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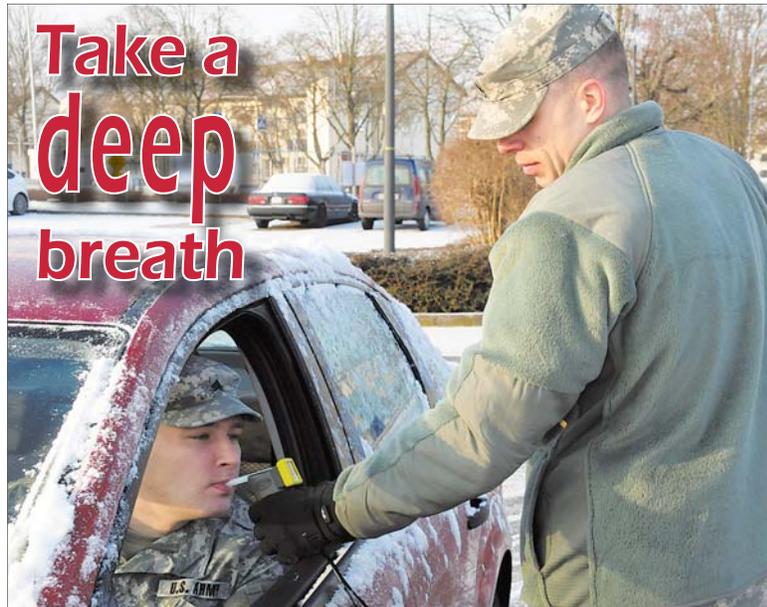
Sobriety tests become part of 4-day weekends starting tomorrow

By Elizabeth Casebeer
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

This weekend, drivers approaching U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg installation entry control points may be asked to take a breathalyzer test before being allowed on the kaserne, even if sober.

As part of the ongoing U.S. Army Europe Booze It and Lose It campaign, USAG BW Military Police will choose random times and gates during Presidents Day weekend and other four-day holiday weekends to test all drivers for alcohol consumption. Four-day weekends are sometimes granted to service members when a federal holiday falls close to the weekend.

The Portable Breathalyzer Test involves breathing slowly into a straw on a hand-held device for about 15 seconds, and it is not optional. The back of the U.S. Forces Certificate of License states that refusal will result in the instant revocation of



Take a deep breath

Hannah Vieira

Staff Sgt. David Crocket, traffic investigations supervisor at the Provost Marshal Office on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg, demonstrates how simple a breathalyzer test can be on volunteer Sgt. Christopher Opsincs, also assigned to the PMO. U.S. Army Europe mandates military police randomly test drivers for alcohol consumption at various installation gates and times on all four-day weekends, including Presidents Day weekend, which starts tomorrow. The test takes about 15 seconds and measures breath alcohol content.

driving privileges indefinitely, or for a minimum of 12 months.

The test helps military police distinguish between someone who displays common behavior associated with someone who is suspected of Driving Under the Influence or Driving While Intoxicated (slurred speech, red eyes and conducting sobriety tests before instructed to do so) and someone who naturally has those mannerisms, said Staff Sgt. David Crocket, traffic inves-

tigations supervisor at the Provost Marshal Office on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg.

The field test can potentially save a driver from a two-hour trip to the MP station, where the suspect would undergo more thorough testing to prove they were DUI or DWI.

The stakes of a DUI or DWI are high. The penalty for driving with a blood alcohol content of .10 percent or higher is considered a

"This campaign is not an inconvenience or to hassle and arrest people; it's to save lives and deter drinking and driving."

—Staff Sgt. David Crocket,
USAG Baden-Württemberg
traffic investigations supervisor

Tax centers open, deadline April 17

Patton Law Center

The Heidelberg Tax Center opened its doors Feb. 3.

"With the tax filing deadline approaching, you should take advantage of the resources offered by your Heidelberg Tax Center. You can have your return prepared for you and filed electronically. However, if you prefer to prepare your own return, our trained staff is also

available to review your return before you submit it," said Jonathan Kotilnek, Heidelberg Tax Center officer in charge.

Kotilnek noted that this year's filing deadline is April 17, a Tuesday. U.S. taxpayers living and working in Germany are entitled to an automatic two month extension to file taxes. However, there is not an extension to pay any taxes that may be see **TAXES** page 12

Silly season no reason to drink, drive

Local German police will set up more checkpoints to curb drunk driving during the days ahead that mark the peak of German Fasching, Fasnacht or Carnival because carnival events typically involve alcoholic beverages.

Despite ample warnings, last year's carnival season resulted in 51 licenses confiscated on the spot and 81 fines including a suspended license in the Heidelberg area police footprint.

Police strongly recommend using a designated driver or public transportation when indulging in Fasching activities to prevent losing one's life or license.

SOURCE: Heidelberg Police

TRANSLATION: Thomas Heiss

HEALTH ADVICE

Get through with chew, done with dip, quit tobacco

Great American Spit Out observed Feb. 23

By **BethAnn Cameron**
U.S. ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND

If you know someone who uses spit tobacco and has talked about quitting, the Great American Spit Out Feb. 23 provides an opportunity to quit for a day or, hopefully, quit for good.

Let's look at some reasons to quit spit tobacco, also called chew, dip, snuff and smokeless tobacco.

Spit tobacco, like all tobacco products, contains nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive substance, and, over time, a person can become physically and emotionally dependent on nicotine.

Addiction

Addiction to nicotine controls your schedule and how you spend your money (two cans of spit per week costs about \$280 annually).

Nicotine impacts the ability to perform your mission by reducing stamina, harming vision and slowing wound healing.

In addition, nicotine can affect men by reducing their sperm count, which reduces

their chances of being able to have children.

In addition to nicotine, there are also chemicals in spit tobacco that can cause cancers of the mouth, throat and jaw.

Many spit tobacco users get thick, leathery white patches in their mouths called leukoplakia, or red sores that can turn into cancer.

Spit tobacco causes cavities and gum disease (gingivitis), that can lead to bone and tooth loss.

It can also cause high blood pressure and heart attacks because of the high levels of salt it contains.

Bottom Line

The bottom line is spit tobacco is bad for you and looks just plain gross. But you can break the habit.

According to the 2008 Survey of Health Related Behaviors among active duty military personnel, 29.4 percent of Army personnel reported quitting spit tobacco.

Quitting spit tobacco takes thought, planning and action. Prepare for your quit

day. Some key steps are to recognize and manage the triggers by making a plan to deal with triggers and withdrawal symptoms.

Triggers are situations, thoughts or feelings that cause a strong desire or urge to use tobacco. Like a wave, the urge will pass in a few minutes.

Three Triggers

There are three types of triggers to recognize and manage:

1 Physical triggers: Because of addiction, the body needs a certain level of nicotine in order for you to feel normal.

To combat this addiction, gradually reduce the amount of nicotine in your body.

- Cut back on the number of dips or amount of chews used daily.

- Mix the spit tobacco with a non-nicotine product.

2 Habit triggers: The habit of automatically reaching for tobacco is connected with daily activities. To help break this connection, avoid people or activities connected with tobacco.

- Reduces stamina
- Harms vision
- Slows wound healing
- Affects sperm
- Reduces sperm count

Spit Tobacco

- Causes throat, jaw cancer
- Causes cavities, gum disease
- Causes high blood pressure, heart attacks and high levels of salt
- Is gross

Quit Spit Tobacco Resources

- National Cancer Institute – <https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/livehelp/welcome.asp>
- UCANQUIT2 – www.ucanquit2.org/facts/gaspo/Default.aspx
- My Last Dip – www.Mylastdip.com

Stay busy and physically active. Use substitutes for tobacco such as chewing sugar-free gum, sunflower seeds or use non-snuff tobacco.

3 Stress or emotional triggers: Tobacco use is connected to feelings such as anger, boredom and stress. Take deep breaths, take a walk and find new ways to cope with stress and feelings such as meditation.

Quitting spit tobacco may result in withdrawal.

Some symptoms are headaches, hunger, tiredness, trouble sleeping, trouble thinking, jumpiness, constipation and feeling irritable and blue.

Get medications from your doctor to help with quitting.

Use these quit tips to try on the Great American Spit Out Day or to use as part of a quit plan. The more you prepare for the quit day, the better your chances for success.

Before quit day, remove anything in your house and car that might remind you of chewing or dipping. This will give you a chance to start a tobacco-free life.

Get ready, get set and get through with chew and done with dip, quit smokeless tobacco.

Join the Great American Spit Out Feb. 23.



www.facebook.com/BWnow
<http://myBWnow.ning.com>

DISCUSSION BOARD

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

What did BWnow fans say about a severe weather announcement issued late Monday warning of a winter snow storm with accumulation of four to eight inches expected in 72 hours?

—BWnow Facebook Administrator

"Maybe we'll have a snow day tomorrow or

Wednesday."

—Kim Kiakona, BWnow Facebook fan

"Finally. Snow."

