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## Patriot Express offers travel options for pets

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The Patriot Express, a Department of Defense-chartered air travel, originating at Baltimore Washington International Airport and transiting to Ramstein Air Base, offers options for trans-Atlantic travel with pets.

"During the summer months, May through September, most airlines may impose a Summer Heat Embargo and will not allow individuals to transport pets in the cargo compartment," said Maj. Steven Czap, operations officer with United States Army Europe G1. "Most Patriot Express flights to

BWI are climate controlled and can fly year round without restrictions on breeds ... air temperature and pet travel costs on Patriot Express are generally cheaper when compared to commercial carriers," he said.

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## Mannheim on the move



Alyx Fuhrman

Community members participate in a 5k fun run Sunday near Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim to raise awareness for women's heart disease. The event was organized by Heidelberg High School student and Girl Scout Emily Chipps. See story on page 12.

## Optometry services limited to TRICARE Prime enrollees

### HMEDDAC Public Affairs

The Heidelberg Health Center's optometry department has reduced care to provide services only for active duty military and their family members who enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

The change is necessary, as the optometry staff is down to only one provider and can no longer

accommodate all previously-seen beneficiaries. As such, the optometry clinic no longer supports care for dependent parents or Department of the Army and Department of Defense civilian employees and contractors.

Optometry services for these beneficiaries can be obtained via host nation providers.

"These changes are in line with

USAREUR's transformation plan and the relocation of units in Germany," said Lt. Col. Rachele Smith, Officer-in-Charge of the Heidelberg Health Center. "As we continue to adapt our health care platform to support transformation in Europe, we will continue to keep our beneficiaries informed of changes in our services."

## COMMENTARY

# Honoring our heroes Memorial Day remembrances

By Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling  
USAREUR COMMANDING GENERAL

This Memorial Day, I have the great honor of speaking at several European cemeteries. Throughout history, brave men and women have fought across this continent for causes much greater than themselves. There are many places on the continent where these selfless Soldiers rest.

While some armies brought oppression, others fought against tyranny. When I visit American cemeteries, I am reminded that our Soldiers have always fought for liberty, and to free others from oppression ... the only land we seek to retain is that land where we bury our dead.

One of the places I will be speaking this year is the Margraten American Cemetery, near Maastricht, Netherlands, ... not far from where Soldiers of U.S. Army Europe serve today.

During the bloody winter of 1944, as air raid alarms howled through Maastricht, 300 American service members – along with their Dutch brothers – gathered in the darkness of the De Scharck Cave for Christmas Eve Mass. A grotto carved out from sandstone by the brothers of the Beyart Monastery, the De Scharck Cave offered a refuge from the perilous bombs and the chilling rain both falling from the sky that night.

As Father Dobrzinski led the Mass, the candles illuminated the faces of the Soldiers,

who for a fleeting moment felt the warmth of hope and the harbor of peace.

Still, the casting shadows foretold a different mood, for the Soldiers were aware of the imminent danger to come. In the coming hours, these very Soldiers would march forward to reinforce Bastogne, were many would give their lives during the Battle of the Bulge.

At the conclusion of the Christmas Eve mass, each Soldier inscribed his name on the cave wall; those names are still visible today. These Soldiers all continue to live – frozen in time, still young men in their prime – even though they served and sacrificed over 70 years ago.

On this and every Memorial Day, we must remember those who have fought on for the elimination of tyranny and oppression. We must remember them as young men and women, who did their duty and contributed to something bigger than themselves.

These are our brothers, our sisters and our loved ones, and they remain forever young.

A tombstone I saw recently paraphrased Shakespeare, and used the inscription: "At the rising of the sun, and in the evening, we will remember them."

That speaks to what we all must do, every day of the year, but especially on this Memorial Day.

I am proud of our Soldiers in U.S. Army Europe, and I am proud to serve alongside you.

## Join BW's virtual community BWnow

◆ Get a complete and up-to-date list of community events, announcements and news.

◆ Share your opinion with others in the community and find out what they think in the forum discussion boards.

◆ Post your photos from community events happening in Mannheim, Heidelberg and Kaiserslautern.

◆ Let the command group know your thoughts on hot topics through the Question of the Week, and you might see your answer in the Herald Post.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

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

To join, go to [mybwnow.ning.com](http://mybwnow.ning.com). We're your source for community information.



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

"Is there a bus to Ramstein for Patriot Express flights?  
– Renee Hughes, BWnow Facebook Fan

06221-57-8399. They will provide you with schedule and location information for the Ramstein Patriot Express shuttle."

– BWnow Administrator

"Renee, there is a bus for Ramstein Patriot Express. You will need to contact the USAG Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility in the Community Support Center, Room 180, Bldg. 3850, on the Heidelberg Shopping Center. DSN 370-7343/6711, or civ.

"Is there any word on the 4th of July Party on PHV yet? Will it be on the 4th or another date?"

– Daniela Rode, BWnow Facebook Fan

"The annual fourth of July party will take place on Wed., July 4. The details are still being planned out and we will post them as soon as we receive the final event information from Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation."

– BWnow Administrator

"Anybody have a 220v weed trimmer to get rid of?"  
– Richard Glass, BWnow Facebook Fan



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# Bob the Bugler bound for Arlington

*German bugler to honor fallen troops with time-honored tune*

By Rick Scavetta

U.S. ARMY GARRISON KAISERSLAUTERN

Troops passing Hartmut Hausser's post outside Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's emergency room hand their ID cards to the blue-uniformed security officer, a witty character whose comments make them laugh as they pass.

Some know Hausser simply as the charming Pond's security officer, who befriends passersby – a welcoming fixture for LRMC staff, wounded Soldiers and visiting family members. Others call him "Bob the Bugler."

During Memorial Day weekend, and in the weeks to follow, Hausser will perform taps at various state-side sites, to include a stop at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

His role as the German representative of the national organization, Bugles Across America, is something Hausser holds dear.

"The emotion gets to me, about taps," Hausser said, as a blue bus with a large red cross passes by his post to unload wounded U.S. troops at the nearby emergency room entrance.

At age 5, Hausser first picked up his father's German hunting horn, sounding out a few notes. Growing up near Americans in Stuttgart, Hausser recalls taps played on nearby posts. But he first heard taps from his black and white television, as actor Montgomery Clift played the somber tune in the film "From Here To Eternity." His father pointed out how Clift wasn't really playing.

"That's how I first got involved with taps," Hausser said.

As a child, Hausser loved Western novels by German writer Karl May – tales of the U.S. 7th Cavalry sounding taps when Apache chief Winnetou dies – solidifying the importance of the bugle call. During the early 1970s, during a Christmas exchange program, Hausser's father brought an American Soldier home.

The Soldier, a Texan who gave Hausser a big belt buckle that he still owns, told Hausser how buglers played taps to end the day in garrison and during funerals.

Hausser served as a German army paratrooper and still proudly displays his jump wings. He began working for Pond's security at U.S. bases during the height of the recent U.S. wars. While at LRMC, a chaplain asked Hausser to play taps at a memorial for a staff member who had died.

"Today, I'm honored to play taps on occasion, when needed for memorial services to honor the American soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice, so we can live in freedom," Hausser said.

During a previous stateside trip, Hausser blew taps in Sheridan, Wyo. As the German representative of Bugles Across America, Hausser's often called upon to render the tribute in Europe. He's played taps at American cemeteries in France and Belgium and on Ramstein Air Base.

"People have now given me the distinguished honor to take part in a few commemorative events in the U.S.," Hausser said. "Therefore, I'm very thankful. It's a great honor."

In Chicago, Hausser will take part in Memorial Day activities, where the theme this year is the 150th



Rick Scavetta

Hartmut Hausser is a Pond's security officer at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Hausser, also known as "Bob the Bugler," will travel to the United States to perform taps at several commemorative events across the country over the coming weeks.

anniversary of taps.

During the Civil War's Peninsular Campaign, Gen. Daniel Butterfield wrote taps with bugler Oliver Norton. It was first sounded in July 1862 and became an official bugle call after the war ended.

Several stateside anniversary events will take place over the coming weeks, to include three days of activities at Berkeley Plantation in Virginia, near where the Union Army was camped, said Jari Villanueva, a retired U.S. Air Force master sergeant and former Arlington bugler.

