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President Barack Obama signed a proclamation Monday designating the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States as Patriot Day and a National Day of Remembrance. "On September 11, 2001, a bright autumn day was darkened by the worst attack on the American people in our history. Thousands of innocent men, women and children perished when mighty towers collapsed in the heart of New York City and wreckage burned in Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. They were family and friends, service members and first responders – and the tragedy of their loss left pain that will never fade and scars our country will never forget. By joining together ... let us show that America's sense of common purpose need not be a fleeting moment, but a lasting virtue – not just on one day, but every day," Obama said.

WOMEN IN SERVICE

Capt. Delana I. Small, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault,) recently became the first female chaplain in a combat arms unit as part of "Women in the Service Review," a Department of Defense initiative.

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US Army Europe launches mobile-friendly website

USAREUR Public Affairs

U.S. Army Europe's official website is now mobile device-friendly, no matter which handset users favor.

Mobile users can access the site by the same web address as always – www.eur.army.mil. Visitors will be automatically sorted depending on browser size, and mobile browsers will be seamlessly switched to www.eur.army.mil/mobile.

The mobile site, like the traditional website, is focused on explaining why the Army is in Europe to the American public, European citizens and the world-wide audience.

Visitors can learn about USAREUR's mission and stay up-to-date with the latest news from



the command, including social media content.

Users can call or e-mail points of contact at each unit with just a touch of a button, learn more about multinational training or see the latest action photos of multinational training around Europe.

The site also features USAREUR leadership, units and locations of Army posts around Europe, all in a mobile-friendly format.



Regina Hinggen

Maj. James D. Watt III, G2 operations officer, 21st Theater Support Command in Kaiserslautern, tapes a Joint Hometown News Service holiday greeting with his wife Jill Watt, children Aidan (10) and Lauren (8) and dog Scout at the Patrick Henry Village Commissary in Heidelberg Sunday. Greetings were taped in English or Spanish Sunday and Monday and will be broadcast by local TV stations in the United States during the upcoming holiday season.

New child care fees implemented Oct. 1

By Sandy Hill

CHIEF, CHILD, YOUTH AND SCHOOL SERVICES

Starting Oct. 1, the Army will implement the School Year 2012-2013 Army Child and Youth Fee Policy as required by the SY 2012-2013 Department of Defense Child Care Fee Policy.

The Child and Youth Fee Policy begins the transition of all military services to standard child care fees, based on total family income. Fees are expected to be fully standardized during SY 2014-2015.

In 2010, the Army began a three-year phased plan for each garrison to implement the new fees. The Army's SY 2012-2013 planned target

fees were adjusted to comply with updated DoD fees and fee ranges.

The nine Army fee categories apply to families who attend regularly-scheduled Child Development Center and School Age Center programs.

CDC program fees include 50 hours of care per week and United States Department of Agriculture-approved meals (breakfast, lunch and a snack.) SAC fees are based on the number of hours the program operates and include all meals and snacks when provided.

By law, military child care fees are based on the family's total income, not military rank or civilian grade, and

the military services subsidize all fees on a sliding scale. Total family income categories are validated during Child, Youth and School Services annual re-registration.

There is a modest increase in CDC full day fee categories 1, 3 and 9; categories 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 reflect fee reductions.

The SAC and kindergarten chart shows fee increases in all categories for before and after school and the before school options.

The after-school program fees in all categories are lower, and youth sports team fees remain the same.

All civilian families using CYSS child care are required to register with the designat-

ed DoD third party administrator and complete an online parent enrollment form to determine the tax value of their child care subsidy. Civilian families will receive a copy of the document.

Other changes include:

- ♦Payment for full-day and part-day care is due by the fifth business day of the month. A late payment fee of \$2 per child per day per payment cycle (semi-monthly or monthly) is charged after the fifth business day.

- ♦Services will be terminated if full payment is not received by the last working day of the month, unless a command-approved financial hardship waiver is

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COMMAND MESSAGE

Maintaining a quality workforce

By Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter and
Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice
IMCOM COMMAND TEAM

The Installation Management Command has the best workforce we have seen in each of our 30-plus years of service.

At every installation, base and depot we visit, we are impressed by the spirit, energy and teamwork exhibited by the IMCOM team. We are just as inspired by the dedicated professionals in the IMCOM and region headquarters, who oversee operations that stretch around the globe from Japan and Korea, across the continental United States, to Europe and even into bases in Afghanistan.

Simply said, no one touches our Soldiers, our Army families and our civilian workforce and retirees like we do – every day.

In August, we marked the 10th anniversary of the installation management team-first Installation Management Agency and then IMCOM. That means we have experienced 10 years of evolution in our mission, our workforce and our methods

of installation service delivery.

Those who have been with the organization all or most of that time know it has been a constant learning experience in a business with really high stakes – the quality of life of our all-volunteer force. Sustaining such a high quality force relies heavily on us, the installation management professionals, succeeding in our mission.

The installation management team has performed magnificently this year, just as it has in past years. Our ability to deliver services every day ensures our Soldiers and families know we care about them and appreciate their service.

The entire Army is now affected by force and funding reductions. This means IMCOM will also reshape and reduce in size.

This past year, we accomplished all of our mandated reductions through voluntary actions. We also retrained and reassigned people within our IMCOM team to allow for personal growth and to keep our team together.

Even as we reduced our numbers, we approved for hire almost 2,000 positions across IMCOM.

In fact, many of these are vacant, and I invite you to the IMCOM Enterprise Placement Program to see what is there and if there is a position that interests you.

Our workforce development is second to none. Our IMCOM Academy, developmental assignments, the mentor program, career program 29 and schools like the Civilian Education System and the senior service colleges, are providing immediate and positive return on investment in shaping our team for the future.

As we move into the year ahead, my goal is to create even more certainty for you. I want IMCOM leaders at every level to increase communication to build understanding and certainty for our team.

We're getting ready for the next 10 years of world-class installation services, so we need to get it right now. To all our great civilians, thank you for your dedicated service.

Army Strong!

Establishing a retiree council

Local retiree activities office seeking to organize

By Jim Barrante
KMC RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Military retirees and widows of retirees are an integral part of every military community in Germany, and the Kaiserslautern Military Community is the "home town" for many retirees and widows.

Currently, nearly all military communities have a retiree council. These councils provide commanders with a window into a constituency that supports the community with volunteers.

Most community commanders know that his or her retiree constituency is essentially a silent minority, yet no less a responsibility than his active duty personnel, the family members accompanying them and the civilian members of the force. The retiree council keeps its community commander informed about the issues and concerns facing the retiree population.

The KMC does not have an Army or Air Force retiree council, but based on the success stories from other communities, a local retiree council could be a big plus for both the military community and retirees.

A retiree council would be able to discuss important issues like host nation health care, TRICARE claims, casualty assistance and general administrative support (retired pay, social security, Veterans benefits, legal, customs regulations, etc.)

The retiree council within the military community is supervised by the Retirement Services Office (Army) or the Retiree Activities Office (Air Force). These offices provide guidance and support to the council president and members.

Even though we have never had a retiree council in the KMC, there is no better time than the present to organize.

For more information send an e-mail to 86aw.rao@ramstein.af.mil or call the KMC Retiree Activities Office at DSN 480-5486, civ. 06371-47-5486.



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DISCUSSION BOARD

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

"In cooperation with the Directorate of Public Works and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, there will be a controlled rabbit hunt in the Patrick Henry Village housing area in mid- to late-October and through February. Dates are still pending final approval."

– BWnow Administrator

"It's wabbit season!"

– Jess Harbo Bittle, BWnow Facebook Fan

"The Patrick Henry Village Army Post Office in Bldg. 4794 will close permanently Sept. 15. Customers can receive APO services at the Heidelberg Shopping Center APO until the new PHV consolidated Postal Service Center opens in Bldg. 4503 Oct. 15."