—Amanda 'Gence!' Keith, BWnow Facebook fan

"Yay! Finally some snow."

—Kim Kravitz, BWnow Facebook fan

"Well, at least commissary isn't far from me. I gotta go. lol"

—Jenna Taylor, BWnow Facebook fan

"That's what I was afraid of. Good thing I know how to drive in snow."

—Katrina Knutson Paris, BWnow Facebook fan



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Dijon Rolle

Kilbourne Kaserne and Tompkins Barracks Installation Coordinator Rob Floyd chats with U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bryan DeCoster during a key return ceremony on Kilbourne outside of the Site S Data Center in Schwetzingen Feb. 6.

Key marks closure for Kilbourne

By Dijon Rolle

USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

There wasn't a lot of fanfare among the small group of civilians and Soldiers who gathered on Kilbourne Kaserne in Schwetzingen Monday, but their feelings of pride and accomplishment were no less apparent as they stood inside the shell of what was once the Site S data center.

Members of United States Army Europe, 5th Signal Command, Installation Management Command Europe and others came together to mark the closure of the center and Kilbourne Kaserne during a key return ceremony. Attendees bundled in their winter coats, chattered and shook hands as they spoke fondly of the center, its mission and the installation.

"It will definitely be missed; It was one of the first joint data centers within the European theater," said William Glass, deputy division chief of the joint coalition information systems. "We had Army; we had Air Force, 5th Signal Command, 21st TSC, United States Army Europe staff and some [co-combatant] things in here. So it was a very good facility. From personnel to hardware and software, it did it all, and there were a lot of people who put a lot of time, energy and money into this place to make it what it was."

The center served about 40,000 users and operated as a back-up facility for the USAREUR's main server and was one of the last facilities to vacate Kilbourne. At one time, the installation was also home to 1st Personnel Command, IMCOM-Europe Family, Morale and Recreation, 5th Signal Command and others throughout the years.

Maj. Gamaliel Rosa, USAREUR G6, led the team of engineers, managers and other support staff, tasked to close the center by Jan. 1. Together they were able to transfer some 80 services and redistribute more than \$8 million

worth of equipment back into surrounding communities by their deadline.

"It's an incredible feeling to see this completed and I'm proud to have been a part of it. I could not have done it without my team. They really pulled through," Rosa said. The group began planning for the transition in the summer of 2010.

During the brief ceremony, Col Mark D. Baxter, USAREUR G-6, praised the group for their hard work, perseverance and professionalism.

"This was more than just simply turning off the equipment and putting it into a van and driving it to another location. With the Army's data center consolidation, we were also truly folding all of this into the Enterprise network, and so it's a technically change of how it's all hosted in the area processing centers," Baxter said.

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bryan DeCoster also extended his thanks to those who helped close both the center and Kilbourne Kaserne.

"In the larger picture this means a lot to the garrison and to IMCOM ... By accelerating this closure, it allows installation coordinators to focus on one closure at a time, rather than 10 or 15 at one time. It also saves IMCOM Europe and USAREUR at least \$1.7 million annually in operating costs," DeCoster said. "But as with all of our facilities, there is history behind them and we hate to see them go," he added.

"Members of 1st PERSCOM, IMCOM Europe F-MWR, Signal and all the people who had wonderful relationships with the city of Schwetzingen really hate to see these facilities go," he said.

DeCoster added that Kilbourne was the seventh of 32 facilities in the Heidelberg and Mannheim community returned to the host nation as part of the Army's ongoing transformation efforts in Europe.

Military Saves week brings contests, classes

By Dawn Sykulla

ACS MARKETING

Military Saves Week is Feb. 19-26, and the Financial Readiness Program at Army Community Service encourages members of the Army family to take the Saver's Pledge as a first step toward a personal commitment to build wealth and reduce debt.

As Military Saves enters its sixth year, it has become an integral part of the Department of Defense Financial Readiness Campaign. ACS seeks to increase financial literacy in U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg by creating a focus on financial literacy education and counseling and promoting taking the Saver's Pledge.

The Saver's Pledge provides tips and advice for saving successfully. Those who take the pledge will be entered into a drawing to win a Dave Ramsey Financial Kit valued at \$169. Fill out a pledge card at ACS on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg, at the Patrick Henry Village Library or at the PHV Commissary.

"The Financial Readiness Program offers individual services to anybody who wishes to take their commitment a bit further," said Ainhoa Revuelta, ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager. "We can help you achieve your financial goals by providing you with a free FICO score and credit report; creating a payment plan to reduce your debt; creating a monthly budget that works for you; assisting you with security clearance issues and assisting you in setting up and managing your Thrift Savings Plan account," she said.

In addition to the Saver's Pledge drawing, ACS is organizing two other contests that encourage saving money. The Super Saver Contest is Feb. 19-24. Shop at the commissary using coupons, then bring the receipt showing the amount saved to any USAG BW ACS Office. The person who saves the most will win \$100 worth of free groceries. To help customers prepare, a Saving Tons with Coupons class will be offered Feb. 20 on Patrick Henry Village in Bldg. 4531.

"One of the biggest advan-

Military Saves Week Events

Financial Classes –

- ◆ Set a Goal, Make a Plan, Save Automatically, noon-2 p.m. Feb. 21
- ◆ Using Credit Wisely, noon-2 p.m. Feb. 22
- ◆ Invest in Your Future, noon-2 p.m. Feb. 23
- ◆ Understanding the TSP, noon-2 p.m. Feb. 24

Register: DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6975

Coupon Class – Saving Tons with Coupons, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Feb. 20, Bldg. 4531, Patrick Henry Village.

Kaiserslautern financial readiness event – 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 21, organized by Army Community Service in Heaton Auditorium at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Information and food will be provided. Senior leaders from each branch of service will sign a proclamation supporting Military Saves Week, the annual Department of Defense campaign to encourage military families to save money and to convince leaders and organizations to promote savings. Brig. Gen. Mark Hendrix, deputy commander of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, will be the keynote speaker. During the week of Feb. 20, U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern ACS will also hold financial classes to enhance awareness. Civ. 0631-34064151.

tages of shopping with coupons while living overseas is that you get to use coupons six months past their expiration date. This alone can equal major savings for military families when coupled with the fact that the commissary sells at cost," said Saunya Odwyer, coupon program coordinator. "These two techniques save the average military family an astonishing 50 to 70 percent a year."

Finally, ACS is sponsoring a Basket Case Contest. Stop by the ACS Main Office located at the Heidelberg Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, Feb. 21-24 and find two grocery baskets, one filled with American products and the other with German products. Guess the cost of each and if you're right, you can take it home. Winners will be announced on Feb. 27. Visit www.mwrgermany.com for details.

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.

NEW – I currently live off-base in the Mannheim area. The Army gave us money to cover our deposit for our house. When we move to Wiesbaden this summer, will they cover the deposit on our new house until the first landlord returns our deposit?

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

NEW – My wife will be stationed in Heidelberg for three years beginning in July (at the veterinary clinic), how is this possible if everything is closing?

Each unit will make the decision as to when they will start diverting their Soldiers to their new assigned location. For example, Soldiers could continue to be assigned to the veterinary clinic, since Patrick Henry Village does not have to be fully closed until 2015. The vet clinic may close sometime in 2014, but that Soldier can get two years of time here before the community closes and later be transferred to another vet clinic in Europe. It's a unit decision based on their mission. Soldiers should contact their first sergeant or commander to find out what the plan is for their particular unit.

NEW – When will Grant Circle housing in Mannheim be closed?

Grant Circle is considered part of Benjamin Franklin Village, so all families there will have to move no later than Sept. 30. If your DEROS is after that, please contact the housing office. DSN 387-3310, civ. 06221-4380-3310.

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

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

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

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

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

Individuals who are PCSing and enrolling in another Department of Defense Dependents School in Europe can carry their package to the new school. Make sure you dis enroll from your current school. If you are changing to a stateside school, the package needs to be forwarded and that will be coordinated for you.

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

Yes, each time you PCS to a new community, you will need to complete an eligibility screening and submit the appropriate paperwork.

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

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

Facilities Operations Changes Mannheim

Base Operations – For assistance, residents should contact Sgt. 1st Class Damien R. Hunt, who is now the Base Operations noncommissioned officer in charge located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks, DSN 385-1610, civ. 0621-730-1610, civ. 07622-70-0535, damiem.r.hunt@eur.army.mil; Bob Isbell, Mannheim Base Operations Manager, DSN 385-3944, civ. 0621-730-3944, robert.n.isbell2.civ@mail.mil; or Master Sgt. Romeo Satsatin, acting USAG Baden-Württemberg command sergeant major, romeo.i.satsatin@mail.mil, DSN 373-1300, civ. 06221-17-1310.

NEW – Chapel Closure – The Benjamin Franklin Village chapel will close in April. The last Catholic service will be 5 p.m. March 30. The last Protestant service will be April 15.

