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### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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## Defense Details

### INAUGURATION

Around 6,000 Army and Air National Guard members from 15 states and territories are preparing to take part in and support the 57th Presidential Inauguration, according to National Guard officials. Army Maj. Gen. Errol R. Schwartz, District of Columbia National Guard commanding general, said National Guard members will report to the District of Columbia, and then disperse to several parts of the city to support inauguration events. The Presidential Inauguration will be held Jan. 21, 2013. Many of those 6,000 Soldiers and airmen, who will join an additional 7,000 service members from other military branches, will support local authorities, the general said. "Most of the National Guard members will be outside of the parade route," he said. "There are a few, about 300, that will be involved in the ceremony and the parade." Guard members will assist largely in traffic control, crowd management, and communications and medical support, Schwartz said. Over the past few months, he added, the D.C. Guard has worked with local and federal officials and agencies in planning for the event. Many within the D.C. Guard have participated in more than one inauguration.

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## Man behind the microphone marks 50 years

By George A. Smith  
AFN EUROPE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Some parts of a tour of duty in Germany haven't changed for the last 50 years: cars blaze down the autobahn, people swig mugs of beer and Gary Bautell broadcasts on American Forces Network.

If you, your parents or even your grandparents were assigned to Germany over the past four decades, chances are you'd recognize his voice. Bautell says he often meets people who feel like they know him.

While many may "know" the mustachioed man with the salt-and-pepper hair, he doesn't know them. An example, said the veteran newsman, was when he finished introducing then U.S. Army Europe Commander Gen. Carter Ham at a wounded warrior event.

"Up until then I had never met him," Bautell said, "but when he took to the podium, he called me the voice of the U.S. military in Europe."

The general later told the awkwardly flattered Bautell that his voice had been a part of three different tours in Europe.

At times, Germans act a bit wacky around Bautell, too.

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Courtesy Photo

American Forces Network Europe broadcaster Gary Bautell, poses for a photo inside of a radio studio at the network's headquarters in Mannheim. Bautell is marking 50 years in the radio business.

## HOLIDAY MESSAGE

# A wonderful time to serve

## Army leaders reflect on people, mission

By Lt. Gen Mike Ferriter and  
Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice

It's been immortalized in Christmas carols as "the most wonderful time of the year," and it is for the Army's home. It's a wonderful time to be part of U.S. Army Installation Management Command. We have an incredible workforce and mission.

Ours is a diverse team made up of Soldiers, civilians and family members. The IMCOM team hails from every corner of the globe, with differing cultures and beliefs; all united in the service of others. It's just the right mix to support troops, provide programs and offer world class customer service to the best trained Army in the world.

Whether anticipating Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah or time among family and friends during this holiday season know that you are a valued member of the team. Command Sgt. Maj. Rice and I can never thank you enough for the life of service and sacrifice you've chosen and for sharing that with us here at IMCOM, the Army's home.

We hope that this holiday season provides opportunities for reflection, recreation and renewed commitment to improvement.

Team, we've accomplished a lot in the last ten years: developing our

workforce, being good stewards of financial and environmental resources and improving the quality of life in Army communities worldwide.

IMCOM is a world class operation because of you.

Our mission is complex and it's a job that is 24 hours a day, seven days a week. While some can rest briefly, others may not. Remember your teammates who will be manning facilities, serving chow to deployed troops or helping newly arrived families find lodging. This is the essence of what we do every day – provide a quality of life commensurate with their quality of service.

Now more than ever is the time to remember your family and extended Army family as well: battle buddies, co-workers and the person next to you now.

As you travel or attend celebrations, be mindful of your actions and surroundings, keeping safety and responsibility to your teammates and families in mind.

We wish you and your families a happy holiday season and prosperous New Year. We look forward to starting 2013 with each member of this team, ready, resilient and committed to the next step in enhancing the lives of our Soldiers. Army strong!

## SAFETY MESSAGE

# Holiday season perfect time for crime

By Robert Szostek  
USAREUR OPM PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

The holiday season is a time when people buy gifts, eat out and go on vacation, and U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal officials say that also makes it a perfect time for thieves and pickpockets.

"USAREUR personnel can fall victim to pickpockets this time of year," said Lt. Col. Raymond Stuhn, chief of law enforcement at the USAREUR Office of the Provost Marshal.

Most victims are targeted in bars and clubs or in other crowded places such as on buses, in train stations, airports, stores or restaurants, he added.

To deter pickpockets at this time of year, Stuhn recommends that people remain vigilant and not carry large amounts of cash if they can avoid it. "Think of safe places to keep your wallet or purse and don't leave valuables in your coat if you hang it up at a restaurant," he advised.

It is also good to be aware of distractions such as a stranger asking questions or someone helping you move packages to get on a bus or train.

These could be distractions to allow an accomplice behind you to pick your pocket, purse or backpack. Stuhn added that satellite navigation devices are still the most popular item stolen from vehicles.

"The main problem is that SATNAVs and other property are left in plain view inside vehicles," he said.

Another problem is that some U.S. personnel and their family members in Europe often don't lock their vehicles – even if it's the smart thing to do.

Stuhn also offered a few more tips for people traveling this holiday season:

- ◆ Don't advertise that you will be away from your home or barracks room. Only give the information to people who need to know.
- ◆ Soldiers living in barracks should secure their personal belongings in a wall locker.
- ◆ Make a list of your valuables and their serial numbers and take photos of them, to make it easier for the military police to recover any stolen goods.

More holiday safety tips are available online from the National Crime Prevention Council at [www.npc.org/cms/cms-upload/npc/files/holiday04.pdf](http://www.npc.org/cms/cms-upload/npc/files/holiday04.pdf).



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## DISCUSSION BOARD

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

"BREAKING NEWS ;) : Burger King on Patrick Henry Village is not serving burgers today due to technical difficulties."

– Nikki DeBaal Watson, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Is Santa Claus coming back to Heidelberg or even Stuttgart?"

– Sommer Jones, BWnow Facebook Fan

"He's in Stuttgart today at the USO-Stuttgart center

Photos with Santa in the USO Center, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Dec. 11. Photos, story time, crafts and snacks provided."

– Ashley Grassl, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Hey, is vehicle registration open again? Does anybody have their number? The number I found online is not working."

– Nina Fierro Mack, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Nina, try DSN 475-8847 or civ. 09641-83-8847. They were closed Friday for a Christmas party."

– BWnow Facebook Administrator

"WEATHER UPDATE - Roads are green and there are no reported delays in the Heidelberg, Mannheim and Kaiserslautern communities."

– BWnow Facebook Administrator



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## Community Bank Closes



Dijon Rolle

Community Bank manager Sherma Stowe hands customer Mike Johnson a bank calendar as Johnson prepares to complete his final transaction at the Coleman Barracks branch in Mannheim. Bank employees treated customers to free goodies, Christmas cookies and drinks during the bank's final day of operations Friday. The branch was the last full-service military banking facility in the Mannheim community. Customers will still be able to use the remaining ATMs until U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's closure next year. Mannheim customers can visit Community Bank branches on Campbell Barracks and the Shopping Center in Heidelberg. [www.DoDCommunityBank.com](http://www.DoDCommunityBank.com)

## Increase in shoplifting incidents

By Robert Szostek  
USAREUR OPM

There has been a steep increase in the number of shoplifting incidents within U.S. Army Europe since the beginning of November, say officials with USAREUR's Office of the Provost Marshal. OPM officials report that USAREUR military police registered 32 shoplifting cases between Nov. 1 and Dec. 5, versus fewer than 20 for the previous three months.

Sgt. Maj. Michael P. Cieslewski, the OPM provost sergeant major, said would-be shoplifters should know they are likely to get caught and face hefty penalties.

"If you feel tempted to shoplift ... don't do it," Cieslewski said. "The consequences are serious and the risk of getting caught is just too great."

"If you see anybody in a store take something without paying, report it to a salesperson, security guard or cashier," he added.

OPM officials noted that during the holiday season retailers such as post exchange facilities increase their human, video and electronic surveillance and detection operations to prevent shoplifting.

Cieslewski warned that shoplifting can have lasting effects on an Army career and civilian life after leaving the Army.

