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Phil Tegtmeier

Chaplain (Capt.) Eric Dean, right, the Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe chaplain, explains the history of the Roman persecution of the early Christians at a stop inside the Roman Coliseum.

Warriors in transition study the past to have a better future

By Phil Tegtmeier
ERMIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Standing at ground level, raising their eyes up to the hard stone and cold brick of the Coliseum in Rome, Spc. Jonathan Locke and his wife Ashley were not exactly thinking about architecture.

Their thoughts, instead, turned to the thousands of Christians that had been slain in ancient times virtually at their feet. And then, their resolve to overcome their own difficulties instantaneously grew.

The Lockes were two of a group of nearly 50 Warriors, their families and

cadre members of the Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe who volunteered for a week-long retreat to Rome and the Vatican City. They were taking part in an exercise focused not on building physical strength, though the tour walks were indeed long.

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Mannheim teacher named 'Teacher of the Year' among all defense department educators



Staff Report

Mannheim Elementary School Teacher Angelica L. Jordan is the Department of Defense Education Activity's 2011 Teacher of the Year, DODEA announced in a press release Nov. 3.

"I'm thrilled, excited and honored," Jordan said "I'll have the opportunity to influence policy and to share field experiences and educational priorities with decision makers."

Jordan, a 15-year teaching veteran, is a partial Spanish immersion and Spanish teacher to second and third grade students.

Jordan earned Teacher of the Year title for the Heidelberg district last May and she will now compete for the National Teacher of the Year.

"Ms. Jordan collaborates with her colleagues to build consensus around learning themes and best practices. Her belief in teaching teams and see **TEACHER** page 12

How to send help to Stuttgart fire victims

Staff Report

Information on how to help the more than 100 residents whose household goods were destroyed by a warehouse fire Oct. 30 in Stuttgart was outlined by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Carl Bird in a command message Nov. 4.

Many of the residents and families lost 100 percent of their accumulated household items and personal possessions.

Several avenues are available for those who want to help. See page 3 to learn where to direct money, clothing or to provide individual assistance for those affected by the fire.

COMMENTARY

Vietnam refugee shares perspective on Veterans Day

By Lt. Col. Harold Hoang
AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – Originally Veterans Day was known as Armistice Day and traces back to World War I. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, a temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. A year later President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 the first commemoration of Armistice Day. In 1954, it became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

I am thankful for veterans of all wars, but especially those who fought in the Vietnam War.

Those brave men and women had a direct impact on my life and the lives of hundreds of thousands of "boat people" that fled the war torn nation of Vietnam in 1975. Yes, I was one of the "boat people."

So how did I get to call this great nation of ours home? Simply put, it was due to my parents' bravery and sacrifices.

On April 30, 1975, my parents, having lived under Viet Cong's rule before Vietnam was divided in two, decided to leave all behind and took nine kids on a journey that changed our lives forever.

My dad was an officer in the South Vietnamese Army and served proudly alongside U.S. Special Forces.

When the Viet Cong took over South Vietnam he knew it was time to "get out of Dodge."

My parents knew the family would not be safe because of his affiliation with U.S. Forces. They knew someone would turn them over to win favors with the new ruling party. They knew it was either live free or die ... so off we went under the cover of darkness.

Where were we going? Doesn't matter, we weren't staying.

We boarded a tugboat crammed with hundreds of other refugees sea bound for freedom ... we hoped. We were fleeing with only the clothes on our backs and very little sustenance. There was no food or water and very little comfort.

Luckily for us, the U.S. Navy was on watch ready to rescue refugees. Upon our encounter with the U.S. Navy, we were directed to abandon our boat and climbed into a collection point ... a barge with chain link fence and sand bags for stability.

I was 7 years old but can still remember my dad climbing behind my 3-year-old sister, making sure she did not fall into the ocean as the barge swayed with waves.

We were starving and dehydrated. We struggled through a couple nights without any food and very little water.



I was 7 years old but can still remember my dad climbing behind my 3-year-old sister, making sure she did not fall into the ocean as the barge swayed with waves.

I remember people pushing and shoving their ways toward the Navy ships fighting to get rescued.

I also remember people fell between the sand barge and a Navy ship.

They were never seen again.

Smartly my parents kept us away from the madness until it was safe.

I don't recall the full details, but my brothers and sisters still tease me about passing out from dehydration. I told them I faked the dehydration, took one for the "team" so the family would be rescued sooner.

But I did wake up on board a Navy ship with an intravenous stuck to my arm ... kind of tough to get around that one. I think it was about two to three days before we were plucked from the ocean on our way to Subic Bay, Philippines.

A few days later I got my first ride in a C-130 to Anderson Air Base, Guam. Two more weeks of paperwork, shots and whatever else and we found ourselves in a refugee camp at

Fort Indian Town Gap, Pa.

We got to Fort Indian Town Gap just before Memorial Day and spent the next three months adjusting to a new culture.

But trying to start a new life for a family of 11 was challenging when you hardly speak the language and had no money. Finding a family willing to sponsor us and give us a new start was not easy.

In the end, it was St. Marks Luther Church in Storm Lake, Iowa that gave us a new life ... our first home in the United States. Needless to say the climate didn't agree with us. It was the first time we saw snow ... all the way up to the windows.

I recall seeing my dad biking to work in the snow. He worked at a turkey processing plant. It was not for him nor did he enjoy it but it had to be done.

It wasn't long before my parents uprooted us again for Portland, Ore. We now consider Portland home.

So to veterans of all wars but especially the veterans of the Vietnam War, we owe you a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid through words. We are forever in your debt.

Through your bravery and sacrifices we are living the American dream ... all the kids are successful, contributing to this great nation and making a difference everyday.

We're proud to be Americans and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.



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DISCUSSION BOARD

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

Help us test out the Ruftaxi transportation service that started Monday in the Heidelberg community and post your thoughts on Facebook! This new service provides drop-off and pick-up to and from Patrick Henry Village and Kirchheim for €1.50 Monday-Sunday. Be sure to call at least 30 minutes prior for pick-up. Schedules ...are available at ACS, housing and

various locations throughout the community.
-Posted Monday on Facebook

This service seems to be good, how can I reach someone for booking the service? Any phone #?
-Lars Obrist, BWnow Facebook fan

Lars, You can call civ. 06221302030 to reach the service. You will need to call at least 30 minutes prior.
-BWnow administrator

I had several people ask me on the phone for that number! I will let people know about it!
-Lars Obrist BWnow Facebook fan



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Help for Stuttgart Fire Victims

Monetary donations – The Stuttgart Community Spouses Club has established the SCSC Emergency Relief Fund at the Community Bank (Bank Routing Number 051005504; Account No. 3681885913). Monies contributed will be used to support fire victims. The emergency fund will be deactivated after Jan. 15 and all remaining monies will be distributed to the garrison chaplain's office to support other community members in need.

Material donations – Army Community Service is the point of contact for material donations. Contact the ACS volunteer desk at DSN 431-3309, civ. 07031-15-3309, or acs.marketing@eur.army.mil. After Jan. 15, donated items will be turned over to the Thrift Shop for general usage.

Volunteers – Individuals interested in assisting family members affected by the fire should contact the ACS volunteer desk at DSN 431-3309, civ. 0731-15-3309.

V Corps retirement



Mel Tarpley

Brig. Gen. Michael Ryan, acting V Corps commander, accepts a ceremonial howitzer shell from 1st Lt. Antonio Garofalo of the 529th MP Company during the general's retirement ceremony at Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg Nov. 3. Replacing Ryan is Brig. Gen. Allen W. Batschelet, the V Corps Deputy Commander who also will continue to serve as the U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, or G3.

Village Grille open on weekends

By Dijon Rolle
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Imagine platters of fluffy pancakes and slabs of buttery French toast soaked in syrup, sides of sausage and eggs along with bowls of piping hot biscuits and gravy made fresh to order.

This American-style breakfast bonanza is now available at the Village Grille on Patrick-Henry Village every weekend. The items were added to the menu a few weeks ago as a trial run.

"This concept came from feedback from customers and employees," said General Manager Jemal Hutson. "We're always taking feedback and ideas about what the community is

looking for. We have to design our programs and menus to fit their needs and we want them to tell us what those needs are."

Hutson said so far the response has been good and business has continued to pick up as more and more customers come to sample the restaurant's new breakfast spread and enjoy a special taste of home on the weekends.

All items are cooked fresh. Currently the a la carte menu features pancakes, sausage, bacon, French toast, biscuits and gravy and any style eggs. Hutson said they would eventually like to offer more items in the future.

"One of the challenges we have is because we run breakfast simultaneously with the

other menu, we can't grow too large because there would be too many items ... First, we want to get our feet firmly planted with this menu and make sure everything is running smoothly and then we can start doing breakfast specials and rotating the selection."