– BWnow Administrator

"We just moved South of Landstuhl and I was wondering if there is a Facebook page that has the wonderful

info like you provide but for this area?"

– Chyla Willis, BWnow Facebook Fan

"Chyla, you can visit <https://www.facebook.com/army.kaiserslautern> and <http://www.buzzoffbase.com/> (they have a Facebook page too.) The website lists events across Germany. We like the website because it offers a little more detail on events :)"

– BWnow Administrator



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5th Signal commander promoted to brigadier general

By Lawrence Torres III
5TH SIGNAL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WIESBADEN – Bruce T. Crawford, commanding general, 5th Signal Command, was promoted to brigadier general during a promotion ceremony Sept. 4 in the Community Activity Center here.

Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, commanding general of U.S. Army Europe, promoted Crawford among more than 300 service members, family members, civilians and friends from Germany, Italy, Belgium and those watching via an internet live stream and video teleconference.

“During his time as a Soldier, Bruce has proven time and time again that not only is he a champion, but he builds championship and winning teams,” Hertling said. “Where professional teams like the Pittsburgh Steelers are expected to pull together every week, the professionals that Bruce plays with and coaches pull together every single day.”

“I could tell you everything that Bruce has done over the past 26 years – his incredible academic achievements, his leadership of the Airborne Signal Battalion, his selection to be the leader of the Commander’s Initiative Group for the Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and more.”

Hertling added that Crawford is spearheading efforts in cyber defense and also started Operation Solemn Promise, “which I think is the most important thing going on in USAREUR today.”

“What makes Bruce so successful is not what he does. It is about who he is and his commitment to our profession, to our people and to our values and his incredible good taste in marrying his wife,” Hertling said. “We are very proud to have you on our team,” he said.

“You have a proud family and friends, and you get to continue to command 5th Signal Command, and there is nothing wrong with that, because it is the best in the Army.”

Crawford recognized his wife and his two sons by presenting his sons a special gift and his wife a bouquet of roses. He also thanked more than 30 members of his immediate family, including his mother and father, who attended the ceremony via video teleconference from Fort Jackson, S.C.

Crawford recognized the impact that they had on his life, and he also highlighted many others who have helped through his 26 years of service.



Kristopher Joseph

Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford's sons pin the rank of brigadier general on their father while Mrs. Crawford looks on during a promotion ceremony at the Community Activities Center in Wiesbaden Sept. 4.

“My parents are two of the absolute most caring people I’ve ever met, and [they] have taught me many lessons about work ethic, the importance of an education, remaining humble and always treating people with dignity and respect, regardless of wealth, station or class,” Crawford said.

When presenting a bouquet of roses to his mother, Crawford said, “Your words of wisdom have not fallen on deaf ears, and your efforts to raise us all to be good, decent, caring human beings, although a work in progress, has not been in vain.”

Crawford is a native of Columbia, S.C., and was commissioned May 28, 1986, after graduating with a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from South Carolina State University. He also holds a master’s in national resource strategy from Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Crawford said he is a product of an environment of nurturing family members and encouraging

mentors, including his then-high school teacher Dr. Clarence W. Hill, who is currently a professor at S.C. State University.

“Ladies and gentlemen, were it not for the mentorship, the out-reach and the uplift some 31 years ago of a young high school teacher and Army veteran, I would not be standing before you today,” Crawford said. “So Dr. Hill, I thank you. And my family thanks you one more time, from the bottom of our hearts, for taking a chance on a youngster with no future plans over 31 years ago.”

Crawford emphasized that the entire promotion ceremony was less about the pomp and all about an “opportunity to publicly thank those who are most responsible for me standing here today, as a Soldier, as a father, as a husband and as a friend wearing the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Army.”

The entire promotion ceremony is available on the internet at <http://livestre.am/47nKw>.

Army Medicine in Europe Soldiers reach rare milestone

By Ed Drohan
EUROPE REGIONAL MEDICAL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

An Army Medicine in Europe unit was recently recognized for reaching a rare milestone in keeping their members safe.

The U.S. Army Medical Research Unit-Europe at Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg has had no incidents of Driving While Intoxicated or Driving Under the Influence for five years. The unit may have been DUI free for more than five years, but the current tracking system has only been in use since 2007.

Four other Europe-based medical units – Headquarters and Headquarters Company Bavaria Medical Department Activity, Livorno (Italy) Health Clinic, Kleber Health Clinic (Kaiserslautern) and Stuttgart Army Health Clinic – were also recognized for reaching the five-year milestone.

Europe Regional Medical Command Safety Manager Carol Fontanese said that everyone, from the

private to the field grade officer, has a responsibility in reducing drunk driving incidents.

“Achieving this accomplishment is a reflection of engaged leadership and Soldiers taking care of Soldiers,” Fontanese said.

“Soldiers within ERMIC are aware of how a DUI [or] DWI can change someone’s life and are engaged in ensuring Soldiers have a plan in place for off-duty activities to allow for safe transportation home.”

Soldiers were encouraged to take care of Soldiers ... to embrace a culture of safety, Fontanese said. This included actions like having plans in place for a non-drinking friend or family member to drive them home if they drink alcohol.

“Of course, as with all Army units, there is command emphasis on safety, accountability, and responsibility. That has always been the case here and still is,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Thomas, USAMRU-E commander.

“More than that, being a small unit means we are a

cohesive team of Soldiers and civilians who look out for each other as a team [and] family. I think commanders in the past and current staff have understood that dynamic. We take care of each other and have had a supportive climate for unit members.”

Each unit will receive a plaque handmade by another safety award winner, Staff Sgt. Lon Mullaney, who recently received the U.S. Army Medical Command Individual Award of Excellence in Safety. Mullaney volunteers at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Wood Shop on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg.

“Sergeant Mullaney volunteered to make the DUI [and] DWI plaques for units who achieve one, two, three, four and five years DUI [and] DWI free,” Fontanese said. “This is another example of Soldiers and NCOs leading the way to ensure safety first and always.”

Each unit will also receive a three-day pass in recognition of their achievement.

transformation UPDATE

Updates To Transformation Page

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

BWnow Social Media Site Transitions

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg has taken yet another step in its transformation by transitioning from BNow as our primary social media site to exclusively using our BWnow Facebook page. The BNow social media site was discontinued due to personnel and budget constraints Aug. 26. The garrison Public Affairs Office ensures that all current, useful quality information is available on the garrison's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/bwnow>.

Frequently Asked Questions

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

"Is it true all Heidelberg bases will be closed by September 2013 and that three bases in Mannheim will remain open beyond this date?"

The Garrison will be closed by **Sept. 30, 2013**, but all personnel will be cleared no later than **Aug. 30, 2013**. Three worksites will temporarily remain in Mannheim on Coleman, Funari and Spinelli Barracks. Employees will commute from their quarters to and from these worksites.

"My spouse is an O-4 (major) on active duty. If we are moved to Wiesbaden, will we be put into on-post housing, or will we have the option to move off-post? Also, we were told we cannot claim our unborn child until after she is born, which we understand, but she will be two months old when we move. Is it possible to get on the Automated Housing Referral Network referral list for off-post housing prior to her birth?"

The decision for housing assignments will be made based on availability of on-post quarters at the time of your arrival. Housing officials will project and assign quarters based on their ability to provide one bedroom for each child (including an unborn child.) Therefore, there would be no need for the AHRN referral list, unless it is determined that you cannot be housed on post. Based on the current housing assignment policy, families would be housed on post if housing officials can do so within 60 days. The housing policy can be viewed at www.wiesbaden.army.mil. From the homepage (left side), click on "commander" and then on "commander's policies." Soldiers who are under Inter-theater transfers or Continuous Overseas Tours and are within 60 days of reporting can forward their orders and be placed on a waiting list for on-post housing. To do this, just visit the Wiesbaden garrison website and click on the "Newcomers" link, then "Housing." Visitors will find an info e-mail address that can be used to forward orders along with family member information (if they are not already listed on the sponsor's orders.)