And because violators are not attempting to steal big-ticket items – officials said that often the

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cost of the stolen items amounts to less than \$20 – it's a big risk for a small potential payoff.

"Regardless of the cost of the item, shoplifting is still a crime with all the attendant repercussions and the time-worn cliché that 'crime doesn't pay' applies, especially in these circumstances," Cieslewski continued.

OPM officials said that while their statistics show the recent spike in incidents has involved more junior enlisted Soldiers than any other group within the U.S. forces in Europe community.

Violators come from every group: family members; enlisted, non-commissioned officers, officers and civilians.

Shoplifting is an expensive problem for which everybody pays the price, OPM officials said. It hurts consumers because prices go up as retailers cover losses and fund security personnel, programs and equipment.

Check out the National Crime Prevention Council pamphlet available at [www.npcp.org/resources/files/pdf/theft/shoplifting.pdf](http://www.npcp.org/resources/files/pdf/theft/shoplifting.pdf) for more information on shoplifting and its costs to individuals, families and communities.

## U.S. Army Europe guardsmen gather for celebration

*Group honors efforts of past, present, future service members*

By Staff Sgt. Brooks Fletcher  
U.S. ARMY EUROPE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In honor of the U.S. Army National Guard's 376th birthday, guardsmen of U.S. Army Europe held a cake cutting ceremony on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg Thursday.

"We're recognizing all the service members, past, present and future, for their contributions to the National Guard and USAREUR's ability to perform its missions and serving the nation," said Col. Jim Wong, senior guard advisor for USAREUR.

While its history and contribution cannot be summed up in ceremony, it can be honored by Soldiers like recently retired Army National Guard

Lt. Col. Carl Jewell, and Maj. Tony Phillips; who were the eldest and youngest guardsmen in attendance.

Phillips said he was honored to represent his fellow guardsmen during this significant day.

"It's definitely a blessing and benefit to be here supporting USAREUR," said the Joint Multinational Readiness Center operations officer. "Being able to advise the different levels of command on what type of assets the reserve components can bring to the fight here in USAREUR and the Army is blessing," he said.

For Jewel, a training liaison officer with the Joint Multinational Training Center, it was a great way to end his more than 21 years of service. "This is my last formation and what better way to celebrate it," Jewel said.

For Sgt. Maj. Sean Metaxas with USAREUR's Mobilization and Reserve Affairs Office, being able to celebrate the National Guard's 376th birthday in USAREUR makes him proud.

"With the transformations and opportunities for the National Guard to continue to grow in Europe, it's an exciting time to be here," Metaxas said. "The command is so supportive of us. For USAREUR's senior leaders to turn out like they did, it proves that we are one team in one fight."

USAREUR Deputy Commanding General, Maj. Gen. James C. Boozer, closed the celebration by advocating to the invaluable service that the component has provided to not just the nation, but the world, for almost four centuries.

"We have the best Army in the world because we have the best reserve components in the world. Whether it's been peacetime, operating in national disasters, or serving in combat; our National Guardsmen are absolute veterans," Boozer said. "I have a phrase, 'I'd ride with you 'til hell freezes over'. [But in regards to the Army National Guard], 'I would absolutely ride with the Army National Guard 'til hell freezes over.'"

Activated in 1636, the U.S. Army National Guard is the oldest military force in the Department of Defense and has grown from its early militia days to an operational force that today plays an important role as part of the Army around the world.

## transformation UPDATE

### Updates To Transformation Page

This weekly page is updated as we receive the latest information. To ensure its accuracy, all community members and organizations are encouraged to e-mail any transformation updates to [usaghdpost@eur.army.mil](mailto:usaghdpost@eur.army.mil) or [usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.pao@mail.mil) for publication in the Herald Post.

### Frequently Asked Questions

Have a transformation-related question you'd like answered? E-mail [usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil). We'll find the answer for you and share it in the Herald Post and on the garrison's transformation Web page at [www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/personnel.html](http://www.bw.eur.army.mil/news/personnel.html).

**"My husband and I live on Patrick Henry Village housing in Heidelberg. We are scheduled to move to on post housing in Wiesbaden sometime in January. We currently have a government washer and dryer in our residence. Do we need to turn them back in before we leave, or will we be allowed to take them with us to Wiesbaden?"**

Residents will not be allowed to take any government issued appliances. All appliances will remain here. Replacement appliances will be issued in Wiesbaden depending on the type of quarters new residents are assigned to. For additional information call the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden housing office at DSN 337-7058, civ. 0611-705-7058 (on-post housing) and DSN 337-7059, civ. 0611-705-7059 (off-post housing) or visit [www.wiesbaden.army.mil/sites/newcomers/housing/HousingWebsite.htm](http://www.wiesbaden.army.mil/sites/newcomers/housing/HousingWebsite.htm).

**"We all know the Garrison is set to close next September, but now I'm hearing no front-door offices will be open after mid-June. I am a civilian, and what if I don't have my orders or a place to move to before then? How will I schedule household goods pick up and ship my car?"**

Not all front door services will close in June. The support for the processing of orders will come from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in Kaiserslautern. As services close in Heidelberg, the Kaiserslautern garrison will assist those remaining behind until the garrison's closure next year.

### Facilities Operations Changes and Closures Mannheim

**Base Operations** – The Mannheim Base Operations office is located in Bldg. 1408 on Coleman Barracks, Room 101. DSN 382-4724, civ. 0162-272-8632.

**UPDATED – Banks** – Banking services are no longer available in the Mannheim community. The Community Bank branch on Coleman Barracks closed **Dec. 14**. Customers will still be able to use the remaining ATMs until the garrison's closure next year. Community Bank is also located in the Community Support Center (Heidelberg Shopping Center) and on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg. Community Support Center: DSN 370-8580, civ. 06221-60-0862. Campbell Barracks: DSN 370-8335, civ. 06221-34-4610. Service Credit Union is located in the Community Support Center (the Shopping Center), Bldg. 3850, in Heidelberg. DSN 370-7138, civ. 06221-57-7138.

**UPDATED – Coleman Clinics** – All services at the Coleman Troop Medical Clinic have ended. However, the facility itself is scheduled to remain open until **March** or **April 2013** in the event units are unable to depart the garrison on time and care is needed for a larger population than currently anticipated. Dental services for the Mannheim-Coleman Soldier population are available at the Patrick Henry Village Dental Clinic in Heidelberg. Soldiers who require sick call services can be seen at the Heidelberg Clinic. DSN 371-2605, civ. 06221-17-2605.

**Coleman Express** – The Coleman Express shoppette has new operating hours. The facility is open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**Hazardous Waste Disposal Center** – The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Center on Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 249A (previously the Funari Sort Center) is closed. The Patrick Henry Village Recycle Center located in Bldg. 4485 in Heidelberg remains open to provide disposal services to community members. DSN 373-5396, civ. 06221-17-5396.

**UPDATED – Postal Office Hours Change** – Postal facilities on Coleman Barracks (Postal Service Center 418) have new operating hours. Package pick-up is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed weekends and U.S. holidays. The post office (outgoing mail) is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed weekends and U.S. holidays. Customers have 24/7 access to personal mailboxes. The official mail and distribution center is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed weekends and U.S. holidays. DSN 382-5204/5220, civ. 0621-779-5204/5220.

**UPDATED – Spinelli Barracks** – The hours for the contract security guard and access control points on Spinelli Barracks are now 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and closed Sundays and U.S. holidays.

**UPDATED – Supply Center** – The Self Service Supply Center on Spinelli Barracks is closed. Customers can continue to get their supplies from the Kaiserslautern Office Supply Store (DSN 483-8831) or by using The Exchange (also known as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service) Warehouse Ordering Web system. Government Purchase Card holders can register for accounts at <https://partners.aafes.com/epol/login.aspx>.

**UPDATED – Vehicle Registration** – New vehicle registration hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Vehicle inspection hours remain 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:45 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Fridays. Both facilities are located on Spinelli Barracks.

### Heidelberg

**Airport Shuttle Buses** – The free shuttle bus 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. For details on the shuttle schedule, call U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Central Processing Facility, Room 180, Bldg. 3850, at the Heidelberg Shopping Center. DSN 370-7343/6711, civ. 06221-57-8399, [usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.cpf@mail.mil).