The breakfast menu is available 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The restaurant starts serving lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The Village Grille restaurant on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim no longer serves breakfast and is scheduled to close permanently Monday.

The Village Grille is located on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9447, www.mwrgermany.com.

Quit the smoking habit

HMEDDAC Public Affairs

The third Thursday in November is the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smokeout," a day when smokers are encouraged to give up the smoking for 24 hours in hopes of giving up the habit for good.

"One of the most important causes I push for is the no-smoking initiative," said Col. P.K. Underwood, Heidelberg Medical Department Activity commander. "I quit smoking so long ago that I can't even remember my last cigarette. More importantly, I don't want to remember it. It was the best decision I ever made, and I am much happier – and healthier – since giving up smoking."

Underwood recently instituted changes to the smoking areas on Nachrichten Kaserne in the hopes of cutting down on exposure to second hand smoke for patients and staff, and to remind smokers of the dangers of their habit.

"To coincide with this year's Great American Smokeout, we are hosting our own 'HMEDDAC Smoke-Free Challenge' and encouraging our staff to give up smoking for 24 hours on Nov. 18," Underwood said. If you or someone you know is a smoker, consider taking the challenge and urging others to do so on Nov. 18, she said.

"Smoking is simply one of the most dangerous things you can do to yourself," Underwood said. "It's not easy to quit, but it's so important. I would encourage all smokers to at least try quitting. If your friends smoke, encourage them to quit."

The Wellness Center at the Heidelberg Health Center offers tobacco cessation classes, and the Mannheim Army Health Clinic recently started tobacco cessation classes for its beneficiaries as well.

Health Care Covenant



U.S. Army

U.S. Army Europe Command Surgeon Brig. Gen. Nadja Y. West and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Luciano sign the Army Medicine Healthcare Covenant, a pledge to provide quality care to Soldiers, families and other beneficiaries in Europe. All medical commanders and their senior enlisted advisors sign a local covenant to display their commitment to provide high quality care, support during the healing process, assistance to warriors returning to duty or transitioning to civilian life and provide a healing environment. The Europe Regional Medical Command is responsible for quality health care delivery at 17 Army health clinics in Europe.

Winter safety day makes an impact

By Spc. Ida Tate
7TH THEATER TACTICAL SIGNAL BRIGADE

Winter Safety Day, a joint effort of the U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim and the 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, held Oct. 28 in Mannheim, provided mandatory safety training that included hands-on practice to better get the message out.

The automated driving-under-the-influence simulator was one display that made an impact on Soldiers.

"It's harder than it looks," said Sgt. Jeff Beeson, 7th TTSB Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "The game is programmed to cloud your awareness, and it made me more aware of the dangers of drinking and driving."

"This device shows how dangerously you drive while correcting quick turns and over compensating your movement if intoxicated while operating a vehicle," said safety specialist Herbert Nold who taught the DUI simulator class.

Other mandatory training included winter driving, cold weather injury prevention and distracted driving.

Information about tire tread and winter tires will be very useful when Spc. Brandi Burgie, 7th TTSB Headquarters and Headquarters company, purchases tires.

She also learned from the fire extinguisher training.

"I have kids and I feel like I can protect them using this hands on fire training. Most of all, I feel safer after using a fire extinguisher for the first time," she said.

"Soldiers seemed enthusiastic and engaged during the fire and driving



Harry Godwin

U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Lisa Griffin tries out the Drive Smart (Drunk Driving Simulator) provided by AAFES New Car Sales at the Mannheim Winter Safety Day held at the Schuh Theater Oct. 28.

"A slide reading, 'Honk once if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet Him,' said it all."

- Patricia Navarro-Quick, 7th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade

training. The distracted driving presentation livened up the audience and gave them something very serious to think about," said Patricia A. Navarro-Quick, brigade safety official. "A slide reading, 'Honk once if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet Him,' said it all."

Winter safety training includes information about the hazards of cold weather activities, winter driving conditions, holiday tree fires, stove fires and cold weather-injuries.

"Although winter safety training is mandated by the Army, it's good to be proactive and get the training to the Soldiers and civilians to help them plan for a safe winter," said Navarro-Quick.

The military needs well-informed and healthy Soldiers who are safety



Spc. Ida Tate

Spc. Brandi Burgie, 7th TTSB Headquarters and Headquarters Company, attempts to quickly control a small fire by using an extinguisher during Mannheim's Safety Day.

conscious to effectively carry out its mission. If the commander doesn't have people who properly safeguard and maintain themselves, the mission suffers, Navarro-Quick explained.

For more safety information, visit <https://safety.army.mil/>.

transformation UPDATE

Frequently Asked Questions Have a transformation-related question you'd like answered?

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

What is being done during this school year to help transition Mannheim students to Heidelberg?

The principals of all affected schools and the two school liaison officers in Heidelberg and Mannheim are working jointly to ensure a seamless transition for Mannheim students to Heidelberg. Heidelberg High School students will be going to Mannheim High School in January to join their "Student 2 Student" (newcomer sponsorship group) counterparts in planning welcome activities to occur in March. In May, Mannheim students will go to Heidelberg for tours and a welcome activity as well. In August, Mannheim students and parents will be invited to take part in an orientation program and tour of their new school. Mannheim Middle School will merge with Mannheim Elementary School in the elementary building. Construction to accommodate this will be performed over the summer. Science labs and adult size furniture and facilities will be installed in Mannheim Elementary School to accommodate this.

How are you going to make sure enough services are available for the community members who are still in Mannheim?

Changes to operating hours or closures require prior coordination with the garrison commander, so decisions can be made based on the business needs of the organization and the needs of the community members.

Will the new post exchange in Wiesbaden be able to serve all the people moving to the community?

The total space including the mall and stockroom is 140,000 square feet, of which 80,000 square feet is the post exchange. In the plan, there will be 330 parking spaces built for this facility. The project is under design and is scheduled to open in fiscal year 2014.

What if certain products aren't available at the PX?

There is a courier service that runs five days a week between the Heidelberg, Mannheim and Stuttgart post exchanges. If a product is not available at one store but is available at one of the other two stores, customers can talk to the store manager, and the product will be delivered to the store where it's needed. Delivery typically occurs within a day or two.

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Stress reduced with resiliency training

By Sgt. Fay Conroy
21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Army developed the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program and trained Master Resilience Trainers to teach Soldiers how to deal with stresses following deployments.

"We've been at war for a few years now, and statistics say when we have a long war like we have right now, drunk driving goes up, suicides go up and domestic violence goes up," said Sgt. 1st Class Delvico Graham, an MRT for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 21st Theater Sustainment Command.

MRTs provide training to teach coping strategies. Resources and strategies help Soldiers deal with stresses and volatile situations not only at work, but also every day.

"MRTs bring expertise, they bring knowledge and they bring an understanding of the subject," said Capt. Terrence Kratz, the commander of HHHC, 21st TSC.

Soldiers learn to identify reoccurring harmful thought processes that can affect how they relate to family and peers, how to concentrate on the good things that happen and how to communicate effectively.

"I want them to understand that there is more than one way to solve a problem," said Graham. "We are giving them tools to put in their pockets to use that can keep the situation from getting out of hand – that can help them connect better and communicate better with their peers as well as their family members."

Some Soldiers who recently attended the training were seeing results before they even finished the class.

"Personally, it has helped me to better communicate with my family," said Pfc. Jorge Hernandez, a mechanic with HHHC, 21st TSC. "I used to have problems with communication, and now I have a better understanding of how to communicate and how the way I communicate affects others and affects me."

The class is open to family members and Soldiers of all ranks. DSN 484-8972.

Faces of the community: Quartermaster Laundry



Brandon Spragins

Pablo Rodriguez with Company Bravo, Warrior Transition Battalion, drops off items to Ursala Logan at the Patton Quartermasters Laundry Troop Collection Point in Bldg. 119 in Heidelberg. The Quartermaster Laundry service launders a long list of military items including dress blues and dress greens, free of charge. For a listing of items available for cleaning and the closest Quartermasters Laundry TCP contact information and location, visit www.lhd-online.de/usarmy.

Professor seeks Mannheim anecdotes, photos

USAG Mannheim Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim is scheduled to close in the next few years, ending an American military presence that has spanned more than six decades.

To preserve the legacy and memories of the thousands of service members, civilians, and family members who made up Mannheim's American military community through the years, a local university professor has embarked on an extensive historical research project.

"An American overseas military community is much more than a mere cluster of tactical units temporarily stationed abroad," said Prof. (Dr.) Christian Führer of the Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg Mannheim. "It is in fact a social microcosm that develops its own culture, mentality, and way of life." Führer, whose first contact with Americans in Mannheim dates to the late 1980s when he volunteered at the local USO, hopes to summarize his findings in an illustrated volume tentatively titled "Americans in Mannheim



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1945-2011."