"What do residents need to do to clear their apartments? I've heard different answers from the housing office."

The Heidelberg housing office has a detailed checklist explaining everything residents must do to clear their government quarters. Residents living on Patrick Henry Village and Mark Twain Village do not need to paint when moving out, but all government furniture and appliances need to be cleaned prior to vacating the quarters. Residents are also advised to check basement storage rooms to ensure all items are removed. All hazardous materials (paint, cleaning items, batteries etc.) should also be disposed of properly and not left in the apartment. Housing officials also recommend any loaner furniture requests be submitted at least three working days in advance, or before household furniture is picked up.

Facilities Operations Changes and Closures Mannheim

UPDATED – Base Operations – The Mannheim Base Operations

office has relocated from Bldg. 246 on Sullivan Barracks to Bldg. 1408 on Coleman Barracks, Room 101. For assistance, residents should call Gilbert Buster at DSN 382-4724, civ. 0162-272-8632.

BFV South Closure – Public access to Benjamin Franklin Village South is no longer available. The area and the access gate have been sealed off and the **Exchange main store, gas station, food court and concessionaires are closed**. Any items left on the installation have been impounded by the Military Police. Access to the area may only be arranged through the Provost Marshal Office at DSN 388-2222/2223, civ. 06221-678-2222/2223.

NEW – Coleman Cleaners and Alterations – The Coleman Cleaners with Alterations concession will close **Sept. 15** due to low patronage. Laundry and dry cleaning services are available in Heidelberg on Patrick Henry Village, at Campbell Barracks and the Heidelberg Shopping Center. Alteration service remains available at the Heidelberg Shopping Center. DSN 431-3458, civ. 0703-1439-5100.

UPDATED – Coleman Clinics – The Coleman Troop Medical Clinic has ended full patient care, dental and pharmacy services. Dental services for the Mannheim-Coleman Soldier population are available at the Patrick Henry Village Dental Clinic in Heidelberg. Sick Call hours at Coleman Barracks have changed to **9-10 a.m. Monday-Friday**. DSN 371-3130, civ. 06221-17-3130.

UPDATED – Community Bank – The Community Bank on Sullivan Barracks is closed. Banking services are available at the Heidelberg Branches on the Shopping Center and Campbell Barracks. Shopping Center: DSN 370-8580, civ. 06221-60-0862. Campbell Barracks: DSN 370-8335, civ. 06221-34-4610.

UPDATED – Facility Closures – Army Community Service, the bowling center, Burger King, Benjamin Franklin Chapel, the Child Development Center, the commissary, the community center, the customs office, the fitness center, the self-help store, the tax relief office, the military police station, Sullivan Express Shoppette, The Top Hat Club and Woods Field are closed.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Center – The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Center has moved to Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 249A (previously the Funari Sort Center). The center is open to military ID card holders 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday. No bulky items like furniture, electronics, trash or recyclables will be accepted; these may be turned in 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday to the Patrick Henry Village Recycle Center in Bldg. 4485 in Heidelberg. DSN 373-5396, civ. 06221-17-5396.

Military Police Station – The Military Police station has closed.

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

UPDATED – Service Credit Union – The Service Credit Union on Sullivan Barracks is closed. The Heidelberg Branch Office is located on the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850. DSN 385-2216, civ. 0621-730-2216.

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

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

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

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

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

Community Mail Rooms – Community Mail Room 419 (Patton Barracks), CMR 420 (Campbell Barracks) and CMR 432 (Tompkins Barracks) and Postal Service Center 437 (Sullivan Barracks) will relocate to the consolidated Heidelberg Postal Service Center in Bldg. 4503 on Patrick Henry Village effective **Oct. 15**. CMRs 419 and 420 will cease postal operations at their current locations **Oct. 12**. CMR 432 and PSC 437 will cease operations at their current locations **Sept. 15**, with optional general delivery mail services available at CMR 419 until **Oct. 12**. Customers can choose to have mail forwarded to the new postal center on PHV, receive mail at Coleman Barracks (PSC 418) or begin forwarding mail to the gaining location. E-mail questions to usarmy.badenwur.usag.mbx.cmr419@mail.mil, or contact your local postal customer service representative.

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

NEW – Dental Clinic – The Nachrichten Kaserne dental clinic, currently providing only referred oral surgery and periodontal services, will close **Sept. 17**. All referred care and remaining dental records will be transferred to the Patrick Henry Village Dental Clinic. DSN 388-9500.

Health Center Shoppette – The Exchange Shoppette on Nachrichten Kaserne is closed.

Optometry Clinic – The Heidelberg Health Center's optometry department has reduced care to provide services only for active duty military and family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime. Dependents or Department of the Army and Department of Defense civilian employees and contractors can obtain services via host nation providers.

NEW – Pediatrics – The pediatrics section of the Heidelberg Army Health Clinic will be consolidated under family practice beginning **Sept. 14**. The change is part of continuing transformation efforts toward next June's closure of the clinic on Nachrichten Kaserne.

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

NEW – Single Soldier Housing – The Single Soldier Housing Office in Bldg. 3850 on the Community Support Center has relocated to Bldg. 3980 (the housing office.) DSN 387-3346, civ. 06221-4380-3346.

Thrift Shop – The Thrift Shop on Patrick Henry Village has relocated to Bldg. 4455. **The shop is also now open 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturdays except U.S. holiday weekends.**

Tompkins Retail Store – The Tompkins retail store is closed.

UPDATED – Tompkins Gym – The Fitness Center on Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen is closed. DSN 370-9193, civ. 06221-57-9193.

Sunny weekend marks final Heidelberg volksmarch

By Samantha Smith
USAG BW PUBLIC AFFAIRS VOLUNTEER

More than 2,600 walkers turned out for the 38th and final Heidelberg volksmarch held Saturday and Sunday, according to Heidelberg International Wandering Club Vice President Rob Floyd.

According to Floyd, some 1,520 walkers came the first day, leading to an early sell out of the coveted commemorative beer mugs, etched with scenes of Heidelberg and a farewell message from the club.

"We've ordered 800 mugs for the last five

years and always had leftovers," said Floyd, expressing regret that not everyone could get one.

However, latecomers didn't go away empty-handed, as the club also distributed a photo mosaic print of Heidelberg.

More than 20 volunteers came from the United States to help with the event, and more than 100 total volunteers did everything from putting up signs, checking in walkers, preparing and selling food and manning checkpoints, Floyd said.

The HIWC will cease operations May 30, 2013.



Lorraine Buttner

Heidelberg International Wandering Club President Mike Capp cuts the cake at the closing ceremonies for the Heidelberg volksmarch Sunday at the International Gesamtschule in Heidelberg.

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Volunteers Ruth Armstrong and Fabrice Normand (in kilt) sell tickets for the Heidelberg volksmarch Sunday.



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Kina Knisley and daughter Emily make their way back to the starting point during the Heidelberg volksmarch Sunday.



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Top left, Rob Floyd, Heidelberg International Wandering Club Vice President, serves cold beer during the Heidelberg volksmarch Saturday. Top right, Jim Zoschenko and Joanne Doleman from Wilmington, N.C., prepare sandwiches for participants the early Saturday morning. Bottom, walkers head out on the trail early Saturday morning.