"It's wonderful that we have someone like Hartmut who plays for U.S. Soldiers buried (overseas)," Villanueva said. "It's great they he can come to the states to take part in commemorative events."

After Chicago, Hausser heads to Lafayette, Ind., to meet Blake Powers, the founder of "Cooking With The Troops," whom Hausser met at LRMC. Then, in Toledo, Ohio, he'll meet Robert Whalen and Steven Gale, two vascular surgeons who volunteer at LRMC.

Whalen, who first met Hausser a couple years ago, said he was surprised to find a former German soldier so dedicated to memorializing fallen troops.

"He's a great man who respects what has been done by the U.S. military," Whalen said. "It's just amazing that someone from here is that respectful of what the U.S. troops have done. His playing helps everyone to remember the sacrifice our Soldiers have made for us."

Afterward, in Cleveland, Hausser will play taps at the grave of Pvt. Robert Green, a U.S. Soldier killed at the Wereth massacre.

On Dec. 17, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, 11 African-Americans were shot by German SS

troops in Wereth, Belgium. For the past five years, Hausser has played taps at the memorial in the Belgian hamlet. Last year, he met Sandra Green, Pvt. Green's niece, who suggested he come to Cleveland to play at his grave.

Finally, in Virginia, Hausser will be hosted by Landstuhl Hospital Care Project founder Karen Girmord and her husband, Brian.

On June 16, Hausser takes part in a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, where he hopes to become the first German to play taps there.

"It's not about the bugler Hartmut Hausser traveling to the United States. It's all about the Soldiers," Hausser said. "It's all about those who deserve to hear taps one last time and their next of kin to hear taps played. It's my way to say thank you, to honor those in the past, the present and the future. And it means a great deal to me."



Rick Scavetta

Hartmut Hausser, a Pond's security officer, checks the identification of a U.S. service member entering the emergency room gate at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Hausser, also known as "Bob the Bugler," will play taps at several commemorative events in the U.S. during the coming weeks.

## transformation UPDATE

### Kilbourne Kaserne Returned

During a small ceremony May 15, USAG Baden-Württemberg Command Sgt. Maj. Annette Weber returned the keys to the Kilbourne Kaserne military installation to a representative from BlmA, Germany's federal real estate management agency and Schwetzingen Lord Mayor Dr. Rene Pöhl and the city's chief construction officer. The transfer marked the official return of the U.S. military installation in Schwetzingen to German authorities. The event comes as yet another step in the Army's ongoing transformation effort, which will see all units and facilities relocated from the Heidelberg, Schwetzingen and Mannheim area by 2015. Following the ceremony, German officials signed a cooperation agreement on the development of the property.

### Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

### NEW – "I missed the last USAG Baden-Württemberg town hall May 3. Where can I go to see the video from the meeting?"

You can view all the video footage of the May 3 USAG BW town hall at our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/BWnow](http://www.youtube.com/BWnow).

### NEW – "With Clinic services closing, we have been told that we can get reimbursed for travel to doctor appointments that are very frequent in Landstuhl. Is that true? And if so, who do we contact about that?"

The Medical Travel Reimbursement Process is applicable to active duty service members and their dependents through a Competent Medical Authority Statement. The CMA is a memorandum provided to an active duty service member or their dependent, which authorizes the reimbursement of funds for travel to a medical treatment facility outside of their permanent duty station. This is defined as a greater than 45-minute commute to a medical treatment facility to which a patient has been referred for continuity of care. Actual cost of transportation use, includes public transportation cost, or, if using a privately owned vehicle, gasoline, parking fees and other incurred expenses associated with travel for medical treatment. After completing your appointment at the MTF or civilian facility to which you were referred, patients can report to the Patient Administration in Bldg. 3613, Room 1047 with their paperwork and identification. Dependents of active duty Army or Air Force, enrolled in TRICARE Prime, will have their CMAs further processed here in the budget office of Heidelberg Medical Activity. Dependents of Marines or Sailors enrolled in TRICARE Prime, can proceed to the sponsor's unit for reimbursement. For more questions regarding Competent Medical Authority statements, call the Patient Affairs office at DSN 371-3095, civ. 06221-17-3095.

### NEW – "I'm wondering who needs to be contacted to have the waste containers around the playgrounds on Benjamin Franklin Village emptied? We have children who still play at these playgrounds on a regular basis and they are overflowing and are extremely unsanitary."

The first step would be to contact your building or stairwell coordinator for your housing area to report the problem. You may also contact officials from the Mannheim base operations office located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks. DSN 385-1610/3944 or civ. 0621-730-1610.

### NEW – "I have a question regarding the possibility of a shuttle bus to and from Wiesbaden during work weeks. I will soon be starting a job in Wiesbaden prior to actually moving there. I have heard rumors about the possibility of a shuttle bus being made available to and from Wiesbaden from Heidelberg, but cannot find any information about it. Is there currently a shuttle available? Or will one be made available soon?"

According United States Army Europe officials, the Relocation Heidelberg to Wiesbaden and Return bus is tentatively scheduled to begin running sometime in February or March 2013. United States Army Europe civilians and military staff impacted by the relocation will be authorized to use the relocation bus.

### Facilities Operations Changes Mannheim

**Barber Shop** – The Benjamin Franklin Village Barber Shop is now closed. The Coleman Barber Shop is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. The Coleman Barber Concessionaire has agreed to remain open until 5 p.m. if customer traffic increases.

**Base Operations** – For assistance, residents should contact Sgt. 1st Class Damien R. Hunt, who is now the Base Operations noncommissioned officer in charge located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks, DSN 385-1610, civ. 0621-730-1610, civ. 07622-70-0535, [damiens.hunt.mil@mail.mil](mailto:damiens.hunt.mil@mail.mil), or Bob Isbell, Mannheim Base Operations Manager, DSN 385-3944, civ. 0621-730-3944, [robert.n.isbell2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:robert.n.isbell2.civ@mail.mil).

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

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

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

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

**Commissary** – Deli and bakery services are no longer available at the commissary. Sandwiches are still available in the grab 'n go section and customers can special order select items and purchase hot rotisserie chicken. The commissary operating hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. The commissary is slated to remain open through August. DSN 385-3940, civ. 0621-728-3611.

**Community Bank** – The Community Bank on Sullivan Barracks is closed Mondays. It is open 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Facility Closures** – The Mannheim main post exchange, gas station, launderette, Popeyes, Taco Bell and concessions area are scheduled to close **June 15**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**UPDATED – WIC Office** – The Women, Infants and Children Overseas office further reduced office hours due to transformation and reduced base population. As of **May 18**, the Mannheim office is now open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays.

### Heidelberg

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

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

**Chapels** – The last religious services at the Mark Twain Village chapel will be held **June 3**. The area where the chapel is located will be closed by September 2012. Chapel services will transfer to Patrick Henry Village and Nachrichten Kaserne. For information on new service times and locations call DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190.

**Dental Clinic** – The sick call and exam hours for the Patrick Henry Village dental clinic are now 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 388-9500.

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

**Teen Clinic** – The Teen Clinic at Heidelberg High School will cease on-location support at the end of the school year. Teens can be seen at the Heidelberg Health Center. DSN 371-2622, civ. 0800-376-2223.

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

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

## Faces of the Community: Heidelberg Middle School



Samantha Smith

Heidelberg Middle School teacher Glenda Johnson works out a math problem with her class on the white board April 10. Johnson teaches math and study skills to 6th grade students.

## Safety Fair



Spc. Ilesha Howard

1st Lt. Solomon Preko, the assistant training and operations officer for the 21st Special Troops Battalion, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, and a native of Bronx, N.Y., tries on combat arms hearing protection in front of Todd Jensen, a hearing program assistant for the U.S. Army's Public Health Command and a native of Salt Lake City, during the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern Safety Fair on Rhine Ordnance Barracks May 4. Agencies were on hand to display emergency preparedness items as well as to provide information on measures in preventative care for physical health and other services available within the Kaiserslautern Military Community.

## Soldiers demonstrate capabilities during Swiss Symposia



Staff Sgt. Michael J. Taylor

Soldiers of the 7th Civil Support Command's 773rd Civil Support Team demonstrate their decontamination process for attendees of the 18th Anniversary of the Swiss' Chemical and Biological Medical Treatment Symposia in Spiez, Switzerland, May 7-9.