So far, Führer has confined most of his research to material available from the Mannheim Public Affairs Office and the Internet, but hopes to get in touch with current and former members of Mannheim's American garrison who have photographic material to share or interesting anecdotes to tell. According to Führer, "It is ultimately the people who shape a community's life, and so meeting eyewitnesses is an important part of my project."

"What was it like to be a Mannheim military brat in the 1950s? How did community life evolve after the military build-up in the wake of the Korean War right here on Benjamin-Franklin-Village? How did grand politics impact the lives of Americans in Mannheim? There are questions galore. And the deeper you dig, the more fascinating it becomes," the professor said.

Mannheim has been a temporary home to approximately 400,000 Americans, including a number of veritable

celebrities. "Actress Faye Dunaway attended Mannheim American High School in the late 1950s, and 1949 saw future Army of Chief of Staff Creighton W. Abrams serving as a tank battalion commander on Coleman Barracks. Also, the father of current Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey spent some time on Coleman Barracks as commander of 2/13th Infantry in the 1960s. And of course, the legendary Gen. George S. Patton had his fatal 1945 car accident in Mannheim." Adds Führer: "Just a few years later, by the way, Patton's own son spent several months as a junior officer on Coleman Barracks, back then known as Camp Y-79."

The book project will keep Führer busy well into 2011. "There is much to do, but it is worth preserving this part of our local history. For me, it is also a personal way of saying 'Thanks & Hoo-Ah' for a job well done. Post-war Germany owes the American service member much more than simple words can ever impart."

Führer can be contacted at fuehrer@dhbw-mannheim.de.

Warmasters

Combatives tournament reinforces law enforcement training, finds best hand-to-hand fighter in military police company

By **Spc. Alan Graziano**
95TH MP BATTALION

The 230th Military Police Company Warmasters held a combatives tournament Oct. 25 on Sembach Kaserne to find the best hand-to-hand fighter in the company.

The tournament had 12 competitors and two weight classes: lightweight and middleweight, and followed single-loss elimination rules. After a champion was found in each weight class, the two champions had to fight each other to earn the title Warmaster Champion.

The middleweight belt was awarded to Spc. Robert Miner, while the lightweight and the Warmaster Championship belt were awarded to Sgt. Samuel Da Giau, who also holds the title 18th Military Police Brigade's noncommissioned officer of the year.

Da Giau has done combatives training "off and on for about six years," he said and was level-one certified by the 230th MP Company.

Da Giau had been invited only one week prior to the tournament but he said that did not hinder his performance. Da Giau had done combatives training for the NCO of the Year and the Warfighter Competition, along with some training from his unit.

"I think I did pretty well, (but) they had some tough competitors, a lot of strong folks out there," Da Giau said.

Sgt. Robert West, the level-three certified combatives instructor for the 230th MP Company, said he was impressed with the tournament.

"I would say this, by far, is the best tournament we've had, as far as how the matches went. There were some very exciting fights. I'm very proud of these guys," he said.

The skills displayed in the event can be attributed to additional combatives training the Soldiers participate in and the regular combatives physical training sessions the unit holds every Thursday.

"A lot of the guys do this in their off time," said West. "There's a garrison tournament for Kaiserslautern in November. Several of the guys who fought today are going to fight in that tournament, so they have been training extra hard for that one. They were training for two tournaments, basically," he said.

This was the third combatives tournament held by the 230th MP Company Warmasters since West became the instructor last February.

"I think combatives is very important. It can come down to life or death on the battlefield. When your weapons go down you've got to have another way to defend yourself and that's where combatives comes in," said West.

In combatives, the Army teaches Soldiers more than how to have one-on-one fights.

"They've completely revamped the combatives program to add more scenario-based training in there because if you look up the stories online – if you go to the combatives Web page and you read the testimonials – you see first-hand how much

"It can come down to life or death on the battlefield. When your weapons go down you've got to have another way to defend yourself and that's where combatives comes in."

Sgt. Robert West, 230th MP Company

the combatives program itself can help you down-range," said West.

Combatives is not only important for deployment-based scenarios, it is an extremely important form of training for military police Soldiers, according to AR 190-14, Carrying of Firearms and Use of Force for Law Enforcement and Security Duties.

The regulation states a number one rule for MPs is to use the minimum amount of force necessary at all times. If verbal persuasion does not stop an offender, unarmed self defense is the next level of force they must use out of seven possible levels.

"A lot of this especially is good for MPs because we have to deal with some of this stuff when we're doing law enforcement duties," West said.



Spc. Alan Graziano

Spc. Robert Miner, left, and Sgt. Samuel Da Giau, right, 230th Military Police Company, 95th Military Police Battalion, show off their belts and trophies after winning the unit's combatives tournament Oct. 25 at Sembach Kaserne in Sembach. Miner won the middleweight belt, and Da Giau won the lightweight belt, the Warmaster Championship belt and the trophy. The tournament had 12 total competitors.



Spc. Alan Graziano

Spc. Robert Miner grapples for a dominant position during a combatives tournament held by the 230th Military Police Company, 95th Military Police Battalion, Oct. 25 on Sembach Kaserne. Miner won the match and the unit's middleweight belt.

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November 11, 2010





Spc. Lorenzo Ware

Spc. Jerry Strunk from Anderson, Indiana, with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, assists an Afghan National Army Soldier as he searches through a home in the Charbaran District here Oct. 27 during the largest combined air assault mission 4th Brigade has conducted this year in the province.



D. Myles Cullen

Rhema Marvanne, 7, sings "The Prayer" during a Remembrance Ceremony at Ft. Hood, Texas, Nov. 5. The ceremony commemorated the lives of 13 people who died in a tragic shooting incident on the installation Nov. 5, 2009.



U.S. Army Photo

General William E. Ward, Commander, U.S. Africa Command, and his wife Krissie join the driver of the #39 U.S. Army Chevrolet, Ryan Newman, and his wife Krissie during the National Anthem prior to the start of the NASCAR AMP Energy Juice 500 Sprint Cup race Oct. 31 at the Talladega Motor Speedway. Ward participated in the event in support of the Army's officer and enlisted recruiting outreach. Ward spoke with local influencers, participated in pre-race ceremonies, and met with NASCAR officials, including NASCAR President Mike Helton.