Spc. Rashawn Price

Soldiers with the Louisiana National Guard collect meals, ready to eat and water from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to a truck for distribution at the emergency operations center in Grand Isle, La., Aug. 31.



Sgt. Christopher Gaylord

Staff Sgt. Clayton Clute, a team leader with the 710th Explosives Ordnance Disposal Company, searches for simulated pressure plate mines during a training exercise at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Sept. 4.

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Staff Sgt. Lynette Hoke

A Soldier with the 147th Finance Company, 347th Regional Support Group, departs Rosville, Minn., Sept. 5 for Afghanistan.



Spc. Neil Stanfield

Service members conduct a pass in review during the opening ceremony for Combined Endeavor 12 in Grafenwöhr, Sept. 6. Combined Endeavor is an annual command, control, communications and computer systems exercise designed to prepare international forces for multinational operations in the European theater.



Sgt. Kimberly Trumbull

Soldiers assigned to the 706th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, Task Force 4-25, organize ordnance for destruction at the demolition range at Forward Operating Base Salerno in Khost province, Afghanistan, Sept. 2.

GERMAN NEWS

Mannheim Gathering Turns Violent

About 80 police officers were injured and 31 people arrested in Mannheim Saturday after a gathering of about 40,000 Kurds erupted in violence when a teenager was stopped with a banned flag, the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* reported. A police spokesperson said that hundreds, "if not more than a thousand," ran at the police, some throwing stones, water bottles, bricks and fireworks. The police used pepper spray and confiscated flags and T-shirts of banned organizations, along with four knives and a set of brass knuckles.

Finger Biting Stripper Stopped

A 46-year-old man was arrested Sunday for exhibitionism and biting a policeman's finger so hard it broke, after he allegedly stripped at Braunschweig's main railway station and violently resisted arrest after police took his cell phone. State prosecutors have opened an investigation on charges of indecent behavior, grievous bodily harm, resisting arrest and verbal abuse.

Giant Cannibal Catfish

German fishermen have reported sightings of giant cannibalistic catfish, with one 8.2-foot specimen said to also be eating swans. Fishermen have been alarmed by the fish, which have no natural predators and grow their entire lives. The fish are notoriously tricky to catch, and nets are generally outlawed in the affected waters, according to *Die Welt*.

SOURCE: www.thelocal.de



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Dear Ms. Vicki,

I am writing because I want the military world to know about PayPal and "Bill Me Later" creditors.

My husband is deployed to Afghanistan. This is his third deployment in the last six years.

As usual, he left me to take care of everything, and my first order of business was to make sure I contacted all our creditors (which were not many) and let them know of his deployment and send a certified

letter asking for the reduced annual percentage rate of 6 percent, per the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act.

After about a month, I had not heard back from PayPal or "Bill Me Later," so I decided to call.

They told me they do not honor this type of request, and said I was making a request on behalf of my spouse's deployment and as I was not deployed myself, they did not have to abide by this law.

They said they were not obligated to contact me and let me know of their decision, because I would have eventually found out when I received the statement in the mail and saw the APR had not changed.

I was appalled by this response. I decided to call back and ask for a supervisor, and I was told the same thing again. I can't believe such a popular company like PayPal would have this type of attitude, especially against those in the military.

If I had known they were like this, I would have never even applied for their line of credit. I closed the account yesterday and told them I no longer need their services.

Anyone who does not respect or appreciate those in the military should not be, in my opinion, patronized by those in the military.

Dear Ms. Vicki,

I was wondering how long it usually takes to hear back from the

travel office about passports?

My husband just received orders for overseas, and he is supposed to report next month. We filled out all our paperwork more than a week ago, and he is due to go on leave Monday.

His orders so far only list himself, but we are trying to get command sponsorship so we can go, too. He hasn't been back with us from his deployment with his current unit even a year yet. Any help would be wonderful. Thank you. LB

Dear LB,

I know this may be causing some anxiety for you. I know you want to move with your husband; being together is very important. It shouldn't take very long to receive passports.

I understand you are not on your husband's orders to move. In this case, if you choose to go, you will have to pay for your own travel, and you won't be able to stay on base if housing is available.

If I were you, I would wait for the command sponsorship.

On the other hand, there is no reason you cannot continue with attaining a passport. I filed for my own and paid extra to have it expedited in less than two weeks.

You should be able to check your passport status online or by calling the number that's listed on the passport website.

Flu vaccines available in Heidelberg

By **Stefan Alford**
LRMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The flu vaccine has arrived in the Heidelberg community, and Heidelberg Army Health Clinic medical officials have developed plans for all service members and civilians to receive their vaccination.

The available vaccines include the intranasal FluMist for beneficiaries between the ages of 2 and 49, and Afluria, the more traditional flu shot for those ages 9 years and older, those older than 49 and those for whom FluMist is not recommended (including pregnant women, people with asthma or active wheezing or those with long-term medical conditions.) Clinics will have Fluzone avail-

able for children 6 months through 9 years of age for whom FluMist or Afluria are not recommended, like those whose immune system is compromised, have had a severe allergic reaction to a FluMist component, are on concomitant aspirin therapy, have had Guillain-Barré syndrome or have asthma, recurrent wheezing or active wheezing.

The flu season in Europe routinely continues through April, with the greatest number of cases occurring in January, according to U.S. Army Public Health Command-Europe.

For many, annual vaccination is a requirement and not a recommendation. This includes all military service members, most health care workers, school age children, as well as child-

care facility employees and attendees.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to attend one of the several mass flu drives, which are provided as a convenience. A documentation card will be provided to beneficiaries receiving their immunization at locations other than a military treatment facility.

Medical officials ask beneficiaries to please keep his or her documentation card until the information has been downloaded into individual electronic medical records.

Vaccine and immunization information is available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines and the Department of Defense Military Immunization Tracking Systems website at www.vaccines.mil.

Heidelberg Flu Vaccines

- ◆ U.S. Army Europe, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Casablanca Room on Campbell Barracks (ages 15 and up)
- ◆ Patton Barracks, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Bldg. 113, 4th floor (ages 15 and up)
- ◆ Soldier Readiness Processing, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 26, Casablanca Room on Campbell Barracks (ages 15 and up)
- ◆ Holiday Bazaar, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 5 and 6 in the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village
- ◆ Retiree Appreciation Day, 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 13 in the Village Pavilion Community Center
- ◆ SRP, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 24, Casablanca Room on Campbell Barracks (ages 15 and up)

Heidelberg Clinic emergency services not available

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Heidelberg Army Health Clinic beneficiaries are reminded that the facility is not staffed or equipped as an emergency clinic, nor is it open after duty hours or on weekends.

Patients requiring emergency treat-

ment should report to the nearest host nation facility or call for an ambulance to avoid a delay in treatment.

The Army does not provide ambulance services. For medical emergencies, dial 112 on post, or call the Military Police at DSN 116.

A medical emergency is one in

which life, limb or eyesight may be in immediate danger and time may be a critical factor.

Getting familiar with host nation emergency care options and civilian ambulance services before an emergency occurs is recommended, as specific medical needs are handled by

different hospitals in the Heidelberg area. Beneficiaries should contact the MP to reach a patient liaison, who can direct callers to the correct host nation hospital.

For more information, call Landstuhl Regional Medical Center at DSN 590-7181, civ. 06371-9464-7181.

GET OUT!

area events

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September 13

Horror Circus— The Horror Circus visits Heidelberg 8 p.m. at the Messplatz. Thrills and chills await visitors brave enough to enter the tent of terror. Circus runs through Sept. 18. For daily showtimes and tickets, call civ. 0160-4600-558 or visit www.reservix.de. Kirchheimer Weg, 69124.

