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## Village Pavilion gets facelift, becomes community center

*New chef brings European cuisine, fresh ingredients, ideas*

**By Elizabeth Casebeer**  
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In December 2010, Angelee Aurillo left her business, Amuse Bouche Catering, behind in Vail, Colo., for a long overdue European vacation, the first holiday season she had not worked in 12 years.

Traveling to England, Scotland, the Czech Republic, Rome and others with her boyfriend, the New Orleans native became smitten with Heidelberg.

American tourists can stay in Germany up to three months without a visa. As that time was drawing to a close, the couple decided they wanted more time overseas. Aurillo returned to Vail, packed her things, notified her clients and came back to Heidelberg.

Aurillo sought a part-time job that would allow her to travel. An acquaintance suggested she apply with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation as a barista at the

Java Café on Patrick Henry Village.

Aurillo turns in her barista apron today and swaps it for a chef's coat and hat: she is the new director of catering and executive chef at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg, which was formally catered by a local German contractor.

The catering staff includes five waiters, three cooks and a few people who help set up for each event.

"I loved the Java Café, but I needed to go back to cooking. I was being drawn back. My heart wanted to stay here, but I didn't think it was possible. And all of a sudden, this great opportunity arose. It was perfect timing, a win-win situation. They were looking for someone, and I wanted to stay and cook," Aurillo said.

The Pavilion is getting a facelift this month, with new lobby furniture, a reception area for Army Community Service, WiFi, a coffee shop



Elizabeth Casebeer

Angelee Aurillo, the new director of catering and executive chef at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg, shows a sample menu item of filet mignon, roasted asparagus and tomatoes and garlic mashed potatoes Friday. Aurillo is working with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation to revamp the Pavilion into a community center that will include a restaurant featuring gourmet and comfort food.

and more, said FMWR director Berry Patrick.

But more than that, the Pavilion will become a central community center during the next year and a half,

before U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg begins the closure process. The garrison is currently slated for closure in fall 2013.

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## Survey results show news sources, most valuable news for community members

**By Donna Walker**  
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U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg community members look for information in the traditional way – through newspaper, television and radio; the majority is over 35 years old; the information most valuable to them concerns transformation changes.

The garrison's recently conducted command information survey received

a large response from all segments of the population, according to the report from the public affairs office.

"Because of the high response rate, we can interpret the results of the survey with a 99 percent confidence level," said Regina Hingtgen, public affairs officer. "We thank our community members for their great support."

Most of the respondents (45 percent) were civilian employees, 23 percent were active duty military, 13 percent

were family members, 11 percent local national employees and the remainder were contractors, veterans, retirees and reservists.

In addition, 18 percent of respondents were under 24 years old, 49 percent were 35-50 and 34 percent were 51 or older.

"We believe this is a good representation of the community," Hingtgen said. "A lot of our units with younger see SURVEY page 12

## COMMENTARY

# Culture College teaches host nation's way of life

By Sgt. Michael Reinsch  
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Almost every day service members, civilians and family members arrive in Europe. While some are on their second or third assignment, others may be getting their passports stamped for the first time.

These service members may be unfamiliar with their new surroundings, and feel a sense of being displaced. This is often referred to as culture shock, or a sense of confusion and uncertainty that may affect people exposed to a different culture or environment without adequate preparation.

However, to better prepare and equip service members and their families to face this challenge, Army Community Service in Europe has developed Culture College.

This class is designed to give service members and their families a chance to learn about the culture of the host nation and the services of ACS.

"Having the Culture College ingrained into the Army Community Services gives us a chance to talk about some of the other services that are available," said William Luna, outreach and adaptation division chief for Baumholder. "We make sure that they understand what's new to them in this country, but also what is going on in their community so they can live the most resilient lifestyle

possible."

Since 2011, ACS has been responsible for hosting the Culture College. Its integration into the welcoming process was out of a need for a more structured form of cultural education, one that can be altered and amended to fit each garrison around Europe.

Before the start of the Culture College, individual garrisons did something similar called the Head Start program.

"It's really a new program instead of a continuation of the Head Start program," said Julia Sibilla, ACS supervisory community programs manager and relocation readiness programs manager in Vicenza, Italy.

"The Head Start program was much longer and involved multiple people and resources. Our [Culture College] is a one-day course to help Soldiers and civilians integrate into the local communities," she said.

Some Culture Colleges around Europe take an extended time to introduce their curriculum to students. If a garrison receives a large influx of incoming personnel, the course can be tailored to be longer and have more iterations, but if a garrison only receives a small amount of incoming personnel, it can be shortened to fit the needs of that garrison.

"My course here in Baumholder is broken down into three parts; Culture College 101, 201 and 301. Each one is a two-day class and each course goes

about 15 hours," Luna said. "301 is kind of the finale. [Students] are broken into teams and they participate in The Amazing Race.

The scavenger hunt style race takes all the lessons the students learned from the previous five days and puts them into practice to enforce them.

"Each team gets clues and different missions that they have to go do. They start at the ACS in Baumholder and have to travel all the way to Mainz and all the way back. It is a great learning experience where the participants have to use the German that they were taught to win the race," Luna said.

Service members and family members who come to Europe, be it Germany, Benelux, Italy or somewhere else within the 51 countries within U.S. Army Europe's area of responsibility, can feel a little more at ease when it comes time to visit these historic countries.

"Our culture college workshop helps services members and families to embrace Belgium. During those two days, they will be briefed on cultural differences, French and public transportation," said Veronique Hensgens, ACS relocation readiness program manager, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux. "Those two days really give service members and families a taste of the new installation and the new country. This workshop will also give a great opportunity to service

## Culture College Classes

- ◆ 5-8:30 p.m. March 5-8
- ◆ 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 16-19
- ◆ 5-8:30 p.m. May 14-17
- ◆ 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 11-14

All classes are held at Army Community Service in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, Room 172, in Heidelberg.

members and families to learn how to get around using the national public transportation system."

ACS has taken on the daunting task of teaching newcomers about the new world most coming to Europe have never experienced. This safety net for new personnel is surely a welcomed presence that softens the blow of culture shock.

"A good orientation introduces you to a community and helps build understanding for cultural norms and expectations, but an exceptional orientation welcomes you to your community, exposes you to the 'wider world' you are now living in and gives you the essential tools to master your new setting while having fun," said Brandi Stauber, Installation Management Command Europe Relocation ACS, Family Advocacy Program Manager.

"ACS Culture Colleges are better than good; they're exceptional."



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## DISCUSSION BOARD

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

"Representatives from the U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt will conduct an outreach program 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. March 8 in Room 232, Bldg. 3850, in the Community Support Center in Heidelberg. Applications will be accepted for reports of birth, and initial and renewal of tourist and official passports. For more info call DSN 370-3921/3922, civ. 06221-57-3921/3922."

—BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Is it possible to go to Frankfurt to do this instead of waiting?"

—Becky Hall, BWnow Facebook fan

"Becky, You are welcome to still go to Frankfurt. The outreach program is designed to help folks who may not have the time or means to travel to Frankfurt."

—BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Hello, can anyone be of any help in contacting a chaplain in Mannheim or Heidelberg please?"

—Denise A Natal-Robinson, BWnow Facebook fan

"Denise, the phone number for the USAG BW chaplains office is DSN 373-6190, or civ. 06221-17-6190."

—BWnow Facebook Administrator



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# Pfennig Bazaar



Regina Hingtgen

Wearing purple gloves and sporting the lingerie she's selling at the annual German-American Women's Club Pfennig Bazaar, a woman helps a customer examine a bathrobe and other items. Swarms of people lined up at 9:30 a.m. for the bazaar's official opening at 11 a.m. at the International Gesamtschule in Heidelberg Hasenleiser Friday. This year's bazaar was the organization's 55th, a number known as a *Schnapszahl* because of its double-digit match. It is generally considered in German culture to be a lucky occurrence in games and in life.



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Enterprise Email will allow Army personnel to access their Army email from any Department of Defense location. Users will be able to collaborate with any Army user worldwide via a true global address list.

## Enterprise Email migrations to resume

### G-6 Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – The Army expects to resume migrations to Department of Defense Enterprise Email by March 17, according to Mike Krieger, Army deputy chief information officer, G-6.

On Feb. 16, Secretary of the Army John McHugh certified that the Army's approach to the acquisition of DOD Enterprise Email services is in the best technical and financial interests of the Army and provides for the maximum amount of competition possible.

The Army acquisition of DOD Enterprise Email services was designated a formal acquisition program Jan. 25.

On Jan. 1, the Army paused new migrations until some questions in the fiscal year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act were answered by McHugh.

## Blood drive set for March 12

By Stefan Alford  
HMEDDAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Community members are asked to roll up their sleeves and give back to their own at a blood drive 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. March 12 in the Casablanca Room, next to the food court on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg.

The Armed Services Blood Program only collects blood from the military community (service members, family members, Department of Defense civilians, contractors, retirees and installation guests) and the blood is only used for the military community, said Mike Peacock, blood donor recruiter with the Armed Services Blood Bank Center Europe at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

"Without (community members), we could not meet the needs of our military community worldwide," he emphasized.