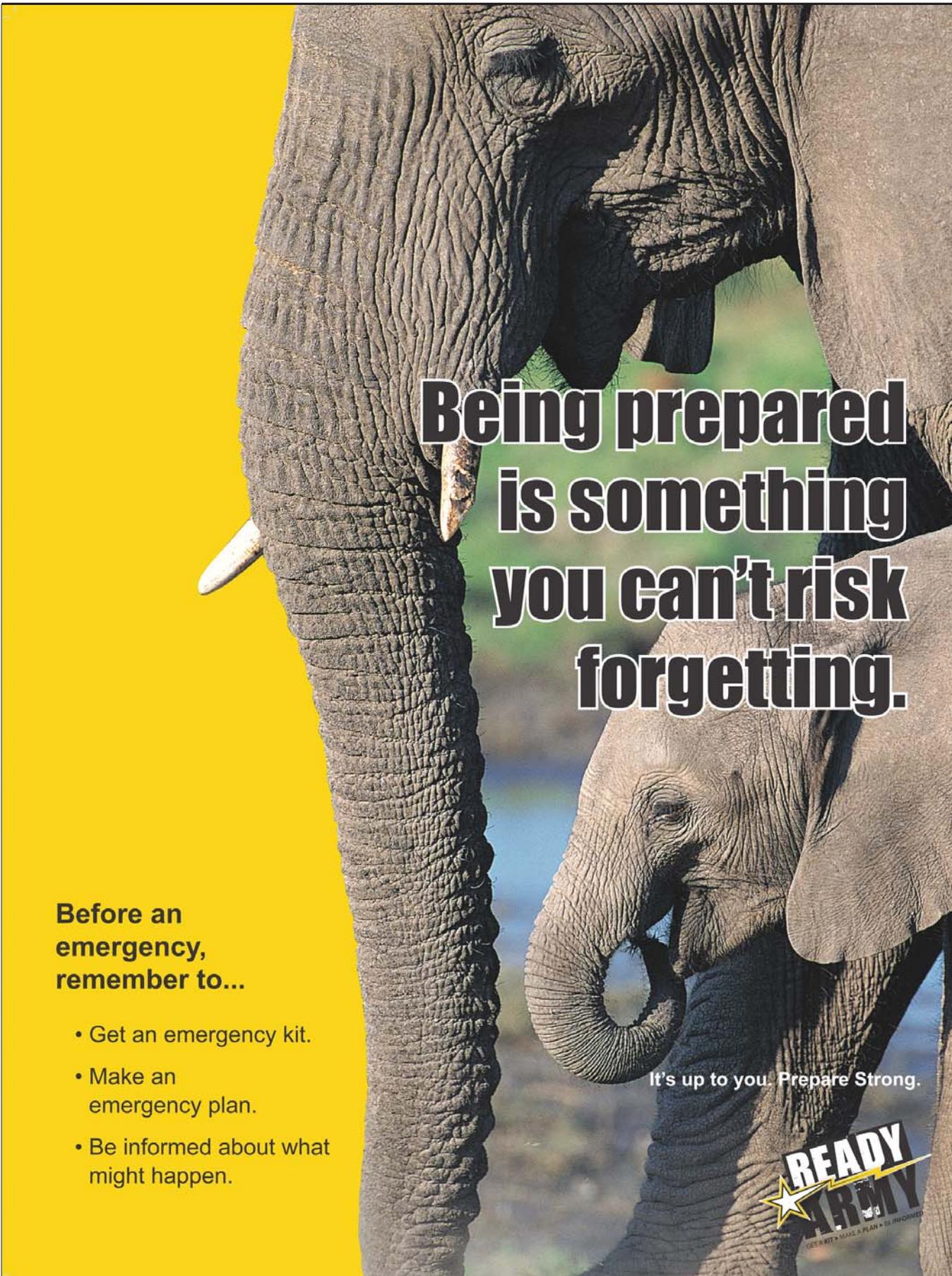


Jay Mann

Richard Greybull, foreground, and Donald Miller post the colors at the Native American Heritage Celebration at the post exchange on Fort Rucker, Ala., Oct. 29. Greybull, a member of the Dakota Tribe and former U.S. Army Soldier, was an event organizer.

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WARRIORS

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Instead, the trip focused on building their spiritual strength. During the four-day stay, the participants visited a number of select sites that supported the trip's theme, "Memorials of Faith." These were sites where members of the early Christian church faced torture or death following what they believed.

By studying what the early church went through, the participants hopefully would come away with a stronger sense of what is possible in the face of difficult change. It was sponsored by the WTB-E chaplain's office and supported by the Vicenza garrison and Europe Regional Medical Command.

"We've had a number of retreats for Wounded Warriors and their families north of the Alps," said the WTB-E's Chaplain (Capt.) Eric Dean. "The opportunities for the folks from Vicenza to join us on them were few." He said he worked with the USO Rome to provide visits to the Vatican City, the Coliseum, the Pantheon and other historic sites where Christians and others had overcome persecution and built lasting organizations.

"Standing here, thinking about the places we've seen, I understand truly that when you come through something like what the early Christians do, you build something. People will remember your legacy," Locke said. "I know what Soldiers go through when they're injured and can't do their job. But I also know that if I stay with my

plans to return to duty, I plan to help others understand what it (being assigned to a Warrior Transition Unit) is really like, how helpful it can be."

Like Locke, Spc. Carlos Mendoza from the Kleber WTU thinks that most Soldiers lack a clear understanding of Warrior Transition Units.

"I was in the first WTU in Europe when it stood up, so I've seen all the changes as they came around," Mendoza said. "Sure, there may have been a time when everyone with any kind of problem got 'dumped' on the WTU, but the selection process is much better now. Not just anyone gets in."

Not only is the process more selective, Mendoza said, the cadres have become more experienced and garrison offices that support them have continually improved access to assistance for our Warriors in Transition.

"If you come to a WTU, you come to heal," Mendoza said. "You make formations, you make your appointments, you do what you are able to do. That's your job. That's your focus. If you get assigned to a WTU and try to milk the system, try to stay in it as long as you can, you'll fail. I've seen it happen, and I think a lot of Soldiers see the few malingers and think everyone in a WTU is like that."

Mendoza said that he was going to go back from the retreat even more dedicated to returning to duty. While his physical problem does not require him to reclassify if he returns to duty, he is at a career point where he can re-



Phil Tegmeier

Members of the American group who visited Rome Oct. 25-29 look out over the interior structure of the Coliseum.

enlist for a different job.

"I want to stay in the Army. The Army has invested a lot in my training, and I think I can still be valuable," Mendoza said. "That's the one thing being assigned to WTU has made possible for me. It's smart for the Army to retain as many Soldiers as possible. When you can't do your job in your unit, you feel like nobody wants you around. In a WTU, everyone has the same job - to heal."

The Lockes also look forward to a continuing career and the adjustments

their stay in the WTU and their experience in Rome will bring to their lives.

"I've always thought the Army is losing its leadership skills, especially in garrison," Jonathan said. "It's hard for people to accept change, and your ability to change a group's way of thinking is done through leadership. I want to become one of those leaders who help others, help them heal, help them change. I understand what Soldiers go through. I think I can help. This trip has made me more certain of that."

TEACHER

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Brandon Spragins

Angelica Jordan teaches students Spanish in the full immersion language class at Mannheim Elementary School Monday. Jordan was named Teacher of the Year for all schools in the Department of Defense Education Activity.

their power to accomplish more than individual teachers has helped her school analyze assessment performance and design of standards-based lessons that deliver differentiated instruction in the classroom and positively impact student achievement," said Marilee Fitzgerald, acting DODEA director.

"These practices have helped students at Mannheim Elementary transcend the challenges of transitions, deployments, and separations," Fitzgerald said.

In Mannheim, the collaboration is called Bobcat Bonanza and Jordan is a specialist team leader. At the end of the school day, she meets with students in one grade level - all second grade one day, all third the next and so on.

Students get to know other in their same grade while their teachers are freed up to meet with each other for planning time. Jordan culminates lessons in "celebrations" when the students' parents are invited to see the work they've

accomplished during bonanza time.

This kind of work, she believes, build relationships.

"Education is about building relationships. That means relationships colleague to colleague - building teaching teams that are strong - relationships with parents so there's the home-school partnership and building relationships with students," she said.

"Once I know a student's likes and dislikes, I can differentiate my lessons to meet their individual needs," she added.

The DODEA Teacher of the Year selection panel cited Jordan's ... support of the community in teaching a Spanish pre-school group and her involvement in a Mothers of Multiples support group.

Jordan's own four-year-old twins are being taught to speak three languages, English, Spanish and German.

"I believe that children are at an advantage when languages are taught as early as possible ... The connections

their brains are making by learning new languages at an early age are phenomenal. Not only will they be prepared for today's interdependent, global, 21st century society but their other academic skills will benefit for years to come. This is the advantage I trying to provide for DODEA students as well."

Bradford L. Seadore, Assistant Principal at Hainerberg Elementary School, was Jordan's colleague in Mannheim for four years.

"Her work helped us to target lower-performing students and develop academic enrichment plans toward remediation," Seadore said.

"Angelica is also a team player, offering expertise to the second-grade team through collaboration.

"Beyond the school, she is involved in the community by providing school enrichment courses, serving on the School Improvement Team and the School-Home Partnership/Public Relations Committee," Seadore said.



A full orchestra performs for "Titanic" the musical playing at the Roadside Theater Nov. 12-13. Courtesy photo

TITANIC

Deadly maritime disaster captured on stage

By Dijon Rolle
USAG BW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Nearly 100 years after the tragedy, the name Titanic still incites a slew of emotions for many.

For some it's intrigue and for others it's a sense of sadness over one of the deadliest maritime disasters in history. The story of how 1,517 souls perished in the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean in the early morning hours of April 15, 1912, still captures our attention.

Many tales have come forth about the sinking of the Royal Mail Ship Titanic, most famously portrayed in director James Cameron's 1997 movie "Titanic." The fictionalized account starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet became a box-office smash.

Flash forward to the present when actors like Carl Johnson, Yvonne Oertel and Sylvia Rausch from the Roadside Theater in Heidelberg, capture the tragedy on stage in "Titanic," a musical written by Peter Stone and Maury Yeston. The theater's "Broadway in Concert" production takes an intimate look at the Titanic's crew and passengers using historical records.

Johnson plays ship Capt. E.J. Smith, who is often blamed for the tragedy. Johnson admitted he had some trouble with the role at first. "It was difficult for me to figure out how I was going to be the captain because I didn't know a lot about him." Johnson said he did extensive research to capture some of the emotions behind Smith's complex character and express what the seasoned naval officer must have felt as the ship began to sink.

"He had to have been devastated. I can't imagine. Certainly as any captain he had to take responsibility for his ship. It must have totally destroyed him to see this happening and to know that so many people under his care, because they were all his on the ship, had lost their lives because of him. It had to have been horrible," Johnson said.

In the musical most of the characters are based on real people and photographs of some Titanic victims and survivors line the walls of the theater's lobby.

It's a fact not lost on Oertel who plays Kate McGowan, a young Irish woman in search of a better life in the United States. McGowan was one of the few survivors housed in the third class quarters of the ship.

"When you are up there and thinking this really happened, it's very emotional," Oertel said. "You cry and you get teary-eyed sometimes no matter how many times you do it. It's just the emotions involved, not just my character but all of the characters."