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

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

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

Health and Dental – Health and dental care for Mannheim community members are now offered in Heidelberg only. TRICARE enrollment offices are on the Heidelberg Shopping Center in the Central Processing Facility and at the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3613, Room 2047. Both are open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 371-2445, civ. 06221-17-2445. Coleman Dental: DSN 382-5262, civ. 0621-779-5262. PHV Clinic: DSN 388-9500, civ. 06221-338-9500. Retirees and their family members who have been disenrolled may seek care at the Heidelberg Health Center on a space available basis. Retirees may pick up prescription medications at the Coleman pharmacy.

Library Support – A library support office is open in Bldg. 246, Room 118, to assist community members 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1-6 p.m. Thursday. Patrons may activate online accounts to enable them to download books and videos and to receive library materials in their mailboxes. Computers, a small study room and free paperbacks are available. Items may be returned to the office or to the drop box outside. DSN 385-2688, civ. 0621-730-2688.

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

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

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

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

NEW – Tax Relief Office – Effective Feb. 20, the Tax Relief Office on

Sullivan Barracks will be open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, closed Tuesdays, Thursdays, weekends and U.S. holidays. DSN 385-1780, civ. 0621-730-1780.

Transportation Motor Pool – The Transportation Motor Pool on Spinelli Barracks has closed and all vehicles are dispatched at the Heidelberg TMP, Bldg. 157, on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-8350, civ. 06221-17-8350, www.bw.eur.army.mil/Directorates/DOL/TMP.html.

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

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

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

Heidelberg

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

Army Emergency Relief – AER requests are processed at Army Community Service in Heidelberg on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, Room 250. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6975.

Health Center – Weekend services at the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne have ended. All emergency and after-hours urgent care is provided on the economy by host-nation providers. Health Center normal hours are 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and 7:30 a.m.-noon Friday. Pick up a "Guide to Host Nation Health Care" at the Heidelberg Health Center or visit <https://ermc.amedd.army.mil/heidelberg/index.cfm>. The nurse advice line, civ. 0800-825-1600. For help after hours, call civ. 06221-17-2605.

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

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

NEW – Shooters Bar and Grill – Shooters Bar and Grill in the Rod and Gun Club in Otfersheim will close as a restaurant Feb. 26 due to decline in patronage. It will be re-designated Shooters Club House and will be available for private events, parties and other group activities.

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

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

Faces of the community: Health Care Clinics



Stefan Alford

Pfc. Zechariah Wenzinger, a health care specialist at the Heidelberg Health Center, places a blood pressure cuff on a young patient during a screening in the pediatrics clinic Feb. 9. The Santa Barbara, Calif., native has served in the Army for one year. He also screens patients in the family practice and Soldier clinics. The clinics are open during normal health center hours from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and 7:30 a.m.-noon Friday. Appointments can be made by calling the Europe Regional Medical Command Care Call Center from 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at toll free civ. 00800-3762-2273, DSN 371-2622, civ. 06221-17-2622.

Rock your smile for national children's dental health month

Heidelberg Dental Activity Public Affairs

National Children's Dental Health Month began as a one-day event in 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio. Since then, the concept has evolved into a month-long, nation-wide celebration. Each February, the American Dental Association sponsors children's dental health month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health.

This year, the campaign asks that all children "Rock Your Smile!"

Early childhood caries (commonly called cavities) is a significant public health problem affecting 28 percent of children ages 2-5 years old, and 40 percent of children by the time they begin kindergarten. By 17 years of age, almost 80 percent of Americans have a cavity. It is the single most common chronic childhood disease – five times more common than asthma, four times more common than early-childhood obesity and 20 times more common than diabetes.

The good news is that dental cavities can be prevented. Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits will help children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

To ensure a healthy smile and reduce the risk of cavities, keep these helpful dental tips in mind.

- **Brush and floss daily.** Children of all ages should brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste. Children under 10 years old may not have the dexterity to brush and floss effectively and will require some assistance. Flossing should be incorporated into the daily oral hygiene routine at least once a day as soon as your child has two teeth that touch.
- **Limit between-meal snacks.** Grazing habitually on foods with minimal nutritional value and frequently sipping on sugary drinks leads to tooth decay. Sugary foods and drinks should only be consumed with meals. Saliva production increases during meals and helps neutralize acid production and rinse food particles from the mouth. If craving a snack, consider nutritious foods such as fruits, vegetables, nuts and dairy products.
- **Monitor beverage consumption.** Instead of soft drinks all day, consider water or low-fat milk. Never put your child to bed with a bottle and use sippy cups only as a transitional tool until your child can use an uncovered cup. Juice has both sugar and acid, two factors that cause tooth decay. Children 1-6 years of age should consume no more than 4-6 ounces of fruit juice per day, from a cup (i.e. not a bottle or covered cup) and as part of a meal or snack.
- **If you chew gum, make it sugarless.** Chewing sugarless gum after eating can increase saliva flow and help wash out food and decay-producing acid.
- **Schedule regular dental visits.** The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends all children have their first dental exam no later than 12 months of age. This provides an opportunity to implement preventive health practices and reduce the child's risk of preventable dental and oral disease.

Time to get write-in absentee ballots

The online version of the revised Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot is available now at www.FVAP.gov. Voters who have registered but have not received their state ballot 30 days before the election can still vote by using the write-in ballot. Since the FWAB serves as a back-up ballot, voters should still vote and return their state absentee ballot if they receive it before the election. The state absentee ballot will be counted instead of the FWAB if received by the State deadline. Voters can visit www.fvap.gov to use the online wizard or access the PDF fillable forms. The online wizard will populate the candidate names for federal elections 30 days prior to the date of the election.

Source: <https://forums.army.mil/SECURE/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=1629775&lang=en-US>.

March Primaries

- Georgia (P): March 6
- Massachusetts (P): March 6
- Ohio (PS): March 6
- Oklahoma (P): March 6
- Tennessee (P): March 6
- Vermont (P): March 6
- Virginia (P): March 6
- Alabama (PS): March 13
- Mississippi (PS): March 13
- Illinois (PS): March 20
- Louisiana (P): March 24

April Primaries:

- District of Columbia (PS): April 3
- Maryland (PS): April 3
- Texas (PS): April 3 (This is a change, the election was originally scheduled March 6)
- Wisconsin (P): April 3
- Alabama (Primary Runoff if necessary): April 24
- Connecticut (P): April 24
- Delaware (P): April 24
- New York (P): April 24
- Pennsylvania (PS): April 24

- Rhode Island (P): April 24

May Primaries:

- Indiana (PS): May 8
- North Carolina (PS): May 8
- West Virginia (PS): May 8
- Idaho (PS): May 15
- Nebraska (PS): May 15
- Oregon (PS): May 15
- Arkansas (PS): May 22
- Kentucky (PS): May 22
- Texas (Primary Runoff): May 22

P = Presidential Preference Primary
S = State Primary

First Patriot Express flight gets passengers thumbs up

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

After months of planning, coordinating and preparation, 21st Theater Sustainment Command's 1st Human Resources Sustainment Center personnel put their hard work to the test as they welcomed passengers from the first Patriot Express flight at the Ramstein Gateway Reception Center Feb. 7.

The 1st HRSC received and in-processed approximately 120 Soldiers and family members.

The Patriot Express is a Department of Defense chartered method of air travel, which transits between the Baltimore-Washington International Airport and Ramstein Air Base.

Eventually it will be the primary airlift for Soldiers, family members and DOD civilians on permanent change of station and temporary duty orders between Germany and the United States.

During the reception, RGRC personnel in-processed 52 Soldiers, 68 family members and 10 pets, in addition to 293 bags. Newly arrived Soldiers were sent to 11 different U. S. Army Europe military communities throughout Germany.

Previously the 1st HRSC processed about 19,000 Soldiers and family members yearly at the Frankfurt International Airport. With the new phase of Patriot Express, they are capable of

processing this same number of personnel even more efficiently.

According to Maj. Patrick Niestzche, RGRC officer in charge, and a native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the RGRC staff set a goal to have all Soldiers and family members in-processed within three hours from the time the first person steps off the aircraft until the time the last person departs by bus for their assigned duty station.

The RGRC not only achieved its goal but completed the mission with time to spare, in-processing 120 personnel in two hours and 40 minutes.

"Today the mission went as we had planned. All timelines were met, and we successfully processed all the Army permanent change of station Soldiers and family members through our reception center and on to their community of assignment," said Niestzche.

"Our goal was to be able to process all Soldiers and family members and have them on the way to their gaining military communities within three hours of flight arrival. We were able to accomplish that, which is a huge success for us," Niestzche said.

"With this being the first time we have done this process at the Ramstein Gateway, as with any other mission we came away with a lot of after action review comments and things we still need to work on internally to make this reception mission an even more efficient and streamlined system," he said.



