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A Fond Farewell

Brandon Spragins

U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim Commander Lt. Col. Elizabeth Ryan Griffin, left, and Sgt. Maj Timothy Magee stand at attention as they get ready to case the garrison colors during the official relinquishment of command and deactivation ceremony which took place in the Sports Arena on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim yesterday. The deactivation marks the end of the American military presence in the Mannheim area after 66 years. See story on page 3.

COMMENTARY

Long time Mannheim member thanks host nation

By Larry Scavone

MANNHEIM COMMUNITY MEMBER

The U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim deactivation will impact the lives of thousands of Soldiers, families, civilians, local national employees, Mannheim city residents and the local industrial base companies.

Shortly after the end of World War II the U.S. Army set down in Mannheim and has conducted military operations in support of NATO for more than a half a century. It is not uncommon to find some aspect of the U.S. Army in every corner of the Rhein-Neckar region. Germany and its citizens have been excellent hosts to the American forces and demonstrated unwavering support and friendship.

As guests in a foreign country, I believe it's appropriate to reflect on the noteworthy support of the host nation and to extend a thank you.

Local National Employees

The thousands of German nationals who worked for the Mannheim military community from 1950 to 2011 were hard working, dedicated and professional people of all backgrounds and disciplines. Many served more than 40 years in various capacities. Their high degree of devotion, allegiance, sincerity and competence demonstrated is noteworthy and of significant importance to the political and historical events that developed since May 1945.

In all areas of the garrison, local national employees played vital roles and contributed to the day-to-day military mission, helping commanders fulfill their duties. It is not readily apparent why people from the host nation, with differing nationalities, Jews of the world and religious beliefs would work so hard and so long for the U.S. Army and the United States of America.

The sole purpose of the Army's presence was to

perform military operations, not business-based operations and concepts. To this end, the local nationals helped preserve peace and tranquility in Germany from the end of World War II through the Cold War and up to the present day.

Many went far beyond the call of duty to support the military commanders by working weekends and evenings and responding to emergencies. Military restructuring was a constant, resulting in fewer military personnel to conduct garrison business.

Commanders at all levels became dependent on the local national employees. Without them, it would have been impossible for the Army to complete its garrison mission.

City of Mannheim

The local cities such as Mannheim, Viernheim, Lampertheim and Worms always have treated the U.S. Forces with the utmost respect and have provided much appreciated support. After being in Mannheim for over 66 years, the departure of community leaders and thousands of Soldiers does not come without emotion.

Many Americans married German citizens thus creating lifelong ties, relationships and families. Much of the success of the Mannheim military community can be attributed to the untiring and steadfast support of Mannheim's city administration, residents and businesses.

U.S. Army senior military leaders have met annually with the Mannheim leaders as members of the Mannheim Community Relations Advisory Council. Beginning in 1983, the council met to jointly resolve issues on both sides, to discuss future planning and to promote a German-American spirit of cooperation and friendship. Each year, the coordinated efforts resolved issues related to security, master planning, environment and military operations.

The city of Mannheim has seen many leaders

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whose interest in fostering German-American relations and cooperation showed a steadfast overall support to the U.S. Army.

Rhein-Neckar Industrial base

The Mannheim military community could not have become one of Army Europe's most desirable places to be stationed had the Rhein-Neckar regions's industrial contracting community not been there to assist.

Approximately \$500 million per year was awarded in contracts to thousands of local companies who delivered construction, materials, supplies, services, fuel, logistics, transportation, food and medical services to the military under a multitude of contracts.

These companies developed a professional rapport and partnership with their counterparts in the U.S. military that resulted in top quality services and products for Soldiers and families. Building construction, renovation, maintenance and repair work for all facilities across the installations in Mannheim were supplemented with local firms using contracts.

Now retired, Larry Scavone worked in Mannheim for 27 years as the Director of Public Works from 2005-2010 and as the deputy DPW from 1993-2005.



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DISCUSSION BOARD

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

What is your favorite Mannheim memory?

"I met my husband here. He was stationed in 3/68th Armor on Sullivan Barracks, my son graduated from High School here in Mannheim, went to college here and is working as a GS in CPAC Heidelberg. My entire adult life has been in Mannheim. Thank you, Mannheim, for letting me be part of your community, by giving me a job ... I believe only the best of the

best were stationed here. No one will know how much I will miss the military community here. Good luck to all of you and May God Bless You."

—Ingrid Peditino, USAG Mannheim Facebook fan

"My first day, me and my boys were walking around in the snow to get registered at the schools. Somebody stopped and gave us rides most of the mornings. When we got home, one neighbor showed

up with warm cookies while another brought a pot of hot coffee. My first impression of how the nice people is my favorite memory."

—Marsha Dale Keating, Mannheim Facebook fan

The USAG Mannheim Facebook page has changed from an official garrison page to a volunteer-managed page called Keeping up with Mannheim. For official garrison information, visit BWnow.



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U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim deactivates

Staff Report

The U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim cased its colors in a Relinquishment of Command and Deactivation Ceremony on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim yesterday.

The ceremony marks the end of the American presence in the Mannheim area for more than 66 years with troops having arrived there shortly after the end of World War II in 1945.

The city had been largely destroyed by bombs, but it would soon become a major military hub for the American forces in Germany.

"For more than 66 years Americans have called Mannheim home. Soldiers served here, raised families and built friendships that have spanned decades ... Enabling this readiness undoubtedly is our strong and enduring friendship with the city of Mannheim and the surrounding communities of the metropolitan region Rhein-Neckar," said relinquishing U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim Commander Elizabeth Griffin whose relinquishment of garrison command became official with the ceremony.

Shortly after arriving in the area in April 1945, five Soldiers – all privates first class – were killed in action near Heilbronn. These were the Soldiers for whom Mannheim installations were named: Robert Funari, Robert Hammonds, Dominic Spinelli, George Sullivan, Cecil Taylor. Taylor and Hammonds Barracks now stand empty. Spinelli Barracks will re-

main longer than Funari, Sullivan and their cohabitant Benjamin Franklin Village, but it, too, will eventually close as will Coleman Barracks.

"As we honor those fighting men of yesteryear, we also pay tribute to all those military men and women who have come through these grounds since then. Our Soldiers in formation and our Color Guard stand before you with a military bearing that is superb (and who) represent a long line of those who've come through Mannheim before," said USAG Baden-Württemberg Command Col. Bill Butcher.

During the past few months, the Mannheim community has seen its services reduced as they consolidated with those in Heidelberg. During the fall and winter seasons, residents knew events that had occurred for decades were being held for the last time.

"Closing an installation while Soldiers and Families still live, work and play on the installation is tough business," Griffin said. "We worked together to find innovative solutions that caused the least amount of turbulence for Soldiers and families."

Griffin mentioned the cooperation of the schools, the Pond security force, the Red Cross, the commissary and the Exchange as partners in the downsizing.

"I could not be more proud of the professionalism with which we executed mandated workforce shaping initiatives, the teamwork that was shown in transferring functions to USAG Baden-Württemberg, the support to deployed

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–Lt. Col. Elizabeth Ryan Griffin, USAG Mannheim relinquishing commander

and returning units from our footprint and the delivery of day-to-day services like force protection, facility maintenance, childcare, fitness and recreation services, religious services, food service and logistics support," Griffin said.

The ceremony for those gathered in the Sports Arena yesterday meant the end of a mission and of a historical presence in the area.

"Today is a special day for all gathered here to mark the deactivation of the U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim. It is in Mannheim, near where the Rhine meets the Neckar, that American forces arrived at the end of World War II to begin a history whose conclusion we mark now, 66 years later," Butcher said.

"Lt. Col. Griffin and Sgt. Maj. Magee ... and the entire workforce of the U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim have remained committed to the last day. Their passion for the Mannheim community and for their Soldiers, civilians and family members is both admirable



Brandon Spragins

U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim Commander Lt. Col. Elizabeth Ryan Griffin and Sgt. Maj. Timothy Magee salute the colors as they participate in the relinquishment of command and deactivation of the U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim which officially occurred yesterday at a ceremony in the Sports Arena on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim. USAG Mannheim's deactivation marks the departure of the U.S. Armed Forces from the Mannheim area after 66 years.