People are encouraged to make an appointment online, but walk-ins are welcome, added Spc. Maria Wroblewski, coordinator for the local drive sponsored by the Heidelberg Medical Department Activity.

Interested donors can make an appointment at <https://www.militarydonor.com/index.cfm?group=op&hgid=1>.

Individuals wishing to donate should be aware of the following restrictions:

- ♦ Must be at least 17 years old
- ♦ Cannot have a cold, flu or fever
- ♦ Have not had acupuncture in the last 12 months
- ♦ Cannot weigh less than 110 lbs.
- ♦ Cannot have traveled to Iraq, Eastern Turkey, Afghanistan or western provinces of Saudi Arabia (excluding Asir Province and the urban areas of Jeddah, Mecca, Medina, Riyadh and Taif/Prince Sultan Air Base) in the last year.

- ♦ Cannot have traveled to South Korea and been north of Seoul at any time, including the Demilitarized Zone tour, within the last two years

- ♦ Cannot have spent three months or more in the United Kingdom from 1980-1996

- ♦ Cannot have spent six months or more at a military installation in Europe from 1980-1996

- ♦ Cannot have lived in Europe for five years or more since Jan. 1, 1980 (except in the UK after Dec. 31, 1996)

- ♦ Cannot have had Hepatitis after 11 years of age

- ♦ Cannot have HIV or ever been tested positive for HIV

- ♦ Cannot be pregnant, or have been pregnant in the last six weeks

- ♦ Cannot have acquired any tattoos or permanent make up outside the United States within the last year

- ♦ Cannot have acquired a tattoo within the last year in any of the following places: California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Utah and Wyoming. All other areas in the U.S. are acceptable one week after acquiring the tattoo.

In addition, donors must know the name of any medication they are taking or have taken in the previous four weeks (i.e., aspirin, Tylenol, birth control pills, antibiotics), as well as any immunizations administered in the last four weeks. Donors must also be able to provide information on every location they have been outside of the United States or Canada since 1980.

For information, call DSN 371-2352, civ. 06221-17-2352.

## transformation UPDATE

### Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

#### **NEW – What are the plans for housing on PHV? As they move families out, is there a possibility a lieutenant colonel living in a stairwell could move into colonel quarters?**

The issue still needs to be reviewed by the senior mission commander. First priority is relocating those families that need to move from Mannheim and Mark Twain Village. We need to be sure we have adequate housing for families first before we can look at convenience moves. It also depends on how much money the garrison has. Although it may seem as though these moves are easy, there is still money required because maintenance has to be performed.

#### **I currently live off-base in the Mannheim area. The Army gave us money to cover our deposit for our house. When we move to Wiesbaden, will the deposit on our new house be covered until the first landlord returns our deposit?**

If you have not paid your first security deposit back, then you are not entitled to a second one. If you have repaid the whole amount back from the first one, then, yes, you are entitled to a second security deposit for your new duty station.

#### **My wife will be stationed in Heidelberg for three years beginning in July (at the veterinary clinic). How is this possible if everything is closing?**

Each unit will make the decision as to when they will start diverting their Soldiers to their new location. For example, Soldiers could continue to be assigned to the veterinary clinic since Patrick Henry Village does not have to be fully closed until 2015. The vet clinic may close sometime in 2014, but that Soldier can still serve two years of time here before the community closes and later be transferred to another vet clinic in Europe. Soldiers should contact their first sergeant or commander for additional information.

#### **Any word on when Coleman Barracks (specifically the correctional facility) will be closing?**

Right now we don't have a confirmed closure date for the correctional facility, but Coleman is scheduled to close in 2014.

#### **What's the possibility of having MP crossing guards by the main Burger King gate when the kids are walking to school in the morning?**

There are two Military Police officers stationed at the Patrick Henry Village access control point near Burger King each morning and afternoon directing traffic. They are there to ensure the safety of the school children and to expedite the movement of the school buses. The hours are 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. until the intersection is cleared.

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

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

#### **If our children are enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program in Heidelberg, will we need to redo their paperwork when we move to our next community?**

Yes, each time you PCS to a new community, you will need to complete

an eligibility screening and submit the appropriate paperwork.

#### **When will a decision be made about employees who are not receiving Living Quarters Allowance during a Management Directed Reassignment?**

Officials from the Heidelberg Civilian Personnel Advisory Center advise that the decision to provide LQA to employees relocating under a management directed reassignment (that are not currently receiving it) would be up to that particular organization. Employees may submit documentation through their supervisors to request LQA and their receiving organization would be responsible for either approving or disapproving the individual request, which is then sent to civilian personnel for final approval.

### 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, [damien.r.hunt@eur.army.mil](mailto:damien.r.hunt@eur.army.mil); 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); or Master Sgt. Romeo Satsatin, acting USAG Baden-Württemberg command sergeant major, [romeo.i.satsatin.mil@mail.mil](mailto:romeo.i.satsatin.mil@mail.mil), DSN 373-1300, civ. 06221-17-1310.

**UPDATED – Chapel Closure** – The Benjamin Franklin Village chapel will now close in May. The last Catholic service will be 5 p.m. March 31. The last Protestant service will be May 6.

**Commissary** – The commissary is closed Mondays and Tuesdays and open 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m. Wednesday–Sunday. DSN 385-3940, civ. 0621-728-3611.

**NEW – Community Bank** – The Community Bank will be closed Mondays starting March 1. It will be open 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Saturday.

**NEW – Gas Station** – The Gas Station on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will be closed Mondays starting March 19 to coincide with the operating hours of the Exchange, also closed Mondays. There will be no access to BFV South (PX gate) on Mondays.

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

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

**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 American and German holidays. DSN 380-4435, civ. 0621-730-4633.

**Sullivan Gym Hours Change** – The Sullivan Fitness Center has new hours: 6 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m.–5 p.m. federal and training holidays.

**Tax Relief Office** – The Tax Relief Office on Sullivan Barracks has new 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.

**Transportation Motor Pool** – The Transportation Motor Pool on Spinelli Barracks has closed and all vehicles are dispatched at the Heidelberg

TMP, Bldg. 157, on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-8350, civ. 06221-17-8350, [www.bw.eur.army.mil/Directorates/DOL/TMP.html](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/Directorates/DOL/TMP.html).

**Vehicle Inspection** – Spinelli Barracks is the single-service location for vehicle inspections. Vehicle registration manager DSN 384-6100, civ. 0621-730-6100; support DSN 384-6911, civ. 0621-17-6911; vehicle inspection: DSN 384-6120, civ. 0621-730-6120. GPS: 68259 Mannheim-Feudenheim.

**Vehicle Registration** – The vehicle registration office on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim is in Bldg. 1563. Customers should first call or visit the official home page for the U.S. Army Europe Registry of Motor Vehicles to ensure they have the proper paperwork and fee amount for their transaction, and bring checks or money orders to pay fees. The Spinelli office is open 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Friday (including training holidays) and closed American holidays. DSN 384-6909/6100, civ. 0621-730-6909, [www.hqsaur.army.mil/rmv](http://www.hqsaur.army.mil/rmv).

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

### Heidelberg

**NEW – Airport Shuttle Buses** – The free shuttle bus service for service members, DOD civilians and their families departing Germany from Ramstein Air Base on the recently announced Patriot Express channel flight departs Heidelberg 5:40 a.m. every Tuesday from the Patrick Henry Village Guest House, Bldg. 4527, Grasweg, 69124 Heidelberg. The chartered bus includes a toilet and makes no rest area stops during the one hour, 45 minute drive. Travelers should arrive 15 minutes prior to bus departure with military identification cards and copies of permanent change of station or temporary duty orders. Service members on orders have priority, but other ID card holders can ride if space allows. For information or to sign up, contact the USAG Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility in the Community Support Center, Room 180, Bldg. 3850, at the Heidelberg Shopping Center. DSN 370-7343/6711, civ. 06221-57-8399, [usarmy.badenwurttemberg.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwurttemberg.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil).

**The shuttle bus to the Frankfurt Airport** departs Heidelberg 7:30 a.m. Monday–Friday from the PHV Guest House. It returns to Heidelberg 11 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. Monday–Friday and approximately 11 a.m. Saturday if there are Soldiers traveling to Heidelberg. Frankfurt Gateway Reception Center in the Shelton Hotel: DSN 334-6903/6905, civ. 069-6959-73803.

**Auto Skills** – The Auto Skills shop in Bldg. 4226 on Tompkins Barracks will close July 15. DSN 370-9585, civ. 06221-57-9585.

**Postal Finance and Official Mail Service** – The Postal Finance and Official Mail service at postal service center 432 on Tompkins Barracks has been discontinued. Services are now located at the Heidelberg Shopping Center APO, Bldg. 3850, and the Official Mail and Distribution Center on Campbell Barracks, Bldg. 19, respectively. Consolidated mail room operations at PSC 432 continue uninterrupted. DSN 370-7940, civ. 06221-57-7940.

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

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

**Tompkins Gym** – The Fitness Center on Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen will close on or about July 29. Hours are: 5:30 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Friday and closed Saturdays, Sundays and U.S. holidays and open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. training holidays. DSN 370-9193, civ. 06221-57-9193.