By Staff Sgt. Michael J. Taylor  
21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SPIEZ, Switzerland – Soldiers of the 773rd Civil Support Team, 7th Civil Support Command, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, demonstrated their chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear response capabilities to representatives from more than 25 different nations during the 18-year anniversary of the Swiss' Chemical and Biological Medical Treatment Symposia held here May 7-9.

The symposia was organized to bring together professionals most concerned with the scientific, technical and policy aspects of problems associated with chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and weapons-of-mass-destruction threats.

"This is one of the premier gatherings in the world in the areas of CBRN defense and consequence management," said Brig. Gen. Mark Hendrix, the commanding general of the 7th CSC.

"There are experts here from around the world in the fields of science, medicine and policy, gathered to exchange ideas, information, new emerging technologies and thoughts on the way ahead."

Throughout the three-day symposia, the 773rd's 12-Soldier contingent put various tools and CBRN equipment that they use on display for attendees to see. Soldiers explained and described the capabilities and demonstrated the use of the displayed items to inquiring symposia visitors.

"We're doing a static display for the Swiss Spiez Laboratory," said Staff Sgt. Timothy Butler, the survey team chief for the 773rd CST. "We have our equipment from the unit on display to show our capabilities and what we do."

"Coming down here and showing our equipment and showing our expertise makes me feel good about what I do," Butler said.

In addition to the equipment, the 773rd also put on display their Analytical Laboratory System. The ALS vehicle is a C-130 Hercules air transportable system that uses both commercial off-the-shelf and government off-the-shelf equipment to analyze chemical warfare agents, toxic industrial materials, toxic industrial chemicals and biological warfare agents.

The ALS is capable of establishing communications through a mobile communications system to local, state and federal laboratories and other agencies for analysis and presumptive identification of suspect agents.

On the final day of the symposia, Soldiers performed a full-dress demonstration of how they respond to a suspected chemical threat, showing the symposia attendees their attention to detail and tactics of handling potentially harmful substances.

"This symposium has been great for us in so many ways. We've learned a lot as far as information ideas, techniques and technologies, and we've had a chance to showcase our unit and our Soldiers," Hendrix commented.

# Enjoy spargel during short growing season in Germany

By **Samantha Smith**

USAG BW PUBLIC AFFAIRS VOLUNTEER

It's that time of year again; the emergence of the ubiquitous white asparagus, known as spargel, here in Germany.

During the short season between April and June, spargel can be found in spring markets, grocery stores and directly from the farmers.

Grown in Germany for almost 500 years, white asparagus is a variety coveted for its thick stalks and mild taste. The plant is a perennial, so it is one of the first fresh vegetables available in springtime.

To keep the spargel white, it is grown underground in elevated rows of sand and compost, which blanches the shoots as they grow. A thick plastic covering

protects the delicate stalks.

When the shoots break the surface, they are harvested. Cultivation is time consuming as each shoot must be cut by hand and the hole filled over with dirt.

Many local restaurants have a spargelkarte or asparagus menu featuring their seasonal specialties, including creamy spargel soup, spargel salad and, of course, spargel served with Hollandaise sauce.

But you don't have to eat out to enjoy it. Spargel is easy to cook; just peel, steam and eat it plain, with sauce or add it to some of your favorite dishes, like pasta and soups.

This vegetable is truly a national treasure and with such a short growing season, it should be enjoyed to the fullest.



File photo



Samantha Smith

A field worker harvests spargel by hand near Walldorf, Germany. Cultivation is time-consuming, as each shoot must be cut by hand and the hole filled over with dirt.

## Creamy asparagus soup

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoon butter
- 1 1/2 - 2 lb. white asparagus, peeled and cut into 2 inch pieces, heads reserved
- 6 cups broth, either chicken or vegetable
- 1/2 cup half and half cream
- Salt, to taste
- Fresh ground pepper, to taste
- Dry white wine, to taste
- Parsley for garnish

### Preparation:

Peel the white asparagus before you chop it into small pieces, getting rid of the tough outer layer. Sauté the onion in the butter until soft in the bottom of a 4-quart saucepan. Add the asparagus (minus the heads) and steam for 5 minutes. Add the broth and boil gently for about 30 minutes, or until the asparagus is very soft. Purée the soup in batches in the blender (place a towel over the lid and hold down the lid so the hot soup does not splatter) or with a hand blender and return to pan. Bring to a simmer and add the reserved asparagus heads. Cook at least 5 minutes, or until they are fork-tender. Turn down the heat and add the cream. Do not boil further. Taste and add salt and freshly ground pepper as needed. You may also want to add a few spoonfuls of white wine, if you think the soup needs acidity. Garnish with parsley.

# Germany's auto free days boon for cyclists

By **Samantha Smith**

USAG BW PUBLIC AFFAIRS VOLUNTEER

In Germany, biking is truly a pleasure. With all of the designated bike paths, signals and racks located outside of every business, there is no excuse not to dust off your bike and get pedaling.

Many towns close the roads during the warmer months to enjoy *auto-frei* days. These events combine car free cycling with beer and bratwurst, coffee and cake, live music and other entertainment.

To really enjoy Germany, consider leaving the car at home, getting a little fresh air and doing it like the locals, on two wheels.

## Upcoming auto-free cycling events

- May 27: Fahr zur Aar, Taunusstein to Bleidenstadt-Diez, 44 km.
- May 28: Nim(m)s Rad, near Prüm, from Rommersheim to Rittersdorf, 26 km.
- June 3: Happy Mosel, along the Mosel Valley from Schweich to Reil, 80 km.
- June 17: Autofreies Mühlentag-Erlebnistag Radspaß, through Wallhalben, Landstuhl, and Thaleischweiler-Fröschen, 40 km.
- June 17: Tour de Ahrtal, along the Ahr Valley from Blankenheim to Dümpelfeld, 31 km.
- June 17: Natürlich Mobil, along the Neckar River from Heilbronn to Mosbach, 34 km.
- June 17: Speichenfest 2012, through the Fulda Valley between Melsungen and Bebra, 35 km.
- June 26: Tal Total, along both sides of the Rhine River between Koblenz and Bingen and Lahnstein and Rudesheim, 60 km.

Source: Stars and Stripes



Samantha Smith

Cyclists enjoy a car free day at the annual Rhein Radeln pedal near Oppenheim May 13.

# Heidelberg summer reading programs promise participants prizes, zombie fun

By JR Orlando

PHV LIBRARY

Zombies, food and prizes are all on the menu at Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village Library this summer. The school year is almost over, and the staff is putting the final touches on preparations for this year's Summer Reading Program.

This year's reading program for students grades 1-5 is titled "Reading is Sooo Delicious" and "Readers are Sooo Delicious: Zombie Apocalypse," for grades 6 and older.

Both programs are designed to motivate children to read over their summer break.

"Reading is Sooo Delicious" will include crafts with food, special guests and reading prizes for kids as they achieve their goals.

This year parents and children will be able to set their own reading goals, allowing for a more personalized approach to reading targets. "We aim to provide inspiration for kids to maintain their reading throughout the summer – give them something to get excited about and want to read about," said PHV Library Director Misa Whiteford.

The weekly gatherings will feature a puppet show, costume making, T-shirt giveaways and other activities.

Two different age groups will meet each week from late June through July, Ages 3 to kindergarten 11 a.m. Wednesdays and grades 1-5 11:30 a.m. Thursdays A final party for both age groups will be held July 26.

The teen program, "Readers are Sooo Delicious:



Michelle Hankins

Patrick Henry Village library employee JR Orlando tries to enjoy a quiet reading session at the library in Heidelberg May 17. Staff members are preparing for their annual summer reading programs. This year's theme features zombies.

"Zombie Apocalypse," features reading, filmmaking and photography all set in the midst of a zombie attack. The program also includes a project for the teens to participate in that will culminate with a special presentation at the end of program party July 24.

This year, teens are invited to enter a film and photo contest documenting a zombie attack or presence in the Heidelberg community. Entries can be taken with cell phones, cameras or video cameras, and can be submitted as a photo or a short video up to 3 minutes in length.

Public Services Librarian Melissa Laplante hopes Zombie Apocalypse will unleash kids' inner filmmaker. "We hope the kids will be really creative. It will be fun to see what they come up with. The point is to use their imagination and the technology and resources readily available to them," she said.

In preparation for the contest, the library has added a number of books on zombies, photography and video making to its collection.