Outbreak of E. coli food borne illness occurs in Germany

Staff Report

German health officials have identified the source of a food borne illness outbreak that has sickened hundreds and killed 11 across the nation.

The outbreak has been linked to organic cucumbers from Spain that were contaminated with a potentially fatal bacterial strain of Escherichia coli.

Often referred to as EHEC, the food borne illness is primarily affecting the civilian population in northern Germany.

No cases have been reported in the U.S. military community.

Past outbreaks of these types of E. coli have involved several different food products. These include ground beef, vegetables, fruits, raw milk and water.

Consuming food or water that has been contaminated with these bacteria can cause bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps.

In some cases, the bacteria can cause a severe, potentially life threatening kidney disorder called hemolytic uremic syndrome, or HUS.

Generally, children less than 5 years of age, elderly people and individuals with diseases that compromise the immune system have the highest risk for developing more serious forms of the illness.

People can become ill after consuming contaminated food that has not been properly prepared or cooked.

The Public Health Command Region – Europe and Europe Regional Medical Command health officials encourage everyone to practice safe

food preparation practices.

These practices include washing hands before preparing food and before eating, storing food at proper temperatures, cooking food to proper temperatures, washing fruits and vegetables prior to eating and not allowing cooked food to contact raw food or dirty utensils.

Persons who develop diarrhea should practice strict hand washing hygiene, drink plenty of fluids and monitor their stools for the presence of blood. Anyone with bloody diarrhea should see their provider or seek medical care promptly.

Those who have health concerns and suspect they have a food borne illness should contact their primary care provider immediately.

As German health officials release information related to the E. coli

For more information

Safe food handling fact sheets for vegetables and fruits are available at www.fda.gov/food/resourcesforyou/consumers/ucm114299.

Safe food handling fact sheets for meat products are available at www.fsis.usda.gov/factsheets/safe_food_handling_fact_sheets/index.asp.

An overview of information regarding enterohemorrhagic E. coli can be found at www.cdc.gov/nczved/divisions/dftbmd/diseases/enterohemorrhagic_e_coli/technical.html.

outbreak, Public Health Command Region-Europe will communicate the food safety risk through military related news media and command channels.

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.

When will 18th Military Police Brigade and the 95th MP Battalion move to Sembach?

Both units have begun to move personnel and occupy space at Sembach but the majority of the families scheduled to move will do so when school is out so their children can finish the school year in Mannheim and be settled in their new homes in the Kaiserslautern community before the new school year begins. Both units will be officially moved from Mannheim to Sembach in August.

When are Patrick Henry Village and the PHV Shopette closing? I've heard 2012, 2013 and 2015. Which date is actual?

The plan is for PHV and PHV Shopette to close in late 2014. However, residents are asked to keep in mind that while this is the plan, a lot can change in the three years which could affect the closure date.

Is there enough base housing in Wiesbaden?

Wiesbaden has enough Army family housing to meet the U.S. Army Europe housing policy, which is 100 percent of key and essential personnel, 100 percent of staff sergeants and below and 10 percent of sergeants first class and above, excluding key and essential personnel.

Is it true that family housing in Wiesbaden is not protected by security perimeters and ID checks? Will security gates be installed and when? If no, please explain why.

Three of the family housing areas, Aukamm, Crestview and Hainerberg, are open. They are patrolled by Military Police and the German Polizei. All three of these housing areas are located in German communities with public streets maintained by the city of Wiesbaden. An access control point for Hainerberg is programmed for construction in 2013 and then the entire Hainerberg housing area will have controlled access. Personnel will have the option of living in the controlled housing areas on Wiesbaden Army Airfield and Hainerberg as quarters become available. U.S. Army Europe has approved allowing the other two housing areas to remain open with the ability to close them upon high threat conditions.

Facilities Operations Changes

NEW – Barber Shops – Hours at Tompkins and Patton Barracks Barber Shops will be reduced beginning June 20. Services will be offered at the Patton Barber Shop in Heidelberg 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Tompkins shop in Schweitzingen will serve customers 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Both barber shops have had too few customers to warrant keeping them open five days a week.

NEW – Mannheim TMP – The Mannheim Transportation Motor Pool will provide NTV branch customers services 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Spinelli Barracks sub-TMP office, Bldg. 1563. DSN 373-8350, civ. 06221-17-6951.

NEW – Spinelli Auto Skills – The auto skills shop on Spinelli has new hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon-7 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and training holidays. Closed Sundays and holidays. DSN 384-6023, civ. 0621-730-6023.

NEW – Army Emergency Relief – The Army Emergency Relief office in Mannheim now processes requests for emergency travel only. All other AER requests are processed at the Army Community Service office in Heidelberg located on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, room 250. DSN 370-6883, civ. 06221-57-6975. American Red Cross after hours service for emergency travel in Heidelberg: DSN 370-1760, civ. 06221-57-1760 and 001-877-272-7337.

NEW – Mannheim Library – The Sullivan Barracks library has new hours: noon-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, closed Sundays, Mondays and German holidays. DSN 380-1740, civ. 0621-730-1740.

Patton DFAC – The Patton Barracks Dining Facility operated by the V Corps Special Troops Battalion is now closed as part of transformation

and the pending move of V Corps from Heidelberg to Wiesbaden. For dining options, Soldiers may visit the Kantine on Patton Barracks or travel off the installation to local restaurants in the area. Other choices in the Heidelberg area are restaurants, Exchange shoppettes and food courts on Campbell Barracks and the Shopping Center. DSN 314-373-6262, civ. 06221-17-6262.

Mannheim Red Cross – The Red Cross office in Mannheim will close June 30 and all services will be transferred to the Heidelberg station, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center kaserne. The Mannheim Station will have limited services beginning June 15. In cases of a family emergency in which an emergency communication message is needed, the Heidelberg number will reach an emergency caseworker. The Heidelberg Station is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 370-1760, civ. 06221-57-1760.

Heidelberg Vehicle Registration – Heidelberg's vehicle registration office is closed. Heidelberg offers a satellite vehicle registration office at the Military Police station on Patrick Henry Village, Bldg. 4511. This office is open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to provide limited services that do not require a vehicle inspection. The Mannheim vehicle registration office has extended its hours to serve customers 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in issuing license plates and registrations for the Mannheim and Heidelberg communities. The Mannheim vehicle registration office is in Bldg. 1567 on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim. The vehicle inspection point is located directly next to vehicle registration, a convenience for those who must get vehicles inspected and registered at same time. DSN 384-6100, civ. 0621-730-6911/6900. GPS Am Aubuckel, 68259 Feudenheim.

Mannheim Optometry – The Mannheim Optometry Clinic on Benjamin Franklin Village no longer offers routine eye examinations, walk-in physicals or screenings. Optometry care has transferred to the local economy, the Heidelberg Health Center Optometry Clinic or, for aviation personnel, Coleman Barracks. Mannheim Soldiers can still receive vision screening and routine physicals at the Mannheim clinic. Aviation personnel may complete the vision portion of select flight physicals in Mannheim, but must first collect paperwork at the Coleman clinic. Family members and retirees who require glasses quickly and cannot obtain an appointment in Heidelberg or Mannheim can visit German opticians who prescribe glasses for older children and adults at no cost, but glasses must be purchased from them. The Mannheim medical operations center is open for walk-ins 8-11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Appointments: 800-914-6133 (toll-free), DSN 371-2622, civ. 06221-17-2622. The Heidelberg Optometry Clinic will remain open for eye care; however, due to staff transitions from July 1 through Sept. 30, services will be limited to active duty and active duty family members only.

Mannheim Health Clinic – The health clinic on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim will close this December. Servicemembers living in Mannheim will be seen at the Coleman Barracks clinic. Family members will receive services from the Heidelberg Health Center on Nachrichten Kaserne in Heidelberg. A shuttle bus is available for those who need transportation to Heidelberg. The number of providers in Mannheim will stay the same until December. Patient liaisons will remain in Mannheim to help community members schedule medical appointments on the economy. There are four patient liaisons on staff and one at the Mannheim Klinikum. Civ. 0621-730-9534/9543/9777. For help after hours, call civ. 06221-17-2605, or the nurse advice line DSN 0800-825-1600, civ. 0800-825-1600 or 0800-4759-2330. Mannheim Clinic hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m.-noon Fridays. Central appointments: DSN 371-2622, civ. 0621-730-2622.