**Wood Shop** – The Wood Shop on Patton Barracks will close May 29. DSN 373-5195, civ. 06221-17-5195.



# 409th CSB supports mission in Horn of Africa

By Rachel Clark  
409TH CSB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Deploying to locations that cover a third of the globe, members of the 409th Contracting Support Brigade based in Kaiserslautern regularly find themselves supporting U.S. Africa Command in remote parts of the African continent.

In Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, as part of the Combined Joint Task Force–Horn of Africa, the contracting teams play integral roles in acquisition support.

“We are out to build relationships with the local populace and let them know we are a friendly force,” said Master Sgt. Andres Reta, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the 409th CSB team.

“We are key in the support of building, remodeling, reconstructing and upgrading of a lot of schools, clinics and wells,” Reta said.

Upon arrival at Camp Lemonnier, 409th team members become part of a joint military contracting community and are individually assigned to support a different country in Africa.

The team provides acquisition support that includes acquiring construction material, transportation and camp support, as well as humanitarian



409th Contracting Support Brigade  
Above, 409th Contracting Support Brigade contracting officers and 490th Civil Affairs team members conduct a hiring action in Djibouti, Djibouti. U.S. Navy Seabees are building a new health clinic in this remote village.

Right, contracting officers brief prospective applicants for security guard positions at the future site of the Ali Oune Health Clinic in Ali Oune, Djibouti.

efforts. “While working in the contracting office at Camp Lemonnier, our team got to write contracts for humanitarian efforts including veterinarian civic programs that helped vaccinate animals,” said Sgt. 1st Class Portia Hall, a 409th CSB team member.

“I was humbled by some of the things I got to see, and to be able to



support the mission in Africa was amazing, professionally and personally,” Hall said.

The joint environment provides contracting professionals the opportunity to learn new techniques and see how their peers are getting the job done.

“Navy supply corps officers don’t get to do contracting full time, so this

is a very unique opportunity,” said Capt. Scott Hawkins, of the U.S. Navy and the CJTF–HoA chief of contracts.

“This is a great experience, and it’s so interesting to be able to see how other service members are doing contracting,” Hawkins said.

The team also works on humanitarian projects that support the efforts toward building a nation.

## Reserve command team visits units with message about structure changes

By Sgt. Daniel J. Friedberg  
221ST PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, the chief of the Army Reserve and commanding general of the U.S. Army Reserve Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Schultz brought Soldiers messages focused on upcoming changes to the active and reserve Army structure during a two-day tour of the 7th Civil Support Command and the Kaiserslautern Military Community Feb. 11–12.

Stultz wasted no time telling Soldiers that current budget cuts, the election year and troop reductions in Iraq and Afghanistan are now placing renewed challenges on both the active and Reserve Army.

He made it clear the annual Army budget more than tripled in the last four years compared to 2002. He said the active Army has grown by over 90,000 Soldiers since 2002 and that future reductions are unstoppable.

“We can’t keep it up,” Stultz

said.

But Stultz sees possibilities for a cost-effective and combat-effective national force despite budget tightening.

He explained that President Barack Obama and Congress have asked him to increase the relevance of an operational reserve as part of the total Army force package for support functions like transportation, medical, military police, engineering and civil affairs.

Stultz said this idea draws on experience gained by a generation of professional Soldiers honed by 10 years of deployments in foreign wars.

There are opportunities and positions for separating veteran active duty Soldiers in the Army Reserve as part of the concept of “reversibility,” Stultz said. Veteran Army Reserve Soldiers and units will be deployed predictably for periods of a year or less in support of the active Army in a variety of international humanitarian and military missions within a five-year activation model

called Army Force Generation.

Depending on individual needs, Army requirements and national defense planning, Soldiers would also be able to switch from reserve service to active service and back again as part of a life-long “continuum of service,” Stultz said.

An Army Reserve Soldier only absorbs a quarter of the costs in training and pay of an active duty Soldier, and this economically allows the active Army to evolve into a more combat-oriented force by 2020, despite reducing expenditures, Stultz added.

The concept is so innovative that defense ministries of many countries are examining the Army’s Force Generation as a basis for their defense planning, Stultz said.

Foreign defense experts are also interested in how the Army develops its non-commissioned officers corps, which makes the current Army so successful, Stultz said.

Soldiers in 2012 will also see changes in the semi-annual



Sgt. Daniel J. Friedberg  
U.S. Army Reserve Commander Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz (left), talks to 773rd Civil Support survey team member Sgt. Aldrin Coja about the Personnel Protective Equipment used in hazardous or contaminated environments at Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern Feb. 11.

physical fitness test, weight standards and in professional development, said Schultz in his role as the senior enlisted Soldier of the Army Reserve.

Soldiers would also be expected to demonstrate more individual initiative for their career progression as part of a plan of “structured self-development,” he said.

Schultz also said that starting in October, Soldiers will be required to complete 80 hours of course work to qualify for the leadership education schools necessary for enlisted promotion. The changes would more aggressively identify and elimi-

nate sub-standard Soldiers in a policy of “shaping the force.”

Questions from the audience addressed challenges of civilian job retention before, during and after deployment.

In the United States, Reserve Soldiers can expect civilian job protection under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. This type of protection does not generally apply to Soldiers living and working abroad on foreign employment contracts.

Stultz recommended Soldiers talk to their employers directly about reserve obligations before any deployment.

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE

# Decoding the Tax Code

## Tax officials explain major income tax changes for 2011

By Curtis A. Parker  
WIESBADEN LEGAL CENTER

U.S. Army Europe tax experts have outlined nine major changes in the tax laws for income tax year 2011.

### Filing date

This year's filing date is April 17. Taxpayers get extra time because of the Emancipation Day holiday in the District of Columbia – even if you do not live in the district.

Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2011 tax returns. For those stationed overseas, the filing date is June 15, while those recently deployed to a combat zone may have additional time to file, and should check at their local tax center for information.

### Standard deduction increases

The standard deduction for taxpayers who choose not to itemize on Schedule A (Form 1040) has increased. Deduction amounts are:

- ◆\$5,800 for unmarried taxpayers or married filing separately
- ◆\$11,600 for married taxpayers filing jointly
- ◆\$8,500 for taxpayers filing as head of household
- ◆An additional standard deduction allowed for blind taxpayers and taxpayers aged 65 or older at the end of the tax year will be \$1,150 if married filing jointly and \$1,450 if single.

### Earned Income Credit increases

The Earned Income Credit applies to taxpayers who are within a certain income bracket and have at least \$1 of earned income. It is a refundable credit for those who work but do not have high incomes. For 2011, earned income and adjusted gross income must be less than:

- ◆\$43,998 (\$49,078 if married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children
  - ◆\$40,964 (\$46,044 if married filing jointly) with two qualifying children
  - ◆\$36,052 (\$41,132 if married filing jointly) with one qualifying child
  - ◆\$13,660 (\$18,740 if married filing jointly) with no qualifying children
- The maximum credit is:
- ◆\$3,094 with one qualifying child
  - ◆\$5,112 with two qualifying children
  - ◆\$5,751 with three or more qualifying children
  - ◆\$464 with no qualifying children

Taxpayers whose investment income is more than \$3,150 cannot claim the Earned Income Credit.

### American Opportunity Credit

This credit replaces and expands the former Hope scholarship credit appli-



### Tax Centers Open

**The Heidelberg Tax Center** – located on the Shopping Center. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays. Walk-ins with simple tax returns are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays. DSN 370-7510, civ. 06221-57-7510.

**The Kaiserslautern Tax Center** – located in Bldg. 3210 on Kleber Kaserne. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 483-7688, civ. 0621-411-7688.

**The Landstuhl Tax Center** – located on the ground floor of Bldg. 370. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 486-6334, civ. 06371-86-6334.

cable for 2009 and 2010.

Unlike other education tax credits, the American Opportunity Credit includes expenses for books, supplies and equipment not necessarily paid to the educational institution. It also differs from the Hope scholarship credit because it allows the credit to be claimed for four years of post-secondary education instead of two. The credit can be used for up to \$2,500 for the cost of tuition, fees and course materials. Also, 40 percent of the credit (up to \$1,000) is refundable even if taxpayers owe no tax.

The following expenses do not qualify:

- ◆Room and board
- ◆Transportation
- ◆Insurance
- ◆Medical expenses
- ◆Student fees unless required as a condition of enrollment or attendance
- ◆Same expenses paid with tax-free educational assistance
- ◆Same expenses used for any other tax deduction, credit or educational benefit.

### Lifetime Learning Credit increases

Taxpayers may be able to claim a Lifetime Learning Credit of up to \$2,000 for qualified education expenses paid for all eligible students. Adjusted gross income has been increased from last year, and must be less than \$61,000 if single or \$122,000 if married filing jointly.

This credit is nonrefundable, so it will only reduce tax to \$0 and will not refund taxpayers any money beyond that. It is available for all years of postsecondary education and for courses to acquire or improve job skills.

Qualified expenses include tuition and fees required for enrollment (including amounts required to be paid to the institution for course-related books, supplies, and equipment).