Prizes will be awarded to the best zombie photo and footage entries, and teens may also earn prizes by reading.

Past prizes have included iPod Touches, Skullcandy headphones and iTunes gift cards.

Kids traveling during the summer can still take part in the reading program online and earn prizes. Registration begins June 1.

Visit or call the PHV library at DSN 370-1740 or civ. 06221-57-1740 for more details.

## Garrison officials explain why recycling really matters

By Marty Hanson

USAG BW DPW

Recycling is the law in Germany. As such, the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Department of Public Works is required to provide adequate recycling containers for the entire military population in Heidelberg and Mannheim through the Operations and Maintenance Division for this purpose. How these containers are then used is another matter completely.

If you do not recycle, you may be subject to penalties depending on the nature and magnitude of the violation as per USAG BW Command Policy Memorandums #59 and #23c which deal with how solid waste is handled within the garrison.

In addition, taxpayers will pay a premium, and the premium is on the dark gray rubbish container.

It is illegal to transport solid waste in Germany. If you live off-post, you may not bring your trash on post. If caught, civilians, family members and local nationals are subject to administrative actions, which could lead to bar action or revocation of housing privileges.

The way the system works in Heidelberg is based on the size of the rubbish container and the frequency of pickups. If both can be reduced to a minimum, U.S. taxpayers benefit significantly. The containers are provided by the city of Heidelberg, which charges the U.S. Army for providing the containers, rolling them out to the curb on pick up day, emptying the containers and rolling them back to the recycling islands.

This is done on Thursdays on Mark Twain Village and Fridays on Patrick Henry Village. Each of the four basic waste streams (rubbish, pa-

per, packaging and compost) is picked up in two different vehicles making separate runs to keep those waste streams separate. The glass containers are emptied by a separate contractor who does not work for the city of Heidelberg.

As a result of the Rumbling Rubbish inspection program, the garrison has been able to cut solid waste costs by more than \$500,000 annually simply by reducing the size of rubbish containers in the 300 recycling islands located on MTV and PHV from 1,100 liters to 660 liters.

Due to the reduced population on MTV, those 660 liter containers have now been reduced to 240 liters, which will realize an additional \$80,000 cut in the solid waste bill. Inspections under the Rumbling Rubbish program are currently being conducted on PHV with the intention of increasing awareness and training on waste separation

to achieve a further reduction in costs by replacing the 660 liter containers with two 240 liter containers. That alone would achieve an additional \$120,000 in savings.

The key to better waste separation is to have separate containers for disposal of the different waste streams where they are generated, in the home or office. It doesn't have to be an expensive setup. At home, cardboard boxes with plastic bags as liners will do the trick. The garrison provided color coded paper and packaging containers to administrative areas a couple of years ago. These color coded containers just happen to also match the color codes in Wiesbaden. Units moving to Wiesbaden should take their recycling containers with them when they go. Garrison officials have already sent left over recycling containers to Wiesbaden.

One significant health and

safety issue often overlooked is the necessity for closing the lids of containers. This was an environmental compliance finding during the FY12 USAG BW External Environmental Performance Assessment System. All waste container lids should be closed after use to help the garrison maintain environmental compliance and prevent vermin and birds from accessing the contents of the containers.

Helping to augment the recycling program in Heidelberg is the Recycling Center located on Alamo Circle on PHV. The Recycling Center is open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday collocated with the recycling containers is a hazardous waste collection point for household hazardous waste (detergents, bleach and paint) and a Reuse Center.

Electronic waste (TVs, radios, irons) can also be recycled here.



Staff Sgt. Joe Armas

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Norma Garza, a pilot assigned to 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, conducts a pre-flight inspection on a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter as the sun rises over Camp Marmal, Afghanistan, May 2.



U.S. Army

Cavalry scouts assigned to the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division set up an observation post, aiding in the validation exercise of the joint-precision air drop system, near Camp Udairi, Kuwait, May 19. The OP was placed to watch for cargo dropped by an Air Force C-130 aircraft to ensure it landed in the designated drop zone by the use of the automated guidance system controlling the direction of parachutes.



U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. John Delarm, left, and Sgt. Gregory Jordan of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, set up the M-119 howitzer for a firing point as part of artillery certification drills at Fort Bragg, N.C., May 8.



Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod

Spc. Lance Love and Pvt. Chase Greer, truck drivers with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, work out between missions in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, May 12. Their unit, Company A, 307th Brigade Support Battalion, provides most of the logistical support for 1/82.

Artillerymen from 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, fire "Old Glory" to signify the start of the brigade's change of responsibility ceremony May 11 on Fort Riley's Custer Hill Parade Field in Kansas. Old Glory is a replica of an 1855 Model Three Inch Ordnance Cannon. Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Gilpin assumed the Dagger Brigade's top noncommissioned officer spot from Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Lewis during the ceremony.



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# Finding the path: 22 graduate Pathfinder School

By Staff Sgt. Michael J. Taylor  
21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SCHWEINFURT – “All but war is training, and everything that everyone in the military does requires training,” said Sgt. Maj. John Buchanan, the 21st Theater Sustainment Command’s assistant chief of staff for operations, training and exercise sergeant major.

Soldiers stationed throughout Europe were subjects of intense training during the 21st Theater Sustainment Command-organized and sponsored Pathfinder Course April 16-May 3 at the Camp Robertson training area here.

The course was organized to ensure Soldiers in units and positions that require Pathfinder skills would receive the necessary training. Of the 60 Soldiers selected to attend, 22 made it to graduation.

“Pathfinder is one of the most challenging and mentally straining courses that the Army has,” Buchanan said, a native of Springfield, Ill. “It’s very tough. The washout rate is somewhere around 50 or 60 percent, so Soldiers have to be mentally ready for the challenge.”

Pathfinders are Soldiers who are trained to provide navigational aid and advisory services to military aircraft in areas designated by supported

unit commanders. Their secondary mission includes providing advice and limited aid to units planning air assault or airdrop operations.

During the Pathfinder Course, students are instructed in aircraft orientation, aero-medical evacuation, close combat assault, ground to air communication procedures, control center operations, three phases of sling load operations, helicopter landing zone and pick-up zone operations and drop zone operations.

The sling load portion of the course is the only hands-on test in which students are tested on four of six loads taught. They must identify three out of four preparations and or rigging deficiencies within two minutes per load to be successful. Statistically, most students fail this portion.

“Obviously, we strive to have a 100 percent pass rate, but unfortunately that’s just not the case,” said Sgt. 1st Class Charles A. Newman, a sling load instructor and operations non-commissioned officer for the Pathfinder School, and a native of Gulfport, Miss.

“We fail the majority of personnel on the sling load operation portion of the course,” Newman said.

In addition to 21st TSC units, Soldiers assigned to the 12th Cavalry Regiment, the Joint Multinational Training Command and the 173rd Infantry



Staff Sgt. Michael J. Taylor

A UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief connects a safety strap for Pathfinder students prior to an airborne jump April 27, during the 21st Theater Sustainment Command organized Pathfinder Course, which took place on Camp Robertson training area in Schweinfurt, April 16-May 3.

Brigade attended.

“Pathfinder School is very difficult, but if you apply yourself, you will make it,” said Sgt. Abdul M. Shuford, an allied trades specialist with the 391st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, and a native of New York.

“It is more on the technical side than other schools. You have more formulas, rules, regulations and specifics. To be safe, you have to know a lot of things like drop zone altitudes,

speeds and hookup procedures,” Shuford added.

In order for Soldiers to be selected to attend the Pathfinder Course, they had to either maintain or be projected for assignment to a pathfinder slot.

“Any time we can help enhance our Soldiers and give them the additional tools and skills needed to help them better prepare for the mission, then it’s always a satisfaction for the command and the leadership,” Buchanan said.

# Shaping NATO’s future land command

By Capt. Tamara Gonzales  
ALLIED FORCE COMMAND HEIDELBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TIRANA, Albania – General officers and their representatives from across 25 NATO countries, 10 Partnership for Peace countries, two Mediterranean Dialogue and two Istanbul Cooperation Initiative countries, representatives from Allied Command Operations and Allied Command Transformation gathered together to discuss NATO’s future at the Allied Chief of Army Staff Talks and Land Commanders Conference, May 8-10 here.