Heidelberg Middle School Teacher Sylvia Rausch and her real-life husband Brian, play Ida and Isidor Straus, owners of Macy's department store. Ida elected to remain on the ship with her husband instead of fleeing. "I think the thing that touched me the most, was the fact not just that she went down with her husband, but they found his body and he's buried in the Bronx but they never found hers," she said. Rausch added that she felt a strong connection to her character and would have done the same

thing if she had to make the choice.

Rausch, who has performed with the theater since 1999, also feels a similar connection for her fellow crew members.

"To those of us that are involved in the theater, it's a sense of family. More so than any place else I've ever been in, any theater I've ever been in, any job I've ever had, even though Heidelberg Middle school is really close knit, too. This group just welcomes everybody and I think overall the community both military and civilians they like the mix of Germans, Americans and British. I mean we've got it all here – acting on stage, being part of the orchestra, whatever and... it's a sense of community. It's a sense of small town-ness," she said.

Theater-goers should be forewarned there are no traces of actor Leonardo DiCaprio, nor should they expect to hear Celine Dion songs. Instead, audiences will be treated to cleverly-crafted, emotional and sometimes humorous portrayals of the crew and passengers who came from all walks of life. The production opens with the boarding of the crew and passengers and, of course, concludes with the "sinking" of the ship and the survivor's recounting their losses.

The musical numbers from the full orchestra and detailed period costumes cap the musical's seamless transition back to 1912.

"It's ... one of the first times we've had a full live orchestra on stage," said Dane Winters, U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg entertainment director. "The show is not produced very often because it's so expensive to

sink a ship on stage but we're doing a Broadway in concert version so we're not actually sinking the ship."

The show's intricate lighting and sound helps the audience visualize the horror. Winters added that this was the first time the show was produced by an Army theater anywhere in the world.

In addition to keeping production costs down, the crew had to come up with a way to house over 60 actors and musicians on the same stage at the same time for the duration of the performance.



Courtesy photo

Actors Yvonne Oertel, Stephanie Krebs and Oscar Adams imagine life in America while sailing aboard the Titanic during a scene from the Roadside Theater's production of "Titanic." The two-act play chronicles the personal lives of passengers and the sinking of the ship in 1912.

ROADSIDE THEATER NEWS

"Titanic" is not the only Roadside Theater production gaining attention. The theater's performance of the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" earned top honors at the 2010 U.S. Army Festival of the Arts. The show's cast and crew took home several first-place honors including outstanding production of a musical, direction of a musical, set design, sound design and choreography.

"Titanic" was written in 1997 and won the Tony award for best new musical.

Final performances are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12-13 at the Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg.

Tickets: DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, www.roadside-theater.com.

The next production will be "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" Dec. 10-Jan. 23.

GERMAN NEWS

Jewish WWI Soldiers

German officials attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the Jewish cemetery in Frankfurt Sunday to honor thousands of Jewish soldiers who gave their lives for Germany during the First World War. Gideon Römer-Hillebrecht, deputy chairman of the German Association of Jewish Soldiers, said it was the first time that representatives of the German government, and the German Bundeswehr and other national militaries, took part in the ceremony. Bundeswehr parliamentary liaison Hellmut Königshaus was in attendance, as well as Defence Ministry parliamentary liaison Christian Schmidt, and Frankfurt Jewish Community Chairman Salomon Korn. Representatives from Israel, Austria and the United States were also present. Schmidt said the deaths of the estimated 12,000 Jewish soldiers who fought for Germany during World War I have been rarely acknowledged — and remembering their sacrifice was a duty.

Merkel on global threat

Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel warned on Tuesday ahead of this week's G20 meeting in Seoul that trade protectionism poses the greatest threat to global economic recovery. The chancellor, who will meet with world leaders in South Korea today, called for a new effort to complete the Doha development round of trade liberalization measures. The German leader broached the subject of China's manipulated currency, saying that the blossoming superpower needed to be persuaded using "facts and benchmarks" rather than bullied into allowing its currency, the renminbi, to appreciate. With Sino-U.S. relations strained over one another's monetary policies, Merkel said she would be prepared to act as peacemaker.

Berlin 'Degenerate Art' Discovery

Sculptures thought lost after the Nazis confiscated them for being "degenerate art" have been discovered in front of Berlin's City Hall during excavation work for a new metro line. The bronze and ceramic sculptures are remarkably well-preserved, though the metal has a heavy patina after spending more than six decades underground and suffering the heat of the fire that destroyed the building where they were stored, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation said in a statement on Monday. The Nazi party banned and confiscated what it called *entartete Kunst*, or "degenerate art" from both private collectors and museums, culminating the action in a Munich exhibition of the same name in 1937.

SOURCE: www.thelocal.de



Vicki Johnson is a military spouse and clinical social worker with more than 12 years experience working with families in crisis. To contact Ms. Vicki, e-mail her at dearmsvicki@yahoo.com.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

When is it alright to just let go of a terrible marriage? I've been trying until I'm blue in the face. Why do I feel so guilty about my failing marriage?

Dear Guilty,

That's such a broad question. One could have the tendency of answering it by with "when it's just not working," "when it doesn't feel right," "when the thrill is gone," or "when you've tried and tried to no avail?"

All of these answers are subjective. Actually, what you need at a time like this is some objectivity.

Many people enter a marriage based on the way they feel and also end the marriage based on feelings. The way you feel today cannot be the guide or basis of marriage.

If you are thinking about ending your marriage you should be in communication with your spouse and definitely someone whom you both respect and admire who can impart good wisdom to both of you. I think it should be someone who you can say has endured

struggles and opposition but has continued the course. Conversely, you should not consult with someone of the microwave mentality — one who believes life is quick, and everything is disposable.

Listen, life happens. Marriage is not for the faint at heart. Sometimes you find yourself eating cherries, and sometimes you deal with the pits. Sometimes you're sipping lemonade but sometimes all you have is lemons. Many times you will find yourself on top of the mountain, and often you will find yourself in the valley. It's life, it happens.

Hopefully, you can find reasons to work on your marriage, with a counselor, your clergy, someone you and your husband both trust. Try counseling to work on issues in your marriage before you let go. Don't mean to be too preachy, but I hope this helps.

Responses to previous columns

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I think the young woman with a 3 and 5 year old facing her husband's deployment at Christmas should begin now to teach her children what Christmas is really about.

Mass gift giving is not appropriate; however, she needs to go to the chaplain and ask what she and her children can do to make the Christmas season better for others such as a Christmas cookie bake off among other families whose loved ones are deployed.

Or how about making gifts for the deployed like the no sew blankets from fleece? They can remember the older folks by visiting nursing homes, make gifts for wounded personnel and possibly visit when appropriate, make something for the nearest Fisher house, or make Christmas ornaments for loved ones and the family services.

The children will learn much more and remember their Christmas by making things and giving rather than being taught they should receive.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I just want to tell you that I appreciate what you are doing for the troops. I am a Vietnam vet with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder who served between 1967 and 1981. There was no one there for me when I got out and I felt abandoned by the military. I went to bed and woke up with the resentment for over 10 years. I tried to wash it away with alcohol that only made it grow bigger. I thank God a couple fellow veterans got hold of me and got me to ask for help. Us vets don't like to admit that we need help, but we do.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I do not have anyone close to me in the military, but I would like to thank you for your tender heart and concern for those who do. All too often it is easy to say or think, I have my own problems and others can just "deal with it," but you care and I can see that you have made a difference. I am a Pastor's wife and I know how difficult it is to deal with hurting people and how important a kind word or a caring ear can be.

So from someone who is not in the military system, thank you. You are awesome and us regular people appreciate your work.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

Please more writing and articles about teenagers, marriages, spouses during deployment etc. Your advice is "right on." I have listened to many people speak, read books and everything. Your advice is much more sensible and practical. Please consider doing more!

Know the dangers of walking away from your mortgage

Patton Law Center

Some homeowners who owe more on their mortgage than the home's current value are turning to "strategic defaults" in which they simply stop making mortgage payments and attempt to walk away from their mortgage debt.

The cost of doing this can be high. It is becoming more common for the bank or company holding the mortgage to seek a judgment to pursue the homeowner's other assets, such as bank ac-

counts, cars, and investments to pay off any mortgage debt following a foreclosure.

Whether the bank or mortgage company would be successful in making the homeowner liable for the debt in these situations depends upon state law. Each state has different rules. Most states allow the mortgage holder through a foreclosure to go after the debtor's other assets. Alaska, California, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin are commonly referred to

as "noncourse" states because they give the mortgage holder the right to take the home through a foreclosure, but generally prohibit the mortgage holder from having access to other financial assets of the homeowner.

There are other dangers of which homeowners should be aware. First, any foreclosure because of strategic default or other circumstances will damage a consumer's credit score. Foreclosures can remain on a credit report for up to seven years. Experts say a foreclosure will drop a con-

sumer's credit score by 100 to 400 points.