Note: There are several differences between the American Opportunity

Credit and Lifetime Learning Credit.

For example, you can claim the American Opportunity Credit for the same student for no more than four tax years, but any year in which the Hope credit was claimed counts toward the four years. However, there is no limit on the number of years for which you can claim a Lifetime Learning Credit based on the same student's expenses.

### Limit for traditional IRA contributions increases

If a taxpayer has a retirement plan at work, such as the Thrift Savings Plan, the deduction for contribution to a traditional IRA is reduced if the modified adjusted gross income is:

- ◆More than \$90,000 but less than \$110,000 for those married filing jointly or widows or widowers.
- ◆More than \$65,000 but less than \$66,000 for those filing as single or head of household.
- ◆Less than \$10,000 for a married taxpayer filing a separate return.

### First-time home buyer's credit changes

Members of the military and certain other federal employees serving outside the U.S. have additional time to buy a principal residence in the U.S. and qualify for the first-time home buyer's credit.

Members of the uniformed services, members of the Foreign Service and employees of the intelligence community are eligible for this special rule.

If you fall in this category, you may have an extra year to purchase a principal residence in the U.S. and qualify for a credit of up to \$8,000. An eligible taxpayer must have purchased, or entered into a binding contract to buy, a principal residence on or before April 30, 2011.

If a binding contract was entered into by that date, the taxpayer had until June 30, 2011 to close on the purchase. It applies to any individu-

al (and, if married, the individual's spouse) who serves on qualified official extended duty service outside the U.S. for at least 90 days during the period beginning after Dec. 31, 2008, and ending before May 1, 2010.

### New form for reporting foreign financial assets

Taxpayers must report specified foreign financial assets on the new Form 8938 when the total value of specified foreign assets exceeds certain thresholds.

For example, a married couple living in the U.S. and filing a joint tax return would only file Form 8938 if their total specified foreign assets exceeded \$100,000 on the last day of the tax year or more than \$150,000 at any time during the tax year.

The thresholds for taxpayers who live abroad are higher.

For example, a married couple living abroad and filing a joint return would file Form 8938 if the value of specified foreign assets exceeds \$400,000 on the last day of the tax year or more than \$600,000 at any time during the year.

### Foreign Earned Income exclusion increases

U.S. citizens or resident aliens of the United States who live abroad are taxed on their worldwide incomes earned in foreign countries. However, taxpayers may be able to exclude from income up to an amount of your foreign earnings that is now adjusted for inflation (\$91,400 for 2009, \$91,500 for 2010, \$92,900 for 2011, and \$95,100 for 2012).

In addition, certain foreign housing amounts can be excluded or deducted. If you have foreign earned income, Form 2555 can be used to claim the Foreign Earned Income Exclusion.

It must be used to claim the foreign housing exclusion or deduction. In some circumstances you can use Form 2555-EZ to claim the Foreign Earned Income Exclusion.

SOURCE: USAREUR Public Affairs





Sgt. Brian Rodan

5th Signal Command Soldiers carry a wounded warrior on a litter to the designated medical evacuation site. Soldiers with 2nd Theater Strategic Signal Brigade and 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade deployed to Camp Robertson in Schweinfurt for exercise Lightning Warrior from Feb. 17 to Mar. 1 to train and validate Army Warrior Tasks and Battle Drill requirements.



Lt. Col. Daniel Bohmer

Capt. Patrick Foley (front), a member of the Minnesota Army National Guard and Sgt. Brent Crutchfield and Sgt. Craig McComsey, both members of the Mississippi Army National Guard, leave the village of Haji Sultan, Afghanistan, Feb.16, after conducting a joint assessment.



U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. Joseph Burke and Sgt. Brandi Manuel from the 7th Sustainment Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, reenlist at the South Pole, Feb 21. Their unit is participating in Operation Deep Freeze which assists Joint Task Force-Support Forces Antarctica's annual resupply operations.

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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Eric Harris

Retired Army Col. Walter Marm, a Medal of Honor recipient, speaks with Soldiers during Medal of Honor week at Fort Jackson, S.C., Feb. 15.



Spc. Markus Rauchenberger

Pvt. Alex Hernandez (front) and Spc. Justin Huser, both from Ghost Company, 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck fire their M240 machine gun during a Fire Team and Squad level Situational Training Exercise focused on react to contact, attack and break contact in the Grafenwöhr Training Area Feb. 23.



# FINANCIAL READINESS



## Army Emergency Relief *Fund Raising Campaign*

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Contributing is easy. To make a contribution to the USAG Baden-Württemberg AER Campaign, contact your Unit Representative between March 1 through May 15, 2012. All proceeds goes towards Army Families who require emergency financial assistance. To learn more call your local AER Office at Army Community Service or visit [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com) or [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).



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# Rules explained for shopping in exchanges in Germany

By Robert Szostek  
USAREUR OPM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. forces stationed outside Germany are not normally allowed to shop at the exchanges and commissaries in Germany, say military customs officials. But, they noted, that there are exceptions.

“Active duty service members and U.S. civilian employees who are based in countries

like Belgium, the Netherlands or Italy can shop at U.S. facilities in Germany if they are on [temporary duty], leave or pass,” said Fred Evans, chief of Customs Services at U.S. Forces Customs–Europe.

These shoppers must have their TDY orders with them to use facilities there, he added. U.S. forces personnel in Germany on leave or pass must carry documentation that

identifies their duty stations in Europe or North Africa when shopping at U.S. military retail facilities in Germany.

Family members can also travel to Germany and shop in an exchange or commissary without sponsors, as long as they carry a copy of the orders assigning their sponsors to Europe or North Africa.

Customs officials pointed out, however, that dependents

of U.S. personnel on TDY to Germany from locations other than Europe or North Africa are not authorized shopping privileges in Germany.

“Duty and tax-free shopping is a very important benefit to U.S. personnel stationed in a high-cost country like Germany,” Evans said. “But one condition of that privilege is that we limit access to the sales facilities to autho-

rized personnel.”

In Germany, the use of U.S. facilities is based on the NATO Status of Forces Agreement. It specifies military tax-free facilities are designated for the sole use of members of the military forces, federal civilian employees and other personnel with SOFA status, and their authorized dependents, while they are stationed in Germany.

## SURVEY

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service members have departed. Many community members are civilian employees and married to service members, so we got a good representation from both of those groups. Mannheim members supported the effort as well.”

Mannheim made up 16 percent of survey respondents and 84 percent were Heidelberg area residents.

Community members go most often to the Herald Post newspaper for their news, followed by the garrison website, American Forces Network radio and TV and the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website.

In the middle of the pack was Facebook: 20 percent of the respondents said they use it for information often or sometimes, while 80 percent consult it for news seldom or never. Unit leadership fared the same with 30 percent seeking it often or sometimes and 70 percent seldom or never.

The least often consulted source of information was the online Flickr site,

where the public affairs office posts photos reserved for the newspaper. That is followed by Family Readiness Groups, the BNow virtual community, command video blogs, the command information channel and town hall meetings.

Town hall meetings are held quarterly so the opportunity to seek them for information is limited, a fact at least one respondent commented on.

“I personally would like to see town halls held more often, especially during this transformation. Quarterly is just not enough face time with the community,” the respondent said.

Garrison Commander Col. Bryan DeCoster said town hall meetings are becoming more frequent.

“Our goal is to hold town hall meetings more often than quarterly, and we have been doing so, but in varying formats for varying audiences,” he said. “For example, in January we held town halls for the 30th Medical Command and NATO Support Brigade focused on their moves to Sem-

bach and supported by Kaiserslautern housing and services representatives. Also, in January, we held our first fully interactive town hall meeting with the entire community that was telecast on AFN Atlantic and streamed live on our Facebook site. We did this interactive format again in February with USAG Wiesbaden representatives focused on USAREUR and other units moving to Wiesbaden. And finally, we held a town hall for the USAREUR Band and Chorus focused on their move to Sembach.”

Transformation changes were by and large the most valuable kind of news, 73 percent saying it’s “very valuable,” 22 percent saying it’s “somewhat valuable” and 5 percent saying it’s “not valuable.”

Just as important is information about hours of operation and phone numbers of service-oriented operations, with 67 percent saying that information is “very valuable,” 29 percent saying it’s “somewhat valuable” and 4 percent saying it’s “not valuable.”

Other “very valuable” news sources were, in order, command decisions, community events and off-post events. “Somewhat valuable” was news about community members, photos, movies, classifieds and the advice column.

“The best result was the overall satisfaction rate,” Hingtgen said. “Respondents said 21 out of 25 times that they are satisfied with communication efforts in the garrison. That said, we can still improve, of course.”

Hingtgen said a large number of respondents’ comments indicated they didn’t know about many of the channels of communication referred to in the survey.

“I didn’t know most of these existed,” was a common comment.

“That indicates we can do a better job letting people know where they can find information,” Hingtgen said. “But, all in all, 84 percent of respondents indicated they are happy with the amount and the kind of information they receive, and that’s a fantastic result.”