“The people in this room represent the body of land expertise within NATO. My fellow Force Command commander, Lt. Gen. Alfredo Cardona Torres, and I are your land advocates within the NATO Command Structure, but we are preparing to hand that mantle of responsibility to the new land command in Izmir, Turkey,” said Lt. Gen. John W. Morgan III, Commander Allied Force Command Heidelberg.

He continued to describe the conference as an opportunity for increasing the linkages between the NATO Command Structure and the NATO Force Structure headquarters and the national headquarters of allied armed forces.

Albania’s armed forces served as host for the ACAST, providing coordination, logistical support and working in close coordination with Allied Force Command Heidelberg.

Commander of the General Staff of the Albanian Armed Forces, Maj. Gen. Xhemal Gjunksi,

welcomed the Army representatives and stated, “This conference is important proof of how NATO is working together in building structures. NATO structures need training capabilities and new means to support these capabilities. Transformation is a process of putting this into order.”

This theme was elaborated further during the visit by the Albanian Prime Minister Sali Berisha. During his address to the participants, he acknowledged Albania’s armed forces transformation and their admiration while operating under NATO command.

“When you look, in this world, NATO is by far the best of the best that nations have; this transatlantic alliance is the grandeur, I do believe, the best international organization the western world has ever had,” Berisha added.

Furthermore, while acknowledging the budgetary challenges currently facing Europe and the upcoming NATO Summit in Chicago, Berisha referenced the NATO secretary general’s initiatives of Smart Defense and the Connected Forces, which ACAST embodies, as key concepts for truly addressing present shortfalls.

Topics also addressed on the first briefing day included Allied Command Operations transformation, the results of the Bi-Force Command Corps Commander’s Conference and NATO’s post 2014 joint training policy and support as well as a solid program for the attending partners revolving around aspects of training with NATO.

The highlight of the conference was the presentation by Gen. Sir Richard Shirreff, Deputy

Supreme Allied Commander Europe, who discussed ACO transformation and challenges of command and control in NATO operations.

Shirreff reinforced for the audience the need for pragmatism to solve future challenges and the necessity of building links between the command and force structure.

Remarking also on how we guarantee deployability within the force structure, Shirreff observed, “Land Command Izmir will be the only structure that can be called upon with ultimate deployability not being reliant upon a specific country.”

After a morning of briefings and discussions, the participants had the chance to gain insight and experience Albanian culture at the Skanderbeg castle in the town of Kruje. Later that evening, they participated in a formal dinner.

The main topic of the final day was training with NATO and the ACT and how training plays a crucial role in maintaining the land command’s and the NATO Response Force’s highly deployable status.

In his concluding comments, Morgan confirmed, “ACAST was an important meeting for the NATO Command Structure, the NATO Force Structure and its nations because they looked in holistic ways at training, readiness, evaluations and structure including the partner countries.”

He continued his assessment stating, “To discuss the importance of training and working together and understanding one another in order to provide security that endures throughout Europe. It was indeed a success.”

# Mannheim community shows support for fun run event

## Local Girl Scout organizes event to raise awareness for heart disease in women



Photos by Alyx Fuhriman

Community members of all ages shuffled along the streets of Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim Sunday in support of a community fun run and fitness event coordinated by 14-year-old Girl Scout Emily Chipps.



Emily Chipps, event coordinator, surveys the scene as runners fill the streets of Mannheim's Benjamin Franklin Village Sunday for a 5K fun run to promote heart disease awareness.

By Alyx Fuhriman

USAG BW PUBLIC AFFAIRS VOLUNTEER

Sunday afternoon, a 5k fun run took place on the Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim to raise awareness for women's heart disease. However, this was no ordinary run. This race was not organized by any foundation, clinic, or health council. Instead, it was put together completely by 14-year-old Emily Chipps.

Chipps is a freshman at Heidelberg High School, where she is shot put and throws discus for the track team. She is the youngest by mere minutes of triplets, all of whom including herself are members of the Scout program.

She planned and executed the run in

order to receive her Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can attain.

The race was more of an event than just a conventional run. After runners crossed the finish line, they received cards and were sent to four individual stations, large tents set up in the middle of the football field.

"Each station represents the four chambers of the heart," Chipps explained, "and focuses on different issues about heart disease. You get a sticker on your card for visiting each one, and then you bring it to the last station over there to get your T-shirt and water bottle."

Manning the T-shirt tent was a "very proud and very tired" Eric Chipps, Chipps' father, who expressed wonder

at what his daughter had achieved.

"I'm amazed so many people showed up; I didn't think there were this many people left in Mannheim," he said.

Chipps' mother, Carol Chipps, estimated more than 160 people completed the course.

Also, volunteers from U.S. military health clinics all over the Baden-Württemberg area came to support the cause and run the tents, including medics from the Heidelberg and Coleman clinics, who took runner's blood pressure at the blood pressure check station.

However nearly everything else was commanded by Chipps' supportive family, which had been helping her set

up for the event since the early morning.

The scope of Chipps' accomplishment was not lost on the runners. Upon receiving her T-shirt and water bottle, veteran runner Sheri Lewis couldn't help but comment to Chipps' father, "Your daughter is amazing. I never could have done this at 14."

Similar sentiments were echoed throughout the crowd. Upon hearing such praise, Chipps grinned and looked down at her clipboard modestly.

"I had a lot of people helping from [Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation] and Sports for Youth Services, especially Mr. Dayton and Mr. English. I'd like to thank them."

## PETS

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According to the Air Mobility Command Passenger Policy Branch, there is a minimum fee of \$112 for up to 70 pounds and a max fee of \$336 for a 150-pound animal to fly on the PE. This calculation is based on the pet and kennel's combined weight and is broken down into three weight increments.

Commercial carriers calculate pet shipping cost based on cubic feet of cargo space taken up by the kennel and air space around the kennel for proper ventilation. This calculation can cost anywhere from \$395 for an average kennel to more than \$1,160 for the largest commercial kennel to support a 150-pound animal for the same itinerary. Currently, there are 10 pet spaces (cats and dogs only), available on the Tuesday Patriot Express flight primarily used for Permanent Change of Station transportation.

There are also three other weekly Patriot Express flights (formerly known as Cat B, "Freedom Bird" or "Rotor") that fly Soldiers from the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility and transition

through Ramstein Air Base to BWI. These flights often have temperature-controlled spaces for pets, equating up to 40 pet allocations per week.

A very limited quantity of small pets may be authorized to travel in the cabin. Pets must be able to fit comfortably in a kennel (hard-sided or soft-sided) no larger than 20 inches long by 16 inches wide by 8 inches high in order to fit under the seat in front of the owner. Pets must be able to stand up, lie down, and turn around with normal posture and body movements.

When making outbound travel arrangements for pets, service members will have to keep in mind that they will have to make appropriate onward movement arrangements of their pets from BWI to their PCS destination.

This may be harder during the summer heat embargo period than the rest of the year. If there is no space available on the PE flight, travelers still have the option to ship their pets via a commercial carrier or through air cargo (both unaccompanied).

Here are additional options that can offset the cost of pet shipping:

- Shipping a privately owned vehicle to the port of Baltimore in advance of official travel and driving to the permanent duty station or leave address. This option requires coordination with the local transportation office. Source specific guidance is the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Chapter 5, U5435.

- Renting a car to travel from BWI to their permanent duty station and bringing the pet with them in the rental vehicle. Travelers will not be reimbursed, except for the mileage at \$0.555 per mile when submitting a travel voucher to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Specific guidance is in JFTR U5105.

- Transporting pet via commercial or government air (PE) in advance of travel (non-reimbursable) and have family members receive pets at the arrival airport.

The Patriot Express offers cost-effective pet travel; however, whether flying on the PE or a commercial airline, the cost for shipping pets rests solely on the owner and is not reimbursable by the government.

For specific PE flight details and reservations, contact your SATO travel representative.