**Arts and Cultural Center** – The Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village will close **Dec. 31**. The center is scheduled to relocate to the Kaiserslautern area **March 2013**.

**Child Development Center** – The Child Development Center on Mark Twain Village is closed. Remaining children will be transferred to the CDC facility on Patrick Henry Village.

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

**Chapels** – All chapel services have transferred to Patrick Henry Village and Nachrichten Kaserne. For more information on new service times and locations, call DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190.

**UPDATED – Cif Hours** – The Heidelberg Central Issue Facility in Bldg.

3850, located on the Community Support Center (the Shopping Center) is open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays only to assist service members with out-processing. The facility is closed for lunch noon-1 p.m. The Cif located in Bldg. 1515 on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim is also open to provide customer service.

**UPDATED – Community Mail Rooms** – Community Mail Room 418 on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim and the consolidated Heidelberg Postal Service Center in Bldg. 4503 on Patrick Henry Village are the only postal facilities available in the Mannheim and Heidelberg communities. The consolidated PSC is open 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. for official mail Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for customer service and parcel pick-up, and the Army Post Office is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Customers have 24/7 access to personal mailboxes. Postal customers can e-mail questions or concerns to [usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.cmr419@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.cmr419@mail.mil), contact their local postal customer service representative or call DSN 388-9488/9491, civ. 06221-338-9488/9491

**Dental Clinic** – Sick call and exam hours for the Patrick Henry Village Dental Clinic have changed to 7:30-10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. All dental care and records from Nachrichten Kaserne Dental Clinic were transferred to the PHV dental clinic. DSN 388-9500, civ. 06221-338-9500.

**UPDATED – Exchange** – Due to ongoing transformation efforts, the Exchange will adjust the operating hours of some facilities in the Heidelberg area. These changes are intended to maximize available staffing in order to maintain adequate service levels based on the community's use of these facilities. Patrick Henry Village Express Shoppette's new operating hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 6 a.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday. The facility no longer maintains 24-hour operations. Campbell Express will be closed Sundays beginning **Dec. 23**. The facility will open 7 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays beginning the week of **Dec. 24** to allow duty-bus riders the opportunity to shop before bus departs at 8 a.m.

**ID Cards** – All ID Card and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System services located on the Community Support Center in Bldg. 3850 (the Shopping Center) have relocated from Room 122 to Room 180. The ID Card and DEERS office hours of operation are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The facility is closed weekends and U.S. holidays. Walk-in service is available, but customers are encouraged to schedule appointments online at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. The new ID Card and DEERS office phone numbers are DSN 370-7348/8570, civ. 06221-57-7348/8570.

**Immunizations** – The Heidelberg Army Health Clinic's Immunizations Clinic has moved. The clinic is now located within the Soldier Medical Team, on the 2nd Floor of Bldg. 3617 on Nachrichten Kaserne. The new hours of operation are 7:40 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:40 a.m.-noon Fridays. DSN 371-3220, civ. 06221-17-3220.

**UPDATED – Passports** – All passport services located at the Community Support Center in Bldg. 3850 (on the Shopping Center) have relocated from Room 232 to Room 180. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The facility is closed weekends and federal holidays. The new passport office phone numbers are DSN 370-8536/7262, civ. 06221-57-8536/7262.

**Pediatrics** – The pediatrics section of the Heidelberg Army Health Center has consolidated under family practice. The change is part of continuing transformation efforts toward the **June 2013** closure of the clinic on Nachrichten Kaserne.

# 43rd Signal Battalion hosts holiday social

By **Cpt. Ryan T. Hughes**  
43RD SIGNAL BATTALION, HHD

Members of the 43rd Signal Battalion hosted their last annual battalion holiday social at the Holiday Inn in Walldorf Friday. The social was held to celebrate the battalion's accomplishments in Heidelberg since its reactivation July 1, 1974.

More than 140 Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, local nationals and family members attended the event which included a buffet dinner, skits and a Jeopardy-style game that quizzed attendees on the battalion's history.

The skits were performed by members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment as well as the 181st Signal Company. "The skits were hilarious and were the best part of the night," said Sgt. Joseph McKeague of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 43rd Signal Battalion.

43rd Signal Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Corey Brumsey, announced several months ago that the holiday



43rd Signal Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Corey Brumsey and Command Sgt. Maj. Verne Washington, pose for a picture in front of their table during the battalion's annual holiday social in Walldorf Friday.

social was going to be one of the last major battalion-level events before the scheduled inactivation in October 2013. "I wanted this event to be special and it was a success," Brumsey said.

The battalion's history goes as far back as 1944. The 43rd Signal Battalion was activated at the Central Signal Corps Center, Camp Crowder, Mo., Feb. 17, 1944 as the 43rd Signal

Construction Battalion (Colored). The unit participated in the Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes - Alsace and Central Europe Campaigns during World War II.

The organization was inactivated in Germany May 28, 1946 and remained inactive until Aug. 1, 1966. At that time it was redesignated as the 43rd Signal Battalion and activated in Vietnam. During the Vietnam conflict, the battalion was involved in 11 campaigns, to include Counteroffensive, Phase II, Phase III, Tet Counteroffensive, Tet 69/ Counteroffensive, Winter - Spring 1970, Sanctuary Counteroffensive and several others.

The 43rd Signal Battalion was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation twice.

On March 1, 1970 the battalion was reorganized and all letter designated companies were inactivated in Vietnam. HHD 43rd Signal Battalion was inactivated May 30, 1971 at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The 43rd Signal Battalion was again activated July 1, 1974 in Heidelberg.

## Command preparing troops for transition

### *Enhanced services available for families, troops separating from military*

#### IMCOM Public Affairs

**SAN ANTONIO** – The U.S. Army Installation Management Command is committed to assisting Soldiers and families as they transition into civilian employment and America's communities.

In response to the president's and the Army's emphasis on a career-ready military, IMCOM is highlighting job fairs, expanding its transition services, and focusing on identifying employment opportunities within the command as well as business and industry.

"Our Soldiers deserve the best we can offer them, including the best opportunities for the future," said Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commanding general, U.S. Army Installation Management Command. "We're making sure Soldiers can't slip through the cracks. We will do everything we can to help prepare them for civilian life as thoroughly as we equip them for battle," he said. "We owe that to our veterans in exchange for their life of service and sacrifice to this nation."

All transitioning Soldiers, from those retiring to first term enlistees, have a wealth of opportunity at their fingertips thanks in large part to the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act, which Congress approved in October 2011. The VOW Act is the driving force behind the completely revamped transition program, according to Kenric Echols, chief of Military Personnel, IMCOM G1.

"Changes went into effect on Nov. 21," Echols said. "But we're already getting lots of phone calls and inquiries about the new transition program. The intent is to better prepare transitioning Soldiers and their families and get them in touch with potential employers, hopefully resulting in job offers."

That's good news for Soldiers, the Army and the nation, according to Ferriter.

What does the new program look like? Soldiers transitioning this fiscal year will receive mandatory pre-separation counseling that includes in depth discussion of veterans benefits, financial planning, civilian employment readiness training and a heavy emphasis on individualized transition plans over a longer time period.

Transitioning Soldiers can also expect more individual attention and counseling on resume writing and practice interviews. Depending on a Soldier's preference, the program will include a detailed workshop focusing on one of three areas - education, technical skills or small business ownership.

Spouses are highly encouraged to participate in the five day transition program as well, according to Echols.

"We highly encourage spouses to attend the entire session alongside their Soldier," Echols said. "They can attend all sessions or some and we have resources to help them in their search for employment as well." IMCOM has already found that engaged and educated spouses are a key enabler to a successful transition from military service.

Job fairs are a critical part of the process. Echols emphasized that they provide a meeting place for military members and employers to connect and provide valuable networking opportunities. The fairs also give Soldiers better insight into the pay available within the private and public sectors.

Garrisons around the globe are now required to host a minimum of two employment events, such as community job fairs, each fiscal year.

Many garrisons are exceeding that goal by

partnering with other agencies such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce which has a proven track record for connecting business to our talented Soldiers.