## PAVILION

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“We’re going to go out with a bang, and we’re going to have fun doing it. We’re going to be the best we can be until the end,” Patrick said.

Patrick envisions the Pavilion will house more special events than in years past, ranging from ballroom dancing classes to military balls to the charity auctions.

Patrick is leaning on his staff, including project manager Ingrid Osewalt and her hard-working team.

The creativity reins are what Patrick is handing to Aurillo, who plans to host events open to all community members, such as murder-mystery dinners, comedians, a fork-free night, a father-daughter dance, brunches and ballroom dancing.

“Our effort is to elevate the quality of food and service and leave a great lasting im-

pression on the community.

“We’re confident that these last couple of years will be the best we’ve ever had. I think that’s everyone’s goal,” Aurillo said, adding she truly believes in team effort.

“It’s all hands on deck, really. We have a short window to make it amazing, and we need people who are willing to jump in with both feet to make it happen.

Everyone is putting in all this time and effort to revamp the Pavilion. That’s how I know we have the right team,” Aurillo said.

As executive chef, Aurillo wants to use her classical French training as a member of the last class to graduate from Johnson and Wales University’s Vail campus as a basis for dishes that are far beyond typical event cuisine.

“For me, cooking is not just something you throw together. It takes forethought and

time, and I think that’s part of it.

You cook to exchange, to make people feel good, and it’s a way for me to demonstrate how I care for people,” Aurillo said, adding she often hosted dinner parties while in college.

Fusion cooking – or combining various forms of cooking – is also one of her many specialties, perhaps brought on by her impressive résumé: Aurillo studied French, Anthropology and Spanish at the University of Montana-Missoula, worked in the Restaurant Hubertus in the Hotel Rosa Alpina (a Michelin-starred restaurant) in San Cassiano, Italy, and worked Vail’s off-season at Hôtel les Camélias in Bagnoles de l’Orne, France.

“With fusion, you can really take a little from a lot. Take chicken. Every culture around the world cooks chicken.

Luckily with my travels, I’ve been able to taste these different cuisines first-hand, which makes recreating food easy because it becomes a part of you. It’s not just what you read about in a cookbook.”

Aurillo said she uses organic food when available, and that she really believes people are what they eat, in a way.

“I really like organic farming and the lifestyle, and I like the idea of farmer’s markets and sustainable products.

This whole [Pavilion] concept is new, and we are just running with it. I can cook anything, but why not make it memorable and really something you don’t eat every day, or something that might change the way you eat and look at food?” she asked.

Aurillo will have one of her first opportunities at the new Pavilion 7 p.m. March 9 when the Heidelberg Community and Spouses’ Club sponsors

the European Treasures Auction, with proceeds going to welfare grants and scholarships.

Aurillo plans to include two chocolate fondue stations, hors d’œuvres from around Europe and chicken mole with coriander and orange.

Aurillo said she cannot express how much it means for her to be in the community, and how it’s embraced her in such a short amount of time.

Patrick had heard of her enthusiasm and vast experience through the grapevine, and Aurillo said her new position could not have come at a better time.

“It’s an honor to serve this community, and as something that’s new for me, it’s been a great experience.

I’ve met some truly great people, and I can’t wait to help make the Pavilion a hub again, a center of Heidelberg again.”



Photos by Linda Steil

Heidelberg High School's cast of "Hairspray" starring Aaron Wright (kneeling in blue jacket) as Link Larkin, Beatrice Levine (standing) as Tracy Turnblad, Hannah Mattil as Penny Pingleton and Bryce Jackson as Seaweed J. Stubbs rehearse their numbers before the show's opening tonight. Fans can catch the musical at the Heidelberg High School auditorium through March 11.

# Hairspray High school performs popular musical



Matt Rivera (in the role of Edna Turnblad), dips Adam Koehler (Wilbur Turnblad) during their performance of "Timeless to Me."

### Staff Report

The Heidelberg High School Drama and Music Departments have been preparing for months for the performance of "Hairspray" opening tonight in the school auditorium.

"Hairspray" is a 2007 musical film based on the 2002 Broadway musical of the same name, which in turn was based on John Waters' 1988 comedy film of the same name. Set in 1962

Baltimore, Md, the film follows pleasantly plump teenager Tracy Turnblad as she pursues stardom as a dancer on a local TV show and rallies against racial segregation.

Performances of "Hairspray" are 7:30 p.m. March 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 3 p.m. March 4 and 11 at Heidelberg High School. DSN 370-8004, civ. 06221-57-8004.

SOURCE: in part from Wikipedia



Left to right - Kirsten Calvetti, Cristina Evans, Katie Perrotta, Jordan Bray, Rebecca Ellis, Aneli Whitford, Aimee Plante, Audrey Daly and Erin Seage endure jail time in a scene from the musical Hairspray.



## GERMAN NEWS

### Dairy Company, Pepsi Merge

The Theo Müller company, Germany's biggest dairy, with 16,000 staff and an average yearly profit of €3.5 billion, has announced it will merge with American beverage giant Pepsi to sell yogurt products in the United States. Müller, which makes the popular Müller Milch milk drinks and Weihenstephan yogurt, will invest an estimated €150 million with PepsiCo Inc. to develop and market milky treats for U.S. consumers. No date has yet been set for when the joint venture's products will hit supermarket shelves. The project is the next step in Müller's plan for global expansion, which up until now has not had a presence in America. Americans' lower per capita consumption of yogurt made the United States the perfect target for expansion, strategists at Müller decided.

### Bottle-thrower Killed

Police have launched an investigation after officers shot dead a man who was throwing bottles out of the window of his apartment in Maintal in the state of Hessen. Neighbors called the police early Sunday after being disturbed by the 57-year-old. A police spokesman in Wiesbaden said the man opened the door to officers when they asked to enter his apartment, but he then attacked them with a knife, and was shot dead. Several shots were fired, the spokesman said.

### Hospice Not Welcome

Hamburg housing estate residents are upset about plans for a new hospice in their neighborhood, citing a fear of property prices dropping and an increase in road traffic. Their suggestion is to build a fence to hide the hospice. The building, a former church community hall, is expected to be bought by the German Red Cross in the next few days and turned into a hospice for dying people by spring 2013. The head of the local DRK office described the location as a beautiful and ideal place for people to spend their last days.

### BMW In Pond, TV Ad Blamed

A machine operator from Lower Saxony drove a rented €39,000 BMW X3 into a water-filled quarry, claiming he was inspired by a TV commercial of the car driving through water. Pascal R. revved the 147-horsepower vehicle and ploughed it into the water, but much to his chagrin, the car started to splutter and the engine cut out in 50 centimeters of water. The rental company tried to sue him for €9,000 in damages, and the man referred to the commercial in his refusal letter. The case went to court, and the judge ruled the act as "grossly negligent behavior," yet offered him the option of paying a €4,000 compromise settlement, which Pascal R. accepted.

### Online Surveillance Increased

German secret services have ramped up surveillance of online communications in the fight against terrorism. A new report reveals the authorities accessed 37 million emails and data connections with key words "bomb," "nuclear" and "rocket" in 2010 — five times as many as in 2009. The figures came from a report by the Parliamentary Control Commission, which oversees the activities of the country's secret services. The domestic intelligence the Verfassungsschutz, the foreign spy agency the BND and the Military Counter-intelligence Service currently have access to online communications data in order to identify terrorists, arms dealers or traffickers. Over the course of one year, German intelligence agencies plugged in around 2,000 keywords relating to terrorism, 13,000 weapons dealing terms and 300 on trafficking. Despite this large-scale mass surveillance, the operation only led to valuable information in 213 cases. The parliamentary report was published just hours after Friday's ruling by the German Constitutional Court demanded a change in the law on authorities accessing user passwords. The court ruled that existing law on the storage and access to user names, passwords and PIN codes by intelligence agencies was a breach of the basic right to privacy of personal information guaranteed in the German constitution. Lawmakers have until June 2013 to clarify the rules.

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



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### Responses to previous columns:

#### Dear Ms. Vicki,

I am writing because I'd like to be honest about some things.

I have a 15-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son. There are some things that I will not talk to them about until they are adults.

Some topics are off the table for discussion, because I don't want to give them any ideas. I do not talk to my children about sex, birth control or anything like that because they should not be having sex now anyway, so why should I discuss it with them?

This brings me to my statement to you. I think all these letters about cheating, and who's cheating with whom, and "I caught my husband on Facebook with another woman, and my husband is addicted to porn," are too much.

Your column is causing a lot of the problems in marriages. You are giving them the ideas that it's OK to cheat and use porn. I think it's time they replace your space in the newspaper and use it for something more positive.

People would be forced to stop this nonsense and deal with their problems appropriately.

#### Dear Ms. Vicki,

I would like to say how much I enjoy reading your column. I appreciate the advice you offer military spouses and, in particular, your delivery of that advice.

As an Army wife, I've experienced first-hand the trials and tribulations of permanent change of station moves, deployments, constant temporary duty trips and my own unemployment and isolation from family and friends.

It takes a toll on your spirit and your spark, but being the spouse of a Soldier is not the end of the world. It's the beginning of a new, ever-changing and highly challenging one.