Mannheim Base Operations – With the impending inactivation of Mannheim there are two names for community members to keep in mind – Mr. Ralph Santaliz, Base Operations Manager, DSN 385-2774, civ. 0621-730-2774, rafael.santaliz@eur.army.mil, and Master Sgt. Romeo Satsatin, Base Operations NCOIC, DSN 385-2588, civ. 0621-730-2588, romeo.satsatin@eur.army.mil. They are located in Bldg. 245 on Sullivan Barracks and are ready to assist the Mannheim community.

Mannheim Transportation Motor Pool – The TMP at Spinelli Barracks will discontinue operations May 31. Effective immediately,

general dispatch users and customers with recurring assigned vehicles should use the Heidelberg Transportation Motor Pool on Patton Barracks, Bldg. 157. DSN 373-8350, civ. 06221-17-8350.

Mannheim DEERS, ID Cards, Passports – The DEERS, ID cards and passports offices have relocated to Bldg. 246, room 101 on Benjamin Franklin Village.

Mannheim Education Center – The Education Center on Sullivan Barracks will be open from May through July with classes running as long as class minimums are achieved. The center will be open Monday-Friday (except USAREUR training holidays). A counselor will be on site 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and remote counseling will be available 1:30-4:30 p.m. The center is closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. A night monitor will open and close the education center for evening classes 6-10:30 p.m.

Mannheim Personal Property Processing – The Mannheim Personal Property Processing office, also known as the Transportation office, is closed. Mannheim customers will use the Heidelberg Personal Property Processing Office on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, room 267. The hours for the Heidelberg PPO changed: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday. The office is closed daily 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Exiting Mannheim – The exit gate at Friendship Circle on Benjamin Franklin Village in Mannheim has changed hours for traffic leaving the installation. The gate opens for exiting traffic and pedestrians (exiting and entering) at 6 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m.

Mannheim Customs Field Office – The Customs office in Mannheim is now located in Bldg. 256 (the Military Police station).

Mannheim Army Community Service – Army Community Services will move from Bldg. 255 into Bldg. 246 before June 1. The ACS Lending Closet services have relocated to Bldg. 246, room 110.

Mannheim Drivers Testing – Mannheim's Drivers' Testing Station located on Sullivan Barracks, Bldg. 253, has closed. All drivers' testing services are offered in Heidelberg on the Shopping Center, Bldg. 3850, room 136, with operating hours 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. DSN 370-7889, civ. 06221-57-6681.

Burger King – Burger King on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg will close Monday, May 30.

Mark Twain Village Shopette – The shopette on Mark Twain Village in Heidelberg will close Friday, June 3. The Campbell Barracks shopette will expand its hours on weekends – 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays – to support the Soldiers and family members who live on MTV.

Subway – The Subway restaurant on Sullivan Barracks in Mannheim has closed. It will reopen on the Shopping Center in Heidelberg June 20.

AAFES Gas Station – The gas station in Mannheim on Benjamin Franklin Village South will change its operating hours today, June 1. New hours will be 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays.

Popeyes and Taco Bell – Starting June 20, Popeyes on Benjamin Franklin Village South in Mannheim will be closed Mondays. Taco Bell will remain open on Mondays until further notice.

Spinelli furniture – The furniture store on Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim will close June 27. Some furniture has moved into the Exchange on Benjamin Franklin Village South.

One number, two communities – The 24-hour sexual assault and domestic violence hotline is now valid for Mannheim and Heidelberg. The Mannheim-specific number is no longer valid. The hotline for both communities is civ. 0170-609-2862.

Transformation Information
www.bw.eur.army.mil – click on Transformation under Hot Topics.

Road scams surface with warm weather and vacation travel

OPM Public Affairs

People can run into bad luck while they are on the road, and there are legitimate candidates for charity. Unfortunately, others are simply up to no good.

“With the onset of summer we again expect to see cases of people trying to defraud Americans on the road in Europe,” said Leslie Shavers, law enforcement program officer at the U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal.

One scam involves someone in a vehicle flagging down other vehicles to get money by falsely claiming that they need help. This kind of approach often happens close to a barracks gate, at a highway rest stop or on a road outside of town where you have to drive slowly.

Sometimes the scammers offer you gold jewelry as collateral so they can pay you back later. Unfortunately the rings and chains turn out to be worthless brass imitations.

A second scam involves someone claiming to have run out of money at a trade fair and offering to sell you expensive goods, often jackets or coats, at a huge discount so they can buy gas to get home. However, the fancy brand name articles turn out to be cheap fakes.

Shavers recommends you keep these tips in mind.

- ◆ Beware of distractions if you're in your car alone. Someone talking to you on the driver's side of the car could be trying to divert your attention while a buddy steals your purse or wallet from the other side.
- ◆ Offers too good to be true usually are. Articles with fancy brand names can be cheap fakes and gold jewelry can be plain brass.

- ◆ Always consider the relation between the trouble someone claims they are in and what they are asking for. People in real need rarely ask for more than what is absolutely necessary.

- ◆ Never give large amounts of money to anyone on the road. The most anyone should need is enough to fill a tank of gas.

German motor club ADAC reports motorists traveling in Eastern Europe should also beware of gangs trying to scam foreigners on the main highways.

Crooks, generally in big, dark sedans, follow cars with German license plates and signal the driver to stop with hand gestures, flashing of lights or by raising a gas canister. They demand financial assistance for their families from the occupants of the stopped car.

If the victims give too little cash or nothing at all, the begging turns into a robbery. ADAC advises drivers who encounter such a situation to drive on and not stop.

Shavers advises anyone who has been approached to write down the license plate number and contact the nearest military or host nation police station.

Faces of the community: Midsummer Knight's Read



Linda Stell

Patrick Henry Village Public Services Librarian Melissa Laplante reads to students at Mark Twain Elementary School May 26 to promote the love of reading. Laplante sits in front of a poster promoting the library's summer reading program "A Midsummer Knight's Read," a five-week program in Mannheim and Heidelberg. Mannheim's program is 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 22-July 20 at the Sullivan Library. Heidelberg's program is 11 a.m. Wednesdays for preschoolers and kindergartners, 11:30 a.m. Thursdays for first-fifth graders and 2 p.m. Tuesdays for sixth-12th graders June 29-July 28. Patrick Henry Village Library: DSN 388-9443, civ. 06221-57-1740. Mannheim Library: DSN 380-1740, civ. 0621-730-1740.

Guests can drive in Germany

By Robert Szostek
OPM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

One advantage of being stationed in Germany is that friends and family can visit you to get that real Old World travel experience.

And you can let them drive your USAREUR-plated car on their own excursions if you first receive customs approval.

“Just go to your local military customs field office and fill out the application form,” said Fred Evans, chief of services, USAREUR Customs Executive Agency.

“If you want to have the paperwork ready before your relatives or friends arrive, you should bring along your vehicle regis-

tration and clear copies of their passports, stateside driver's licenses and official German translations of their licenses or international driver's licenses issued by the American Automobile Association or National Automobile Club,” he added.

For visitors from countries other than the United States, ask your military customs office if an international driver's license or translation is required.

Guests cannot be residents of Germany or plan to establish residency in Germany, and they cannot be dependants.

It's also important to ensure that automobile insurance covers the guests. Consult the customs web site at www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/custom3.htm for more details on procedures and locations of customs offices.

Visitors and guests can use this exception to policy to drive a USAREUR-registered POV in Germany for up to 90 days in a six-month period.

The 90-day period begins the day the visitor arrives in any European Union member state.

The document must remain in the car when your guests use your vehicle independently, along with their passports, the vehicle registration, proof of insurance and their international driver's licenses (or official translations of their licenses).

“Driving in Germany is a tax and duty-free privi-

lege for U.S. Forces personnel and their dependants,” Evans said.

For that reason, customs authorization is required. Evans warned that this exception to policy does not grant permission for your guests to buy gas at Exchange gas stations or use your fuel ration card.