"We are also expanding the use of job fairs, allowing Soldiers to engage potential employers remotely, even from overseas," he said. Soldiers can sign up for a virtual career fair program at <https://www.acap.army.mil/>.

A listing and details on all the IMCOM job fairs is available at <http://www.imcom.army.mil/Organization/G1Personnel/ACAP/JobFairMap.aspx>.

Federal employment is another avenue available to Soldiers. It's estimated that as much as 60% of the federal civilian workforce will be retiring in the next decade.

This opens a wide variety of federal jobs, and few people will be more qualified to fill those positions than today's Soldiers. Those who have served in combat, have been decorated for valor, or have combat related injuries or disabilities, may find entry into federal service easier due to veterans' preferences and streamlined hiring practices.

The Army relies heavily on Army civilians every day. Army civilians write contracts, deliver goods, manage networks and provide support functions that would otherwise present distractions to training and wartime operations.

Civilians often man the training ranges, run the finance offices and in some cases cook the meals and manage the personnel actions. From the sound of reveille to when a Soldier turns out the lights in the barracks at the end of the day, Soldiers are supported by their civilian counterparts.



Staff Sgt. Sharilyn Wells

Jumpmasters point towards Luzon Drop Zone during a high altitude low opening freefall jump with Allied jumpmasters from a German C-160 , during Operation Toy Drop's Special Operations week in Fort Bragg, N.C., Dec.10.

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Sgt. 1st Class Abigail Robinson

Left, Spc. Wickham, an infantryman and 240B gunner, and another soldier, assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), pull rear security while on a short halt during an Afghan National Security Forces-led mission in rural areas of Zormat district, Afghanistan, Dec. 10.

Right, a M982 Excalibur 155mm round leaves the barrel of an M777 Howitzer during a live fire shoot conducted by Soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, at Oro Grande Range Complex, N.M., Dec. 5.

Below, Sgt. Irene Lopez, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, shares a touching moment with her daughter following the welcome home ceremony, Dec. 9, for Soldiers of the 13th ESC as they returned home to Fort Hood, Texas, from a yearlong deployment in Afghanistan.



Sgt. Sean Harriman



U.S. Army

**GARY**

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During a tour of the AFN Europe Headquarters in Mannheim, one man strolled by Bautell's office, saw his name, and excitedly called his dad on his cell phone, blurting out, "Guess whom I'm standing next to? Gary Bautell!" He put his father on the phone with Bautell, who made pop's day.

Bautell may skirt celebrity status these days but in his early years with AFN announcers like him were considered out-right stars.

Army Pvt. Gary Bautell joined AFN in November 1962. He heard AFN radio when he was stationed in Germany as an engineer, and re-enlisted to join the military network after showing his recruiter he had commercial Disc Jockey experience at an AM and FM radio station in Houghton Lake, Mich. He also worked at his campus radio station at Michigan State University.

Bautell's first day on the job at the network headquarters at the Frankfurt Hoechst Castle was spent taking a battery of tests, including a voice audition and exams on foreign affairs and classical music. He passed them all and was on his way to a long career in military broadcasting.

In the '60s and into the '70s, AFN radio was more than a choice on the dial, it was the most different, most rebellious place on the dial.

"You'd hear AFN in taxis, in restaurants and cars all over Germany," Bautell said. "We had thousands of American listeners, but millions of Germans."

The difference back then, Bautell said, was that German radio was "state-run, boring stuff." It was mostly German-language folk type music.

"AFN changed German pop culture by introducing them to rock, country and jazz," he said.

This was before the Internet, iPods and satellite radio. Listeners only heard music from the radio stations on their dial. Other than the music, there was another draw for young Germans: Many were eager to learn English. AFN was designed to reach the American military audience and no one expected so many Germans to tune in.

But they did. They enjoyed AFN's contemporary music so much, that it contributed to the German government privatizing radio in the late '80s and led to many of the German radio stations you now hear playing English language hits.

Bautell went on to host three different DJ programs: "The Dufflebag Show," two rock songs an hour mixed in with "milder" music by singers such as Ella Fitzgerald; "Music in the Air," back-to-back instrumental songs; and "Midnight in Europe," a mix of poetry and jazz.

Bautell would turn on his microphone and deliver laid back lines like, "Cool breezes, blowing leaves and smooth jazz, you've got it all right here with Mr. Midnight." Yes, that was his air name, as well as the name of the other two DJs who hosted the same show over the years.

Bautell later made the transition from DJ to newscaster, but if you listened to him in the '60s you wouldn't have recognized his voice. He re-wound an old, brittle tape, using a pencil to help the struggling reel-to-reel machine play back its contents. The voice heard from the built-in speaker sounded a lot

more like legendary CBS TV anchorman Walter Cronkite than him. Bautell laughed, and agreed.

"Cronkite was one of my idols. I thought everyone doing news had to sound like him. But now I listen to it and it sounds hokey," he said.

Bautell eventually stopped trying to mimic Cronkite and developed his own style. His mentor at the time was Hal Walker, one of the first black American foreign correspondents. Bautell was a part-time stringer for ABC radio in Bonn, where Walker was assigned.

"Hal helped me focus on the most important facts in a story and not get distracted by side issues and too many words," Bautell said. "He really boosted my confidence."

That training paid off later when Bautell got to cover what he calls his most memorable story.

"Watching the Soviet Union crumble in place was mind boggling," Bautell said. "I got to travel to a former Soviet army headquarters in East Germany and see close up what was unimaginable for me to see just weeks before ... Bautell's voice, fluent German and experience as a journalist made him the obvious choice to interview or meet every German chancellor from Willy Brandt to Angela Merkel, as well as many U.S. secretaries of defense and even Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

American historian John Provan, who has lived in Germany for 50 of his 57 years, said: "To many Germans, Gary is AFN," adding, "whatever German-American historical event I work on, Gary is the first name organizers want as a master of ceremo-



Courtesy Photo

American Forces Network broadcaster Gary Bautell mans the microphone during his early days on the airwaves. Bautell first began broadcasting for AFN Europe in 1962.

nies or guest speaker."

In 2010, the Federation of German-American Clubs elected Bautell as the president of all of their clubs.

"Gary stands for everything positive in America. He's a wonderful, friendly person, and has made a great impact on German-American relations," said Vice President Dr. Elizabeth Wittig. Bautell is the only American out of nine members of the federation's board of governors.

Bautell said one theme keeps coming up when he meets Germans. "They constantly tell me how horrible 9/11 continues to be for them. Now Americans are behind walls and fences and it's become very hard for Germans to meet them and make friends,"

he said.

Prior to 9/11, many American installations were wide open and Germans could drive onto post.

At 70, Bautell shows no signs of slowing down, let alone retiring. The last 30 years of his career have been as a supervisor as well as talent. He's currently the Chief of Network Radio for AFN Europe.

He has guided and mentored more than 600 different military journalists.

Many of whom still work at CNN, ABC and other radio and TV stations in the States.

"I feel half my age and at the top of my game," he said. "If I wasn't doing this I'd be doing it for free for somebody."

**Operation Toy Drop delivers for Kaiserslautern community**

By Staff Sgt. Warren W. Wright Jr.  
21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**ALZEY** – More than 130 paratroopers, comprised of Soldiers, airmen and partner nation jumpers, air dropped toys and performed an airborne jump during the fourth annual Operation Toy Drop at the Alzey Drop Zone, Thursday.

Operation Toy Drop is an annual event sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Army Communi-

ty Service and coordinated by the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's 5th Quartermaster Detachment.

Toys were provided by the jumping service members and donated to ACS for use in their yearly holiday toy shop, where families in need are able to select toys to be given to their children this holiday season.

"It's cool because all of these toys are going to a good cause," said Staff Sgt. Tylor Buckingham, the operations planning noncommissioned officer

for the 5th QM and a native of Linn Creek, Mo., "We're donating [the toys] to ACS, and then they're going to pass them out to kids in the KMC area."

The 5th QM, U.S. Army Europe's only asset for providing aerial delivery support to various U.S. and allied military units throughout Europe, provided logistical support for the air-drop as well as Soldiers who jumped with the U.S. and partner nation paratroopers from U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft during the operation.