Spouses of Soldiers and veterans surely need support, but I think more often than not, they need reassurance that they, too, can live a normal life, just like civilian spouses. I think that assurance best comes in the form of stories like mine. I'd like to share my story with all spouses, men and women.

Before I met my husband, I never dreamed I would have a desire to marry into the military. My father, who was active duty Army almost 19 years, has always opposed the idea. But I was optimistic.

When I met my husband, I was finishing my bachelor's degree and getting ready to apply to graduate school. I wasn't looking for anything long-term, but when I fell for him, I completely fell for him, Army and all. His story, quirky personality and enduring character won me over, heart, mind and soul.

So, after I got into graduate school, he broke the news to me that he was going to Afghanistan for six to eight months. We'd discussed the possibility of deployment for a while, even though we'd only been dating a little under a year. Leading up to the deployment was stressful for us both, but we were determined to do it and it's the best decision we ever made — together.

I wrote him every week and he Skyped me when he could. I cried and called his mom and my mom constantly for support, but I got through it.

It was then, my husband later told me, that he knew he wanted to marry me. He knew I could handle it, and I was certainly more confident that I could handle it.

He came back before Christmas, and after completing my second and last semester of graduate school, we moved in together.

Let me clarify: he was stationed at Fort Bragg and I moved from Virginia to live with him after getting my teaching certification in Virginia. Did I feel like I had just committed career suicide? Absolutely. But I trusted my gut and knew that going with him was where I was meant to be. It just felt right.

That fall, my husband proposed. We married that winter (2010). Finding a music teaching position was out of the question. I would have had to pay to get my license in North Carolina, only to move out of the state in a year, as we already knew we would be relocating to Florida. Not to mention, music education is a highly-competitive field with an extremely low turnover rate.

I did what I had to do, though, and I tried my hand at waiting tables. Thankfully, I was good at it. It broke my spirit but made me feel strong to know I could get by doing what I had to do. That didn't change the fact, however, that I felt like a complete failure, as I was the

only graduate in my small music education class to be unemployed as a teacher. I felt degraded, hopeless and utterly depressed, but I knew a new and more permanent location would offer better opportunities.

We spent a few months acclimating and enjoying the beaches, but after the "honeymoon" was over, I was back to being jobless, friendless and completely hopeless again and wondering when I would ever find a job.

Then one day, after sitting on my bum all day watching TV after filling out a few pointless job applications, it dawned on me: I'm tired of feeling hopeless. I'm tired of feeling like a victim of my circumstances. Being a military spouse isn't a death sentence; it's an opportunity to see what your true character is made of and to see what you can become.

I knew what I had to do. Being a musician and an aspiring music educator, I did what came naturally. I auditioned for a 70s cover band and got in. I then took steps to get certified to substitute teach. Getting into the schools felt great, so I started volunteering at a local elementary school, helping out with their art and music programs.

It was then I started to meet people who wanted to support me and help me reach my goals. The music teacher at this elementary school suggested I teach piano lessons, so I opened my own studio. I was dedicated to the music program at this school, and I helped and volunteered to teach whenever I could. With the connections I'd made, I got wind of a job opening that hadn't even been advertised publicly yet. I'll never underestimate the power of networking again.

On the recommendation of several music teachers in the county, the school's principal contacted me directly for an interview for the very next day. With the support of recommendations from teachers where I'd volunteered, I was offered the position. I screamed and cried when I got that message.

This is my message to all the spouses out there: don't give up on your dreams and aspirations just because you live a military lifestyle.

You live a challenging life that pushes you to look deep down inside for all the strength you have to get through each day at times, but it's a great life if you only realize that the man upstairs would never put you through something he wasn't confident you could overcome.

Please seek support from Military Family Life Counselors and Family Readiness Groups, and put yourself out there. There are people who want you to succeed; all you need do is believe that you can, too.

Thanks for letting me share, Shedding a Positive Light on the Military



D.B. Sweeney's  
**Letters**  
from Hollywood

**To service members around the world,** It is a great honor to work with our nation's healing heroes on a daily basis. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate all that you do to provide freedom around the world. It can be easy sometimes to take freedom for granted, but when you see the cost of war, you quickly realize the high price. Many of you have sacrificed much to serve our country and we do not take that for granted. Many of you have had multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. We know it takes a tremendous toll on you and your family.

**More Letters Online**

Letters from Hollywood is Actor D.B. Sweeney's initiative for celebrities to express their support to the men and women in uniform. Find letters at [www.lettersfromhollywood.army.mil](http://www.lettersfromhollywood.army.mil).

Please know that all of us at Ride 2 Recovery are here to support and honor your service. You make our country proud; you make us all proud to be fellow Americans.

—John Wordin

Former Marine John Wordin is the founder and president of the *Fitness Challenge Foundation*, home to the *Ride 2 Recovery* program. He is a competitive cyclist who participated in three U.S. Olympic Trials and won a bronze medal in the 1989 U.S. National Championships. In 2007, he founded the *Ride 2 Recovery* program to help troops overcome injuries and bond with fellow veterans through cycling trips.

**GET OUT!**  
area events

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

**March 1**

**Gourmet and Wine Festival** – Visitors to the Rheingau Gourmet and Wine Festival, Europe's largest gourmet festival, can enjoy cooking demonstrations while sampling a variety of foods courtesy of Germany's best chefs coupled with some of the region's finest wines. Visitors can explore the picturesque Rheingau region, home to Riesling wines. The festival runs through March 7. [www.buzzoffbase.com](http://www.buzzoffbase.com).

**Food Lovers and Shoppers** – Modern art meets the supermarket in the art exhibition I Love Aldi named after the German discount supermarket chain. See 2,000 vacuum-packed sausages and thousands of bread slices forming little houses and more. Catch the exhibit at the Wilhelm-Hack museum in Ludwigshafen through March 4.

**Concert**—The U.S. Army Europe Band will perform 7 p.m. at the Kurpfalzhalles, Freiherr-vom-Stein-Straße 16, 68723 Osterheim. Free admission. The concert, Hands Across the Sea, will be the culmination of a week of musical workshops and training with guest conductors and a guest solo artist. DSN 370-7270, civ. 06221-57-7270.

**Palmengarten** – The Palmengarten in the center of Frankfurt am Main is a popular place for those who want to get closer to Mother Nature. First opened in 1868, it began as 50 acres of well-kept gardens. Now visitors can explore the green houses, ponds and more. Hours are 9 a.m.–6 p.m. March to October. Siesmayerstraße 61, 60323 Frankfurt am Main. Civ. 06921-233-939.

**March 2**

**Concert** – The U.S. Army Europe Band will perform 7 p.m. March 2 at the Rudolf Wild Halle, Schulstraße 6, 69214 Eppelheim. The free concert, called Hands Across the Sea, is the culmination of a week of training with guest conductors and a guest solo artist. DSN 370-7270, civ. 06221-57-7270.

**Frozen** – The Kaiserslautern Military Community On Stage will perform Bryony Lavery's play *Frozen* 7:30 p.m. March 2, 3 at the community theater on Kleber Kaserne in

Kaiserslautern. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Spring Bazaar** – U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern will host a spring bazaar with more than 100 vendors March 2-4 at the Special Events Center on Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern. The bazaar will feature antiques, crafts, porcelain, rugs, souvenirs, cutlery, gloves, purses, furniture and a children's carousel.

**March 3**

**Weinheim Tour** – Visit the city of Weinheim and take a tour of the charming Altstadt, where the last ruling princess of Mannheim spent the final years of her life. Learn about the history of Weinheim's two castles, visit the market square, the Laurentiuskirche, the witches' tower, the salute to the United States and the smallest house in Weinheim. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinmain>.

**March 4**

**Country Music Festival** – The International Festival of Country Music features Reba McEntire, Asleep At The Wheel, Ricky Skaggs, Lonestar and George Hamilton IV. Concert will be at the SAP Arena in Mannheim 6 p.m. March 4. Civ. 0621-10-1011, [www.bb-promotion.com](http://www.bb-promotion.com).

**March 7**

**English Language Stammtisch** – The English Language Stammtisch will meet 6:30 p.m. for a discussion led by Charles Keene, former Chairman of Democrats Abroad, Heidelberg chapter, on the U.S. presidential race. Meeting is open to the public. Zum Gueldenens Schaf Hauptstraße 115, Heidelberg Altstadt. Civ. 06221-20879.

**Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut** – Pulitzer Prize winning author and war correspondent Tim Weiner will read from his books written about American law enforcement agencies including the FBI and CIA 8 p.m. at the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut. Weiner is a New York Times journal-

ist and intelligence expert. Program is in English and German. Sofienstraße 12, 69115 Heidelberg. Civ. 06221-60-7322

**March 17**

**Ropes Course** – Test your climbing skills at the Kletterwald Ropes Course in Wiesbaden. Climbers of all ages and skill levels can navigate the massive obstacle course of trees and ropes. The course is open 9 a.m.–7 p.m. daily through Nov. 11. Neroberg 1, 65193, Wiesbaden. Civ. 01611-580-2246. [www.kletterwald-neroberg.de](http://www.kletterwald-neroberg.de).