Likewise, friends and family visiting Germany who rent a car may not use Exchange gas stations or fuel ration cards.

Mannheim Customs Field Office is located in Bldg. 256 (the Military Police station). The Heidelberg Customs Field Office is in the Community Support Center, Bldg. 3850, on the Shopping Center.

Mannheim high, middle schools host 'Moving On'

Mannheim High School and Mannheim Middle School will host a Moving On celebration 11:30 a.m. June 9 on Benjamin Franklin Village's Woods field to mark their closure and the end of the school year.

The USAREUR Band and students from both schools will be attend along with families and employees. The ceremony is supported by the German-American Women's Club, the Exchange and BOSS Soldiers who will cook for the event.

The event is free and open to all.

History

Prior to 1956 students living in the Mannheim area were transported by bus to Heidelberg American High School, approximately 20 kilometers away.

When the number of American families increased, Mannheim High School was built.

Its doors opened in 1956 with a student body of 97 and faculty of 15. From 1956, enrollment grew like the grape vines of Baden-Württemberg, and in 1959 several pre-fab buildings were added to provide additional space for classrooms and supplies.

In 1960, an additional wing was completed to provide science labs and additional classrooms. During school year 1975-76, additions to the library were completed.

An increase in enrollment occurred in 1964, when the Theater Army Support Command headquarters relocated from Orleans, France to Worms and units from Verdun, France moved to Mannheim.

Since that time, the school passed through many stages

of growth, from overcrowded conditions when the school housed approximately 1,200 students in grades seven-12 to its current 300 in grades nine-12.

In September 1973 the \$300,000 addition opened. It now houses choral and instrumental music, language arts, computers and video production.

The Junior ROTC program began in 1973 and additional community facilities some distance from the main complex housed the cadets.

During school year 1975-76, JROTC was relocated to Annex A of the main building and finally in 1995-96 students saw the completion of the current facility next to the main building.

Mannheim High School came into its own as a high school facility when the Mannheim Middle School complex opened in 1975, serving grades 6-8. When this occurred, Mannheim High School acquired the space necessary to satisfy that of a truly comprehensive high school.

In the 50 years of Mannheim High School's existence, several traditions and school symbols have become well established.

Mascot

The bison is a majestic animal that at one time was so numerous that their stampedes across the prairie sounded like the roll of distant thunder.

They are a symbol of liberty to all those who search for a beacon of freedom in a turbulent world. At one time they outnumbered all species on Earth with over 60 million, then they were reduced to nearly 300.



Courtesy photo

Students read, study and work on projects in the library of the Mannheim American High School in the 1960s. The school celebrates its last year after being open since 1956.

In past years their numbers have soared to 200,000. They have existed alongside all changes of the planet since the last Ice Age and yet persevere.

Historically, the presence of the American Bison has deeply affected people in a

way that no other species, present or past, has been capable of doing. This heroic and magnificent beast is not only an inseparable part of America's past – its future place in American history now also appears secure.

The bison, more so than

any other animal or bird, is a unique symbol of the strength and determination of the people.

School Colors

The school colors are purple and gold.

SOURCE: Mannheim High School Parent and Student Handbook

Mannheim Trivia

1. Which unit did NOT participate in operations in the Mannheim area in March 1945?

- 44th Infantry Division
- 101st Airborne Division
- 3rd Infantry Division
- 10th Armored Division

2. What famous crooner served as a Soldier in Mannheim in 1945 then went on to win 15 Grammys and sell more than 50 million albums?

- Elvis Presley
- Bing Crosby
- Frank Sinatra
- Tony Bennett

3. What military leader was mortally injured in a car accident in Mannheim and later died at the Heidelberg Hospital?

- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.
- Gen. Omar Bradley
- Gen. Douglas MacArthur

4. Of the following 100th Infantry Division Soldiers, who was killed in action in April 1945 and later had barracks in Mannheim named after him?

- Pfc. Robert Funari
- Pfc. Robert Hammonds
- Pfc. Dominic V. Spinelli

- Pfc. George F. Sullivan
- Pfc. Cecil V. Taylor

5. What unit had the longest continuous presence in Mannheim?

- 181st Transportation Battalion
- 5th Signal Command
- 397th Infantry Regiment
- 399th Infantry Regiment

Motorcyclists rally for safety, ride for fun

River ride includes wet weather training

By Leigh Bancroft
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG MEMBER

The four-day Memorial Day weekend kicked off with the rev and roar of motorcycle engines during the 2011 Motorcycle Safety Rally and River Ride.

Riders of all types of bikes – from cruisers to sport – joined together for a full day of motorcycle safety awareness and appreciation.

The morning began with safety courses and briefings, sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg Safety Office and Motorcycle Safety Foundation, for riders with all levels of experience.

MSF certified instructors set up multiple riding courses for hands-on range exercises and offered expert instruction on safety and group riding.

The German Polizei also conducted a question and answer session about German safety and traffic laws.

Brig. Gen. Allen Batschelet, the U.S. Army Europe G3, his wife and USAG BW Commander Col. Bill Butcher joined the motley crew for a ride through the rolling hillsides of the neighboring villages of the Rhine-Neckar region.

Supported by the German Polizei and ADAC, four “chalks” of 19 bikes made quite an impression riding through the small German villages.

After an hour and half ride, the crew stopped by a roadside cafe for refreshments and relaxation and to seize the opportunity to meet other riders, build camaraderie and plan summer riding events.

The route back, chosen for its winding roads and



Motorcycles stand ready for safety training at the Motorcycle Safety Rally and River Ride May 26 at the Heidelberg Heliport. Leigh Bancroft

breathtaking landscape of hills and castles, took the crew along the banks of the Neckar River and through the back hills of Heidelberg.

All riders arrived safely, with unexpected bonus training for riding in wet weather conditions, to the final rallying point, the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club. Despite the rain, everyone stayed for family socializing, grilled hamburgers and barbecue sponsored by Family and MWR.

When the daylong event came to a close, riders were reassured that the sport of motorcycle riding in USAG Baden-Württemberg operates under the professional rules of safety.



River Ride participants gather at the final rallying point, the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club, for barbecue and music. Leigh Bancroft

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Timeline – 66 years of history

- 1945 – Mannheim became one of 112 communities in Germany with U.S. forces
- 1965 – First Support Brigade was activated at Taylor Barracks in June
- 1970 – The 7th Army Support Command was dissolved, and the brigade became a major subordinate headquarters under the Theater Army Support Command Europe.
- 1974 – TASCOM merged with the U.S. Army Europe headquarters and the U.S. Military Community Activity Mannheim evolved.
- 1974-1991 – USMCA-Mannheim was the single point of community support for all American Soldiers, civilians and family members in Mannheim and the surrounding areas of Worms and Weierhof. The base operations area covered more than 938 square miles and the USAREUR Provost Marshal served as the community commander, assisted by a deputy in charge of nearly 1,400 Soldiers and civilians working for the community activity responsible for close to 30,000 Soldiers, civilians and family members.
- 1991 – In October, USMCA-Mannheim was re-designated as the 293rd Base Support Battalion under the 26th Area Support Group based in Heidelberg.
- 1992 – In August, the change of command marked a new era when, for the first time, the Department of the Army selected a lieutenant colonel to assume responsibility for the community. At the same time, the responsibility of the Senior Tactical Commander shifted to the commander of 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.
- 1994 – After the departure of 3rd Brigade to Fort Lewis, Wash., the commander of 5th Signal Command assumed the duties of Senior Tactical Commander.
- 2002 – The Secretary of the Army created the Installation Management Agency – later re-designated Installation Management Command – to oversee installation support services at Army camps, posts and stations.
- 2005 – On Oct. 1, the 293rd Base Support Battalion became the U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim. In support of the global defense realignment initiatives, the USAG Mannheim continued to evolve.
- 2007 – Following the deactivation of the 181st Transportation Battalion, USAG Mannheim returned Turley Barracks to the host nation.
- 2010 – In June, the Department of Defense announced the deactivation of USAG Mannheim and the departure of all units by 2015. Most recently, the Friedrichsfeld storage area and depot as well as a fuel area near Coleman Barracks were returned to the host nation.
- 2011 – This summer, Taylor Barracks will be returned to the host nation. USAG Baden-Württemberg assumes responsibility for the 4,000 Soldiers, families and civilians and nine installations that remain in the Mannheim vicinity.