Staff Sgt. Michael J. Taylor

U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army Commander Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, and his wife Sue greet Soldiers and family members of the first Patriot Express flight at the Ramstein Gateway Reception Center on Ramstein Air Base Feb. 7. The Patriot Express, a Department of Defense chartered method of air travel between the Baltimore-Washington International Airport and Ramstein Air Base, will soon be the primary airlift for anyone on permanent change of station or temporary duty orders between Germany and the United States.

"I would definitely do this again."

—Spc. Trenton Kerschner, K-9 handler en route to Wiesbaden

"One of the guys who I was in-processing said things were flowing really smoothly and that we should keep up the good work," said Spc. Nicholas J. Collington, a liaison at the RGRC and a native of Washington, D.C. "That was good to hear from a sergeant first class, so I feel the process was very successful." The reception team at Ramstein will continue tracking flights and possible delays and be readily available to receive incoming personnel regardless of the time of day the flight arrives.

"On a one to 10 scale I would give this experience an eight and up. It was an excellent trip and everything

else went so smooth. It was well above any other flight I've ever taken," said Spc. Trenton Kerschner, a K-9 handler headed to Wiesbaden and a native of Hot Springs, Va. "I would definitely do this again. If I could catch one of these on leave while I'm going home I would love to, rather than catching a civilian flight."

Garrison recognized for deployment excellence

By Brandon Spragins
USAG KAISERSLAUTERN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After receiving runner-up for Installation Management Command Europe Deployment Excellence Award, U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern will now compete at the Department of the Army level.

The garrison recently competed against seven other garrisons in IMCOM-E for the annual award, which recognizes units for deployment excellence, capturing innovative initiatives that improve the deployment process for Soldiers.

It also tracks Army deployment training trends for doctrinal and training updates. Submissions contain synopses of what all the different agencies do as part of the deployment, redeployment and reintegration processes.

The successful execution



William Dial

Soldiers from 5th Battalion 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, located on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, tie down a wrecker to a rail car in preparation for transport.

was due to superior logistical, operational and execution planning that assured safe movement from Germany to forward deployed locations, said William Dial, garrison

transportation management specialist.

"The garrison has improved upon previous highly successful deployments and redeployments by conducting

rail and air load training and planning," Dial said.

During 2011, the garrison helped deploy more than 10,000 service members through the installation staging area and the deployment processing center on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, including the deployment of four Patriot Missile Batteries from the 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

During that time the garrison loaded 4,595 metric tons of equipment on 111 railcars, including 202 pieces of equipment, 64 containers, 138 rolling stock items and 30 super-cargo passengers.

The garrison also coordinated for dozens of trucks to move containers and 86 vehicles, four air missions for 256 passengers and four bus missions for 249 passengers.

Meanwhile, the garrison also supported the 21st TSC,

helping reintegrate more than 300 Soldiers from tenant units, to include the 266th Finance Management Center, Company D, 106th Finance Company, the 635th Movement Control Team and the 254th Medical Detachment. The garrison deployed the 903rd Contracting Support Battalion, 624th Movement Control Team, plus elements of the 5th Military Police Battalion and 64th Medical Detachment.

"The contributions of over 20 different agencies located throughout the Kaiserslautern Military Community were involved in these processes, that led to this success and make this award truly a community award," said Lt. Col. Lars Zetterstrom, garrison commander. "We're grateful to have such a hard-working team of professionals here to support our deploying troops."

Tasting Some Soul



Photos by Elizabeth Casebeer

Far left, Danny Labana of the band Jimi's Souliquity gets the crowd buzzing with his guitar at A Taste of Soul at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg Saturday. Left, Maxine Pez, Heidelberg High School Junior Association for the Advancement of Minorities, sings Beyoncé Knowles' hit song "Halo," while Zakia Gray (center) and Chrischel Rolack look on. Above, community members eager to sample food and be entertained filled up several seats in the Pavilion.

African-American History Month observed with soul food, music, dancing, art

By Elizabeth Casebeer
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg was packed Saturday night with community members eager to take in the shows, food, art and camaraderie during A Taste of Soul.

Sponsored by the Heidelberg Arts and Cultural Center, the Equal Opportunity Office and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the celebration was one of several Black History Month events throughout the Heidelberg community. This year's theme was "Black Women in American Culture and History."

The event has come a long way in the three years since it was an afternoon of slides and

snacks, said Les Green, Family and MWR special events coordinator.

"This is not just your typical observance. It's a true celebration of African-American culture, and it's unique to Heidelberg," he said.

Constance Goodwin, Heidelberg EEO, was mistress of ceremonies for the event, which opened with a food tasting and remarks by U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Commander Col. Bryan DeCoster.

The Mark Twain Village Gospel Choir got the crowd excited for the buffet dinner of fried chicken, ribs, greens, rolls, macaroni and cheese and desserts. More than 20 contestants entered the best soul food cooking contest,

and their entries were gobbled up in minutes.

The winners were: appetizer/side dish – Danzenia Hard's Zee Lady's dirty rice; main dish – Sgt. Maj. Brad Weber's spicy cabbage and smoked sausage; dessert – Heidelberg High School's Junior Association for the Advancement of Minorities' buttermilk pie.

Ten artists exhibited their works, including Andrew Washington, base operations manager for Germersheim Army Depot, who incorporated present-day Soldiers in his painting depicting Tuskegee Airmen.

In another piece, "Defiance," Washington created an African-American man wearing a scowl and a Union Army uniform from the Civil War

with oil on canvas. HHS art teacher Sandra Walker and her students also contributed to the display.

Jimi's Souliquity provided tunes while community members finished their meals, and were mesmerized by Rio – Sgt. 1st Class Syreeta Greene, 30th Medical Command – in a black sequined jumpsuit, saxophone player Lazlo, Junior Madea and Danny Labana on guitar and Jimi Carrow, classic jazz and soul singer and the band's namesake.

Sgt. Eric Dawkins recited poetry, and JAAM performed a skit, recited poetry and sang.

The students mentioned famous names like Halle Berry, the first and only African-American woman to win a Best Actress Oscar; Beyoncé Knowles, who started in girl band Destiny's Child and went on to become one of the best-selling artists of all time; and Aretha Franklin, whose

song "Respect" became an unofficial anthem during the Civil Rights movement.

"We thought we would put our spin on it and zero in on black women of substance. We tried to highlight women throughout history and today who have made significant contributions to American culture; but certainly, we couldn't name everyone," said JAAM sponsor Emily Gour-dine.

A Taste of Soul was supported by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, which provided a coat check and helped organize and set up for the event; the Warrior Zone and student Melody Glock for her piano performance, said Edward Codina, Arts and Cultural Center director.

JAAM will host a program 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the HHS auditorium with performances from the jazz band and the musical Hairspray.

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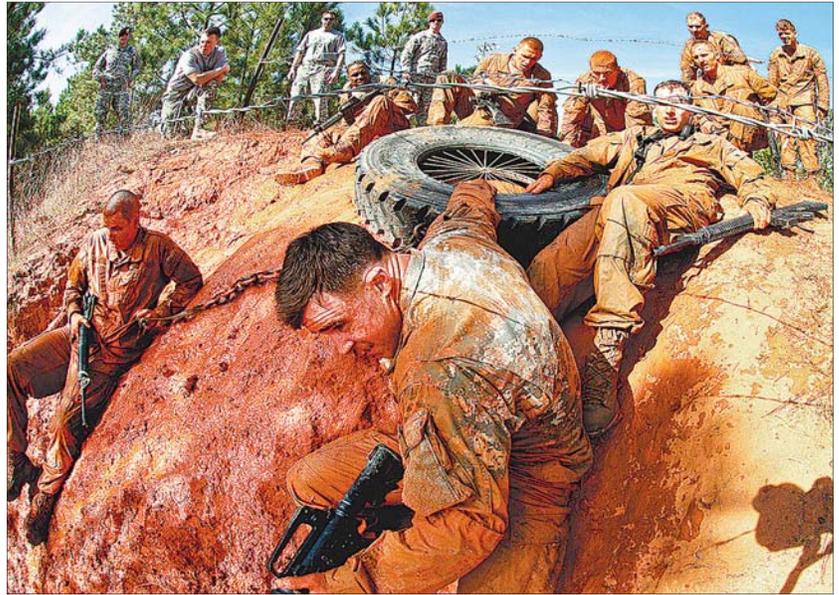
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1st Lt. Roy Reynolds

Spc. Nicole Hodge, a medic with the 772nd Civil Support Team, 7th Civil Support Command, provides optometry care to a local Zanzibar citizen during a Medical Readiness and Training Exercise in Zanzibar, Tanzania, Jan. 30 – Feb. 12.