**March 18**

**Police Corps Charity Concert** – The Mannheim German Police Corps will perform their spring concert at 4 p.m. The event will be hosted by the German-American Women's Club at Luisenpark in Mannheim. Tickets are €10 adults, €5 child. Civ. 0621-7141-9337.

**March 24**

**Switzerland** – Sit on the shore of a crystal-clear lake while drinking coffee and looking at snow-capped mountains in the distance. This is Lucerne, one of Switzerland's most beautiful cities. Enjoy the mountain air, great shopping and Swiss hospitality. Take a walking tour and see such famous landmarks as the covered Mill Bridge. On a clear day, you can see the breathtaking Swiss Alps mountain range. <http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern>.

**April 7**

**Medieval in Mainz** – Drop back in time April 7-9 at the largest medieval spectacle in the Rhine Main area. Held on the riverfront (Reduit) in Mainz-Kastel, the event features a medieval market place with vendors, performances and a Easter Sunday children's treasure hunt (ages 6 and up). See jousting, feasting, knights and peasants and ladies, medieval food, archery and falconry. Civ. 06131-28621-24, [www.prohistory.de](http://www.prohistory.de).

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**THEATERS**



**WE BOUGHT A ZOO**

(Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson)  
The inspiring and true story about the magical power of family to persevere in the face of extraordinary challenges. Damon portrays a single dad who, looking to give his family a much-needed fresh start, moves to a home situated in the middle of a zoo, which he and his two children will attempt to bring back to its once glorious state. (Rated PG for language and some thematic elements) 126 minutes.

**PLAYING THIS WEEK**

**Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village**

March 1 - SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
March 2 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 7 p.m., 10 p.m.  
March 3 - ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 4 p.m.; WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 7 p.m.; ACT OF VALOR (R) 10 p.m.  
March 4 - WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 4 p.m.; ACT OF VALOR (R) 7 p.m.  
March 5 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 7 p.m.  
March 6 - ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 7 p.m.  
March 7 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 7 p.m.  
March 8 - WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 7 p.m.

**Vogelweh, Galaxy**

March 2 - THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
March 3 - SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS (PG-13) 4 p.m.; THE THREE MUSKETEERS (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
March 4 - THE THREE MUSKETEERS (PG-13) 4 p.m.

**Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex**

March 1 - THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; THE THREE MUSKETEERS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
March 2 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.; ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.  
March 3 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.; ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 11:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:15 p.m.  
March 4 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.  
March 5 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.  
March 6 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.  
March 7 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.  
March 8 - ACT OF VALOR (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 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**

March 1-7 - SAFE HOUSE (R) 8:15 p.m. at CinemaxX  
March 1-3, 4 - THIS MEANS WAR (R) 6 p.m. (8:15 p.m. only March 4) at CinemaxX



## community HIGHLIGHTS

### Consulate Outreach

Representatives from the U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt will conduct an outreach program 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. March 8 in Room 232, Bldg. 3850, in the Community Support Center in Heidelberg. Applications will be accepted for reports of birth, and initial and renewal of tourist and official passports. Representatives from the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Federal Benefits Unit will also be available to review applications for social security, visa and citizenship. DSN 370-3921/3922, civ. 06221-57-3921/3922. Documents can be found at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/DHR/passports.html](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/DHR/passports.html), [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10120.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10120.html).

### CFC Luncheon

Community and area project officers, Combined Federal Campaign unit coordinators, garrison commanders, sergeants major, unit commanders and first sergeants are invited to the U.S. Army Europe CFC-Overseas awards ceremony luncheon, with award recipient sign-in 9:30-10:30 a.m., buffet lunch 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and ceremony 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 13 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. Register by March 5. DSN 370-7552, civ. 06221-57-7552.

### Arizona Special Primary Election

Arizona will hold a special primary election April 17 for the 8th Congressional District, which includes Cochise, Pima, Pinal and Santa Cruz counties, to fill the seat vacated by Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. To vote in this election, a Federal Post Card Application must be postmarked, emailed or faxed by April 17. Residents who voted in the Nov. 2, 2010 general election will not receive an automatic ballot. Register, request and receive a ballot online with Arizona's online registration tool: [www.azsos.gov/election/Military.htm](http://www.azsos.gov/election/Military.htm).

### Sexual Assault Reporting

A revised Department of Defense directive now allows dependents 18 and older and who are eligible for health care in the military system 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 as restricted, but a full investigation will be launched. Before the revision, dependents could not report an assault using the restricted reporting option.

### Logistics Ball

U.S. Army Europe's Logistics Division (G4) and the 21st Theater Sustainment Command will host the European Logistics Ball at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg March 23. Registration: [www.eur.army.mil/g4/lobgball2012](http://www.eur.army.mil/g4/lobgball2012).

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Central Texas College

Central Texas College Headquarters on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim is seeking an academic program manager to work full-time and with benefits. A master's degree from a regionally accredited college is preferred, and applicants should have at least two years of instructional experience and administrative experience in adult education or training. DSN 382-4326, civ. 0621-789-53872, [www.europe.ctcd.edu](http://www.europe.ctcd.edu).

### KAISERSLAUTERN Community

◆ **Celebrating Dr. Seuss** – Celebrate famed children's author Dr. Seuss with a puppet show, story time, face paint and more 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 3 at the Kaiserslautern Main Library. DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-7322.

◆ **New Moms Group** – Mothers can bring their babies 12 months and younger to network, receive information on intimate topics and hear a guest speaker, 10:15-11:30 a.m. March 6 in Bldg. 2919 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4058, civ. 0631-3406-4058.

◆ **Networking** – ACS Employment Readiness offers a class on how to network to a new future and understand who your audience and future employers are 1:30 p.m. March 6 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration is required. DSN 493-4029, civ. 0631-3406-4029.

◆ **Smooth Move** – Army Community Service can help with Permanent Change of Station or Expiration Term of Service moves 10 a.m. March 8 in Bldg. 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

◆ **USAJobs** – Army Community Service offers hands-on instruction and assistance from a training employment readiness expert to learn more about finding and applying for federal jobs 10 a.m. March 9 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4029, civ. 0631-3406-4029.

◆ **St. Patrick's Day Party** – Enjoy Irish stew with bread or fish and chips during a St. Patrick's Day party 9 p.m.-2 a.m. March 17 at Armstrong's Irish Pub on Vogelweh Housing. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### HEIDELBERG Education

◆ **Beginner Italian, German** – Beginner Italian classes will be 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays March 5-May 30 at the USO on the Community Support Center, and beginner German classes will be 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays March 6-May 31 on Campbell Barracks for ages 15 and older. Enrollment is limited. Sign up at the USO in the Community Support Center. DSN 370-7924, civ. 06221-57-7924.

◆ **University of Phoenix** – Free information sessions are held for interested Master of Business and Education students March 6 and first Tuesdays at the Patton Barracks Education Center, Room 112. DSN 373-7650, civ. 06221-588-0492, [heidelberg.campus@phoenix.edu](mailto:heidelberg.campus@phoenix.edu).

◆ **UMUC Europe** – University of Maryland University College Europe offers registration for session 2 spring 2012 for undergraduate and graduate on-site and online courses until March 18, with class start

March 19. DSN 370-6762, civ. 06221-176-3780, [www.edu.umuc.edu](http://www.edu.umuc.edu).

◆ **ACS Classes** – Introduction to Microsoft Excel, 9-11 a.m. March 6-7; Army Community Service Volunteer Orientation, 10-11 a.m. March 7; Active Parenting of Teens (three sessions), 10 a.m.-noon March 7, 14 and 24, ACS, Sullivan Bks. Bldg. 246, Conference Room; Setting Boundaries, 10-11:30 a.m. March 8, Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622, Warriors in Transition Conference Room; English as a Second Language, 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, ACS Annex, PHV, Bldg. 4531. 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, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

### Community

◆ **Am Schlierbachhang** – Due to construction work, the Am Schlierbachhang road will remain closed to through traffic until July. Residents will be able to access their property, and pedestrians and cyclists will be able to bypass the construction site.

◆ **Gaiberger Weg** – Workers will cut trees along Gaiberger Weg between the Blockhaus parking lot and Unterer St. Nikolausweg (toward Gaiberger) with occasional short closures of Gaiberger Weg 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. until March 31.

◆ **Toad Migration** – Rising temperatures have triggered toad migration season in Ziegelhausen, Schlierbach, Emmertsgrund and around Kohlhof. Since many are endangered, the city of Heidelberg will post speed limits and close certain roads during the night (7:30 p.m.-6:30 a.m.) of portions of Am Schlierbachhang near the Rondell, Wolfsbrunnensteige and Klingelhüttenweg near the forest edge. Drivers are urged to use caution, particularly during dusk and dawn, as volunteers will pick up the toads and carry them to safety.

◆ **European Treasures** – The Heidelberg Community and Spouses' Club will sponsor European Treasures, a live silent auction and raffle drawing that will benefit welfare grants and scholarships, 7 p.m. March 9 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. Advanced tickets are available at reduced rates 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 1 at the Java Café on PHV or from HCSC members or by emailing [europanetreasures@hsc-heidelberg.com](mailto:europanetreasures@hsc-heidelberg.com). Some tickets will also be available at the door.