Patrick Henry Village **Elementary School**

**Art Show**

**Saturday, June 2, 5-7 p.m.**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**(Courtesy of the PTA)**

**Come see the artwork, meet and greet the kids and share your ideas and vision with other parents on how to improve children's art programs in our community.**

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## GERMAN NEWS

### Diamond Sold For \$10 Million

The great-great-grandson of the last German Kaiser sold one of the world's biggest diamonds Tuesday, the Beau Sancy, for nearly \$10 million, more than three times the expected auction price. Prince Georg Friedrich, 36, inherited the nearly 35-carat diamond as part of the estate of the House of Prussia, after it was worn by some of Europe's most important queens over the previous four centuries. It was sold at a Sotheby's auction in Geneva. Previous owners include the Medicis, Queen Mary and all the Kaisers of Prussia, said Chairman of Sotheby's Europe Herzog von Württemberg, when the stone was first released for auction in February. Experts had expected a selling price of about \$2 to \$4 million for the 34.98 carat pear-shaped jewel, but it sold for just below \$9.7 million to an anonymous bidder who placed his bid via a telephone call. Shortly after the auction began, some 595 people called in, but it soon became clear that the bidding centered on at least five bidders, including both telephone bids and offers from those in the audience. The Beau Sancy had only been seen on public display four times in the last half-century.

### Hackers Try To Change Grades

A pair of 19-year-old high schoolers in Lübeck, Schleswig-Holstein, are suspected of hacking into the school's computer to change their grades. Teachers figured out earlier this year that the grades on the computer and those on paper did not match, local paper the Lübecker Nachrichten reported. School authorities lodged a criminal complaint for hacking and data manipulation — the first case of its kind in the state. If found guilty, the students could face the aforementioned charges and may spend time behind bars. The head teacher said the two students had in any case scored highly, making the attempted cheat pointless. State data protection expert Thilo Weichert warned the Ministry for Education in 2011 about holes in school computer systems, but little was done to heed his concern. He told the Lübecker Nachrichten that it would not be too difficult for students to obtain an administration log-in and gain access to private data inside their school's system.

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**DEAR MS. Vicki**

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

**Dear Ms. Vicki,**

*My husband and I are looking at a nasty separation, and he keeps threatening to stop sending money while he is deployed. I am currently unemployed because I am a student undergoing nursing clinicals, which take up 60 or more hours a week. Can he legally stop sending me money through an allotment?*

**Scorned Army Wife**

**Dear Wife,**

I don't know if it's legal, but he can stop an allotment if he chooses. Hopefully he won't.

I hear from spouses every day who are not getting any support from the service member. The commanders may or may not be of assistance, so the spouses contact the inspector general and the legal office. Sometimes this helps, as

these offices can put pressure on the service member to continue his or her financial obligations to their family. Other times, it doesn't help at all. Sometimes, the spouse obtains an attorney, and others have contacted their congressman.

Nursing clinicals are stressful and take up a great portion of your time. You need to be focused in order to pass them. I wish you the best, and let me know what you decide to do. If I can send you other resources, let me know.

**Dear Ms. Vicki,**

*My name is PG, and I really need your help. I have been talking to a sergeant stationed in Afghanistan. I read your column every week. I'm starting to think he is not who he says he is. Can you help me find out? He is asking for money, but says he loves me and wants to marry me. I need to find information, please.*

**Dear PG,**

Wow. Listen to what you are saying. You're communicating with a sergeant who is asking for money, and by the way, he says he loves you and wants to marry you.

This is a weekly trend for me. I get letters from women who are communicating with a deployed Soldier they met online. Some of these guys ask for money to come back to the States, to pay for some ransom or for just for the sake of needing money. Interestingly enough, you women actually entertain this crap. Many actually send money, then write me so I can help expose how they were taken advantage of by a rogue Soldier. This is sad, because our Soldiers are professional and take their jobs

very seriously. We may have a few bad ones in the bunch, but they are not representative of the whole.

Listen PG, I don't know who this sergeant is, or if he even exists. Stop communicating with him and don't disclose any more information, including your address, and don't send any money, OK? Leave him alone.

**Response to previous columns:**

**Dear Ms. Vicki,**

*I'm a veteran of World War II and a regular reader of your column. I noticed in many cases, you deal with returning combat Soldiers' behavior that is attributed to post traumatic stress disorder.*

*In World War II, we didn't know about the PTSD diagnosis, so we termed the behavior "shell shock" or "battle fatigue." Some looked upon these cases as weaknesses or evidence of cowardice in the persons.*

*A rash of tornados hit our state of Alabama April 27, 2011. Many who lost their homes or members of their family or friends suffered severe trauma. Most exhibited symptoms of PTSD. I was not personally hit by the tornado, but the victims who developed PTSD gave me a different perspective on this reaction.*

*I joined a church listening group to try to help the victims deal with their symptoms. As a result, I developed a positive attitude about PTSD and the effective treatments for it. After doing some research, I wrote an essay. I started with a brief synopsis of two cases I personally encountered during World War II, then summarized the professional information that I think you will find helpful.*

*Best regards, Joseph Connaughton*

## Safe turn-in



Lt. Col. John Gallery

Contractors remove safes from offices on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg May 8, as part of U.S. Army Europe Headquarters' campaign to identify unused, excess or unserviceable safes for turn-in or maintenance in preparation of its relocation to Wiesbaden. The safes will be stored temporarily on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim, where an engineer will repair unserviceable safes for future use. Safes should be empty and the locks set to the default combination prior to turn-in. For information on safe pick up or maintenance, call DSN 370-9161, civ. 06221-57-9161.

## New Landstuhl parking

### LRMC Public Affairs

Parking has been redesignated at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center to ensure patients are provided the most accessible parking spaces.

All parking places inside the green interior fence that immediately surrounds the main hospital complex are strictly for patients, except for Gate 1 (entrance to the Emergency Room) and Gate 8.

To best access parking areas within the green fence after entering the installation, follow these directions:

- Continue straight until you approach the T intersection, turn left onto Munson Circle and make an immediate right which will lead you into Gate 7 where you'll find parking near the Chapel on your right, and

additional patient parking on your left.

- Turn right at the T intersection onto Munson Circle and take an immediate left to Gate 6 leading to the Burger King parking lot.

- Turn right at the T intersection and continue on Munson Circle about halfway around the hospital complex and take a hard left when you see the fire department and signs for the Military Transient Detachment and Patient Parking.

This leads to Gate 3, where you'll find patient parking on your immediate right and straight ahead.

In addition to patient parking within the green interior fence, designated patient parking is also available directly across the street from the emergency room entrance.

# GET OUT!

## area events

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

### May 24

**Poetry Slam** – Local poets share their work during the Word Up! Poetry Slam 8 p.m. at the Alte Feuerwache (old fire house) in Mannheim. [www.altefeuerwache.com](http://www.altefeuerwache.com).

### May 25

**Mannheim City Fest** – Enjoy this large open air event by the water tower in Mannheim. There will be live performances on three stages, beer and food stands and more through May 27. [www.mannheimer-stadtfest.com](http://www.mannheimer-stadtfest.com).

**Wine Market on the Ahr** – Wine booths, music and entertainment will be on hand at this annual event in Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler, northwest of Frankfurt. [www.ahrtaf.de/en/weinfeste.php](http://www.ahrtaf.de/en/weinfeste.php).

### May 26

**Berlin Express** – Berlin is a city rich in history and culture. Enjoy a guided tour of some of its historical highlights, including the famous "Checkpoint Charlie," Pariser Platz, Brandenburg Gate, Hitler's Bunker and the new Holocaust Memorial. The afternoon is reserved for shopping, visiting museums and experiencing the city's annual Carnival of Cultures celebrating the diversity of its many residents. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rhein-main/files/einebruecke32012web.indd.pdf>.

### May 27

**Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson and Band** – Celebrating the 40th anniversary, Anderson will perform the Thick As a Brick Tour 8 p.m. at the Rosengarten in Mannheim. Tickets: civ. 0621-10-1011, [www.bb-promotion.com](http://www.bb-promotion.com).

### June 1

**Bazaar** – More than 90 vendors from around the world converge on Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern for a giant bazaar. Strollers are welcome and there will be food and beverages available, kid friendly activities, a merry-go-round and petting zoo. Bazaar is open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. June 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. June 2 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 3. ID cardholders only.

### June 1

**Wiesbaden Street Festival** – The 35th annual Wilhelmstrassenfest takes place Friday and Saturday in Wiesbaden. Live music on four stages, jugglers, street musicians and more than 140 vendors selling handcrafts will line Wilhelmstraße. Festival starts 4 p.m. and features Wiesbaden dancing schools and street entertainers and continues through

June 2. [www.wiesbaden.de](http://www.wiesbaden.de).