Above, former Mannheim Community Commander Brig. Gen. Granger and former Lord Mayor Ratzel raise their beer mugs in a sign of partnership and friendship at the Mannheim German-American Volksfest in 1979. Photo below, Staff Sgt. Ronis Gutierrez and Sgt. Agustin Garcia salute the colors during a dress rehearsal for the deactivation ceremony in Mannheim yesterday.



The End of an Era

Army garrison leaves Mannheim vicinity after 66 years

By Elizabeth Casebeer
USAG BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For many either in the military or married to it, part of the lifestyle is picking up and moving on when orders arrive. It never becomes easy, but for many who called U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim home, the closure yesterday was perhaps more difficult than those that came before.

This departure marks the end of the American military presence in the Mannheim vicinity where it has been a fixture since the end of World War II.

“It’s harder because people are not just leaving; the place they’ve called home is going away. I’ve had guys contact me to say they shed a silent tear when they heard the news,” said Professor Christian Führer, course director for marketing at Cooperative State University Baden-Württemberg Mannheim, who is writing a book about the U.S. military in Mannheim.

At age 16, curious about the odd license plates that once indicated American cars, Führer rode his bicycle onto Benjamin Franklin Village, thus becoming a fixture in the military community. Over the years, he has volunteered as a translator at the USO, attended and orchestrated events, participated in the church choir and as an usher and made friends wherever he went.

With the drawdown nearly over and the transition to USAG Baden Württemberg just about complete, Führer is one of many who are sad to see the end of a partnership with the city of Mannheim and the foreign military who have occupied parts of it since before many were even born.

It’s been more than 20 years since Vann Baker, the creator and editor of Military Brat Life and militarybrats.net, visited Germany. As the son of a Korean War veteran who later retired as a tank commander, Baker spent his formative years in Mannheim, from 1962-1966, and later, in Florstadt and Bad Nauheim.

Baker’s many memories of Mannheim include visits to a local corner grocery store, which sold gum, sour candies and other novelties like tiny firecrackers. One local lady made a daily trek to BFV to sell fresh bread from the back of her Opel station wagon, and another man managed to serve ice cream cones from a small container attached to the front of his bicycle, treats Baker declared have never tasted better before or since.

“Over the years I’ve talked with folks who mention the base they lived on overseas is now finally closed, and that’s a very strange concept to most people outside the military. Not having a specific hometown is unique to us, but in a way, that base is their hometown, and if

nothing else, some aspects of our experiences (as brats) are extremely unique and sometimes difficult,” said Baker.

While the closure of the 1,260 acre base is a surprise to some, U.S. Army Europe began its downsizing and troop relocation in 2003. Rumors of a Mannheim shutdown were just a blip on the radar until not long ago, and many still choose to not believe it.

Despite comprising only about 3.5 percent of Mannheim proper, the space currently occupied by the United States under the Status of Forces Agreement will be returned to the city within the next four years, if not sooner. Lord Mayor Peter Kurz recently put it to his citizens to decide what happens to the buildings and land once that happens.

Mannheim hosted a farewell ceremony May 8, the 66th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, which was when the Allies formally accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany and the end of the Third Reich.

Soon after, U.S. servicemembers started being stationed throughout the country, and many did what little they could to help repair some of the colossal destruction left in the wake of World War II.

“My mother (who was 3 when the war ended) knew what a Hershey bar was, and you can’t find those here, because



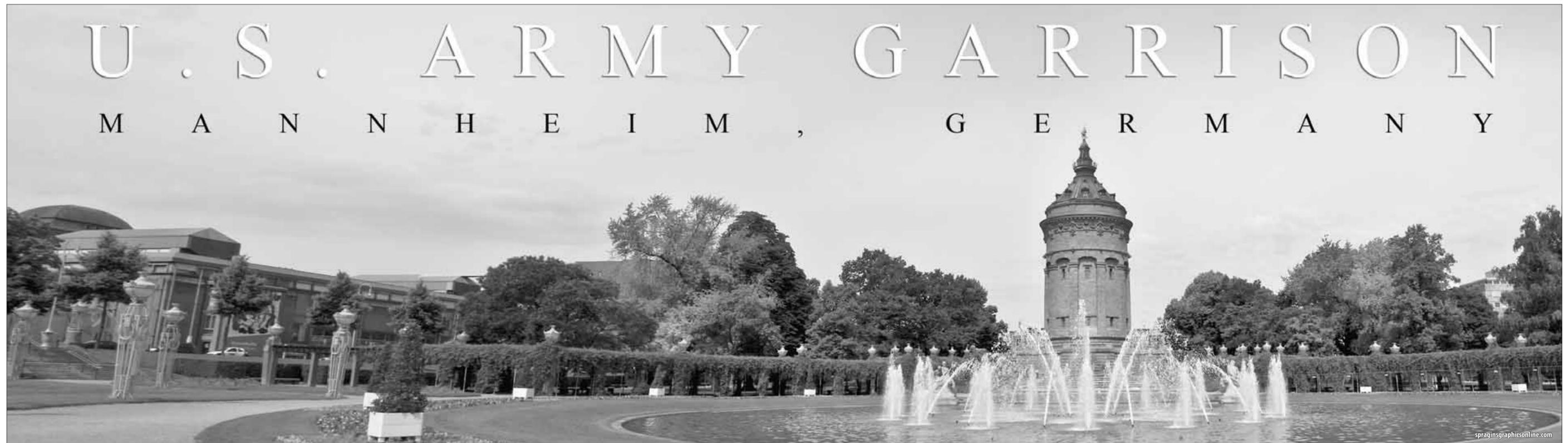
An undated photo from the early days of the U.S. Army in Mannheim shows the gate of Sullivan Barracks, probably at Friendship Circle.

Soldiers shared their rations with her and her family. It is astonishing to think about because Germany attacked the U.S., and here less than five years later, Soldiers are outside tossing pigskins to children, sharing their Cokes and were just generally very outgoing in nature,” said Führer. “The mentality of Americans seems to be, ‘We’ll weather through it all, as long as we stick together.’”

The remaining servicemembers, families and civilians will either continue to

work in Mannheim through the summer, or will be absorbed into the greater USAG BW community until a few hundred remain to finally shut the doors.

“In this situation, we say it is bitter sweet. While it may be easier to see the bitter more than the sweet, we’ll continue to act responsibly to ensure the community of Mannheim and our Mannheim city partners remain in the forefront of our actions,” said USAG BW commander Col. Bill Butcher.



your local connection



U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg's
command information program

Local Information: www.BW.eur.army.mil

Get the latest news and information about the Heidelberg,
Mannheim and Kaiserslautern communities

Herald Post Newspaper: www.BW.eur.army.mil

Pick up a paper copy in high-traffic areas in your community, or
access the PDF version online – a new edition is published every
Thursday

Virtual Community: <http://myBWnow.ning.com>

Blog about your experiences, ask and answer questions about
life in Europe on the discussion boards, search for on- and off-
post events, make friends, share photos and more

Photo Gallery: www.flickr.com/heraldpost

View, download and share photos from community events

YouTube: www.youtube.com/BWnow

See the video version of local news

U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Württemberg social media, website welcome Mannheim

Garrison website sports new look as it brings Mannheim information into fold

Staff Report

Mannheim community members will see some changes when they visit their favorite online sites today.

To support the online community of remaining servicemembers, family members and civilians stationed in Mannheim, the U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim Facebook page will remain on the web in an unofficial capacity. Volunteers will administer the site called Keeping Up with Mannheim.

The official Mannheim page is now combined with the USAG Baden-Württemberg Facebook page, BWnow, which includes Heidelberg, Kaiserslautern and Mannheim.

Additionally, the BWnow virtual community is available for users who want to read news and get up-to-date information related to their community. They can also read commentaries, view photographs and search for various leisure activities.

USAG BW welcomes Mannheim Facebook fans to the pages and hopes they find there whatever information they need. The USAG BW social media sites are located at www.mybwnow.ning.com and www.facebook.com/bwnow.