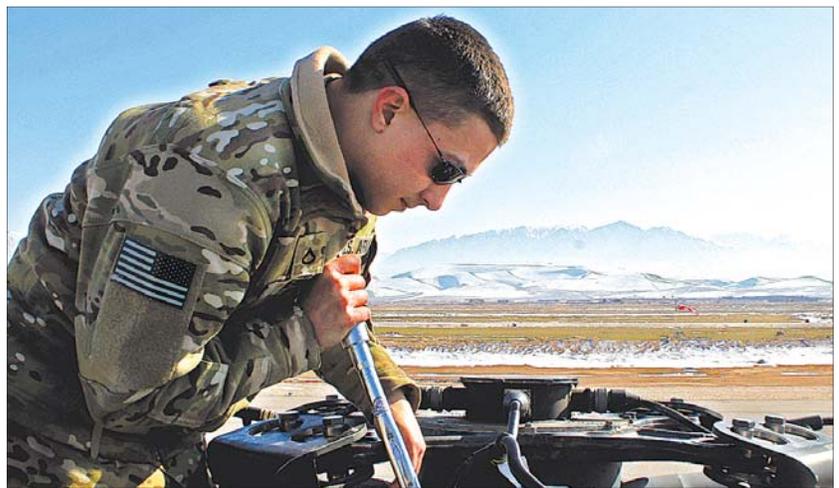


Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod

Officers with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team complete a team obstacle course Feb. 3 at Fort Bragg, N.C., during a Prop Blast, a traditional rite-of-passage for officers new to the division. During this phase of the event, teams must move the tire and a simulated casualty down a muddy slope, across a muddy slough and up the other side.

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Pfc. James Dennis, a crew chief assigned to Company A, Task Force Lobos, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, performs a torque check on the main rotor head of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter Feb. 7, Camp Marmal, Afghanistan.



Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Jo Bridgewater

Chief Warrant Officer Ned Walsh, executive officer, Logistic Support Vessel-4, The Lt. Gen. William B. Bunker, 1099th Transportation Detachment, 10th Transportation Battalion, 7th Sustainment Brigade, Fort Eustis, Va., monitors the waters of the James River from the vessel's bridge as it sails toward Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek during the battalion's field training exercise Feb. 7.



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Apaches Moving to Fort Bliss

Theater Aviation Sustainment Manager-Europe personnel prepare one of eight AH-64D Apache helicopters belonging to the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade for a lateral transfer to the 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, Texas, at the Ramstein Air Base Closed Loop Facility Jan. 27. TASM-E falls under the operational control of the 405th Army Field Support Brigade located in Kaiserslautern. TASM-E has the mission to provide field, sustainment and limited depot-level aviation maintenance to both aircraft and aviation ground support equipment.

21st TSC Public Affairs

Mannheim National Theater seeks contemporaries

National Theater Mannheim

Like many other former military installations, Turley Barracks in Mannheim fell into disuse after American troops withdrew in 2007.

The city of Mannheim is now facing the challenge to transform former military installations into viable real estate. In an effort to increase awareness for the task at hand, Mannheim plans a special event on Turley Barracks March 25.

The event is a walking tour of Turley Barracks complemented by an audio ac-

count conceived by author and director Gesine Danckwart and audio artist Fabian Kühlein.

For the audio account, organizers would like to interview "contemporaries" like former service members, civilian employees or family members, who served or lived on Turley Barracks and may provide some oral history of the location.

Those who would like to volunteer for an interview should call civ. 0621-1680-527 or 0151-1429-5728.

TRANSLATION: Thomas Heiss

TAXES

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owed.

"So, if you owe taxes and you decide to wait until after April 17 to file your tax return, you could potentially accrue interest, fees and penalties. Therefore, filing your taxes by April 17 could prevent you from having to pay any additional money," Kotilnek said.

The Heidelberg Tax Center is staffed with service members and civilians who have received extensive training from the Internal Revenue Service to become certified tax preparers. Located on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg, the Tax Center is open 10 a.m.-5

p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays. Walk-ins are welcome 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays. Walk-in appointments are meant for individuals who have simple tax returns. Anything else will need an appointment. Appointments can be made by calling DSN 370-7510, civ. 06221-57-7510.

In Kaiserslautern, the Tax Center at Kleber Kaserne is in Bldg. 3210, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number is DSN 483-7688, civ. 0631-411-7688. The Landstuhl Tax Center, on the ground floor of Bldg. 370, is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number is DSN 486-6334, civ. 06371-86-6334.

BREATHALYZER

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DWI and can include forfeiture of the U.S. Forces driver's license for one year or more. Service members may also receive an Article 15. A DWI is a .08 to .099 percent BAC, and violators will be banned from driving 180 days, plus other possible consequences like an Article 15 or other non judicial punishment.

In both cases, the individual's home of record will be notified and points or punishments will eventually be assessed on that state's license.

If an intoxicated U.S. forces driver is pulled over by the German police, he or she will be cited by both the MP and the German police, Crocket said.

Driving and drinking is an Army-wide problem. Crocket said many of the offenders on PHV, for example, live with in walking distance of where they were

drinking and determine the distance is close enough to drive. Crocket said he would much rather see someone who's had too much to drink get a ride from a sober friend or walk, or even better, use public transportation.

"We have an unbelievable mass transportation around here: cabs, trains, the streetcar. Most staff duties also have cab funds available or someone who can pick you up. There is absolutely no excuse to drive when you've been drinking. There is nowhere on PHV that's too far to walk. Patton Barracks is the same way. On Benjamin Franklin Village, the Top Hat Club is just as close to housing as anywhere else," Crocket said.

While it may appear as though the military police actively pursue drunk drivers to punish them, Crocket said the true mission of Booze it and Lose It is to discourage them from getting be-

hind the wheel in the first place. Even if one person thinks twice and decides not to drive after drinking, the program is successful, he added.

It appears it already is: Crocket said a random patrol set up in Mannheim recently found no one intoxicated above the legal limit, and many people did not know how to blow into the breathalyzer, indicating they have no previous experience with being pulled over for drinking.

The bottom line, Crocket said, is that drinking and driving is not worth a life, career, money or another life.

"As Soldiers, we always constitute a plan B in everything we do, so why when we're off-duty can we not even come up with plan A, a designated driver? This campaign is not an inconvenience or to hassle and arrest people; it's to save lives and deter drinking and driving," he said.

Penalties for Driving Under the Influence

- ◆ Driving with a Breath or Blood Alcohol Content of .05-.079 percent: 90-day driving ban.
- ◆ Driving with a BAC of .08 to .099 percent: 180-day driving ban.
- ◆ Driving with a BAC of .10 percent or higher: Minimum 12-month driving ban.
- ◆ Refusing to complete a lawful chemical test under the implied consent provisions: Indefinite driving ban (minimum 12 months).
- ◆ Driving with a BAC of .05 percent or more for the second time within the last five years: Five-year driving ban.
- ◆ Drivers with three alcohol-related offenses will never receive a U.S. Forces driver's license again: Permanent driving ban.



Country
Western
comes to
Mannheim

Ricky Skaggs, above, and Reba McEntire, above right, will perform along with Asleep At The Wheel, Lonestar and George Hamilton IV at the SAP Arena in Mannheim March 4.

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It's about 'the song you're singing and the one delivering the song'

By **Dijon Rolle**
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Some of the biggest, brightest and best-known country music stars are set to light up Mannheim's SAP Arena for the International Country Music Festival 6 p.m. March 4.

Reba McEntire, Asleep At The Wheel, Ricky Skaggs, Lonestar and George Hamilton IV will all take the stage.

The festival promises to provide audiences with a down-home musical mix of modern, blue-grass and everything in between for the legions of country music lovers living in Europe.

One of the performers, country singer, producer and composer Ricky Skaggs, said he looked forward to returning to Europe to play for fans.

He toured here several times throughout the '80s and '90s with singer EmmyLou Harris and with his own band.

"Anytime I can come to Europe and bring the kind of music that I love to play, it's always a treat, especially with Reba, she's an old friend," he said.

Country music enjoys a healthy, devoted fan base overseas, particularly here in Europe. Skaggs explained why he believed the genre enjoyed such a strong following outside of Nashville, Tenn. and the United States.

"It's about life and I think it always has been. People really associate with it whether in Germany or whether in Kentucky, and I just think country music has always had a person-to-person relationship. Country music is just music about the common man and the common woman," Skaggs explained.

The Kentucky native started playing

music at the tender age of 5 and is best known for his string bluegrass hits. With several decades of experience under his belt, Skaggs has seen the country music industry transform thanks to technology.

"The Internet has changed everything and just having the abilities to go online and find somebody's name, music and history; it's so quick. That part of it has really changed. The social networking, all of that has really caused us to change the way we think about things. We don't have to take a \$10,000 ad out now in a country music magazine when we know we can do a blog or get on someone's website and do something that will reach far more people for pennies," Skaggs said.

"The world has just gotten faster and quicker and more at your finger tips now," he said. "If you boil it all down, it still has a lot to do with the song that you're singing and the person who is delivering the song. It still gets down to those two ingredients. That's what touches someone's heart and that part of it, I hope and pray, never changes. I hope that still remains at the end of the day, knowing that we touched someone's life with a song."

Currently, Skaggs is working on his autobiography, which he hopes to publish by mid-summer or early fall this year. He is also touring and preparing to go back into studio to work on more music.