### June 2

**BOSS Vegas Casino Night** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers presents Vegas Casino Night, with blackjack, roulette tables and poker starting 6 p.m. June 2 on the Warrior Zone patio on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. Free finger food provided. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

### June 3

**Happy Mosel Cycling Fun Day** – Enjoy 80 km of car-free cycling along the Mosel River between Schweich and Reil. Food stands will be set up to greet hungry cyclists along with live entertainment and children's games. Details at [www.happy-mosel.com](http://www.happy-mosel.com). (German language only).

### June 6

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

### June 7

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

### June 8

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

### June 9

**Tutankhamen Tomb and Treasures** – Take a trip to see the world's only museum-quality replica of mankind's most fascinating tomb and its treasures. Tour includes round trip transportation, tickets and audio guide. Sign up by June 1. [www.mwgermany.com](http://www.mwgermany.com).

### June 9

**Amsterdam Express** – Take a tour of Amsterdam, known as the "Venice of the north." Tour includes breakfast, demonstrations of cheese and wooden shoe making, shopping at the DeSimonehoeve Cheese Factory, a sightseeing tour of all the main sights in Amsterdam and free time to enjoy the city on your own. Passport required plus SOFA

card and other border crossing documents, as applicable. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rhein-main/files/einebruecke32012web.indd.pdf>.

### June 10

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

### June 16

**ACS Outing to Luisenpark** – Luisenpark is one of Mannheim's best kept secrets. This beautiful park has many attractions including a conservatory, Japanese tea garden, aquarium, butterfly house and bird sanctuary. Children love the Gondoletta boat ride, the mini-farm petting zoo and the many large playgrounds. Meet at Army Community Service in Heidelberg at 9 a.m. and take public transportation. [www.mwgermany.com](http://www.mwgermany.com).

### Upcoming concerts

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

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

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

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

### Ongoing

**Fun Forest Adventure Park** – The Fun Forest Adventure Park, located in Homburg, offers outdoor fun for all ages. The park features six different courses, two zip lines, a Tarzan Swing, snowboarding in the trees and climbing walls. Kleinottweilerstraße 148, Homburg, Germany, 66424. Civ. 0684-170-30257.

**Rock Climbing** – Enjoy a taste of adventure at the RockTown Bouldern and Bistro am Betze. The bouldering gym features a variety of walls to challenge climbers of all ages and skill levels. Civ. 0631-8929-0850. [www.rocktown.eu](http://www.rocktown.eu).

**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. Neroberg 1, 65193, Wiesbaden. Civ. 01611-580-2246. [www.kletterwald-neroberg.de](http://www.kletterwald-neroberg.de).

## coming to THEATERS

### BATTLESHIP

In Summer 2012, the battle for Earth begins at sea. Based on the classic Hasbro naval combat game, Battleship is an epic-scale action-adventure that unfolds across the seas, in the skies and over land as our planet fights for survival against a superior force of unknown origins, known as The Regents. Featuring Taylor Kitsch as Lt. Hopper, Alexander Skarsgård as Hopper's older brother, the commanding officer of USS Sampson and singer Rihanna as Petty Officer 2nd Class Cora Raikes, a weapons specialist on USS John Paul Jones. (Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence, action and destruction, and for language) 131 minutes.



### PLAYING THIS WEEK

#### Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

May 24 - JOHN CARTER (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 May 25 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 7 p.m., 10 p.m.  
 May 26 - A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 4 p.m.; BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 7 p.m., 10 p.m.  
 May 27 - A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 4 p.m.; BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 May 28 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 May 29 - A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 May 30 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 May 31 - A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 7 p.m.

#### Vogelweh, Galaxy

May 25 - DARK SHADOWS (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 May 26 - DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) 4 p.m.; SILENT HOUSE (R) 7 p.m.  
 May 27 - JOHN CARTER (PG-13) 4 p.m.

#### Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

May 24 - DARK SHADOWS (PG-13) noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m.; JOHN CARTER (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; SILENT HOUSE (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; SPY KIDS 4: ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD (PG) 3 p.m.  
 May 25 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; CHRONICLE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m.  
 May 26 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; CHRONICLE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m.  
 May 27 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; CHRONICLE (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m.  
 May 28 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m.; UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m.  
 May 29 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m.  
 May 30 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m.  
 May 31 - BATTLESHIP (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.; A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m.; UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) 4:30 p.m., 7:30 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

May 24-26 - THE DICTATOR (PG-13) 6 p.m.; 8:15 p.m. at Cineplex  
 May 25-26 - DARK SHADOWS (PG-13) 8:15 p.m.; 11 p.m. at Cineplex  
 May 24-25 - MEN IN BLACK 3 3D (PG-13) 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; 10:30 p.m. at CinemaxX

## community HIGHLIGHTS

### AFN Live Broadcasts

American Forces Network Europe will air live programming on TV, radio and the Internet over Memorial Day weekend. AFN will broadcast live from the Marine Corps Memorial Day ceremony at Belleau Wood, France, 9:45-11 a.m. May 27 on the Pentagon Channel, and the network's AFN The Eagle radio will feature a live show from the opening of the American Beach at Camp Darby, Italy, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 25 and again 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 26. [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net).

### No Fear Training

U.S. Army Europe federal civilian employees have until May 31 to complete Notification of Anti-discrimination and Retaliation online training, or No Fear, on the Army Training Requirement and Recourses System website at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil>. The training, EEO-202, includes applicable rights and remedies for civilian employees under federal anti-discrimination and whistle blower protection laws. Training must be completed every two years. This does not apply to local national and contractor employees. Civ. 06221-57-7226.

### Estate Claim

Claims or obligations to the estate of Spc. Manuel J. Vasquez, 172nd Brigade Combat Team, Task Force 2-28 Infantry, should contact summary court martial officer 1st Lt. Jorge Bonilla, DSN 475-4125, civ. 0162-255-7605.

### Displaced, Nondisplaced Briefings

The Department of Defense Transition Programs Office will sponsor a briefing that familiarizes nondisplaced overseas employees with the basic policies and procedures of the Priority Placement Program 10 a.m.-noon June 11 at the Patrick Henry Village Theater in Heidelberg. The briefing will allow participants to make informed decisions regarding their participation in the program. The displaced personnel briefing is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. June 11 in the PHV Theater. DSN 370-3347, civ. 06221-57-3347.

### Local National Assembly

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

### Straight From CSM

U.S. Army Europe's Command Sgt. Maj. David S. Davenport Sr. presents "Straight from the CSM," a pre-recorded two-minute radio show on American Forces Network's Morning News Watch and throughout the day Wednesdays on AFN's PowerNet. The show is also online at [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net), [www.facebook.com/USAREURCSM](http://www.facebook.com/USAREURCSM) and [www.eur.army.mil/leaders/csm](http://www.eur.army.mil/leaders/csm).

### Sexual Assault Reporting

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

### KAISERSLAUTERN

#### Education

♦ **USA Jobs** – Receive hands-on instruction and assistance from Army Community Service employment readiness experts on how to find government jobs 10 a.m. May 25 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4029, civ. 0631-3406-4029.

♦ **Stress Management** – Learn about the various signs of stress and healthy ways to cope during a two-part series 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. May 29 and Tuesdays in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration required. DSN 493-4062, civ. 0631-3406-4062.

♦ **Anger Management** – Learn how anger is triggered, ways to monitor and associate patterns and how to control anger in a 3-part series 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. May 30 and Wednesdays in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration required. DSN 493-4062, civ. 0631-3406-4062.

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

♦ **Couples Communication** – Family Advocacy now offers a 2-part Couples Communication series that teaches the keys to better communication, effective listening and understanding 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 7 and 14 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration required. Civ. 0631-3406-4203.

♦ **Security Clearances** – Army Community Service Financial Readiness offers a hands-on workshop about how to obtain and maintain a security clearance and how to establish a sound financial future 3 p.m. June 11 in the Heaton Auditorium on Landstuhl Post. DSN 493-4151, civ. 0631-3406-4151.

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

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

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

♦ **EDGE! Spanish and German** – Youth in grades 5 through 8 can learn German or Spanish by immersion 4-5 p.m. Fridays until June 8 at

the Landstuhl Library, Bldg. 3810. Register no later than the Friday prior with Parent Central Services, DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516, or Landstuhl One Stop Shop, DSN 486-8943, civ. 06371-86-8943.