The official Mannheim Web site is also now combined with the USAG BW website at www.bw.eur.army.mil. Starting today, the USAG BW garrison website includes all Mannheim information.

The USAG BW Web site sports a new look as well, thus joining Mannheim and Baden-Württemberg information as the communities move forward with transformation efforts. For a brief period, information on directorates will be inaccessible but those pages should become available this week.

Fixing the Sgt. York Trail



Douglas Mastriano

Shoveling, smoothing and moving gravel, from left, Rebbie Mastriano, Adam Jost, Josiah Mastriano, Nick Gallardo and Peter Perkins tidy up the last load of rock on the Sgt. York trail as they help Josiah Mastriano successfully complete his Eagle Scout service project in the Argonne Forest of France where he and some 30 volunteers worked to preserve an important piece of America's military history. Mastriano's project was to expand and improve the Sgt. York Historic Trail, a 3-kilometer interpretive trail that retraces the steps of Sgt. Alvin York on the actual battlefield where he silenced a German machine-gun nest, fought off a German bayonet attack and then came out of the forest with 132 prisoners. For this action, York was awarded the Medal of Honor in addition to numerous foreign awards. The project included moving over 30 tons of gravel to pave 1 kilometer of the trail, replacing trail logs, improving the monument park, planting flowers and repairing drainage at an artesian well that intersects the trail. www.sgtorkdiscovery.com.

Water OK to drink

Directorate of Public Works

The latest samples of tap water collected in April and analyzed by Public Health Command Europe showed the drinking water in the Mannheim and Grünstadt areas to be of good quality and safe to drink.

This was proven by the standard annual examination conducted in accordance with the German Final Governing Standard.

All parameters tested in each location's samples showed levels well below allowed concentrations.

Many tested parameters were even below possible detection limits. Tested were inorganic and physical parameters, nitrate, nitrite and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

A continuous program of monitoring is conducted to ensure the safety of drinking water.

For information, contact the Directorate of Public Works operation and maintenance division, technical branch at DSN 387-3214.

GERMAN NEWS

No More Nukes

Germany on Monday announced plans to become the first major industrialized power to shut down all its nuclear plants in the wake of the disaster in Japan, with a phaseout due to be wrapped up by 2022. Chancellor Angela Merkel said the decision, hammered out by her center-right coalition, marked the start of a "fundamental" rethink of energy policy in the world's number four economy. Merkel told reporters she accepted the findings of an expert commission on nuclear power she appointed in March in response to the crisis at Japan's Fukushima plant. The commission found that it would be viable within a decade for Germany to mothball all 17 of its nuclear reactors, eight of which are currently off the electricity grid.

Hitler Knew Hess Flew

Adolf Hitler knew about his deputy Rudolf Hess' solo flight to Britain during World War II, according to a newly unearthed document. Der Spiegel magazine reported that a historian has found a document in the Russian state archives in Moscow that could undermine the assumption that Hess had acted without the Nazi leader's knowledge. The document, a 28-page handwritten statement by Karl-Heinz Pintsch, Hess' long-serving adjutant, claims that the flight of May 10, 1941, was part of ongoing negotiations between Berlin and London. Pintsch, who had been captured by the Red Army, wrote the report in 1948 while in a Soviet prison camp. He was eventually released in 1955. According to his version, the flight had been agreed in advance with the British. Hess was arrested after he landed in Scotland and after World War II, he was sentenced to life imprisonment for war crimes. He killed himself in Berlin's Spandau prison on Aug. 17, 1987.

Robotic Suits

Scientists hope robotic suits to be tested at a Bochum University clinic will enable paraplegics to regain the ability to walk, according to a Friday news report. Die Welt reported that the technology could also prove controversial because of the unnatural strength it affords anyone wearing such a suit. Initial testing is slated to begin at the Bergmannsheil clinic in Bochum this year. The suits were developed in Japan and have been successful at over 75 clinics and nursing facilities already using them.

SOURCE: www.thelocal.de



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

Dear Ms. Vicki

I am (for now) an Army wife. I fell in love with someone I thought was the perfect man.

We got married sooner than planned because of his deployment; he said he wanted to make sure I would be taken care of in case anything happened to him. He said he was faithful while on tour in Iraq. I believed him. A few months after his return we had a real wedding; it was the best wedding I could ever imagine. My husband cried, a few times. We promised our lives to each other. Four months later, he started cheating, I confronted him and he denied it, I was so much in love with him I didn't want to believe he could do such a thing. I blamed it on his having to adjust to a new life.

The affair started at the same time we started fertility treatments to conceive. Five months of treatments and every month was a letdown.

Then he got caught, and he had to confess to his affair. I tried to save

my marriage. I could forgive him.

I thought if I could prove to him how much I loved him he would stay with me.

But she stayed with her on the weekends and slept in our guest room during the week. Every day, I begged him and told him how much I loved him. He filed for divorce.

He did horrible things to me. He had the audacity to babysit her kid in our marital home and I was there when she came to pick the kid up. I came home from work early that day.

Anyway, at the hearing, his attorney knew he could not win, there were no grounds to file any charges, but the outcome was that I get full possession of the house while we are equally responsible for the mortgage - I pay half and he pays half. This was court ordered.

For the last two months my husband has decided that he isn't going to pay. The court order was filed last July of 2010. What can I do? He is now in contempt of the court order but I don't have the money to take him to court.

I know that it is against military law to have an affair but if the Army doesn't care, where does that leave me? Aren't they bound by high moral standards? Why does Article 15 exist if they don't use it? I guess I want to know how he can be held responsible for the things he has done and for the things he is supposed to do.

His girlfriend is having his baby this month. That baby is proof of the affair, right? Thanks. Oh, am I allowed to date?

Seriously Frustrated

Dear Seriously Frustrated,

This is a serious chaotic mess. I'm not blaming you but it's a chaotic mess just the same. Let me first say, please don't start dating,

please don't. You shouldn't try to bring someone else into this mess.

Please excuse my candor, but allow your sheets to cool and don't let your bedroom door start swinging off the hinges. I'm also asking you not to date because you have to figure out this relationship and how you allowed yourself to be duped. If you look retrospectively I'm sure you will agree there were red flags that you ignored. So take it from me there is something to be learned. If you don't, you may continue to repeat the same.

Your husband's actions are deplorable. His character sucks. Yes, adultery is a crime in the military but many spouses don't report it because they fear financial loss. You can report this to his command if you so choose.

In the meantime, you need legal advice. Visit the legal office on base and contact the nearest legal aid office in your local community. Hopefully, they have the availability to take your case pro bono or can refer you to another resource that can help. You can Google legal aid on the Internet. Many spouses also report they have received help from the IG office on base regarding these matters, too. Please contact them. Because your husband is in contempt of court you should also contact the court clerk and let them know he is not following the court order.

His command should know the same. I think you should depend on close family and friends who can be supportive and offer good sound wisdom. Conversely, stay away from the ones who will "gas you up" and make your anger worsen to the point of retribution. You really deserved much better and I wish you well.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Law offers financial protection for former spouses

Patton Law Center

The Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act, passed in 1982, gave some financial protection to certain former spouses of servicemembers.

The law allows states to divide military disposable retired pay as marital property upon divorce. It also allows some former spouses (through a court order) to be awarded a share of the disposable retired pay by direct payment from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Other federal laws provide for former spouse coverage under the Survivors Benefit Plan and for medical care and other benefits.

What is disposable retired pay?

Disposable retired pay is the total

monthly pay to which a retired servicemember is entitled, minus most disability pay, federal debt repayments, fines, forfeitures and Survivor Benefit Plan premiums.

If part of the retired pay is awarded as marital property upon divorce, how do I obtain direct payment from DFAS?

You must meet the 10 year test to receive direct payments under USFSPA. You, the former spouse, must have been married to the servicemember for 10 years, during which time the Servicemember performed at least 10 years of creditable service for retirement purposes.

Even if you meet this test, you must obtain a court order from a U.S. court specifically stating that the award shall be made as direct payment of

retired pay. If these conditions are met, you can get monthly checks from DFAS and not be dependent upon the former military spouse sending you your share of the retired pay.

Do all states allow military retired pay to be divided as marital or community property?