Second, a voluntary foreclosure will affect a homeowner's ability to qualify for a new mortgage for years to come. Also, tax liability is another potential danger of such defaults.

Although the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007 provides protection from federal taxes after a foreclosure through 2012, states taxes may still be due on the unpaid debt.

Finally, a lender can pursue the remaining debt from an

unpaid loan by obtaining a deficiency judgment against the delinquent debtor or it may work with a collection agency to recoup losses. Unless the state is a "noncourse" state, the lender may have success going against other assets of the debtor.

Anyone considering a strategic default should carefully consider all the facts and circumstances of their situation and obtain advice from an attorney or accountant. Your nearest legal assistance office may be able to provide assistance.

GET OUT!

area events

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

November 11

Flea Market – Shop for treasures at the Flea Market on the Neuer Messerplatz, Maybachstrasse in Mannheim.

November 12

Titanic the Musical –Based on the story of the Titanic's fateful voyage, this show includes a full orchestra and cast. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12, 13 and 3 p.m. at the roadside Theater on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. www.roadsidetheater.com.

November 13

Heidelberg International Wandering Club – The HIWC is registered at the Mutschelbach volksmarch near Karlsbad Nov. 13-14. www.hiwc.de.

All Night Party – Heidelberg's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts an All Night Hip Hop Party starting at 9 p.m. at the Recovery Room on Nachrichten Kaserne. Play spades, dominoes, watch the pool tournament, then stay for breakfast while listening to hot tracks spun by disc jockey Shane. Fee: \$6. DSN 373-5275.

Smackdown – If you are a wrestling fan, Smackdown 2010 will be at the Mannheim SAP Arena at 7 p.m. You will see heavy-weight champion Jack Swagger, Highflyer Rey Mysterio, Straight Edge superstar CM Punk, Big Show and The Undertaker. Tickets: civ. 0621-101011.

Outdoor Rec – Visit Amsterdam, take the glacier ski express, go trout fishing or attend the WWE Wrestling event at the Mannheim SAP arena with Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

Speyer Sea Life Aquarium – Take a journey with Heidelberg Army Community Service through European and tropical waters where you'll encounter seahorses, sharks, stingrays and Marty, the enormous giant sea turtle all under one roof at the Speyer Sea Life Aquarium. DSN 370-6883, www.mwrgermany.com.

November 14

Blue Sunday – Sunday evening blues and oldies are featured the Top Hat Club in Mannheim on Benjamin Franklin Village 5:30-9 p.m. with disc jockey Big Money, free finger food and no cover.

November 17

Cheap Eats – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Heidelberg hosts Cheap Eats – A Taste of Home. Learn how to prepare traditional American dishes of the season – such as ham, turkey, casseroles,

bread and pies at 6 p.m. at the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. It's quick and easy cuisine for those big hungry occasions. DSN 378-5275.

November 19

Spouses Harvest Event – Sign up by Nov. 14 for the Heidelberg Community and Spouses Club perfect evening out 5-10 p.m. at the Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. The evening begins with a wine and cheese tasting, followed by dinner, live music, dancing, a silent auction, raffles, vendors and a boutique. This event is open to the public, \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Reservations: www.hcsc-heidelberg.com.

November 20

France for Christmas – Visit Valenburg Caves and the Aachen Christmas Market in France for A Charles Dickens Christmas. Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

Paris Express – Enjoy romantic Paris or take the ski express with Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation DSN 373-7889, civ. 06221-17-7889.

Christmas Market – Experience an indoor Christmas Market with all hand-made, inexpensive items 1-4 p.m. through Nov. 21 at the Vereinsheim Bassermann, Marstallstrasse 51, 68723 Schwetzingen. Shop for decorations then enjoy home-made German cakes in the cafeteria.

Heidelberg International Wandering Club – The HIWC is registered at the Tiefenbach volksmarch near Östringen. www.hiwc.de.

Old School R&B Night – Dance the night away to your favorite hits 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Armstrong's Club on Vogelweh in Kaiserslautern. DSN 489-6000, civ. 0631-536-6000.

November 21

Heidelberg International Wandering Club – The HIWC is registered at the Elgersweier volksmarch near Offenburg. www.hiwc.de.

Caracalla Day Spa – Spoil yourself with this spa package in Baden Baden. Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation, DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117 and Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation DSN 373-7889, civ. 06221-17-7889.

November 22

Geocaching adventure – Join this GPS treasure hunt Nov. 22-28 for adventure seekers only. Heidelberg and Mannheim Army Community Service will post on

the ACS Heidelberg Facebook page the coordinates of three different caches (hidden treasures). Put them in your GPS, locate the geocache(s) and share your experiences online. For every discovered cache, you get entered for a chance to win a geocaching GPS and other gear. Winners will be announced Nov. 30. Work as a group or individually. GPS units are available for check out on a first-come, first-served basis.

November 24

Special Christmas Market – Cozy arts and crafts are on display through Dec. 23 near Engelhorn and Sturm downtown Mannheim, N4 Kapuzinerplancken.

Heidelberg Christmas market – A perfect blend of tradition and romance is spread across seven squares in the old quarter in Heidelberg 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Nov. 24-Dec. 22. Magic and old-fashioned charm dance among the festively decorated stalls on Bismarckplatz. The stalls continue on Anatomiegarten square and Universitätsplatz, the main location for the Christmas market, and then on to the market square. Don't miss the magnificent Kornmarkt square with its Madonna statue. Beneath the castle on Karlsplatz square will be the ice-skating rink 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. every day through Jan. 2. www.heidelberg-marketing.de

December 4

Mannheim Christmas Market – Heidelberg Army Community Service travels to Mannheim's Christmas Market 10:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Meander around the historic water tower through over 200 booths selling Christmas decorations from regions throughout Germany. Register: www.mwrgermany.com. Open to all ID cardholders. Cost for transportation is €5.

St. Wendel Christmas Market – The St. Wendel Christmas market near Kaiserslautern is a well-kept secret no more. Visit 11 a.m.-8 p.m. through Dec. 12 more than 150 wooden huts with hand-made items and an oriental market. Three wise men with their camels wind through town accompanied by musicians and fire eaters. See a giant Christmas pyramid, a gnomes' forest, a medieval craft market, a man-sized nutcracker, a Nativity exhibition and a toboggan run with real Alpine snow. www.sankt-wendel.de

Ongoing

Enjoy Jazz 2010 – The 12th International Festival for Jazz and More continues through Nov. 19 when great jazz musicians find their way to Heidelberg, Mannheim and Ludwigshafen. www.enjoyjazz.de.

coming to THEATERS

Megamind

(Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, Brad Pitt) Megamind is the most brilliant super-villain the world has ever known and the least successful. Over the years, he has tried to conquer Metro City in every imaginable way. Each attempt, a colossal failure thanks to the caped superhero known as "Metro Man" until the day Megamind actually defeats him in the throes of one of his botched evil plans. Suddenly, the fate of Metro City is threatened when a new villain arrives and chaos runs rampant. Can the world's biggest "mind" actually be the one to save the day? Rated PG (action and some language) 121 minutes.



PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Nov. 11 - THE LAST EXORCISM (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 Nov. 12 - MEGAMIND (PG) 7 p.m.; DUE DATE (R) 9 p.m.
 Nov. 13 - MEGAMIND (PG) 4 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 7 p.m.; DUE DATE (R) 9 p.m.
 Nov. 14 - MEGAMIND (PG) 4 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 7 p.m.
 Nov. 15 - MACHETE (R) 7 p.m.
 Nov. 16 - DUE DATE (PG) 7 p.m.
 Nov. 17 - GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 7 p.m.
 Nov. 18 - MEGAMIND (PG) 7 p.m.

Mannheim, Schuh

Nov. 12 - PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 2 (R) 7 p.m.
 Nov. 13 - G-FORCE (PG) 4 p.m.; PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 2 (R) 7 p.m.; MACHETE (R) 9 p.m.
 Nov. 14 - HANNA MONTANA: THE MOVIE (PG) 4 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

Nov. 11 - TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG-13) 4 p.m.; VAMPIRES SUCK (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 Nov. 12 - THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) 4 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 7 p.m.
 Nov. 13 - MACHETE (R) 4 p.m.; PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 2 (R) 7 p.m.
 Nov. 14 - GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 4 p.m.; PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 2 (R) 7 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

Nov. 11 - TAKERS (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m.; THE LAST EXORCISM (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m.; THE EXPENDABLES (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m.
 Nov. 12 - MEGAMIND (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; DUE DATE (R) noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; MACHETE (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.
 Nov. 13 - MEGAMIND (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; DUE DATE (R) noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; MACHETE (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.
 Nov. 14 - MEGAMIND (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; DUE DATE (R) noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; MACHETE (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 11:15 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
 Nov. 15 - MEGAMIND (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; DUE DATE (R) noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MACHETE (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
 Nov. 16 - MEGAMIND (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; DUE DATE (R) noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MACHETE (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
 Nov. 17 - MEGAMIND (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; DUE DATE (R) noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; MACHETE (R) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
 Nov. 18 - MACHETE (R) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.; GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; TAKERS (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

THEATER INFORMATION

Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg, 06221-27-238
 Schuh Theater, Mannheim, 0621-730-1790
 Galaxy Theater, Vogelweh, 0631-50017
 Gateway Cineplex, Ramstein, 06371-47-5550

Visit www.aafes.com for updated listings and more movie descriptions

community HIGHLIGHTS

Annual SAEDA Training

The Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army briefing will be Nov. 17 at the Patrick Henry Village Theater. Also provided will be Antiterrorism level 1 and iWatch training as follows: AT Level 1, 9 a.m.; English SAEDA, 10 a.m.; iWatch, 11:05 a.m. and German SAEDA, 1 p.m. Training is required annually for all employees. Future training dates are Feb. 16, May 11 and Aug. 10.