◆ **Village Pavilion** – The Village Pavilion will be closed March 2-7 in order to be converted to the Village Pavilion Community Center.

◆ **AER Campaign** – Contribute to the Army Emergency Relief campaign to help fellow Soldiers until May 15. Campaign kick-off will be 9 a.m. March 2 at the Patrick

Henry Village Pavilion. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

◆ **Parents Night, Day Out** – Child, Youth and School Services offers parents night out 7 p.m.-midnight March 2, 16 and parents day out 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 3, 17. Reservations must be made the Thursday prior at Parent Central Enrollment, Bldg. 4443, on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9340, civ. 06221-338-9341.

◆ **Luncheon** – The Deutsch-Amerikanischer Frauen Club (German American Womens Club) will host an Art Moment Gallery by Milena Tiner and a luncheon for Heidelberg Community Spouses Club members and guests with social starting 11 a.m. and buffet at noon March 7 at the Hotel Zagreb, Robert Bosch Straße 9, 68723, Schwetzingen. Register by March 3. Civ. 06202-950-5685.

◆ **Pool Tournament** – Show off skills on the pool table at a tournament 7 p.m. March 5 and Mondays at Slapshots in Bldg. 104 on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5190, civ. 06221-17-5190, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

◆ **Story Time** – The Patrick Henry Village Library hosts story time for parents and their preschoolers 11 a.m. March 7 and every Wednesday. Children under 3 can enjoy a story 11 a.m. March 8 and every Thursday. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

◆ **Cultural Club** – The Heidelberg Cultural Club, for ages 18 and older, goes on trips to museums, theaters, concerts, operas, local festivals and other cultural activities and meets 6:30 p.m. March 8 and second Thursdays. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418.

◆ **Women's History Observance** – 30th MEDCOM and the Heidelberg Equal Opportunity Working Group will present a women's history event with the theme Women's Education, Women's Empowerment 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 9 at Wilson Theater on Nachrichten Kaserne. Guest speaker is Sgt. Maj. Darlene Taylor, Europe Regional Dental Command. DSN 371-2719, civ. 0162-237-8413.

◆ **Art Exhibition** – The Malik and Areta Mayfield art exhibition opens 7 p.m. March 10 and will continue through March 31 at the Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

◆ **Salsa Spectacular** – Spice up your night with New York City disc jockey Bello, mojitos and finger food 9 p.m.-close March 10 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570.

◆ **Blood Drive** – The Armed Services Blood Program will host a blood drive 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 12 in the Casablanca Room (next to the food court) on Campbell Barracks. Blood will only be collected from ID card holders and installation guests, and will only be used for the military community. DSN 486-6497, civ.

06371-86-6497.

◆ **Legends St. Patrick's Day** – Irish band The Goldshots will play at a free St. Patrick's Day party 9 p.m. March 16 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570.

◆ **Slapshots St. Patty's Day** – Wear green and enjoy green beer March 17 at Slapshots on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5190, civ. 06221-17-5190, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

◆ **Hunger Games Party** – In recognition of the upcoming Hunger Games movie based on the New York Times bestselling novel, children in grades five and up can prove they have what it takes to survive the games with trivia, games and more 5-7 p.m. March 22 at the Patrick Henry Village Library. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

◆ **International Cooking Class** – Treat your taste buds and let your senses take over in a free hands-on international cooking class 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 23 at the Patrick Henry Village Commissary. Registration is required. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

◆ **The 39 Steps** – The Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks will present a comedic Hitchcock thriller 7:30 p.m. March 23-24, 30-31, April 6, 7 and 3 p.m. April 1. Reservations available starting March 6. Children under five not admitted. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020.

◆ **BOSS Meeting** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will meet 3:30 p.m. March 27 in the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

◆ **German Customs** – The Heidelberg German Customs (Zollamt) office has moved from Gueteramt Straße 2. New GPS address is Dischinger Straße 8 (second floor), 69123 Heidelberg-Pfaffengrund. Civ. 06221-438-0730.

### MANNHEIM Community

◆ **TGIF Buffet, Variety Night** – Adults can enjoy a TGIF buffet 6:30 p.m. and stay for variety music 9 p.m.-2 p.m. March 2 and every Friday at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village, Bldg. 738. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370.

◆ **'70s, '80s Night** – Adults can groove to a variety of '70s and '80s tunes 10 p.m.-3 a.m. March 3 and every Saturday at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village, Bldg. 738. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

◆ **Story Time** – In partnership with Parent to Parent, toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy stories and a craft 10:30 a.m. March 7 and first and third Wednesdays in the ACS Satellite Office, Bldg. 246, Sullivan Bks. DSN 385-3101, civ. 0621-730-3101, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

# Heidelberg girls, boys win basketball championships

**Staff Report**

Roar it, Heidelberg, the Lions rule.

Both girls and boys teams claimed victory in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools European Basketball Championships Saturday in Wiesbaden.

In the Division I game, the boys won 55-43 over Ramstein, defending their title. The game brought to an end a season in which the team didn't experience a single loss.

The ladies won 32-31 also over the Ramstein Royals.

Heidelberg's Rebecca Luna scored 17 points and was named the Division-I most valuable player.

Marcel Simon scored 14 points and was named boys' MVP.



Photos by Preston Harrison



Above, Heidelberg High School player Samuel Rosario easily fends off a Ramstein player during the Division I championship game Saturday in Wiesbaden.

Left, Marcel Simon evades a Ramstein player during the same game that brought the Lions victory 55-43.

## Targeting Victory



Linda Steil

The Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe held an archery tournament Feb. 23 at the Kaiserslautern Rod and Gun Club. Warriors in Transition from Germany and Italy participated in team and individual events. Top individual honors went to Spc. Ashley Adkins of the WTU Alpha Company from Kaiserslautern. Top team honors went to the Alpha Company Warriors from Kaiserslautern and Baumholder, which narrowly defeated Charlie Company Warriors from Schweinfurt and Bamberg. The event was the second part of the WTU-E's Commander's Cup, where teams of Warriors in Transition compete in five adaptive sporting events. The first event last month was seated volleyball. The next event will be wheelchair Basketball March 14 in Grafenwöhr. With the victory in archery, Alpha Company has moved into a tie for the lead with Charlie Company. The next event will determine the leader in the team competition.

SOURCE: WTU-Europe

### staying ACTIVE

**Miesau Fitness Center New Hours**

Beginning March 1, the Miesau Fitness Center near Kaiserslautern will reduce its hours: 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. training holidays and closed Sundays. Primary use of the facility will be for Soldier and unit physical training, intramurals, youth sports and instruction. For recreational use, the fitness centers at Kleber, Landstuhl, Rhine Ordnance Barracks and Sembach are available. [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Volleyball Officials Clinic**

A volleyball officials clinic and tournament will be held 6-9 p.m. March 6-8 at the Patton Fitness Center in Heidelberg. Classroom instruction will be 6-9 p.m. March 6-8 at the Heidelberg Sports Office, Bldg. 128, on Patton Barracks; the tournament will be March 8. Free entry for the first four unit level teams that register. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

**Women and Weights**

Enrollments are now being accepted at Campbell Fitness Center in Heidelberg for an introductory weight training program for women. Classes are 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays March 7-30 or 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays March 5-29. Advance registration: DSN 370-6489, civ. 0176-6176-9993.

**Bike Maintenance Workshop**

A novice and intermediate bike maintenance workshop will be held 6:30-8 p.m. March 8. Advanced payment is required. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489.

**Shamrock Shuffle Fun Run**

Join the Shamrock Shuffle Fun Run March 10 starting at the Patrick Henry Village Commissary in Heidelberg. Registration is 8:30 a.m. and the race starts 9 a.m. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-7294, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Community Volleyball**

Unit Volleyball games will take place 6-9 p.m. March 12-May 7 at the Patton Fitness Center in Heidelberg. Competition is open to all military units or components assigned to the Heidelberg military community. Participants must be at least 18 years old and authorized to use Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. Team registration: 6 p.m. March 8 at the Patton Fitness Center during the 2012 Heidelberg Volleyball organizational meeting. DSN 373-8032, civ. 06221-17-8032.

**Bowling Party**

Patrick Henry Village Bowling and Entertainment Center will host a bowling party all day March 17. One free kids game with every paid adult game. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040.

**Track Coaches Needed**

The Heidelberg High School track team is looking for volunteer coaches to help with the upcoming season beginning in March. If you have some experience to share, especially in field events, please consider volunteering a few hours a week. DSN 370-8004, civ. 06221-57-8004.

**Heidelberg Sports Camp Instructors**

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Child, Youth and School Services seeks instructors for 2012 summer camps. Experience in instructing and coaching in a specific sport is required. DSN 388-9397, civ. 06221-338-9397, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

**Intro to Brazilian Jujitsu**

Learn the art of Brazilian Jujitsu 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Arts and Cultural Center in the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418.

**Send the Herald Post your photos**

If you have photos from sporting events, email 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).