"We have right around 20 individuals jumping," Buckingham said. "But with the detail and everybody [involved], it's about coming together."

Planning for the operation began four months prior, with the 5th QM coordinating with ACS and various units throughout Europe. ACS began collecting toys in October through donations provided by the Kaiserslautern Military Community and will add them to the toys dropped to be used for their holiday toy shop.

## GERMAN COOKING

### New Year's Pretzel

#### Ingredients:

- ◆ 3 1/2 - 4 cups flour
- ◆ 2 1/4 teaspoons dry yeast (1 package)
- ◆ 1/3 cups sugar
- ◆ 1 cup warm milk
- ◆ 1 egg
- ◆ 4 tablespoons melted butter
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ◆ Zest from 1 lemon
- ◆ 1 egg yolk
- ◆ Coarse sugar for decoration

#### Preparation:

- ◆ Measure or weigh flour into mixing bowl.
- ◆ Proof the yeast by dissolving it in the cup of warm milk with a pinch of sugar. Leave in a warm place for about 15 minutes.
- ◆ When bubbles form, add it to the flour to the egg, butter, salt and lemon zest and work it into a medium stiff dough.
- ◆ Knead for several minutes or until dough becomes smooth and silky. Form it into a ball and place it in an oiled bowl, turning to coat. Let rise in a warm spot for 15 minutes.
- ◆ Sprinkle a large table top with flour and place dough onto it. Turn once to coat. Divide into three equal pieces.
- ◆ Roll each piece into a one foot long cylinder and let rest for a few minutes.
- ◆ Starting in the middle, lengthen the dough into a rope by rolling it against the table top and applying pressure outwards. The middle should be thicker than the ends.
- ◆ Continue until you have three strands of dough at least three feet long each. If dough continues to spring back, let it rest for a couple minutes and try again.
- ◆ Beginning in the middle, braid the three strands together towards each end. Pinch the ends closed. Lengthen the braid slightly by pulling on the ends.
- ◆ For good luck: Place several foil-wrapped coins (lucky pennies) between the braided strands (the person who finds a coin will have their New Year's wish come true).
- ◆ Form braid into a pretzel shape and place on a parchment paper lined cookie sheet. Cover with a clean dish cloth.
- ◆ Heat oven to 350°F for 30 minutes.
- ◆ Make an egg wash with the egg yolk plus 3 tablespoons of water and brush the pretzel with it.
- ◆ If you are serving the pretzel the same day, sprinkle with sugar for decoration.
- ◆ If the pretzels will be kept for several days, frozen or shel-lacked, do not sprinkle with sugar, to prevent sogginess.
- ◆ Bake for 30 - 40 minutes at 350°F on the second shelf from top of the oven.

SOURCE: [www.germanfood.about.com](http://www.germanfood.about.com)



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#### Dear Ms. Vicki,

I really hope this will be the Christmas that my boyfriend proposes to me. We have been together since we were 18-years-old. Now it's been 10 years and we have two wonderful children together. My boyfriend has been in the army for 7 years and I left college early so that I could support him and because I was pregnant with our first child.

We live together and he takes care of me and our two kids very well. Yes, we have experienced many ups and downs that are quite common in any relationship. He has cheated on me before during a deployment and I forgave him. It's not that I accepted it but I figured he was gone for almost 15 months and no woman should expect her man to be faithful for 15 months. He is likely to be with someone if the opportunity presents itself and it did. I'm over it and my boyfriend is too. He doesn't keep in touch with the woman he was with, besides she was married, and she didn't want any trouble.

We argue about money and our families. In the end, we stay together. I want to be his wife

because I know he loves me and our children. It's been 10 years and when I talk about us taking the next step he gets upset and defensive and says "what's the rush"? Then other times he will act like he is ready, like I'm the best thing to ever happen to him. By the end of the week, he's back to his usual self.

How long should I wait Ms. Vicki? I'm getting my hope up for nothing? I have been with him for so long and I have been through so much with him. It seems the right thing for me to do is to wait for him to marry me. Is my waiting in vain? How do I get him to at least discuss marriage and agree to marry me? I'm the only daughter in my family and I always wanted to give my father the gift of walking me down the aisle to give me away to my husband. What do you think Ms. Vicki, will this be a Merry Christmas for me? From: #Put a Ring on It.

#### Dear Ring,

if you are hoping for an engagement ring, this won't be a Merry Christmas for you. Nope, no way. Trust me; he will never marry you, well, maybe when he's about 65 or 70 years old. I regret that I must be so blunt and I don't mean to make any disparaging remarks against you or to be mean in any way.

However, your letter became more concerning to me the more I read. It became worse and worse with every sentence. Let's take a look at some of the concerns.

First, you left college so you can support him in his army career ... as his girlfriend? Wrong answer! That's the first mistake. There is no way you should have left college to support him as his girlfriend. You should have been his wife: period.

Granted, I know that you were pregnant and you wanted him to be near your child and vice versa but you still were on the losing end with nothing in your favor.

Secondly, you have been living with him as his girlfriend so you don't really have access to any base services: health care, commissary

privileges, Exchange or any other military resources. This is not good. Do you have health care? I really doubt it. Now you have child number two ... while you are still a "girlfriend." Wrong! This is so lame on your part. Remember you said you wanted to be a wife, not a girlfriend.

This is plain like a bag of chocolate M&M's: you're a "baby momma." That's it. You probably should get use to it. Thirdly, you have put up with him cheating and you made excuses for his actions: WRONG again! This guy will stay with you because you are so easy, but he will never marry you.

Fourth, you say you wanted to give you father the gift of walking you down the aisle. Babe, get real ok. You're lying to yourself. I don't know what fantasy you are living in. If you wanted to give that gift to your father you would have never made some of the decisions you have been making for the last 7 years. So you walk down the aisle, when the preacher says "who give this woman away" your children could say "we do."

At this point, why are you looking for an engagement? So he gives you a ring, so what? If both of you were serious about taking your relationship to the next level you would get a marriage license and run to the Justice of the Peace and do it.

Listen, this guy is too comfortable. Granted, I'm sure he likes his life with you, but he doesn't have a reason to change, he doesn't have an incentive to marry you.

Men marry the woman "they can't live without." Right now he's satisfied just "being with you." This is real talk, trust me on this one. Where do you go from here? Well start with "you." You must figure out why you are willing to stay with someone who is not going to marry you and you know it.

You have to work on your self-esteem and ways to build your confidence and self-worth.

## Employment website teams with Joining Forces initiative

### Department of Commerce

WASHINGTON – Employment website *Monster.com* is collaborating with the White House's Joining Forces campaign and will contribute to the initiative's goal of hiring or training an additional 250,000 veterans and military spouses by the end of 2014, Acting Commerce Department Secretary Rebecca M. Blank announced Thursday at the National Veteran Employment Summit hosted by *Monster* and *Military.com*.

Joining Forces is a comprehensive national initiative led by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill

Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, to provide service members and their families with the opportunities and support they have earned.

One of the effort's main focuses has been connecting America's veterans and military spouses with careers that match their skills, experience and dedication.

To date, Joining Forces has worked with more than 2,000 companies to hire or train 125,000 veterans and military spouses.

During the summit, officials said, human resource leaders from the public and private sector engaged with veterans, senior military and government of-

ficials, and respected nonprofit organization leaders about the most effective ways to prepare, support, and connect veterans with employers.

"All of us at the Commerce Department and throughout the administration have made hiring veterans a priority," Blank said. "Whether it's by making improvements in how the military transitions service members from the battlefield to the workplace, ensuring the post-9/11 GI Bill stays strong, or through the efforts of the Joining Forces initiative, President Obama and this administration are taking steps to ensure that veterans can find job opportunities when they return from service."



# GET OUT!

## area events

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### December 20

**Barockschloss** – The Barockschloss offers a peek into the storied history of the city of Mannheim. The palace is located on Bismarckstrasse near the edge of the city center. The palace is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Last admission is 4:30 p.m.