Fantasy FilmFest— Founded in Berlin, but now extending across Germany, the Fantasy FilmFest is an annual screening event. Festival dates for 2012 include Cologne and Nuremberg Sept. 13. Visit www.fantasylilmfest.com for program and tickets.

September 14

Dürkheimer Wurstmärkt— Enjoy more than 150 wines from more than 50 stands at one of the largest wine festivals in Germany, Sept. 14-17. The fest features wine, food and entertainment including live music and fair rides. A special bus and train service will be available during the festival to transport visitors. Look for the Wurstmärkt ticket at Deutsche Bahn ticket machines. www.duerkheimer-wurstmärkt.de.

Vintage Market— Visit the Midnight in Paris Vintage Market 6-9 p.m. Sept. 14 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 15 in Ramstein. Market showcases hundreds of items from France, Belgium, Sweden, Germany and other countries. Check out furniture, chandeliers and home and garden items. Value-added tax forms and credit cards accepted. Vintage Inspirations, Miesenbacher Straße 18, 66877 Ramstein.

September 15

Street Fest— Enjoy food, music and games during the Plankstadt Street Fest on Ladenburger Straße 11 a.m.-midnight Friday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Latin Flavors— Enjoy food, dancing, music and art at the Village Pavilion Community Center in Heidelberg in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, 7-11 p.m. Tickets available from the Arts and Cultural Center in advance or at the door. Open to all ages. Call DSN 388-9421, civ. 06221-228-9421, www.mwrgermany.com.

Weinheim Shopping— Weinheim hosts Sunday Shopping along the city's Hauptstraße 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 15 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 16.

Kinderfest— Gather your little ones for a day of fun at Luisenpark in Mannheim during Kinderfest. Gartenschauweg 12. Festival starts 2 p.m.

Roter Faden Shopping— Enjoy a variety of special samples and discounts from participating stores in the quaint side streets of the old town in Heidelberg, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Additional shopping dates are scheduled for Oct. 20 and

Nov. 17. Limited spaces available. DSN 370-7924, www.uso.org/rheinmain.

September 22

Oldtimer Classic— Car enthusiasts can speed over to the Hockenheim Race Track for the 35th annual Hockenheim Classics car show. Shows are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 22 and 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 23. www.hockenheimring.net.

Oktoberfest— Travel to Munich's number one festival with Outdoor Recreation. Known the world over, Oktoberfest draws more than six million visitors each year to enjoy local beer, meet people from all over the world and celebrate the royal marriage of King Ludwig I to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. Bus departs 6 a.m. from Patrick Henry Village Park and Ride and returns about 3 a.m. the next morning. Trip includes round trip transportation only. Subsequent trip planned Sept. 29. www.mwrgermany.com.

Hitscherhof Farm Festival— The Hitscherhof festival features a farmers and crafts market with pumpkin soup, corn on the cob with butter, tarte flambée, wines, marinated pork steaks and bratwurst, waffles, cake, coffee and more for sale. Kids can explore a corn maze and pick their own pumpkin for Halloween. Hitscherhof Pumpkin Farm is located at Hitscherhof 3, 66506 Maßweiler in the Saar-Pfalz area of Germany. For more information, call civ. 06336-839-989. www.hitscherhof.com.

September 23

Sunday Shopping— Enjoy Sunday shopping and a children's festival in Schwetzingen. Downtown shops will open 1-6 p.m. and the kids-for-kids event will kick off 11 a.m. with a soccer tournament. Other activities include a hands-on kids circus, stage performances, guided tours of the Schwetzingen palace gardens, bouncy castle, bicycle course and town rally. The Kleine Planken pedestrian district and the square in front of the palace will turn into a sports and display arena.

September 25

Nickelback Concert— Canadian band Nickelback plays at Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle in Stuttgart 8 p.m. with opening act Daughtry. www.eventim.de.

September 28

Autumn Craft Market— Visit a colorful array of arts and crafts stalls with wine, herbs, oils, candles, jewelry and flowers during the Wiesbaden Autumn Craft Market. Enjoy a children's program, games,

a marching band and a child's carousel. The market opens 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sept. 28-29 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 30 in the pedestrian zone downtown. www.buzzoffbase.com.

Cannstatter Volksfest— Stuttgart holds its 167th annual people's festival through Oct. 14. Beer gardens, wine tents, rides and traditional foods will be available as well as a huge fireworks show on the final evening. www.cannstatter-volksfest.de.

September 29

Comedy Show— GMD Entertainment presents a mega comedy show starring Pierre Edwards 9 p.m. at Armstrong's Community Club on Vogelweh Community Center. Civ. 0631-354-9986, www.mwrgermany.com.

Medieval Market— Travel back in time to the middle ages for games, food and music during the Bad Dürkheim Medieval Market 10 a.m.-8 p.m. €3 for children and €10 for families. Ruine Hardenburg, 67098.

Fall Fest— Savor the sights and sounds of the fall season during the Heidelberger Herbst Fall Fest downtown 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Enjoy medieval market, arts and crafts, events for kids and live bands.

October 2

International Jazz Festival— Enjoy Jazz, The International Festival for Jazz and More, will present a nearly seven-week period of top-class arrangements and extremely diverse performances focusing on jazz but also on bordering genres, such as classical music, pop, rock, hip-hop and electronic music. Program runs through Nov. 10 at locations in Heidelberg, Mannheim and Ludwigshafen. www.enjoyjazz.de.

Upcoming concerts

Jennifer Lopez— JLo's Dance Again World Tour comes to Berlin Oct. 13 at O2 World Berlin. www.eventim.de.

Ongoing

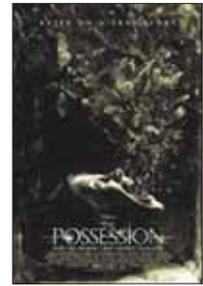
Stuttgart Planetarium— The Stuttgart Planetarium offers visitors a trip to outer space without leaving Earth. Ticket reservations are recommended. The planetarium is located at Willy-Brandt-Straße 25, Stuttgart. Civ. 0711-162-9215.

Audi Museum— Located in Ingolstadt, north of Munich, the Audi Museum is housed in a round futuristic building designed to represent the rings of a tree, ideal to exhibit the models Audi has produced in its 100-year history. Tours in English are offered at 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. Open 9-6 p.m. daily. Civ. 0800-283-4444. www.buzzoffbase.com.

coming to THEATERS

THE POSSESSION

(Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Kyra Sedgwick) Based on a true story, *The Possessions* is the terrifying story of how one family must unite in order to survive the wrath of an unspeakable evil. Clyde and Stephanie Brenek see little cause for alarm when their youngest daughter Em becomes oddly obsessed with an antique wooden box she purchased at a yard sale. But as Em's behavior becomes increasingly erratic, the couple fears the presence of a malevolent force in their midst, only to discover that the box was built to contain a dibbuk, a dislocated spirit that inhabits and ultimately devours its human host. (Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material involving violence and disturbing sequences) 92 minutes.



PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

Sept. 13 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 Sept. 14 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 7 p.m.; TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
 Sept. 15 - TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 4 p.m.; THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 7 p.m.; SAVAGES (R) 9:30 p.m.
 Sept. 16 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 4 p.m.; SAVAGES (R) 7 p.m.
 Sept. 17 - TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 Sept. 18 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 Sept. 19 - SAVAGES (R) 7 p.m.
 Sept. 20 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

Sept. 14 - THE POSSESSION (PG-13) 4 p.m.; LAWLESS (R) 7 p.m.
 Sept. 15 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 4 p.m.; MAGIC MIKE (R) 7 p.m.
 Sept. 16 - THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Cineplex

Sept. 13 - THE POSSESSION (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; LAWLESS (R) 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m.; THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN (PG-13) 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; MAGIC MIKE (R) 11 a.m., 5 p.m.
 Sept. 14 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m.; TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; SAVAGES (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m.
 Sept. 15 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m.; TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; SAVAGES (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m.
 Sept. 16 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; SAVAGES (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
 Sept. 17 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; SAVAGES (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
 Sept. 18 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; SAVAGES (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
 Sept. 19 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; SAVAGES (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
 Sept. 20 - THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 8 p.m.; SAVAGES (R) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 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 (M7, 17), Mannheim, civ. 01805-625466, www.cineplex.de

Mannheim, CinemaxX, Cineplex - English Language movies

Sept. 13-19 - THE EXPENDABLES 2 (R) 11 p.m. at CinemaxX
 Sept. 16 - THINK LIKE A MAN (PG-13) 8 p.m. at CinemaxX
 Sept. 14-15 - THE BOURNE LEGACY (PG-13) 4:45 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:15 p.m. at Cineplex

community HIGHLIGHTS

U.S. Army Officer Candidate School

Completed Officer Candidate School board packets must be submitted by Sept. 16 to the Military Personnel Division in Bldg. 3245 on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern. U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern will host a structured interview (local board) for OCS 9 a.m. Sept. 21 in the Command Conference Room, Bldg. 2933 on Pulaski Barracks. The Human Resources Command OCS selection board will be conducted Jan. 7-11, 2013. DSN 483-8062/7333, civ. 0631-411-8062/7333, <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/branches/officer/operations/accessions/OCS/index.htm>.

Equal Opportunity Training

The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Equal Opportunity Office recommends supervisors attend annual Equal Employment Opportunity classroom training. The next class is 1-2 p.m. Sept. 19 in Bldg. 128 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. Employees must have classroom training every other year and the online version, found at www.bw.eur.army.mil/Directories/EEO/Training/EEONoFEAR.pdf, during the alternate year. Submit completion certificate to EEO. DSN 373-5494, civ. 06221-17-5494.

ASAP Training

The Army Substance Abuse Program's annual training requirement is four hours for Soldiers and two hours for civilians, per Army Regulation 600-85. The ASAP Prevention and Education Branch will offer a class 9-10 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sept. 25 in Bldg. 128 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. Registration required. DSN 370-6068, civ. 06221-57-6068.

Military Council Of Catholic Women

The Military Council of Catholic Women European Regional Board invites women who are stationed on U.S. military facilities in Europe to attend the annual MCCW European Regional Conference Oct. 18-21 in Ettal, Germany, with guest speakers Anne Trufant and Bishop F. Richard Spencer. Register between Sept. 18 and Oct. 4 at www.mccw-europe.com.

Annual AFAP Conference

U.S. Army Garrisons Baden-Württemberg, Kaiserslautern and Baumholder community members are encouraged to send their issues to www.MyArmyOneSource.com by Oct. 8 for the tri-community Armed Forces Action Plan Conference held Oct. 23-26 at the Kaiserslautern Community Activity Center on Daenner Kaserne. USAG Kaiserslautern: DSN 493-4357, civ. 0621-3406-4357; USAG BW: DSN 370-6883/6975/388-9435, civ. 06221-57-6883/6975, 06221-338-9435; USAG Baumholder: civ. 067836-8188. www.mwrgermany.com.

Directorate Of Public Works Survey

The U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Directorate of Public Works would like feedback and input on the community's perception and future use of the Re-use Center within the SORT compound on Patrick Henry Village. The Interactive Customer Evaluation may be completed at http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=127774&s=222&dep=*DoD&sc=8.

Absentee Voting Mobile Website

The Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program has launched a mobile website for overseas citizens at www.fvap.gov/mobile that includes news and election dates. Users will automatically be directed to the mobile website when they visit www.FVAP.gov from a mobile browser.

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Education

• **SKIES Unlimited Music Lessons** – SKIES Unlimited offers voice, piano, music and violin lessons for ages 18 months to 18 years with weekly, private or group sessions available. Register with Parent Central Services in Bldg. 2898 on Pulaski Barracks (DSN 493-4516, civ. 0631-3406-4516) or at the Landstuhl One Stop Shop, Bldg. 3810 (DSN 486-8943, civ. 06371-86-8943.)

Community

• **Indoor Flea Market** – Buy or sell treasures at an indoor flea market 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Special Events Center, Bldg. 237 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks. Space and tables available to rent from Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.

• **Java Café** – The Sembach Kaserne Java Café's grand opening will be 1 p.m. Sept. 18 in Bldg. 109. Hours will be 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7:30-2 p.m. on training holidays. DSN 496-7130, civ. 06302-67-7130.

• **LRMC Clinic Closures** – Most out-patient clinics at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center will be closed Sept. 20 during the U.S. Army in Europe Suicide Prevention Training Day. Primary care clinics (Family Practice, Pediatrics and Internal Medicine) will have a limited number of appointments for urgent care available. Ancillary services (Pharmacy, Lab and Radiology) will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The Emergency Room will remain open. DSN 590-8144, civ. 06371-9464-8144.

• **Rocktober Fest** – Dimmer's Eye band will play, and there will be a prize for the best rock costume, an air guitar contest and a lip-synch contest during Rocktober Fest 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Sept. 29 in Armstrong's Club, Bldg. 1036 on Vogelweh Housing. Civ. 0631-354-9986.

• **National Banned Books Week** – Kaiserslautern Libraries will celebrate Banned Books Week Sept. 30-Oct. 6. Patrons can take the banned or challenged book quiz for a chance to win a prize bag. www.mwrgermany.com.

• **College Night** – Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Ramstein High School will present College Night for ID cardholders 6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Special Events Center in Bldg. 237 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks. Attendees can learn about education opportunities from more than 100 accredited U.S. and European colleges and universities. Food and beverages available while supplies last. DSN 493-4123, civ. 0631-3406-4123.

HEIDELBERG

Education

• **ACS Classes** – Resiliency Training, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 18 (register by Sept. 14.) Army Community Service, Community Support Center, Bldg.

3850, Room 172; Job Search Overview and USAJOBS Application Process, 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 18, Village Pavilion Community Center, Patrick Henry Village, Bldg. 4507; Professional Resume Writing, 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 19, Village Pavilion Community Center; The Volunteer Experience, 10-11 a.m. Sept. 19, ACS, Community Support Center, Room 250B. Registration is required. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883.

• **American Red Cross** – An adult and pediatric first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillators course will be offered by the American Red Cross 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 15 in Bldg. 3850, Room 263, on the Community Support Center. Registration required. DSN 370-1760, civ. 06221-57-1760, heidelberg@redcross.org.

• **UMUC Europe Registration** – The University of Maryland University College Europe registration for fall 2012 mid-session online courses is open until Sept. 16, with class start Sept. 17. Registration for fall 2012 session 2 is also open, with online and on-site courses starting Oct. 22. DSN 370-6762, civ. 06221-3780, www.ed.umuc.edu.

• **Bringing Baby Home** – A free class, featuring the new parent support program home visitor and a German midwife, provides parents with information about delivering a baby in a German hospital, newborn care, community resources and more 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Army Community Service Annex, Bldg. 4531 on Patrick Henry Village. Registration required. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6883.

• **Financial Peace University** – Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will come to the Patrick Henry Village Chapel 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays starting Sept. 26. DSN 388-9050, civ. 06221-338-9050.

• **UMUC Europe Field Study** – Students can explore fascinating locations and come face-to-face with captivating history in Europe while earning university credit with University of Maryland University College Europe's field study program in Cambridge, England, and Dublin, Ireland, Oct. 13-20. Register until Sept. 30. DSN 370-6762, civ. 06221-3780, www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy.