Tickets are now on sale for the International Festival of Country Music. For information visit www.bb-promotion.com or call civ. 0621-10-1011. For information about performer Ricky Skaggs, visit www.skaggsfamilyrecords.com.

GERMAN NEWS

Neo-Nazis Blocked In Dresden

Despite subzero temperatures, at least 13,000 people, including Dresden mayor Dirk Hilbert, parliamentary deputy president Wolfgang Thierse and Saxony's state premier Stanislaw Tillich, formed a human chain through the center of Dresden Monday evening to mark the 67th anniversary of the city's allied bombardment, and to block a neo-Nazi march. The Allied bombing of Dresden killed about 25,000 people in 1945, just a few months before the end of World War II. Neo-Nazis have long used the anniversary to protest the bombing and portray the Allied actions as war crimes. Last year around 6,000 neo-Nazis showed up in Dresden for the anniversary and it ended in street fighting. But this year only around 1,600 arrived, police said. They were met at the main train station by a police escort and around 2,000 opponents who accompanied the torch-lit march with whistling and drums and shouts of "Nazis out." After only about half an hour and a few hundred meters, the neo-Nazis were told by police they had to abandon the march as the protest against them was blocking the street.

Dog Attack Victim Turned Hero

A jogger who was attacked by four German Shepherds Saturday morning near Adelmansfelden in Baden-Württemberg tried to save their owner's life after the man suffered a heart attack trying to pull them off her, while his mother dragged the dogs off, police said. The jogger administered first aid until an ambulance arrived, but the owner was declared dead at the scene. Police said he had kept the dogs in the house overnight due to the cold and was taking them into a fenced off area when they ran off and attacked the jogger. The animals will be examined by police dog handlers and a veterinarian before a decision is made on their future. The jogger suffered minor injuries and was treated by a local doctor.

Barefoot Snow Runner Sets Record

Kai Martin, a 49-year-old physiotherapist from Güstrow, recently ran five km barefoot over snow in 23 minutes, 42 seconds and received a place in the Guinness Book of Records. Even though Germany has been covered in frost and snow for weeks, the race was held indoors on artificial snow at the Alpine Center in Wittenburg. Three of the six competitors dropped out before the end, complaining of painful feet. Martin, who finished with bloody feet and needed medical treatment, said he went running barefoot every day, sometimes in temperatures of -5 C. Organizers said they expected attempts to break the new record to be made soon.

SOURCE: www.thelocal.de



DEAR MS. Vicki

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

Dear Ms Vicki,

My husband, our son and I are currently going through our first deployment. About two months in, we started to fight a lot and he said he wanted a divorce. A month later, I found emails to a girl who he expressed feelings toward.

I notified him that I had found them and then notified his chain of command (considering he was trying to leave me with nothing and no support in raising our son).

We agreed to further discuss the issue on his Rest and Recuperation leave the following month. During R and R, we agreed to try to work on things and save our marriage.

All was going well, or so I thought. One morning, I looked in his phone and found text messages between him and another girl. It was the same situation all over again, only this time more serious. I walked out of the room and grabbed my son, while telling him what I found.

I locked my son and myself in the car and called this woman. She played it off and said she had lied about everything she said to him and she didn't really care about him.

All my husband could say was, "If we divorce, I will not be alone. This is my backup plan."

I asked him why, and if he really meant the things he told her: "I love you. I can't wait to be with you. You mean the world to me," and little love notes and requests for pictures.

He told me they grew up together and should have dated a long time ago, but he messed it up and was rekindling what they once had.

I love him with all my heart and am willing to do whatever it takes to save my marriage and family. I am just not sure how to cope with this and how to forgive him for his wrongdoing.

Ever since he deployed and was diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder, he thinks he can do or say anything he wants, and I am not supposed to object to any of his actions. He refuses to go to counseling and everything must be done his way. I have chosen not to inform his command at this time in the hopes of him being more willing to work on things and see what he has in front of him. Any advice will be greatly appreciated, and I would like to thank you in advance.

Sincerely, *The Desperate Wife*
Dear Desperate Wife,

Deployments can be difficult on relationships. Couples find themselves arguing more frequently, or not communicating at all. Some even have outside relationships to help cope with the separation and deployment. I find infidelity occurs on both sides.

Either way is not good, because it keeps one person on "pins and needles" wondering what will happen next, or if they can trust

the other.

In your situation, I don't know what is going to happen, but please allow me to be honest. From what you say, your husband is really saying he doesn't want to be married anymore.

Think about it: he wants to rekindle relationships with old flames or women he believes he has unfinished business with.

He says he wants a divorce, then says, "Let's work it out," only you discover he is communicating inappropriately with another female. He says he wants to work on the marriage, but he refuses to go to counseling.

These are all red flags that reveal his commitment to you is paper-thin. I can't tell you to leave, but he told you he has a backup plan, and I highly suggest you also get one that includes supportive family and friends as well as financial, educational, legal and spiritual support.

When people threaten divorce one time, take them at their word. Too many spouses sit back and do nothing. They also believe the military will intervene and take care of them. This is a gigantic myth. The Department of Defense is not a social service agency. We must take care of ourselves first. This may sound selfish, and many people have a big problem with thinking about themselves first, but you have to.

Your husband may be diagnosed with PTSD; many service members are. However, it doesn't relieve him of being accountable for his actions.

One thing is for sure: your plan cannot be to become the "checker-upper" on your husband to find out whom he's contacting. This will absolutely drain you and strip you of your self-esteem and self-worth.

West reads for Tell Me A Story

Staff Report

Fifty families, a total of 150 people, crowded Patrick Henry Elementary School in Heidelberg Sunday to listen to Europe Regional Medical Commander Brig. Gen. Nadja West read the book "More Than Anything Else."

The book by Marie Bradley tells the story of notable African-American educator, author, orator and

political leader Booker T. Washington and his childhood quest to learn to read.

The book was chosen in honor of African-American History Month and the event was presented in coordination with the Equal Opportunity Office.

Tell Me A Story, an initiative of the Child Education Coalition, is geared toward children ages 4-12.

After West read the



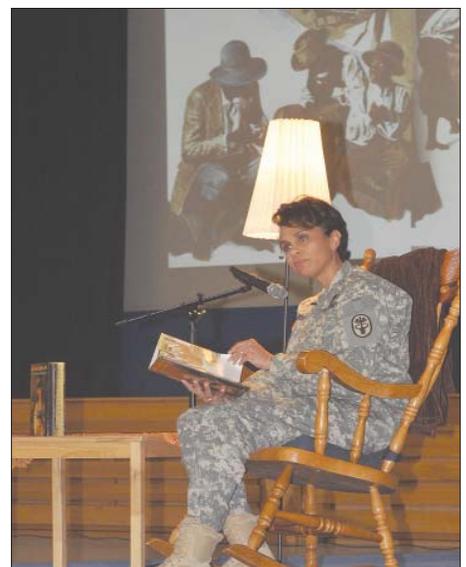
Photos by Ed Drohan

Above, Brig. Gen. Nadja West, Commanding General, Europe Regional Medical Command, signs a book for 4-year-old Brennan Gargett after reading it aloud during the Tell Me A Story event at Patrick Henry Elementary School in Heidelberg Sunday. Right, West reads the story aloud while the book's pages are shown on the screen behind her.

story, children broke into groups to discuss what they'd heard and drew letters in sand (actually sugar) just like Washington did at the

end of his story.

They received copies of the book and had the opportunity to have West sign them with a personal message.



GET OUT!

area events

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

February 16

Film Festival – The Berlinale International Film Festival showcases more than 400 movies from all over the world, many of them world or European premieres. There are films of every genre, length and format including great international cinema, independent and art house films, films for young audiences, new discoveries and promising talents from the German film scene, avant garde and experimental cinematography, as well as short films. In addition, the festival hosts a large number of special events, panel discussions, exhibitions, and of course, many star-studded parties. Tickets available online and at ticket counters in advance. www.berlinale.de/en.

Art Exhibit – Modern art meets the supermarket in the art exhibition I Love Aldi named after the German discount supermarket chain. See a shopping cart immersed in seven tons of white sugar, 2,000 vacuum-packed sausages littering the floor and thousands of slices of bread forming little houses and more. Catch the exhibit at the Wilhelm-Hack museum in Ludwigshafen through March 4.

Fasching Market – Mannheim hosts a Fasching market. Catch all the action in the city's town center near the Wasserturm and Planken through Feb. 21.

Street Festival – The Rottenturm am Neckar Street festival is a Fasching event that features several bands and costume clubs that roam the streets of Rottenturm. The festival starts at 2 p.m. and is located at the Marktplatz throughout neighboring streets and alleys.

February 17

Motorcycle Show – Check out more than 280 exhibitors from all over the world at the International Motorcycle Show in Munich 9 a.m.-6 p.m. through Feb. 19. Expo Center, Lilienthalallee 40, Munich. www.buzzoffbase.com.