[www.schloss-mannheim.de/de/schloss-mannheim](http://www.schloss-mannheim.de/de/schloss-mannheim)

**Toy Museum** – Founded in 1971, Nürnberg's Toy Museum or Spielzeug Museum showcases toys from the 14th century to the present. Marvel at tin soldiers, porcelain dolls, wooden doll houses, plastic figurines and other favorites. Museum is located at Karlstraße 13 in Nürnberg's old town.

### December 21

**Rock museum** – Rock fans can check out guitars autographed by musical legends Frank Zappa, Pink Floyd, ZZ Top, Bruce Springsteen, Rolling Stones, Kiss, Sting, Queen and others during a trip to Munich's Rockmuseum. Museum also houses gold records, clothing, rare recordings, concert tickets, unpublished photographs, original letters and autographs. Spiridon-Louis-Ring 7, 80809. Civ. 0172-891-6881.

[www.rockmuseum.de](http://www.rockmuseum.de)  
[www.buzzoffbase.com](http://www.buzzoffbase.com)

### December 22

**Late Night Shopping** – The city of Heidelberg hosts late-night shopping. Major stores are scheduled to remain open until 11 p.m. for those searching for last minute gifts.

**Ice Skating** – Enjoy a spin on the ice skating rink in the Schwetzingen Schloßplatz (the main square facing the main entrance to the palace). The rink is open 11 a.m. -10 p.m. daily. Several events are scheduled through Jan. 20. For more details and admission fees, visit [www.schwetzingen-eiszauber.de](http://www.schwetzingen-eiszauber.de)

### December 23

**Circus** – The Heidelberger Weihnachtszirkus will perform daily at the Messplatz, Kirchheimer Weg 25, Dec. 23-Jan. 6. For show times and tickets visit [www.heidelberger-weihnachtszirkus.de](http://www.heidelberger-weihnachtszirkus.de) [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de) German language

### December 26

**Nutcracker Ballet** – Members of the

Russian National Ballet will perform the timeless holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." Shows start at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Rokoko Theater in Schwetzingen and 7 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Heidelberg Stadthalle, Neckarstaden 24. Tickets: [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de), [www.ticketmaster.de](http://www.ticketmaster.de)

**Palmen Garten** – Every year, the Palmen Garten in Frankfurt transforms into a holiday wonderland. Visitors can join in the festive spirit and see the Christmas exhibition of decorated fir trees and advent decorations and crowns through Dec. 26. A floral display includes a collection of traditional, bright red poinsettias and delicate Christmas roses. [www.buzzoffbase.com](http://www.buzzoffbase.com)

### December 27

**New Years Eve Market** – After the hustle and bustle of the busy Christmas shopping season, the Christmas market in Kaiserslautern transforms into a New Year's Eve market. Enjoy a spectacular fireworks display on New Year's Eve. Market runs through Dec. 29 in the historic Fruchthalle.

### December 29

**Free Museum Day** – Frankfurt hosts a free museum day. Many of the museums throughout the city open their doors for free and hold special workshops for families and kids.

**Winter Village** – Explore the Winter Village in Ludwigshafen at the Platz der deutschen Einheit through Jan. 8.

**Schweine Museum** – The Schweine Museum in Stuttgart has a sweet spot for swine. Visitors can check out some 50,000 pieces of pig memorabilia displayed throughout the museum. Stuffed animals, piggy banks, pig-themed works of art and other surprises. The museum is open 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday. Civ. 0711-664-19600. <http://schweinemuseum.de>

### Upcoming concerts

**Gospel Stars** – The New York Gospel Stars will perform at the Heidelberg Castle Königssaal 8 p.m. Dec. 22. [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de)

**Harlem Gospel Singers** – The Harlem Gospel Singers will perform at the Rosengarten in Mannheim 7 p.m. Dec. 26. and at the Frankfurt Alte Oper 8 p.m. Jan. 7. For tickets, call civ. 018-052-001.

**Glenn Miller Orchestra** – Swing to the sounds of The Glenn Miller Orchestra directed by Will Salden. The orchestra will perform 8 p.m. Jan. 4 at Mannheim's

Rosengarten.

### Christmas Markets

**Mannheim Christmas Market** – The city of Mannheim's Christmas Market attracts thousands of visitors each year. Nearly 200 booths are decorated to look like little wooden houses where visitors will find a huge selection of Christmas decorations, clothing, jewelry, toys, crafts and more.

Visitors can feast on an array of chocolate truffles, homemade cookies, steak, sausages and mulled wine. Market runs through Dec. 23.

**Castle Christmas Market** – The city of Heidelberg hosts a Christmas market at the Heidelberg Castle through Dec. 18. Enjoy local arts and crafts. Visitors can use the cog wheel train from Kornmarkt station to get to the market (there is no parking at the castle). Ticket is also valid for entry into the castle courtyard, the big wine barrel and the pharmaceutical museum 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Heidelberg Christmas Market** – Stroll through more than 140 stalls covering the Heidelberg Christmas market. The Christmas market is spread across five festive squares: Bismarckplatz, Anatomiegarten, University Square, Kornmarkt and Market Square. Sip mulled wine, or taste baked apples, gingerbread and grilled sausages. Market runs through Dec. 22.

**Wiesbaden Christmas Market** – Enjoy live entertainment, food, children's rides and more at the Wiesbaden Christmas market. Market is located in the Schlossplatz through Dec. 23.

**Kaiserslautern Market** – Visit the Kaiserslautern Christmas Market in the historic Fruchthalle and Schillerplatz square. Vendors will offer hand-crafted jewelry, toys, Christmas decorations, glass, flowers, furniture, books and more from all over the world. Enjoy traditional German Christmas market with glühwein, food and assorted stalls selling Christmas treats and presents. [www.buzzoffbase.com](http://www.buzzoffbase.com)

**Speyer Market** – One of Germany's oldest cities, its magnificent cathedral provides the background for the city's Christmas and New Year's Market. Market is located on Maximilianstrasse and open daily 11 a.m.-9 p.m. until Dec. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 24, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 31 and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 1-6.

**Frankfurt Christmas Market** – Explore the Frankfurt Christmas Market through Dec. 23. The market is spread across several locations throughout the city center, including Römerberg, Paulsplatz, Liebfrauenberg, Fahrtr and Mainkai.

## coming to THEATERS

### THE HOBBIT

(Martin Freeman) The adventure follows the journey of title character Bilbo Baggins, who is swept into an epic quest to reclaim the lost Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor from the fearsome dragon Smaug. Approached out of the blue by the wizard Gandalf the Grey, Bilbo finds himself joining a company of thirteen dwarves led by the legendary warrior, Thorin Oakenshield. Their journey will take them through treacherous lands swarming with goblins and orcs, deadly wargs and giant spiders, Shape shifters and Sorcerers. (Rated PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy action violence, and frightening images) 170 minutes.



### PLAYING THIS WEEK

#### Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Dec. 20 - WON'T BACK DOWN (PG) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 21 - THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 7 p.m., 10 p.m.  
Dec. 22 - THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 4 p.m.; HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (PG-13) 7p.m.  
Dec. 23 - THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 4 p.m.  
Dec. 24 - RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 26 - HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (PG-13) 7 p.m.

#### Vogelweh, Galaxy

Dec. 20 - KILLING THEM SOFTLY (R) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 21 - PLAYING FOR KEEPS (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 22 - WON'T BACK DOWN (PG) 4 p.m.; THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
Dec. 23 - THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) 4 p.m.

#### Ramstein, Gateway Cineplex

Dec. 20 - PLAYING FOR KEEPS (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; WON'T BACK DOWN (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN (PG) 4 p.m.; THE DARK KNIGHT RISES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Dec. 21 - THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; END OF WATCH (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.  
Dec. 22 - THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:45 p.m.; TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; END OF WATCH (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT (PG) 2 p.m.  
Dec. 23 - THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.; TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; END OF WATCH (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; WINNIE THE POOH (G) 4:15 p.m.  
Dec. 24 - THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 3 p.m.; HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m.; ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG) 11:30 a.m.; A CHRISTMAS CAROL (PG) 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m.  
Dec. 26 - THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.; TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; END OF WATCH (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.  
Dec. 27 - THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.; TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 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

## community HIGHLIGHTS

### Winter Weather Information

Community members can receive the latest information on winter weather, road conditions and school closures by visiting [http://www.incom-eroupe.army.mil/webs/sites/staff\\_org/safety/road\\_conditions/index.asp](http://www.incom-eroupe.army.mil/webs/sites/staff_org/safety/road_conditions/index.asp)

### Heidelberg Esso Gas Station

The ESSO gas station on Czernyring (before making the left turn onto Berghheimer Strasse toward A656) in Heidelberg will cease to be an ESSO gas station by the end of December. The station will close and undergo renovation and reopen as a TOTAL gas station.