Band Concerts

The U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus' first holiday concert will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 in Bad Kreuznach. Upcoming concerts are Dec. 9 in Eppelheim, time to be announced, 6 p.m. Dec. 12 in Heidelberg, Dec. 13 in Karlsruhe, time to be announced, 6 p.m. Dec. 16 in Hohenfels and Dec. 18 in Pforzheim, time to be announced.

Shades of Green

The Shades of Green, an Armed Forces Recreation Center located on the Walt Disney World Resort, is now offering the Let the Memories Begin program for military personnel, providing special offers on theme park tickets and accommodations through Sept. 28. active and retired U.S. military personnel (including U.S. Coast Guard, National Guard and Reservists) or their spouses can purchase four-day and three-day packages at reduced rates. Civ. 407-824-3400, www.ArmyMWR.com.

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Customer comments in stores, online and over the phone have resulted in a modification to a recently implemented age verification process at Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities. Cashiers at Exchange operations worldwide have resumed visual inspections instead of electronically scanning ID cards to determine patrons' eligibility to purchase products such as knives, mature-rated music, videos and games as well as tobacco and alcohol.

Vehicle Registration Rules

Rules for registering new cars have changed to match what German law requires. Now, brand new cars can be registered for up to three years without an inspection, and owners may opt to register for one, two or three years. After that, an inspection is required with each registration renewal, and the owner may choose a one or two year registration until the car is 10 years old. At that point an annual inspection and registration is required.

Leaf Pickup

In single family and duplex areas, leaves are an occupant responsibility. Residents should remove leaves from lawns and sidewalks and place them in the brown paper bags (available at the self-help store). Large limbs should be cut into 3-foot lengths and placed beside leaf bags at curb side.

local EMPLOYMENT

Volunteers Needed

Army Community Service – The Heidelberg Exceptional Family Member program navigator needs volunteer assistance for office administration. Civ. 06221-57-6883.

Heidelberg Girl Scouts – Heidelberg troops need energetic volunteers to lead scouts. Training and mentoring are provided. E-mail: heidelberggs@yahoo.com.

KAISERSLAUTERN

Community

♦ **Toy Shop 2010** – Donate a new, unwrapped toy to a child in the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern. Army Community Service is accepting donations through Dec. 15 at Bldg. 2891, Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4221, civ. 0631-3406-4221.

♦ **Free Movie** – Army Community Service will be showing "Despicable Me" to celebrate Military Families Appreciation Month at noon Nov. 13 at the Galaxy Theater on Vogelweh. Get your free tickets from ACS by Nov. 12. DSN 493-4331, civ. 0631-34064203.

♦ **Kids' Zone** – The Kids' Zone hours will change Nov. 15. New hours of operation are Wednesday-Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday noon-8 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m., closed Mondays and Tuesdays. DSN 493-4099, civ. 0631-3406-4099.

♦ **Quilt Guild** – The Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild will have a combined meeting 6 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses Association building on Pulaski Barracks.

♦ **Right Arm Night** – Bring your right arm comrade to Armstrong's Club on Vogelweh Housing 4-7 p.m. Nov. 18 and relax with games and snacks. DSN 489-6000, civ. 0631-536-6000.

♦ **Family Bingo** – Army Community Service sponsors an afternoon of bingo 3-5 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Kazabra Club on Vogelweh to celebrate Military Families Appreciation Month. Join in the coloring contest, enjoy hot dogs and earn prizes. DSN 493-4331, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

♦ **Basic Parenting** – This class will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 21 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks. From the recovery period following childbirth to basic baby care, bonding and attachment, find what to expect after you bring your baby home and how to comfort a crying baby. Register: civ. 0631-3406-4058.

♦ **Green Business** – The American German Business Club will hold a Making Businesses and Communities Greener program 6:30 p.m. Nov. 22 in the conference hall of the Atlantic Academy, Lauterstrasse 2, 67657 Kaiserslautern. Reservations by Nov. 18: kaiserslautern@agbc.

♦ **Pulaski VAT Office** – The VAT office has moved to Bldg. 2925, Wing C, room 109. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 493-4035, civ. 0631-3406-4035.

♦ **Pulaski Auto Skills** – Pulaski Auto Skills is running a November tire promotion. Save 5 percent on tire services. DSN 493-4167, civ. 0631-3406-4167.

HEIDELBERG Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – Resume Writing 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Nov. 15; Families

Learning about Germany, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 15-17; Field Trips, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nov. 18 and 20; Interviewing Skills, 9 a.m.-noon. Nov. 16; AFTB Level II, Nov. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 16-18. PCS Briefing, 12:30-3 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Community Support Center; Communicating Assertiveness, 1-3 p.m. Nov. 16; Intro to Computers 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 17, The Volunteer Experience, 10-11 a.m. Nov. 17; Using Your Leisure Time Well, 10 a.m.-noon Nov. 18; and Bringing Baby Home, 1-4 p.m. Nov. 18.

♦ **MBA Offered** – The University of Phoenix announces enrollment in January. No graduate exams required. Civ. 06221-588 0492.

♦ **University of Oklahoma** – Year-round enrollments are possible for Masters Degrees in Human Relations and International Relations. DSN 373-7919 or 385-2076, civ. 06221-17-7919, www.goOU@ou.edu

Community

♦ **New Drains** – The Directorate of Public Works is installing new drains along the vehicle entrance to the Community Support Center. Be aware of potential traffic lane shifts through Nov. 30. Barriers will be temporarily relocated but traffic volume access will not be affected.

♦ **Clothing Drive** – Heidelberg Middle School in partnership with the German military reserves, Hungarian military reserves and French military reserves, will be collecting clean and repaired clothing, bedding, towels, kitchenware, computers, and school supplies for families, schools and hospitals in Eger, Hungary. Deliver donations 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 13 to the school.

♦ **TRICARE hours change** – The hours of the TRICARE Service Center in the Heidelberg Health Center will change Nov. 15. New hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon Wednesday and Friday.

♦ **Housing Office closure** – The Heidelberg Housing Office will close at noon Nov. 19. Full services will resume Nov. 22.

♦ **Village Grille** – The Village Grille is now serving breakfast 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. On the menu are biscuits, eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast and pancakes. DSN 388-9447.

♦ **Parent Support Group** – There will be a cloth diaper group meeting Nov. 18 and a breastfeeding support group meeting Nov. 24, both at 10 a.m. in the Yellow Ribbon Room in Bldg. 4531 on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 370-6883.

♦ **MTV MOPS** – The Mark Twain Village Mother of Preschoolers group will meet 9:30 a.m.-noon Nov. 17 upstairs at the MTV Chapel.

Mannheim, Heidelberg Town Hall Meetings

Mannheim and Heidelberg community members can attend a town hall meeting in their respective communities at 6 p.m. Nov. 17. In Mannheim, the town hall is at the Schuh Theater on Benjamin Franklin Village. In Heidelberg, the meeting is at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. Community members may e-mail their questions ahead of time to usaghd.post@eur.army.mil or DSN 373-1400, civ. 06221-17-1400.

♦ **Thanksgiving Meal** – Heidelberg Health Center dining facility will offer a Thanksgiving meal 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 19. There will be Tuscan roasted turkey with gravy and glazed ham, along with a variety of appetizers, breads, vegetables, side dishes, desserts and drinks.

♦ **Advent Wreath Workshop** – In celebration of the Christian tradition of Advent, the Chaplains Office will host a community Advent wreath workshop 4-6 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Casa Blanca Room on Campbell Barracks. DSN 379-6488.

♦ **Angel Tree** – ACS will sponsor the Angel Tree program Nov. 23-Dec. 7 to help children in need during the holidays. Look for trees at the Community Bank on Campbell Barracks, ACS, Community Support Center and the Patrick Henry Village Library. Select an angel and purchase a gift that corresponds to the age and gender. Return the gift and its angel into drop boxes by Dec. 7. www.mwgermany.com.