That Was Roadside Music – Come celebrate more than 50 years of Roadside Theater musicals in this tune-filled trip down memory lane. Show features the Roadside Theater Show Choir and starts at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18. Tickets available at the Roadside Theater, Bldg. 109, on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg or www.roadsideheater.com.

February 18

Vampire Ball – The city of Heidelberg hosts its annual Vampire Ball at the Kongresshaus Stadthalle. Enjoy live music and hit the dance floor to do the "Time Warp" from the Rocky Horror Picture Show. €34 euros per person. Event starts 8:30 p.m. Neckarstadt 24, Heidelberg. www.flamme-konzerte.de.

Pfenning Bazaar – The German-American Women's Club in Heidelberg will

host a Pfenning Bazaar in the Heidelberg Hasenleiser in the Internationale Gesamtschule. This year only clothing, home textiles, linen, shoes, curtains, hats, jewelry, books, records, CDs, scarves, gloves, DVDs and videos will be accepted 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 18 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 20. Selling begins 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 24 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 25. Refreshments will be available for purchase during sale days. Civ. 06221-4120-25. www.GAWC.de.

Fasching Parade – Hockenheim hosts a Fasching parade at 1:30 p.m. Join in the festivities as nearly 2,000 mask and costume wearers parade through the town's center.

February 19

Fastnachtzug Parade – Frankfurt's Fastnachtzug carnival parade begins at 1 p.m. at the Untermainkai and works its way around the city center. Civ. 069-7675-4405.

February 20

Cirque Dreams – Enjoy a free showing of Cirque Dreams at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart brought to you by Armed Forces Entertainment. Show begins at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and doors open a half hour early. Cirque Productions was founded in 1993 as the first American company combining the European cirque-style of performance artistry with American circus arts and Broadway theatrics. Seating is first come, first served. <http://armedforcesentertainment.com/cirquedreams.htm>.

Rottweiler Fasnet – Members of the American Military Catholic Community will travel to the Rottweiler Fasnet (Mardi Gras) in Rottweil. The Rottweiler Carnival is one of the oldest and most traditional of the Swabian-Alemannic Carnivals. Main parade starts at 8 a.m. Group will depart at 5:30 a.m. from the Mark Twain Village Chapel in Heidelberg and return that evening. Civ. 06221-57-8238.

Fasching Parade – Grab your Fasching hat and head to Mainz for the Rosenmontag Parade. Although Fasching officially begins in November, it reaches its climax during the 'drei tolle Tage,' the three crazy days before Ash Wednesday. Fasching is a time of celebration and fun for Germans from all walks of life. See scores of decorated floats, groups wearing colorful costumes and wild masks and hundreds of horses, and bands. <http://affiliates.uso.org/kaiserslautern>.

February 23

Euro Dance Festival – The Euro Dance Festival, held yearly at the Europa-Park near Freiburg, is Europe's largest dance workshop festival. For four days, the world's best dancers give more than 350 workshops and courses: standard, Latin, salsa, tango, swing, discofox, hip-hop and breakdance for every level from beginner to professional. Event

will also feature live performances and a dance fair. Festival starts at 9:30 a.m. daily and runs through Feb. 26. www.buzzoffbase.com.

February 24

Jazz Festival – Enjoy the 7th annual Just Music Jazz Festival in Wiesbaden. Festival starts at 7:30 p.m. There will be a jazz workshop 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 25. Advance tickets available. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m. Kulturforum, Friedrichstraße 16, Wiesbaden. <http://www.justmusic-festival.de>.

Frozen – The Kaiserslautern Military Community On Stage will perform the play Frozen, by Bryony Lavery 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24, 25 and March 2, 3 at the community theater on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern. www.mwrgermany.com.

February 25

Amsterdam – Spend the day in Amsterdam and take a walking tour of the city's famous sights such as the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum, the Anne Frank House, Madame Tussauds' Wax Museum, the Dam Square and more. <http://affiliates.uso.org/rheinmain>.

Horse Market – Take a trip to Heilbronn and kick up your heels during the local horse market. Enjoy shopping at the variety market or playing in the amusement park. Nearly 300 vendors and 60 exhibits will be available at the Reitanlage am Trappensee.

February 26

Toy Market – Discover new and used model trains, cars, accessories, literature and more at the Model Train and Toy Market in Nuremberg. Gesellschaftshaus, Buchenschlag 1, Nürnberg-Gartenstadt. www.spielzeugmarkt-nuernberg.de.

March 3

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

March 7

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

coming to THEATERS

THE SITTER

(Jonah Hill, Sam Rockwell)
Jonah Hill is the world's worst baby sitter. But this time, the sitter has met his match in three manipulative brats. When a shady endeavor he finds himself in goes bad, the sitter and the malevolent youngsters embark on a wild chase through Manhattan. (Rated R for crude and sexual content, pervasive language, drug material and some violence) 81 minutes.



THE JOURNEY 2

(Dewayne Johnson) The new journey begins when Sean, a young explorer, receives a distress signal from a mysterious island. Unable to stop him, Sean's new stepfather joins the quest. Together with a helicopter pilot and his beautiful, strong-willed daughter, they set out to find the island, rescue its lone inhabitant and escape before seismic shockwaves force the island under the sea and bury its treasures forever. (Rated PG for some adventure action and brief language) 94 minutes.

PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Feb. 16 - ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG) 7 p.m.
Feb. 17 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 7 p.m., 10 p.m.
Feb. 18 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 4 p.m.;
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN PART 1 (PG-13) 7 p.m.;
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 10 p.m.
Feb. 19 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 4 p.m.; THE SITTER (R) 7 p.m.
Feb. 20 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 7 p.m.
Feb. 21 - THE SITTER (R) 7 p.m.
Feb. 22 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 7 p.m.
Feb. 23 - THE SITTER (R) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

Feb. 17 - BIG MIRACLE (PG) 7 p.m.
Feb. 18 - ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG) 4 p.m.; NEW YEAR'S EVE (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Feb. 19 - ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

Feb. 16 - BIG MIRACLE (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.;
ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.;
NEW YEAR'S EVE (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 17 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; THE SITTER (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m., 10:30 p.m.; THE MUPPETS (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
Feb. 18 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10 p.m.; THE SITTER (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m., 10:30 p.m.; THE MUPPETS (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
Feb. 19 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE SITTER (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; THE MUPPETS (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Feb. 20 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE SITTER (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; THE MUPPETS (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Feb. 21 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE SITTER (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; THE MUPPETS (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Feb. 22 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE SITTER (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; THE MUPPETS (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Feb. 23 - JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE SITTER (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.; THE MUPPETS (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 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 for updated listings and more movie descriptions

Mannheim Cineplex (P4 13), CinemaxX (N7, 17), Mannheim, civ. 01805-625466, www.cineplex.de

Mannheim, CinemaxX, Cineplex - English Language movies

Feb. 19-22 - THE VOW (PG-13) 8:30 p.m. at Cineplex
Feb. 22 - WAR HORSE (PG-13) 8 p.m. at Cineplex

community HIGHLIGHTS

GSA Fleet Vehicle Sale

EURO Interagency Fleet Management System is holding a live public auction via the Internet of used U.S. government vehicles until Feb. 19. Vehicle photos, descriptions and minimum bid starting prices can be found at www.vebeg.de/web/en/auktionen/index.htm. Bidders must be registered. DSN 334-4268, civ. 0632-508-268.

Consulate Outreach

Representatives from the U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt will conduct an Outreach program 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. March 8 in Room 231, Bldg. 3850, in the Community Support Center in Heidelberg. Applications will be accepted for reports of birth, and initial and renewal of tourist and official passports. Representatives from the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Federal Benefits Unit will also be available to review applications for social security, visas and citizenship. DSN 370-3921/3922, civ. 06221-57-3921/3922. Documents can be found at www.bw.eur.army.mil/DHR/passports.html, www.travel.state.gov or www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10120.html.

Army Homefront Fund

The Army Homefront Fund provides financial aid to wounded warriors and their families. It partners with the Warrior Transition Command and non-profit agencies to provide grants for emergency financial assistance, food, shelter, emergency repairs and critical items. Apply for assistance at www.armyhomefrontfund.org/Mafa.aspx.

Trial Defense Services

Service members who are questioned by law enforcement, criminal investigation services or members of the command about suspected acts of misconduct have the right to remain silent, to refuse to answer questions (even from the commander) and the right to speak with an attorney. Service members are also entitled to free consultation and representation by a military defense counsel, which is privileged and will not be released to the command. Trial Defense is located in Bldg. 107 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg and in Bldg. 3210 on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern. Heidelberg: DSN 373-5082, civ. 06221-17-5350. Kaiserslautern: DSN 483-8397, civ. 0631-411-8397.

local EMPLOYMENT

Career Fair

Army Community Service and the Association of the U.S. Army will host a career fair with major American companies 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Heidelberg Marriott Hotel. Bring resumes and be prepared to interview on the spot. GPS address: Vangerowstraße 16, 69115. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883, www.mwrgermany.com.