• **UMUC Europe Book Award** – University of Maryland University College Europe offers a military book award for active duty service members and their spouses and dependents. Both new and current students are eligible to apply. UMUC Europe also offers a new student scholarship to help students with book and tuition costs. DSN 370-6762, civ. 06221-3780, www.ed.umuc.edu/financialaid.

Community

• **HCSU Luncheon** – The Heidelberg

Community and Spouses' Club will host a Welcome Aboard luncheon 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with meal served 11 a.m. Sept. 13 in the Village Pavilion Community Center ballroom. There will be raffles, vendors and surprises for new members. Child care available through Child, Youth and School Services. Reservations: www.hcsc-heidelberg.com/reservations.html.

• **Story Time** – The Patrick Henry Village Library hosts story time with a craft for parents and their toddlers 11 a.m. Sept. 13 and every Thursday. Preschoolers can enjoy story time 11 a.m. Sept. 19 and every Wednesday. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

• **U.S. Customs Field Office** – The U.S. Forces Customs field office Heidelberg will be closed Sept. 14 for a local national town hall meeting. DSN 370-7142, civ. 06221-57-7142.

• **Playgroup** – Parent2Parent hosts a playgroup 9:30-11 a.m. Sept. 14 and every Friday at the Patrick Henry Village Child Development Center. Parents and their babies, toddlers and preschoolers can make crafts, listen to stories, sing songs and more. DSN 388-9241, civ. 06221-338-9241.

• **Youth Center Europa Park** – High schoolers enrolled in the Heidelberg Youth Center can sign up by Sept. 19 for a trip to Europa Park 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sept. 22. DSN 388-9003, civ. 06221-338-9003.

• **BOSS Meeting, Cheap Eats** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets 3:30 p.m., followed by potluck barbecue dinner for all military personnel 5 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Patton Warrior Zone. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

• **Army Health Clinic** – The Heidelberg Army Health Clinic will be minimally staffed Sept. 20 due to U.S. Army in Europe's Suicide Prevention Training Day. Acute appointment availability will still be offered. DSN 590-7181, civ. 06371-9464-7181.

• **Coffee With The Principal** – Parents are invited for coffee with the Patrick Henry Village Elementary School principal 8:30 a.m. Sept. 20 at the school. Parent2Parent representatives will also speak about the importance of parental involvement. DSN 388-9054, civ. 06221-338-9054.

• **Public Health Fair** – A public health fair to ensure Soldiers, civilians, family members and local nationals are provided pertinent information and viable resources to build individual and collective resiliency will be held 12:30-5 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Patton Fitness Center on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. The program is part of the U.S. Army Europe Suicide Prevention Stand Down. DSN 486-7774, civ. 0637-186-1710.

• **Messy Tots Art** – Children ages 2-5 can use paint, brushes, nature, paste, paper and more to create fun yet messy art projects 10-10:45 a.m.

Sept. 20 and 27 at the Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9421, civ. 06221-338-9421.

• **Right Arm Night** – Supervisors and their "right arms" can enjoy free finger food 5-7 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Copper Lounge in the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village. www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Parent's Night, Day Out** – Parents can enjoy some kids-free time 7 p.m.-midnight Sept. 21 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 22 during Parent's Night, Day Out for infants through fifth graders. Register with Parent Central Services, Bldg. 4443 on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9340, civ. 06221-338-9341, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Indoor Flea Market** – A non-appropriated funds sale and indoor flea market that includes NAF property, home goods and toys will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 22 in the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village. ID cardholders can rent tables to sell their wares (pre-registration recommended.) DSN 388-9438, civ. 06221-338-9438.

• **Quilters And Stitchers Retreat** – A retreat for quilters and stitchers, with sewing, prizes, potluck and more, will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 27, 28 and 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Sept. 29. Attend all three days or Saturday only. DSN 388-9421, civ. 06221-338-9421, www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Biodegradable Waste** – The city of Heidelberg is emptying biodegradable waste bins weekly until Sept. 28. Customers may put out their bins at the regular location.

• **Robert Thompson Art** – Enjoy the art of Robert Thompson with music, wine and cheese during the grand opening of his exhibition 7-9 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Copper Lounge in the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village. Show and sale end Oct. 21. www.mwrgermany.com.

• **Holiday Bazaar** – The Heidelberg Holiday Bazaar, hosted by the Heidelberg Community and Spouses' Club, will be held 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 6 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Village Pavilion Community Center on Patrick Henry Village for U.S. or NATO ID cardholders (with shopping privileges.) Pay cash or credit in U.S. dollars. www.hcsc-heidelberg.com/bazaar_main.html.

• **Homecoming Bonfire** – A Heidelberg High School homecoming bonfire will be 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5 in the Patrick Henry Village Library parking lot. DSN 388-9152, civ. 06221-338-9152.

• **Bowling Breakfast** – The Patrick Henry Village Bowling and Entertainment Center Strike Zone now offers breakfast, including French toast, hash browns, eggs, sausage, bacon, ham and pastries 7-10 a.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040, www.mwrgermany.com.

Freedom Run honors 9/11 victims



Photos by Alex Fuhrman
Above, Alysha Fonseca, 8, rides her bike in Saturday's Freedom Run held on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg to honor 9/11 victims. Right, Jason, Annette and Daniel (8) Robinson make a strong finish.

Unit level flag football



Photos by Dijon Rolle
Soldiers from the 60th Geospatial Planning Cell, U.S. Army Europe, face off against the U.S. Army Correctional Facility-Europe during a Sept. 5 flag football game on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. USACA-E won 18-6.

London trip inspiring for Soldiers

By Ed Drohan
EUROPE REGIONAL MEDICAL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For 17 Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe Soldiers, a trip to London to see the Paralympic Games was a chance to have some fun and see the sights of a major tourist attraction.

For the three staff members accompanying the warriors, it was much more than that – it was a chance to offer therapeutic activities in a unique way.

“We want this to continue to inspire and motivate those Soldiers who engage in adaptive reconditioning – adaptive sports,” said Christopher Ebner, WTB-E Occupational Therapist.

“The whole community reintegration process is an important aspect of this trip.”

Another therapeutic aspect of the trip is the opportunity to increase socialization, which decreases isolation, said Jason Durr, clinical social worker for the WTB-E's Baumholder platoon.

“A lot of people with physical or mental impairments or injuries turn inward ... they shut off from the rest of the world,” Durr said. “This [trip] is helping them build relationships with their fellow Soldiers who are in the same situation. You can't get this in a clinical setting. We can talk about it, but this gives us the opportunity to do it.”



Ed Drohan
Sgt. Larry Watson snaps a photo of Spc. Brad Wireman and “Beefeater Mandeville,” a London Olympics and Paralympics mascot, in front of the Tower Bridge in London Aug. 29.

Attending the Paralympics also sends an important message to the WTB-E Soldiers, all of whom are undergoing treatment for their injuries, illnesses or wounds, A-Company Rehabilitation Therapy Technician Ryan Paddock said.

“It helps give the Soldiers insight. They see people with disabilities and see what it takes to overcome them,” Paddock explained. “Hopefully, it sets off a spark in the Soldier's mind and inspires them to overcome their injury and adapt.”

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BOSS Scuba Diving

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsors a scuba diving trip in Kronau Sept. 22. Sign up with Outdoor Recreation by Sept. 14. Cost is \$75. DSN 373-5275, civ. 06221-17-5275.

Modern Combatives

A modern combatives tournament open to all active duty service members will be 10 a.m. Sept. 15 with sign-in and weigh-in 8-9 a.m. and coaches meeting 9 a.m. Sept. 15 at Miesau Fitness Center, Bldg. 1220 on Miesau Army Depot. Trophies awarded to first, second and overall tournament champion. Free entry. Register by Sept. 13. DSN 481-3797, civ. 06372-842-3797.