♦ **Thanksgiving Lunch** – The Village Pavilion will serve lunch noon-4 p.m. on Thanksgiving Nov. 25. Get your fix of traditional American dishes like roasted turkey, Virginia baked ham, roast beef and desserts. Reservations: DSN 388-9098.

♦ **Christmas Tree Lighting** – The annual Schwetzingen Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be 4 p.m. Dec. 1 in front of Kilbourne Kaserne.

♦ **Free Tutoring** – Child, Youth and School Services provides free tutoring for high school students at the Lion's Den on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg Monday-Thursday, on Friday by appointment only. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-939. Tutoring is also available at the high school on Gold Days during seminar.

♦ **Roadside Volunteers Needed** – The Roadside Theater needs building, painting and sewing help Tuesday-Friday afternoons to prepare for its next production. E-mail www.roadsideattheater.com.

MANNHEIM Community

♦ **Native American Heritage** – The 18th MP Brigade will sponsor events in observance of Native American Heritage Week 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village. Keynote speaker is Sgt. Sharon Tsosie of the Navajo Nation. Song,

dance and food samples from Native American heritage will be included.

♦ **Child, Youth and School Services** – Parents registered with CVSS get free child care on: Super Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 13; Family Readiness Group/unit night 5:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 18; Parents' Night Out 6:30-10 p.m. Nov. 19. Reserve space: DSN 385-3550, civ. 0621-730-3550.

♦ **After School Reading** – The Sullivan Library After School Reading Program with Soldiers of the 2nd Platoon, 529th MP Company will be on hold until Nov. 23, resuming Nov. 30 at 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Open to school age children. DSN 385-2688.

♦ **Sullivan Library** – The library holds Story Hour for toddlers and preschoolers 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 18; scrapbook club meets noon-3 p.m. Nov. 13 and 27; free movie shows from 4-5:30 p.m. Nov. 13 and 27.

♦ **PWOC Meetings** – The Protestant Women of the Chapel meet 9:30 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday through Dec. 14 in the BFV Chapel basement.

♦ **Strong Bonds Retreats** – Sign up at the Benjamin Franklin Village chapel by Dec. 6 for either the single Soldier retreat Dec. 17-19 or the family retreat Dec. 17-20 to the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. Buses leave 7 a.m. from the Schuh Theater.

♦ **Combined Federal Campaign** – CFC is underway through Dec. 3. Information is available from Family and MWR, Bldg. 246 on Sullivan Barracks. DSN 385-3169, civ. 0621-730-3169.

♦ **Give Blood** – The Mannheim Health Clinic is sponsoring a blood drive 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Sullivan Fitness Center. Appointments: DSN 380-9308, civ. 0621-730-9308.

♦ **Card Lane** – ACS is sponsoring a Holiday Card Lane through Dec. 15. Decorate an oversized holiday card for display around the Mannheim community. Contact Dan's Wood Shop for materials. DSN 385-2596.

♦ **Angel Tree** – Angel Trees will be located at the Mannheim PX and at ACS on Sullivan Barracks through Dec. 15. Select an angel from the tree, purchase a gift for the child described and place the unwrapped gift in the drop box.

Sports roundup



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Heidelberg's Wayne Dawkins, left, and Xavier Moore squeeze a Weisbaden's player to force a fumble in the key play of the game. Heidelberg recovered, setting up the field goal which won the game 23-20 and the European championship Division I title.

Heidelberg, Mannheim big winners in Europeans

Staff Report

Heidelberg won the Division I championship in Baumholder Saturday when Rene Johnson kicked a 28-yard field goal in double-overtime for a Lions 23-20 victory over Wiesbaden.

Bitburg won the Division II football title Saturday, toppling Mannheim, 33-7. The rain made for a slippery football and multiple turnovers leading to a Bison downfall.

The loss was bittersweet since the school is scheduled to close in June.

"I hope these guys hold their heads high," said senior quarterback Adam Cornelius. "We worked hard, we just came up short."

In Child, Youth and School Services junior tackle football, the Mannheim Mustangs faced tough competition Saturday in the Installation Management Command-Europe West division playoffs losing to Stuttgart 36-14.

"They made it to the play offs and played their hardest. You can't ask for anything more than that," said Coach Charles Canady. Canady gave credit to Mustangs coaches Charles Collins, Dennis Freed and Johnny Miller.

In the junior football division, it was Heidelberg all the way with two Heidelberg teams in the title game and Heidelberg Pride earning the title.



Tina Sanders

The Mannheim Bison raise their helmets at the end of a football season which took them to the Division II championship game Saturday in Baumholder where they lost 33-7 to Bitburg.

Heidelberg's Tennis team walked away with the Division I title, winning with 37 points. Junior Page Chase battled from fourth seed to win against two-time defending champion Ginevara Bolla of Marymount International School of Rome.

The Heidelberg boys Jack Kolodziejski and Darien Ward won the doubles title over SHAPE.

The Heidelberg girls volleyball team placed third in Europe with the final Division I standings showing Vilseck the leader at 7-1, Wiesbaden next with 5-2, and Heidelberg 5-2.

The Mannheim Lady Bison volleyball team placed second in

the Division II after coming into the tournament seeded the lowest. Black Forest Academy won the title. The senior leadership of Kiera Tucker and Gretchen Crockett rallied behind the consistent hitting of Asia Bliss, Emma Roberts, and Rachel Lankford and took the last three games of the match to earn a spot in the finals. The finals matched the Bison with perennial power and defending champion BFA Mannheim setters Brittany Hyde and Cynthia Brown were instrumental as was Grace Gonzalez who was one of eight girls named to the all-tournament team.

SOURCE: Stars and Stripes, Chris Kelly, Linda Steil, Charles Canady

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Bowling in Mannheim

The Benjamin Franklin Village Bowling Center in Mannheim has new hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays 11 a.m.-1 a.m., Sunday and holidays 2-9 p.m. and closed Tuesdays. DSN 380-9528.

Veterans Bowling and Golf

All veterans and active duty military get discounts on bowling, golf and food at the Heidelberg Bowling and Entertainment Center on Patrick Henry Village. www.mwrgermany.com.

Ramstein Roadrunners

The Ramstein Roadrunners volksmarching club will hold its November general membership meeting at the Hundenheim in Ramstein Village 6 p.m. Nov. 16. The main topic is the walk-volunteer jobs for the Nov. 25 Turkey Trot. All members are welcome.

Patton Gym Temporary Closure

The Patton Fitness Center basketball court is closed for renovation until Jan. 11. Renovations include installation of the new center court logo, which will be unveiled at the 2011 MLK Basketball Tournament in January. The Tompkins Fitness Center will have extended hours until 9:30 p.m. through Jan. 7. DSN 373-6110.

Campbell Fitness Center

The Campbell Fitness Center cardio room will be closed for cleaning Nov. 13-14. Cardio equipment will be available for use on the basketball court and the court will be unavailable for basketball play. DSN 370-6489.

New Fitness Classes

New classes for November have been added at the Campbell Fitness Center. Join Spin class on Mondays and Wednesdays 9-10 a.m., and Get on the Ball 9-10 a.m. Fridays. DSN 370-6489.

Heidelberg CYSS Edge Program

Teens can get in shape with an EDGE spin class every Wednesday 3:15-4:15 p.m. at the Campbell Fitness Center. Open to the first 25 students in grades 9-12. Also for teens, weight lifting and endurance training the correct way is available at the Campbell Fitness Center. DSN 388-9240, www.mwrgermany.com.

ESPN SportsCenter at Graf

ESPN will broadcast America's Heroes: A Salute to Our Veterans in a special SportsCenter broadcast live from Grafenwöhr, Germany, 3-9 p.m. Nov. 11. The special show will honor veterans, Soldiers and families of U.S. Army Europe. Hannah Storm and Josh Elliot will anchor. It will air live in the United States and on the AFN sports channel. Civ. 09641-83-7127.

Turkey Shoot

Head to the Heidelberg Golf Club at 10 a.m. Nov. 21 for the annual Turkey Shoot. First, second and third place winners get a turkey and last place gets a Cornish hen. \$30 plus green fee. Register by Nov. 15: DSN 379-6139, civ. 06202-53-767.

Unit Level Basketball

If your unit has what it takes to own the courts then sign up now. The battle for the courts takes place 6 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Kleber Kaserne gym in Kaiserslautern. Register by Nov. 15. DSN 493-2087, civ. 0631-340-62087.

Aerobics Instructors Needed

Kaiserslautern Sports and Fitness centers are looking for aerobics instructors for power pump, hip-hop aerobics, step turbo kick, Latin aerobics, hi-low step, martial arts, combatives and kickboxing. DSN 493-2086, civ. 0631-3406-2086.

Basketball

Heidelberg Sports and Fitness is seeking male and female players for the Heidelberg Community basketball team. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Patton Fitness Center. DSN 373-8032.