Central Texas College

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

KAISERSLAUTERN

Education

• **Language Classes** – Beginner English as a Second Language for adults, 9:30 a.m. Mondays; Intermediate English as a Second Language for adults, 9:30 a.m. Fridays; Conversational Spanish, 10 a.m. Tuesdays. Classes are in Bldg. 2891 on Pulaski Barracks. Registration is required. Conversational German (10-week series; sign-up required), noon-1 p.m. Tuesdays and 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in Bldg. 2926 on Pulaski Barracks. DSN 493-4203, civ. 0631-3406-4203.

Community

• **Mardi Gras Party** – Adults 18 and older can party New Orleans style with Cajun food, music and more 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Feb. 17 at Armstrong's Irish Pub, Bldg. 1036, Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

• **Family Fun Days** – Play darts, virtual bowling, pool, board games and video games during Family Fun Day 3-6 p.m. Feb. 19 at Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036, Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

• **Mother, Daughter Book Club** – The book club for youth ages 9-12 and their mothers meets Feb. 23 and second and fourth Thursdays at the main library, Bldg. 3810. February's book is *The Creep Makers' Bond* by Julie Crabtree. Civ. 0151-5877-6489.

• **Military Officers Association** – Active duty, National Guard, Reserve, former and retired commissioned and warrant officers are invited to the First European Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America's meeting 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at Restaurant Barbarossahof in Esel furth (near Kaiserslautern). Stop by for lunch and meet chapter members. Civ. 0613-460-4859.

• **Lenten Retreat** – Lent, a Time for Renewal retreat will be led by Father Troy Schneider of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., at the chapel on Daenner Kaserne 6:30 p.m. Feb. 29-March 2. The program will include a Liturgy of the Word and music ministry selections, as well as talks by Father Schneider. DSN 493-4220.

HEIDELBERG

Education

• **MBA Classes** – The University of Phoenix offers registration for Master of Business Administration ground courses until Feb. 27, with class start March 5. DSN: 373-7650, civ. 06221-588-0492, Heidelberg.Campus@phoenix.edu.

• **Financial Seminar** – The University of Maryland University College Europe will sponsor a free financial aid and personal finance seminar for ID card holders 1:15-2:45 p.m. and 4-5:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Patton Barracks Education Center.

Registration is required. DSN 373-6986, civ. 06221-17-6986, hdpt@europe.umuc.edu.

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

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

• **ACS Classes** – Set a Goal, Make a Plan, Save Automatically, noon-2 p.m. Feb. 21; Checkbook Management, 9-11:30 a.m. Feb. 22; Volunteer Management Information System Training, 10-11 a.m. Feb. 22; Using Credit Wisely, noon-2 p.m. Feb. 22; Care to Prevent Compassionate Fatigue for Warriors in Transition Staff, 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 23, Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622, Warriors in Transition Conference Room; Invest in Your Future, noon-2 p.m. Feb. 23. Registration is required. Classes are in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center unless noted. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

Community

• **Right Arm Night** – Ages 18 and older can enjoy happy hour with their bosses and co-workers 5-7 p.m. Feb. 16 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Sweetheart Dance, Karaoke** – Join Legends for a sweetheart dance and karaoke party and enter to win the cutest couple contest 9 p.m. Feb. 17 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Texas Hold 'Em** – Buy-in for a Texas Hold 'Em tournament starts 6 p.m. Games start 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9570, civ. 06221-338-9570, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Super Saver Contest** – Enter the Super Saver Contest for a chance to win free groceries by bringing commissary receipts dated Feb. 19-24 showing the total dollar amount saved to any ACS office Feb. 19-24. Winner will be announced Feb. 27. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Military Saves Week** – Enter to win a Dave Ramsey financial kit and take the Saver Pledge as a personal commitment to become a saver

at Army Community Service, the Patrick Henry Village Commissary or the PHV Library Feb. 19-26. Winner will be announced Feb. 27. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Coupon Class** – A beginner's coupon class will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and an advanced coupon class will be 2-4 p.m. Feb. 20 in the ACS Annex, Bldg. 4531, on Patrick Henry Village in observance of Military Saves week. Participants should bring a pen, paper, current coupon method of organization and coupons to share. Registration is required.

• **Fasching Parade Closures** – Due to the annual Fasching parade, Heidelberg City Hall offices and outlying facilities will be closed, and Bergheimer Straße, Bismarckplatz and adjacent streets will be blocked 1-5 p.m. Feb. 21. Bus and streetcar routes along these streets will not run the duration of the parade.

• **Basket Case Contest** – Army Community Service on the Community Support Center will display grocery baskets with German and American products Feb. 21-24. Winners who guess the cost of each basket will be able to take home the contents Feb. 27. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975.

• **Oklahoma! Auditions** – Actors, singers and dancers age 8 and older with and without experience can bring prepared musical numbers to audition for the classic musical *Oklahoma!* 7 p.m. Feb. 21-22 at the Roadside Theater on Patton Barracks. Perusal scripts are available at the Roadside Theater. A pianist will be provided. Musicians, technical staff and crew are also needed. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020.

• **PHES Carnival** – As part of the Fasching and carnival season, the Patrick Henry Village Elementary PTA will sponsor a carnival with games, face painting, arts and crafts and more 5-8 p.m. Feb. 24 in the school's gym and multi-purpose room. DSN 388-9052, civ. 06221-338-9052.

• **FRG Forum** – All Family Readiness Group members and Family Readiness Support Assistants can join the discussion on successful money management at the FRG Forum 2:30-4 p.m. Feb. 24 at ACS, Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, Room 250B. DSN 370-6975, civ. 06221-57-6975, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Mancala Board Game** – In honor of Black History Month, the Patrick Henry Village Library will host a traditional African game of stones and skill 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

• **Women's History Observance** – 30th MEDCOM and the Heidelberg Equal Opportunity Working Group will present a women's history event with the theme Women's

Education, Women's Empowerment 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 9 at Wilson Theater on Nachrichten Kaserne. Guest speaker will be Sgt. Maj. Darlene Taylor, Europe Regional Dental Command. DSN 371-2719, civ. 0162-237-8413.

• **Story Time** – The Patrick Henry Village Library hosts story time for parents and their preschoolers (ages 3-5) 11 a.m. Feb. 22 and every Wednesday. Children under 3 can enjoy a story 11 a.m. Feb. 23 and every Thursday. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

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

• **JROTC Uniforms** – The Heidelberg High School Army JROTC is accepting donations at the JROTC building (Bldg. 3744 on Mark Twain Village) of Army Combat Uniforms, Army Service Uniforms (Class As) and other equipment. DSN 370-8004, civ. 06221-57-8004.

• **HMS Yearbooks** – Heidelberg Middle School yearbooks for the 2011-12 school year are available online at internationalmemories.us and at the school. Contact HMS for user ID and password to order online. DSN 388-9311, civ. 06221-338-9311.

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

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• **Variety Night** – Adults 18 and older can enjoy a variety of tunes 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Feb. 17 and every Friday at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village, Bldg. 738. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **'70s, '80s Night** – Adults 18 and older can enjoy a variety of '70s and '80s tunes 10 p.m.-3 a.m. Feb. 18 and every Saturday at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village, Bldg. 738. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, www.mwrgermany.com.

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

Basketball Victories



Photos by Jamie Williams

Top photo, Heidelberg freshman Chelsea Shivers makes her way to the basket amidst Vilseck's players during Saturday's game that saw the Lady Lions triumph 44-37 over Vilseck.

Above, Kylee Miller jumps over the Vilseck defense.

Left, Heidelberg's Marcel Simon sinks a slam dunk on a breakaway during Saturday's 74-54 winning game over Vilseck in Heidelberg.

Below, Heidelberg's Sam Rosario, formerly from Mannheim, drives to the hoop.



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Heidelberg Community Basketball

Heidelberg unit level basketball league upcoming games at the fitness center on Patton Barracks are **Feb. 22** – Warriors vs. 60th Eng. at 6 p.m., Slayers vs. 529th MP at 7 p.m. and MEDCOM vs. NATO at 8 p.m. **Feb. 23** – 1-214th Aviation vs. 60th Eng. at 6 p.m. and MEDDAC vs. Warriors at 7 p.m.

The community basketball championship tournament will be Feb. 27-March 5 at the Patton Fitness Center in Heidelberg.

Women and Weights

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

Bike Maintenance Workshop

Novice and intermediate bike maintenance workshops will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 23 and March 8. Workshops include roadside repair, tire and tube changing, drive train repair, brake and derailleur systems and wheel and spoke service. Advanced payment is required. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489.

Volleyball Officials Clinic

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

Shamrock Shuffle Fun Run

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

Community Volleyball

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

Bowling Party

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

Track Coaches Needed

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

Heidelberg Sports Camp Instructors

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

Send the Herald Post your photos

If you have photos from sporting events, email them along with the details of the event and names of those pictured to usaghd.post@eur.army.mil.