Yes. Only Puerto Rico bars the division of military pension upon divorce. All states have one method or another of granting the division of military pensions. DFAS will only honor orders regarding division of retired pay from U.S. courts, not those of foreign countries.

How much of the retired pay will be awarded to me?

The court can divide the marital portion of the pension, that is the portion that was earned during the

marriage. The USFSPA says that no more than half of the pension can usually be divided. State law may give you a right to more than the percentage granted by the USFSPA.

If I, the former spouse, die, what happens to the pension I receive?

Under USFSPA, your rights to a portion of the pension ends upon your death. Payments cannot be made to your estate or to your heirs.

Is there any way that the former spouse can continue to receive payments after the military spouse dies?

Yes. Payments can continue to you if the Survivor Benefit Plan coverage has been chosen for you. A court can order the military spouse to provide coverage for the former spouse.

For questions about the USFSPA, consult your legal assistance office.

GET OUT!

area events

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

June 1

U.S. Army Soldier Show – The 28th annual Soldier Show will be 7 p.m. June 1 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. The show also plays 7 p.m. June 8 at the Fitness Center on Vogelweh Housing in Kaiserslautern. The show is sponsored by the Army G1's Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention Program and the Navy Federal Credit Union. www.mwrgermany.com.
English Stammtisch – The monthly English Language Stammtisch will be 6:30 p.m. June 1 at Hotel Ritter St. George, Hauptstrasse 178 in the Heidelberg Altstadt with open discussions on Sex and Politics, the Arab Spring and Osama bin Laden. The meeting is open to the public. Civ. 06221-80-4976, lirica100@yahoo.com.

June 3

KMC Onstage – Mel Brooks' musical The Producers plays June 3-5 at KMC Onstage on Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern. The show carries a self-imposed R rating, but has been toned down to PG-13. DSN 483-6626, civ. 0631-411-6626. www.mwrgermany.com.
Crazy for You – The Roadside Theater presents "Crazy For You" 7:30 p.m. June 3-4, 10-11, 17-18 and 6 p.m. June 5 on Patton Barracks in Heidelberg. Special family matinees show 3 p.m. May 29 and June 12. DSN 373-5020, civ. 06221-17-5020, www.mwrgermany.com.

June 4

Rock Am Ring – Experience the Rock am Ring/Rock im Park 2011 open air twin festival June 3-5 at Nürburgring, the racetrack in the Eifel hills, and simultaneously at Nuremberg's Zeppelinfeld park, featuring System Of A Down, Coldplay and Kings Of Leon and more than 80 other bands. For a complete lineup, visit www.bb-promotion.com/de/veranstaltungen/rock-am-ring. Check for ticket availability at 0621-10-1011, online at www.rheinneckarticket.de or www.bb-promotion.com and at local ticket agents.
Summer Bazaar – Over 100 vendors from around the world will be at this giant bazaar June 4-6 for ID cardholders only. Strollers are welcome and food and beverages are available. Take the kids to play on the hippy-hop, merry-go-round or stop at the petting zoo. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Follow the bazaar signs on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 237.

June 5

A Fascinating Mineral Event – The

Freisen Mineral Club holds its 28th annual international mineral fair 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Bruchwaldhalle (Town Hall) in Freisen about 5 miles from Baumholder. For centuries, the Idar-Oberstein, Baumholder and Freisen regions have been known for exceptional mineral deposits. The mining of gemstones – agates, rock crystals, amethysts and many other splendid stones – was a major factor in the development of Idar-Oberstein. The event motivates mineral collectors and gemstone lovers to admire beautiful and remarkable minerals and jewelry. Exhibitors will be from European countries and the local area. The club's mineral museum, located 200 meters away from the town hall, will be open to the public. There will be directional signs posted guiding motorists to the fair. Entrance €2, free for children under 14.

June 7

Author Vann Presents – Author David Vann will present his novella "Sukkwon Island" 8 p.m. in the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Heidelberg's Das Haus der Kultur in the Great Hall. The book is about 13-year old Roy and his depressive father who bought a shack on a remote island of southern Alaska to spend a year alone with his son whom he hardly knows. Jim is dangerously unprepared for the life and solitude of the wilderness and Roy desperately wants to leave. Vann was born in Alaska and when he was 13, his father committed suicide. The Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut is located on Sofenstrasse 12, 69115 Heidelberg. Civ. 06221-60-7322, www.dai-heidelberg.de.

June 7

Frankfurt Zoo – You don't need to travel to see lions, crocodiles, hippos and monkeys. The Frankfurt Zoo opened in 1958 and offers a variety of 500 different species and over 4,500 animals. Address: Zoo Frankfurt am Main, Bernhard-Grzimek-Allee 1, 60316 Frankfurt am Main.

June 12

Sky Diving – Sign up now to go sky diving in Bitburg with Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 4540 on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282 or Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation on Pulaski Barracks DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.
Japanese Gardens – Within the heart of Kaiserslautern lie the Japanese Gardens, renowned for providing tranquility and an insight to Japanese culture in the middle of a city. Free admission for children under 12. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Lauterstrabe 18, Kaiserslautern 67657, www.japanischergarten.de.

Helicopter Tours – For a thrilling experience, take a helicopter flight over the famous Heidelberg Castle, monuments and the Neckar Valley with its ancient villages, black forests and spectacular views of the ruined monastery at Heiligenberg, medieval forts at Dilsberg and the baroque gardens in Schwetzingen. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Civ. 06221-16-4215 Klingelhüttenweg 9, 69118 Heidelberg.

June 17

White Water Rafting and Canyoning – A fun family experience (for older children) happens in Landeck, Austria, June 17-20. Reserve with Heidelberg Outdoor Recreation on Patrick Henry Village DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282 or Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation on Pulaski Barracks DSN 493-4117, civ. 0631-3406-4117.
River Cruises – Take a two to three hour boat ride along the Neckar and marvel at the beauty of the Neckar Valley. Cruise past castles, quaint villages and thick forests. Most boats are open-topped. Hours: May-Sept. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Untere Neckarstraße 17, Heidelberg 69117, www.rnf-schiffahrt.de.
Segway Tours – See the sights of Nürnberg on a Segway tour. Segways are two-wheeled electrically powered vehicles that are operated by shifting your weight forwards and backwards to control speed and direction. Segway tour Nürnberg is located at Weißbergergasse 10, 90403 Nürnberg in the center of town and offers two tours. Call civ. 0911-93-3250 to book a tour. www.segwaytour-nuernberg.de/index.html.

Ongoing

Gospel Choir Festival – Make plans now to join the first International Gospel Choir Festival in Berlin in 2012. Sign your choir up now for the event that happens next May 19, 2012, at the Universal Hall Berlin with a workshop on Friday for all participating choirs. More information is available at www.eventtours.nl/Gospel_Choirfestival_Berlin_2012.htm.
Formula 1 Motorsport Adventure – Get tickets now at a special price for German, British and American troops to a Formula 1 race July 21-24 at Nürburgring, Nürburgring Boulevard 1, 53520 Nürburg. Children up to 14 years old are admitted free if accompanied by a ticketed adult. Those 15-17 get half off the ticket price. Camping is available. For tickets, go to www.bist-du-schnell-bist-du-dabei.de/Buchung_F1_2011_eng.pdf and click on the English pdf icon to navigate to the fillable form. The form must be faxed in. Please be sure to provide a valid e-mail address.

coming to THEATERS

THE HANGOVER PART II

(Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms) Right after the bachelor party in Las Vegas (The Hangover), Phil, Stu, Alan and Doug jet to Thailand for Stu's wedding. Stu's plan for a subdued pre-wedding brunch goes seriously awry and the guys find themselves on another post-blackout misadventure. (R for pervasive language, strong sexual content including graphic nudity, drug use and brief violent images). 102 minutes.



PLAYING THIS WEEK

Heidelberg, Patrick Henry Village

June 1 - BATTLE: LOS ANGELES (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 2 - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 4 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 3 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 7 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 10 p.m.
 June 4 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 4 p.m., 7 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 10 p.m.
 June 5 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 1 p.m., 4 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 7 p.m.
 June 6 - LINCOLN LAWYER (R) 7 p.m.
 June 7 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 7 p.m.
 June 8 - HANGOVER 2 (R) 7 p.m.
 June 9 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 7 p.m.