### Extended Postal Hours

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg has extended postal customer service operations until Dec. 29 to coincide with the holiday season. The Postal Service Center on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg is open for out-going mail 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Parcel pick-up at the PHV PSC is 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. CMR 418 on Coleman Barracks in Mannheim is open for out-going mail 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and parcel pick-up will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. DSN 370-3347, civ. 06221-57-3347.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

The Heidelberg Equal Opportunity Working Group and the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Chaplains Office present the 2013 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jan. 16 in the movie theater on Patrick Henry Village. Guest speaker is Bonnie J. Ballard, USAG-BW Equal Employment Opportunity Officer. Jazz music and choral group will be provided by Heidelberg Middle School Band and the Choral Panthers. Lunch served afterward. DSN 373-7955, civ. 06221-17-7955.

### Exchange Shuttle Program

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service offers a free "Shuttle Program," which transfers merchandise between Exchange facilities to fulfill customer requests. To use the program, shoppers can visit an Exchange Customer Service area and speak with a manager. [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com).

### Wounded Warriors

The Wounded Warrior Project and Operation Homefront recently announced a partnership that extends emergency financial assistance to service members and veterans who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness or wound (not due to misconduct), coincident to military service on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Funded by WWP, requests for basic needs assistance (food, rent and utilities), are fulfilled by Operation Homefront. [www.OperationHomefront.net](http://www.OperationHomefront.net).

## local EMPLOYMENT

### Fitness Instructor

Heidelberg Sports and Fitness is looking for fitness instructors to teach Zumba and Spin classes. This is a contract position needed through May 2013. Call DSN 370-7294/7506 for more information.

## KAISERSLAUTERN

### Education

♦ **English As A Second Language** – Free beginners English As A Second Language classes that cover language fundamentals are offered noon Mondays. Intermediate ESL classes are noon Fridays at Army Community Service, Bldg. 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

### Community

♦ **VAT Office** – The Kleber Kaserne Value Added Tax office has moved from Bldg. 3205 to its new location in Bldg. 3245, Room 109 on Kleber Kaserne. The hours of operation are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Facility is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

DSN 483-1780, civ. 06371-86-1780.

♦ **R&B Night** – Dance the night away to Rhythm and Blues music at the Armstrong's Club's R&B Night Dec. 22, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Armstrong's is located in Bldg. 1036, Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

♦ **Salzburg Christmas Market** – Army Outdoor Recreation will visit Christmas markets in Salzburg, Austria. Bus departs 2 a.m. Dec. 22 from Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 2905 on Pulaski Barracks and returns about 3 a.m. Dec. 23. DSN 493-4117, civ. 06313-406-4117.

♦ **Holiday Cheer Bingo** – There will be a Holiday Cheer bingo with games, free food, Christmas goodies, a visit from Santa and more 3-7 p.m. Dec. 23 at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057 on Vogelweh Housing. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261.

♦ **Latin Night** – Learn to salsa during an hour of free salsa lessons. Enjoy a margarita bar and live Disc Jockey 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Dec. 29, Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036, Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

♦ **BOSS In Paris** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers travels to Paris to ring in the New Year. Bus departs noon Dec. 31 from Vogelweh Bowling Center and returns about 9 a.m. Jan. 1. Register with Army Outdoor Recreation in Bldg. 2905 on Pulaski Barracks by Dec. 21. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117, [www.kaiserslautern.armymwr.com](http://www.kaiserslautern.armymwr.com).

♦ **Kazabra New Years** – Bring in the new year, take home party favors, enjoy a buffet and watch the ball drop 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Dec. 31 at the Kazabra Club, Bldg. 2057 on Vogelweh Housing. Call the club to purchase tickets: DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261.

♦ **Sembach New Years** – A disc jockey will spin tunes while party-goers enjoy a buffet 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Dec. 31 in the all-new Community Activities Center in Bldg. 220 on Sembach Kaserne. Call the center to purchase discounted tickets or buy at the door: DSN 496-5140,

civ. 06302-67-5140.

♦ **Armstrong's Lights Out Party** – Send 2012 out with a bang, with a midnight Champagne toast, dancing and breakfast buffet, 9 p.m.-4 a.m. Dec. 31 at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036 on Vogelweh Housing. Tickets: civ. 0631-354-9986.

♦ **Gate Closure** – Vogelweh Housing's outbound Gate 9 will be closed until further notice. The gate is adjacent to B270, heading toward Hohenecken. DSN 493-4176, civ. 0631-3406-4176.

♦ **Teen Shuttle** – Child, Youth and School Services have resumed their Kaiserslautern Military Community teen shuttle service. Pick-up and drop-off points are located throughout Vogelweh, Vogelweh Housing, Ramstein, Landstuhl and the Melker in Landstuhl Village. ID card, shuttle card and permissions slips are required to ride the shuttle. Apply for shuttle card at Central Enrollment and Registration on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2898, DSN 493-4516/4122 or civ. 0631-3406-4516/4122 and on Landstuhl Post, Bldg. 3810, DSN 486-8943/8991 or civ. 06371-86-8943/8991.

♦ **KMC Onstage** – KMC Onstage in Bldg. 3232 on Kleber Kaserne offers all programming free of charge to Wounded Warriors and their guests at the Fisher House. Landstuhl patrons may be able to receive transportation for weekend shows if arrangements are made by 2 p.m. Friday. DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-411-6626. [KMCOnstage@eur.army.mil](mailto:KMCOnstage@eur.army.mil).

♦ **Landstuhl Car Wash** – The Landstuhl Car Wash is open 7 days a week, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Sunday. Closed on federal holidays. Car wash is located on Landstuhl Post, Bldg. 97370. DSN 486-5153, civ. 06371-86-5193

## HEIDELBERG

### Education

♦ **Employment Seminar** – Army Community Service hosts readiness seminars to assist U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg employees with using the USAJOBS Resume Builder, the federal job application process and more. Seminars are scheduled for Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 11, with times to be determined. Supervisors must e-mail a participant list to [erin.v.paulus.civ@mail.mil](mailto:erin.v.paulus.civ@mail.mil). [www.heidelberg.armymwr.com](http://www.heidelberg.armymwr.com).

♦ **Patton Education Center** – The Patton Education Center will be closed Dec. 20, 24-28, 31 and Jan. 1. Services and normal hours of operation will resume Jan. 2.

DSN 373-8700, civ. 06221-17-8700.

♦ **Time Management** – Army Community Service presents a time management class 10-11:30 a.m.

Dec. 20 in the Warriors in Transition Conference Room, Bldg. 3622 on Nachrichten Kaserne. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883.

♦ **University Of Maryland** – Registration for the University of Maryland University College Europe's "Holiday Express Intersession," an opportunity to earn credit over the holidays, is open. Registration is also open until Dec. 23 for field study courses in Paris and Florence, Italy, Jan. 5-12. DSN 370-6762, civ. 06221-3780, [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu).

♦ **University Of Oklahoma** – The University of Oklahoma is now accepting enrollments for its Master of Human Relations and Master of Arts programs, with an emphasis in International Relations. Courses are taught face-to-face or online in a condensed one-week format. DSN 373-7919, civ. 06221-17-7919, [aphidelberg@ou.edu](mailto:aphidelberg@ou.edu).

### Community

♦ **Religious Services** – There will be a Christmas Eve candlelight service 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and a Gospel watch-night service 10 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Patrick Henry Village Chapel. Christmas Eve Mass will be 5 p.m. Dec. 24, Christmas Day Mass will be noon Dec. 25, a Mass will be held 5 p.m. Dec. 31 and New Year's Day Mass will be noon Jan. 1 at the Patrick Henry Village Chapel. DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190.

