nd place - Astrid Frohlund-  
Hagg  
3rd place - Hannah Ismail

##### Girls (10-11 years old)

1st place - Charlotte Kordonow  
2nd place - Andrea Garcia  
3rd place - Helena Watson

##### Girls (12-13 years old)

1st place - Makaylah Dalton  
2nd place - Elizabeth Thomson  
3rd place - Madison Hogenson  
and Taylor Bray

### More CYSS Programs

- ♦ Youth sports summer soccer camps are held throughout the summer
- ♦ Early sign-up advised for CYSS programs to ensure availability
- ♦ Fall sports registration begins June 11 through Aug.10 for flag and tackle football, soccer, cheerleading and cross country.
- ♦ For more information, call the CYSS sports office noon-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at DSN 388-9397, civ. 06221-338-9397.

## staying ACTIVE

### Family 5k Fun Run

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts a 5k family fun run June 9 in honor of the Army's 237th Birthday. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and run begins at 9 a.m. from the commissary at Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. The event is open to all ages and is stroller friendly. Dogs must be on a leash. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Boxing Invitational

Boxing Invitational 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.

### 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

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

### Special Mix

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 Pump Iron workout. Classes meet noon Mondays, 6 p.m. Tuesdays and 6:30 a.m. Fridays at Campbell Fitness Center in Heidelberg.

### Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

ID card holders 18 and older can learn Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu while staying fit with this time-honored self-defense technique 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. The course emphasizes physical fitness, mental and spiritual focus, self-discipline and personal enhancement through camaraderie and respect. No experience necessary. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Paintball Play Days

ID card holders ages 16 and up and non-ID card holders 18 and up can play paintball rain or shine at the Rod and Gun Club in Oftersheim, an der Bundestraße 291. Units and groups: noon-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; open play 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundays. Field fees include marker, mask and goggles. DSN 06202-51193, civ. 06202-605644, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Archery Range

Located behind the Rod & 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 all across the range. Civ. 06205-14-309. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Send the Herald Post your photos

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

## GRADS

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Schools identified as participating in this year's program include:

- June 7 – Ansbach and Bamberg High Schools
- June 8 – Heidelberg, Lakenheath, Hohenfels, Kaiserslautern and Ramstein High Schools
- June 9 – Aviano and Bitburg High Schools
- June 10 – Wiesbaden High School
- June 12 – Schweinfurt High School
- June 14 – Vilseck High School

Using web technology, deployed parents will be able to see their graduating senior cross the stage and view student messages recorded for the occasion.

The collective effort is intended to give graduating students and deployed parents the opportunity to share in this life event.

This is the ninth year the effort has been undertaken. Planning for this year's webcast began in January.

Seniors who had – or anticipated having – parents deployed at graduation were identified through the high schools and the coordination process began.

The graduations will be available for downloading after the conclusion of the ceremony.

Graduations can be viewed at [www.doddsegrads.net](http://www.doddsegrads.net) (Username: 2012grads, Password: lucky2012).

## THRIFT

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Manager Marion Fry said recently, her phone has rung throughout the day with volunteers and workers wanting to know if they could help, something that didn't surprise her.

"Everyone was calling looking for projects, asking, 'What can I do?' Really now, we're just working on the final touches," Fry said.

First Sgt. Tony A. Hockensmith, USAG Baden-Württemberg Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and a crew of some half-dozen Soldiers helped pack and move three truckloads of thrift stop merchandise, equipment and materials, Hunt said.

Hockensmith said he was glad to help.

"The Thrift Store is truly one of those 'value added' services that go to better the quality of life here in Heidelberg," Hockensmith said.

"The Spouse's Club has

harnessed the back-home feeling in their store. They go out of their way to welcome you into the store and talk with you, letting you know that [they] have that item you were looking for on your last visit.

"Their commitment to the community made it easy for us to say yes, when they asked for some help," Hockensmith added.

The thrift shop will start accepting donations and consignments again until 6 p.m. June 7, with the shop closing 7 p.m. that day.

The shop's grand reopening is 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 9, and customers are welcome to enjoy barbecue provided by HCSC, Fry said.

The old location, adjacent to the PHV Theater, closed May 19. It will be renovated into a consolidated postal service office, which is scheduled to open Oct. 1, said Ivor Watson, director of human resources during a USAG Baden-Württemberg town hall

meeting in the Village Pavilion Community Center on PHV May 3.

The new thrift shop will be across from the Recycling Center.

The thrift shop's mission is to provide a place where personal goods may be sold for the mutual benefit of seller and buyer. The activities of the thrift shop are governed by applicable HCSC bylaws and the thrift shop's standard operating procedures.

The thrift shop takes 30 percent of the selling price of consigned items that sell within 90 days. The profits go back into the community through the HCSC Welfare Account, much of which go toward scholarships.

The remaining profit goes toward operating costs and salaries for the eight paid staffers, Fry said. There are currently 10 regular volunteers.

Items that do not sell or are not collected by the consigner become thrift shop property.

Clients may consign up to four items per category, or a maximum of 16 items per day, minus anything on the weekly exclusion list of merchandise the thrift store has an abundance of. The exclusion list may be found on the thrift shop's website at [www.hcsc-heidelberg.com/thriftshop.html](http://www.hcsc-heidelberg.com/thriftshop.html).

Those on Permanent Change of Station orders may turn in up to 32 items and do not have to follow the exclusion list.

Donations are also welcome, Fry added.

The thrift shop is open 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, 2-7 p.m. Thursday and 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. first and third Saturdays, with consignments accepted until an hour prior to closing.

The thrift shop is closed during Department of Defense Dependents School breaks and on HCSC luncheon days.

For more information on the Heidelberg Thrift shop, call civ. 06221-767991.

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