#### Community

♦ **HUGS Playgroup** – HUGS (Help Us Grow Securely) playgroup, for parents and their children ages birth to 4 years, meets 10-11:30 a.m. May 25 and Fridays at the Vogelweh Community Center. Parents can make friends and enjoy conversation while their children develop socialization skills and enjoy educational activities. This is especially valuable for moms who worked full time prior to the baby's birth and are feeling isolated at home alone all day long. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

♦ **EDGE! T-shirts** – Youth ages 6-12 and enrolled in Child, Youth and School Services can make their own T-shirts 4-6 p.m. May 30 at the Landstuhl Library, Bldg. 3810. Registration required by May 25. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **Country Nights** – Check out Germany's largest country party and ride the mechanical bull 8 p.m.-4 a.m. May 26 and Saturdays at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057 on Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).

♦ **New Moms Group** – Mothers can bring their babies birth to 12 months to network and learn about intimate topics during a New Moms Group meeting 10:15-11:30 a.m. May 29 in Bldg. 2919 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4058, civ. 0631-3406-4058.

♦ **School's Out Barbecue** – The Exceptional Family Member Program will offer a free barbecue for families with a member enrolled in EFMP 4-7 p.m. May 29 at Pulaski Park. Registration required. DSN 493-4094, civ. 0631-3406-4094.

♦ **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** – KMC Onstage presents Dirty Rotten Scoundrels 7:30 p.m. June 1, 2, 8 and 9 and 3 p.m. June 3 and 10 at KMC Onstage, Bldg. 3232 on Kleber Kaserne. Purchase tickets at the Landstuhl One Stop Shop. DSN 486-8943, civ. 06371-86-8943.

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

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

### HEIDELBERG

#### Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – English as a Second Language, 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, ACS Annex, PHV, Bldg. 4531; Re-integration Briefing, 9 a.m. Tuesdays. Registration is required. Classes are in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center unless noted. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

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

#### Community

♦ **AUSA Meeting** – The Association of the United States Army Abrams Chapter will host a membership meeting and free schnitzel buffet 6:30-8 p.m. May 24 at Gasthof Schützenhaus (GPS: Rudolf Wild Straße 109, Eppenheim) with guest speaker Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport Sr., U.S. Army Europe command sergeant major. Executive committee meeting will follow immediately afterward. Civ. 06221-363-5321.

♦ **Great American Trailer Park** – The Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks presents The Great American Trailer Park musical 7:30 p.m. May 25 and 26 and a special family matinee 3 p.m. May 27. Reservations recommended. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, [www.roadside-theater.com](http://www.roadside-theater.com).

♦ **Line Dance Instruction** – Learn how to line dance 7-9 p.m. and stay for a karaoke and dance party 9 p.m.-close May 25 and Fridays at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570.

♦ **Customs Office** – Due to a German holiday, the U.S. Forces Customs field office in Heidelberg will be closed May 28. DSN 370-7142, civ. 06221-57-7142.

♦ **Refuse Pickup** – Trash pickup in Heidelberg, as well as Mark Twain Village and Patrick Henry Village, will be a day later than normal due to the German holiday May 28. MTV's pickup moves from May 31 to June 1, and PHV's pickup moves from June 1 to June 2. The public holiday June 7 will also shift refuse pickup one day. DSN 387-3180, civ. 06221-4380-3180.

♦ **Playgroup** – Parent 2 Parent hosts a playgroup 9:30-11 a.m. June 1 and Fridays at the Patrick Henry Village Child Development Center. Parents and their babies, toddlers and preschoolers can make crafts,

sing songs and more. DSN 388-9241, civ. 06221-338-9241.

♦ **BOSS Garage Sale** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will collect household items until June 1 to sell at the Community Yard Sale June 2. Proceeds go toward the "Stronger" conference, which provides training on suicide prevention, sexual assault awareness and overcoming addiction. The fundraising goal is \$5,000. Items can be dropped off at the BOSS office, Bldg. 104 on Patton Barracks or given to unit BOSS representatives. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

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

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

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

### MANNHEIM Community

♦ **Battlefield Night** – Team up with friends and play Battlefield online on X-Box or PlayStation 3 4:30-10 p.m. May 24 and Thursdays at the Warrior Zone on Coleman Bks. DSN 382-4410, civ. 0621-779-4410.

♦ **TGIF Buffet** – Enjoy a buffet 6:30 p.m. and stay for variety music 9 p.m.-2 a.m. May 25 and every Friday at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370.

♦ **Customs Office** – Due to a German holiday, the U.S. Forces Customs field office in Mannheim will be closed May 28. DSN 370-7142, civ. 06221-57-7142.

♦ **Board Game Night** – Play board games 4:30-10 p.m. Mondays at the Warrior Zone on Coleman Barracks. DSN 382-4410, civ. 0621-779-4410.

♦ **Story Time** – Parent to Parent and the Mannheim Library Support Office offers its final toddlers and preschoolers stories and a craft 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 6 in the Army Community Service Satellite Office, Bldg. 246, on Sullivan Barracks. DSN 385-2688, civ. 0621-730-2688. 06371-86-8943.

# Heidelberg Lions look ahead to European Baseball Championships



Karen Weaver

Sophomore Austin Benton of the Heidelberg Lions swings for a home run in the game against the Vilseck Falcons May 11.

**By Carol Baxter**  
HHS BASEBALL SPONSOR

The Heidelberg Lions recently celebrated the last home games in style with a hard fought sweep of the Vilseck Falcons May 11.

On Saturday, the Lions improved to 10-2 for the year with another two game sweep against Wiesbaden. Both games were highlighted with outstanding

defensive plays by sophomore Austin Benton, junior Sam Nevinger and senior Alex Weaver.

The Lions look ahead to the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe Baseball Championships in Ramstein and Kaiserslautern communities May 24-26.

There are seven teams in the Division 1 Championships. The Heidelberg Lions are seeded third

with their first game noon Thursday against Vilseck and again at 3:30 p.m. against Wiesbaden at Pulaski Barracks in Kaiserslautern.

On Friday, they will play at 9:45 a.m. against Ramstein at Ramstein Air Base.

Depending on those results, the semi-finals will be held Friday afternoon, and the Championship game noon Saturday at Ramstein.

## Community Sports Highlights



Linda Steil

Heidelberg High School student Michaela Steil throws the discus in the track meet held at Patrick Henry Village Saturday. The boys and girls track teams are competing at Europeans - held in Ruesselsheim - today.



Linda Steil

Wounded warriors compete in a seated basketball competition at Patton Barracks gym Friday during the Commander's Cup. The event was supported by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the American Red Cross and the Wounded Warrior Project.

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#### Inline Skating at Hockenheim Ring

With its smooth asphalt and wide, graded track, Hockenheim racetrack can also serve as an ideal place for inline skating. The track is open to skate, scooter and bike enthusiasts May 29 and most Tuesdays from 6-11 p.m. through September. Cost is €4 for adults and €2 for children. More information is available at Civ. 06205-104-820 or email [frank.welter@fww-promotion.de](mailto:frank.welter@fww-promotion.de).

#### Volksmarch

A volksmarch is planned near Saarbrücken 7 a.m.-2 p.m. June 2 and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. June 3. Start at Bistthalhalle on Peater-Lorson-Straße in Differten. Walks are 6, 10, 15 and 20 km. [www.kaiserslauternamerican.com](http://www.kaiserslauternamerican.com).

#### Happy Mosel Cycling Fun Day

Enjoy 80 km of car-free cycling along the Mosel River between Schweich and Reil June 3. Food stands will be set up to greet hungry cyclists along with live entertainment and children's games. More information at [www.happy-mosel.com](http://www.happy-mosel.com). (German language only).

#### AFN to Air DoDDS High School Baseball

AFN Europe will stream the Department of Defense Dependents Schools High School baseball championships live May 26 on [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net). The Division I Championship game begins noon Central European Time, followed by the championship game between the top two smaller schools around 2 p.m. (Division II and III combined). AFN will air the two games on the Pentagon Channel noon June 9.

#### Family 5k Fun Run

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

#### Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

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

#### Patton Fitness Center Kids Area

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

#### Paintball Play Days

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

#### Family Fitness

Parents and kids can get a full-body workout in 60 minutes during Family Fitness, which incorporates body bars, obstacle courses and more, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Miesau Physical Fitness Center, Bldg. 1220, on Miesau Army Depot near Kaiserslautern. DSN 481-3797, civ. 06372-842-3797, [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com).