♦ **Heidelberg Community Choir** – The Heidelberg Community Choir will perform at the Heiliggeist Kirche in downtown Heidelberg 6 p.m. Dec. 21. Civ. 06221-7590-2316.

♦ **Parent's Day, Night Out** – The next Parent's Night Out is scheduled for Jan. 4. Parent's Day Out is Jan. 5. Reservations must be made with Central Enrollment by noon the Monday before. Reservations can be made 30 days in advance and payments must be received one week in advance or reservation will be cancelled. Voluntary cancellations must be made by noon on the Monday before the event to receive a credit back to the designated Child, Youth and School Services account. DSN 388-9340, civ. 06221-338-9341. [www.heidelberg.armymwr.com](http://www.heidelberg.armymwr.com)

♦ **Arts And Cultural Center Sale** – The Arts and Cultural Center in the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village will mark down inventory to prepare for its move to Daenner Kaserne, Bldg. 3109 in Kaiserslautern, now through Dec. 22 and 27-29. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418.

♦ **Winter Festival** – Children enrolled in the School-Age Center and their families can attend a winter festival that includes art, a talent show and treats prepared by the SAC Cooking Club 3:30-5:30 p.m. Dec. 20

in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850 (the Shopping Center). DSN 370-8994, civ. 06221-370-8994.

♦ **Single Soldier Dinner** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the USO will provide free food and Christmas goodies for single Soldiers 5-8 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

♦ **Bilingual Advent Service** – There will be an Advent service in English and German 6 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Heiliggeistkirche (Church of the Holy Spirit) in the Heidelberg Hauptstraße. Contact the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Chaplains Office at DSN 373-6190, civ. 06221-17-6190 for more information.

♦ **Community Bank** – Community Bank on Campbell Barracks will be closed Dec. 24. The branch on the Shopping Center will be open 9:30 a.m.-noon. DSN 373-1410, civ. 06221-17-1410.

♦ **Health Clinic Hours** – The Heidelberg Army Health Clinic will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 for the holidays. The clinic will be re-open Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, respectively. All services will be closed to include behavioral health, lab and x-ray.

♦ **New Year In Prague** – Army Outdoor Recreation heads to Prague, Czech Republic, for New Year's Eve. Bus departs 8 a.m. from the Park and Ride next to the Patrick Henry Village Commissary Dec. 29 and returns about 5 p.m. Jan. 1. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282.

♦ **Village Grille** – The Village Grille is bringing a touch of tropical heat to your winter. Dress to impress in your coolest island gear or evening wear. 8 p.m. Dec. 31 – close. Enjoy live music, prizes, dinner and breakfast buffets. \$15 admission, must be 18 or older. Groups of five or more receive a 10% discount on admission and designated drivers receive \$5 discount on admission. DSN 388-9039, civ. 06221-338-9039

♦ **Heidelberg Lodging** – Heidelberg and Wiesbaden Army Lodging offers discounted weekend rates. Reservations are first come first served basis until the allocated rooms are sold. Must be at least 21 yrs of age with base access. This offer applies to Friday and Saturday with checkout on Sunday. DSN 370-1700, civ. 06221-795100.

♦ **Pharmacy Hours** – The Heidelberg Army Health Clinic on Nachrichten Kaserne has adjusted its pharmacy operating hours due to staffing changes: 8-11 a.m. and noon-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 371-2673, civ. 06221-17-2673.

# Community Basketball



Photos by Dijon Rolle

Players from the 60th Engineers and Old School (combined team) square off during a game at the Patton Barracks Fitness Center in Heidelberg Monday. The league is open to all players 18 and over (who are not in high school). The season runs through March 4.



Sgt. Sean Cochran, a small forward for the 60th Geospatial Planning Cell, laces up before hitting the courts during a recreational and unit basketball league game Monday in Heidelberg.

## Heidelberg players heat up the hardwood during weekly games

### Staff Report

The 60th Engineers were no match for the “Old School” squad during a face off between the two teams Monday at the Patton Barracks Fitness Center in Heidelberg. Old School beat the 60th Engineers 72 – 37.

The game was one of two played each Monday as part of the garrison’s recreational and unit basketball league.

Due to ongoing transformation efforts, the league was converted from intramural to recreational and unit. The change allowed more players the chance to participate.

“Everybody in the Heidelberg community that wants to play has the opportunity to play regardless if their unit doesn’t have enough Soldiers to have a team. They can mix and become part of another team,” said Thomas Benson, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Sport’s Director.

“Basketball is a major sport for everyone. During the games we always have spectators and this is one of the only recreational activities that we have left now that’s live. You can also bring the family and kids and have a good time cheering on the teams.”

All ID card holders 18 years and older (not in high school) can participate. Games are played twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. (with the exception of training and federal holidays). All games are played at Patton Fitness Center.

“Feel free to come out and become part of the team. It’s here for the Soldiers, family members and all of the people we support,” Benson said.

The last game of the season is scheduled for March 4 at Patton. For more information on the league and upcoming games call DSN 373-8032 or civ. 06221-178032.



Players from the 60th Engineers and Old School squad battle it out on the court Monday in Heidelberg during a weekly recreational and unit league basketball game at Patton Fitness Center. Teams gather every Monday and Wednesday to compete.



Referees, coaching staff and volunteers grab hold of the game ball for good luck moments before tip-off, during a recreational and unit basketball game Monday at the Patton Fitness Center in Heidelberg.

## staying ACTIVE

### Sembach and Pulaski Youth Pro Soccer

Soccer clinics are available through SKIESUnlimited until the end of December for Kaiserslautern-area players aged 3-18. To register, visit Parent Central Services, Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks (DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516) or One Stop Shop, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl Post (DSN 486-8943, civ. 06371-86-8943).

### New Year's Eve Bowling Party

Families can enjoy cosmic bowling, Disney and Pixar movies and a buffet featuring child-friendly food like pizza, hot dogs and chicken fingers, 3-6 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Patrick Henry Village Bowling and Entertainment Center in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040.

### Youth Rock Climbing Classes

Sign up now for rock climbing classes for ages 7-16. Classes begin Jan. 3 at Ramstein Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 3336. Register at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil> or visit Parent Central Services on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2898. DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516.

### Ice Skating

Go for a spin on the ice skating rink at the Karlsplatz square in downtown Heidelberg through Jan. 4. A 90-minute session costs €2.50 for adults and €2 for children. Skates can be rented for €2.60 a pair.

### Airboarding

Hit the snowy slopes and learn to airboard during a trip to Lengries, Germany. Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation will host an airboard trip Jan. 12. DSN 493-4117, civ. 06313-406-4117. Sign-up by Jan. 8.

### Firearm Safety Courses

Firearm safety courses are available by appointment at the Rod and Gun Club in Bldg. 4130 in Oftersheim (an der Bundestr. 291). Civ. 06202-51193.

### Parent And Me Yoga

Yoga classes are available to parents and their children birth to age 12, who are enrolled in Child, Youth and School Services’ SKIESUnlimited program in Kaiserslautern. Register at Parent Central Services, Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks or at the One Stop Shop, Bldg. 3810 on Landstuhl Post. DSN 493-4516/4122, civ. 0631-3406-4516/4122.

### Family Fitness

Families can participate in circuit training that incorporates cardio, body bars, obstacle courses and more 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Miesau Physical Fitness Center, Bldg. 1220. DSN 481-3797, civ. 06372-842-3797.

### FemFusion

Ladies 16 and older can enjoy a workout that uses a unique combination of mat work and dance to burn fat, sculpt and tone muscles, improve balance and more, 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Landstuhl Physical Fitness Center, Bldg. 3720. \$4 per class. [www.kaiserslautern.armymwr.com](http://www.kaiserslautern.armymwr.com)

### Wii Sports, Wii Fit

Shake up your routine by playing Wii Sports or Wii Fit free of charge at the Fitness Center, Bldg. 172 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern. DSN 493-2241, civ. 0631-3406-2241.

### Send the Herald Post Your Photos

If you have photos from sporting events, e-mail them along with the dates, details and names of those pictured to [usarmy.badenwuer.usag.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.badenwuer.usag.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil). **Deadline is noon Monday.**