Fall Fishing Course

A fall fishing course is scheduled 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sept. 15-16 at the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club. For more information, call civ. 06202-51193. www.mwrgermany.com.

Army-Air Force Golf Tournament

The 16th annual challenge match golf event between Army and Air Force personnel is scheduled 9 a.m. Sept. 23 at the Heidelberg Golf Club. Teams will compete for the “The Willi Geck Trophy,” receive team uniforms and enjoy free food. DSN 370-5946, civ. 06202-53767.

Skydiving Trip with Outdoor Recreation

Join Outdoor Recreation Sept. 30 at the former Bitburg Airbase for a skydiving adventure. Trip departs 7:30 a.m. from Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation on Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2905. Cost is \$269 and includes transportation, tandem jump instruction and fees. Sign up by Sept. 26. Contact Heidelberg ODR at DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282. www.mwrgermany.com.

Bundesliga Soccer

Catch a home game of Turn- und Sportgemeinschaft 1899 Hoffenheim e.V. when the soccer team plays Hannover 96, 5:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Rhein-Neckar Arena in Sinheim. Tickets can be purchased online at www.achtzehn99.de.

Autofree Bike Ride

Join Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation for an auto-free biking day in the Salm river valley Sept. 30. Trip departs 8 a.m. from Pulaski Barracks, Bldg. 2905 and returns about 4 p.m. Cost is \$29 (or \$39 if bike rental and helmet are needed.) www.mwrgermany.com.

Edge! Indoor Tennis

Fit Edge indoor tennis begins Oct. 1 at the St. Ilgen Indoor Tennis Hall in Leimen. Instruction runs from 4-6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays by age level. Contact Edge for more information at DSN 388-9240, civ. 06221-338-9240 or register at Parent Central Services.

Kleber Sports And Fitness Closure

The Kleber Sports and Fitness Center main gym in Bldg. 3235 on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern is closed until late October for facility renovations. No towels will be issued during that time. DSN 483-7610, civ. 0631-411-7610.

Personal Trainer Services

Personal trainer services are available at Heidelberg fitness centers. Call DSN 370-7506 or civ. 06221-57-7506 for more information.

Send the Herald Post Your Photos

If you have photos from sporting events, e-mail them along with the details of the event and names of those pictured to usaghd.post@eur.army.mil or usarmy.badenwuer.usag.mbx.post-newspaper@mail.mil. Deadline is noon Monday.

Staff rides analyze D-Day logistical aspect at Normandy

By Mike Bowers
21ST TSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NORMANDY, France – Analyzing logistics and its impact on the June 6, 1944 D-Day invasion from the up-close perspective on Utah and Omaha Beaches and other venues in Normandy, France, was the focal point of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's staff ride Aug. 21-24.

Participants, who included selected 21st TSC senior leaders and subordinate brigade command teams, dissected the complicated logistic strategy used to support the Normandy invasion in which more than 850,000 men, 148,000 vehicles and 570,000 tons of supplies came ashore within 24 days of the operation's beginning.

"I thought it would be nice to visit one of the most historic battles in the history of the United States that we participated in, but look at it not from the operation perspective, but from the behind-the-



Mike Bowers

Staff ride participants from the 21st Theater Sustainment Command gather on Omaha Beach in France to study the logistics of the June 6, 1944 D-Day invasion. As the supply operation matured, 56,200 tons of supplies and 20,000 vehicles were discharged each day at Omaha and Utah beaches. By the end of June, more than 289,827 tons of supplies had been offloaded onto the Normandy beaches. A truck convoy system, Red Ball Express, delivered 412,193 tons of food, gasoline, oil, lubricants, ammunition, and other essential supplies until its end in November 1944.

scenes tasks that made it successful, which really was a true logistics effort," said Maj. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee, commanding general of the 21st TSC.

"I think, in the future, we will most likely execute tasks where we will have to open a theater under fire, and we have not done that. There is a generation that doesn't actually know how to do that,"

Piggee said.

"So I thought it was important for us – as the future senior logisticians of the military – to look at a battle where logistics was extremely important, that led to success, and how we can learn from those lessons and be prepared when we are asked to execute similar operations in the future," Piggee said.

The training objectives for the staff ride were to analyze the D-Day sustainment plan from staging to execution, describe challenges of command and control during expeditionary sustainment operations, and assess port and theater opening operations and exterior sustainment lines of communication during combat operations.

Visits to Port en Bessin (petroleum port), Pointe du Hoc, Utah Beach Museum and the Normandy American Cemetery were part of the agenda.

The 21st TSC chaplain conducted a short memorial service in the cemetery's chapel that was followed by a dual flag-lowering ceremony.

Presentations by the staff highlighted various D-Day logistical insights and how Normandy was one of the most complicated and largest such operations ever attempted with a continuous process of initiatives and experimentation.

The 21st TSC can trace

it logistical roots to World War II, when the buildup and stockpiling of supplies resulted in the formation of the Communications Zone in May of 1944. By V-E Day in May 1945, U.S. Army Communications Zone, Europe, had furnished more than 21 million tons of supplies to 61 combat divisions.

Even though the 21st TSC's sustainment mission continues today, the command also oversees a military police and engineer brigade, in addition to having duties previously fulfilled by the 1st Personnel Command.

"It's building a team, building trust and confidence among all members of the team," said Piggee about one of his staff ride's main objectives.

"We have people on our team who don't know everybody on our staff and other brigades, because we are so diverse with multiple career fields and because we are spread all over Europe."

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requested.

Parent fees are established to generate about 50 percent of the direct costs of operating the program, with the remainder of the program subsidized by appropriated funds. The cost of each space in an installation child development program is equally subsidized for both military service and civilian patrons.

Appropriated funds subsidies include direct support for a limited number of staff salaries, equipment and supplies.

Additional financial support is provided in the form of installation contracts, facility and grounds maintenance and other support. In the absence of subsidies, the cost of child development programs offered to service members and civilians would be significantly higher.

Those active in the CYSS parent participation program can earn points toward a fee reduction. Points may be accumulated from month to month until the parent earns 10 points to receive a 10 percent reduction on one month's fee for one child. A 15 percent multiple child reduction is applied to a family's fees when more than one child is enrolled in regularly-scheduled child care programs or seasonal CYSS youth sports.

All U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg CYSS facilities have a copy of the new fee policy available. Parent Central Services is located in Bldg. 4443 on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. DSN 388-9240, civ. 06221-338-9240.

Combined Federal Campaign starts Monday

Campaign only authorized solicitation of employees in the workplace

By Sgt. 1st Class Gina Breleur

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN-OVERSEAS

The 2012 Combined Federal Campaign is scheduled to kick off noon Monday in the community chapel in Bldg. 135 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg.

CFC unit and workplace representatives, commanders and directorates are encouraged to attend.

The event will serve as the starting point for this year's campaign.

The CFC-Overseas program, the world's largest charity campaign impacting the lives of military personnel and family members, runs through Nov. 16.

CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces, and it raises millions of dollars annually and features more than 2,500 charities.

Every year, the CFC strives for 100 percent contact in order to achieve maximum contributions as required by law.

An option unique for overseas donors, donations made to Family Support Youth Program go directly

to overseas military communities to help fund quality of life programs in local communities.

One hundred percent of donations made to FSYP come back directly to the installation where the contributor lives and works.

CFC-O also offers contributors the opportunity to give using the traditional paper pledge card, which can be printed out on the website, or through e-Giving at www.cfcoverseas.org.

The CFC encourages donations to help those in need in overseas military communities, across the nation and around the world.

Contributions are a vital source of support to charitable organizations.

For more information on CFC-O in Heidelberg, contact the community area project officer at DSN 370-7687, civ. 06221-57-7687.

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