Vogelweh, Galaxy

June 3 - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 4 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
 June 4 - SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13) 4 p.m.; LINCOLN LAWYER (R) 7 p.m.
 June 5 - SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13) 4 p.m.

Ramstein, Gateway Movieplex

June 1 - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 4 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; BATTLE: LOS ANGELES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; I AM NUMBER FOUR (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
 June 2 - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 4 (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; BATTLE: LOS ANGELES (PG-13) 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; I AM NUMBER FOUR (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
 June 3 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; LINCOLN LAWYER (R) 12 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m.
 June 4 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 11:15 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.; LINCOLN LAWYER (R) 12 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m.
 June 5 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 11:15 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; LINCOLN LAWYER (R) 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
 June 6 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; LINCOLN LAWYER (R) 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
 June 7 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; LINCOLN LAWYER (R) 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
 June 8 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; LINCOLN LAWYER (R) 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
 June 9 - KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; HANGOVER 2 (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:45 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, CinemaxX, P4 13, 68161 Mannheim, civ. 01805-62-5466, www.cineplex.de

Mannheim, CinemaxX - English Language movies

June 1 - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 3D (PG-13) 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m.; WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13) 5 p.m.; WINTER'S BONE (R) 7:30 p.m.; Double Feature: THE HANGOVER 1 & 2 (R) 8 p.m.

community HIGHLIGHTS

Lead and Copper Testing

Starting June 6, routine lead and copper testing will be conducted in Heidelberg at Tompkins Barracks and Kilbourne Kaserne, in Mannheim at Spinelli and Coleman Barracks, in Gernersheim Army Depot and in Grünstadt to meet the requirements of the Environmental Final Governing Standards. For this event a special sampling procedure must be followed that requires tested faucets not be used for six to eight hours. Respective faucets will be labeled with instructions. DSN 387-3214, civ. 0162-2700815.

UMUC Europe Scholarship

University of Maryland University College Europe is offering a \$500 military family member scholarship exclusively for military spouses and dependents of active duty servicemembers to be used toward UMUC tuition and textbook fees for the summer 2011 session. For active-duty enlisted servicemembers, UMUC is also offering the \$100 Orkand Family Military Book Award. DSN 314-370-6762, civ. 06221-3780, www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid, www.ed.umuc.edu.

9/11 Remembrance

AFN Heidelberg is looking for Americans and Germans living and working in the USAG Baden-Württemberg community who were significantly affected by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. To share your story, go to afneurope.net, click on the publicity request form and send it to www.hbg_traffic@afn.dma.mil with the subject line 9/11 Remembrance. Make sure to provide a valid a phone number and e-mail. DSN 382-5073, civ. 0621-779-5073.

Kaiserslautern Housing

All Soldiers will now receive their initial housing brief Mondays at Kleber Kaserne, Bldg. 3245, room 006, or Wednesday at the Inprocessing Training Center on Daenner Kaserne, Bldg. 3109, at 1 p.m. Appointments: DSN 483-8342, civ. 0631-411-7372. Soldiers will no longer receive the briefing at the housing office. Vogelweh Housing: DSN 489-6671, civ. 0631-536-6671; Ramstein: DSN 480-3140, civ. 06371-47-3140.

Pharmacy Refills

Patients who need refills on prescriptions at the Heidelberg Health Center must now use the phone-in automated system to order refills and then pick them up the next day. The call-in system can be reached at DSN 486-5601, civ. 06371-86-5601.

Communicating with Commissary

Commissary customers seeking the fastest resolution for a local commissary concern should contact their local store director via e-mail on the store's web page. To access your local commissary page, go to www.commissaries.com.

local EMPLOYMENT

Massage Therapist

Heidelberg Sports and Fitness is looking for a registered massage therapist to work as a contractor at Campbell Fitness Center or Patrick Henry Village Stronghold Gym. DSN 370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489.

On the Spot Hiring

Child, Youth and School Services will hire on the spot for Army facilities 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 7 at Armstrong's Club on Vogelweh Housing. Bring resume, references. DSN 493-4371, civ. 0631-3406-4371.

KAISERSLAUTERN

Education

♦ **Free German Lessons** – Learn German from 12-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Landstuhl and Miesau Libraries and Fridays at Kleber Library; Landstuhl Library: DSN 486-7322, civ. 06371-86-8390. Miesau Library: DSN. 481-3755, civ. 06372-842-4355. Kleber Library: DSN 483-1740 or Civ. 06371-411-1740.

Community

♦ **Landstuhl Community Club** – Landstuhl Community Club will be closed for renovations through July 4. All weekly and monthly events are cancelled.

♦ **Pulaski Auto** – Pulaski Auto Skills has new hours: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

♦ **Kleber Library Closed** – Kleber Library will be closed June 2, 13 and 23. The Kaiserslautern Main and Miesau Branch Libraries will be open. www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Summer Apprenticeships** – Applications are being accepted through June 3 for summer youth apprenticeships for teens 15-18. DSN 486-8915, civ. 0631-86-8915, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Flag Day Retirement** – A flag day proclamation and honorable flag retirement ceremony will be held 4 p.m. June 14 at the Berlin Wall Memorial between the Ramstein Officers Club and the U.S. Air Forces Europe headquarters. Those wishing to retire unserviceable flags may bring them between 3 and 3:30 p.m.

♦ **Change of Command** – The 212th Combat Support Hospital will conduct a change of command between Col. Richard A. Jordan and Col. Ann M. Sammartino at the Miesau Army Ammo Depot Sports Field 10 a.m. June 14. In inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Miesau Gym.

♦ **Quilt Club** – Rheinland Pfalz Quilt Guild will meet 6 p.m. every fourth Thursday in May, June, July and August at the KLSA building on Pulaski Barracks. Stitch n' Gab meet 10 a.m.-5 p.m. day on Fridays at the Kapaun Chapel Annex.

♦ **Midnight Bingo** – Start at 7 p.m. with free finger food and stay for midnight bingo 9 p.m.-midnight at the Kazabra Club on Vogelweh. DSN 489-7261, civ. 0631-536-7261, www.mwrgermany.com.

HEIDELBERG

Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – Stress Management, 1-3 p.m. June 7; Volunteer Orientation, 10-11 a.m. Jun. 8; Pre-Deployment Resilience Training for Couples, 1-3 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 8; Goal Setting for Warriors in Transition, 10 a.m.-noon June 9, Nachrichten Kaserne, Bldg. 3622, Company B conference room.

♦ **UMUC Europe Registration** – University of Maryland University College Europe announces registra-

tion for the summer session for on site, face-to-face courses through June 5 with classes beginning June 6. Registration for Europe online courses continues through June 12, with classes starting June 13. DSN 314-370-6762, civ. 06221-3780. Upcoming field study courses include The Cultural History of London II July 30-Aug. 6 in England and Picasso in Paris Aug. 6-13 in France. www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy.

♦ **Babysitter's Training** – The American Red Cross offers babysitter's training 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 4 in Bldg. 3850, room 272. Register: www.redcross.org by June 2. Civ. 06221-57-1760.

Community

♦ **Waste collection** – Upcoming German holidays will change waste collection pickups. Ascension Day (June 2) moves collection at Mark Twain Village to June 3 and Patrick Henry Village to June 4. Whitsun (June 13) moves bulk item collection moves to June 14, MTV waste collection to June 17 and PHV waste collection to June 18. Corpus Christi (June 23) moves MTV waste collection to June 24 and PHV collection to June 25. The Recycling Center is closed on German holidays. DSN 387-3180, civ. 06221-4380-3180.

♦ **Volksmarches** – The Heidelberg International Wandering Club is registered at Langenbrand June 4-5. www.hiw.de.

♦ **Midsummer Read** – Register now for A Midsummer Knight's Read, a summer reading program. It will be held for preschoolers and kindergarteners 11 a.m. Wednesdays, for first-fifth graders 11:30 a.m. Thursdays and for sixth-12th graders 2 p.m. Tuesdays June 29-July 28 at the Patrick Henry Village Library. DSN 370-1740, civ. 06221-57-1740.

♦ **Yard Sale** – A community yard sale will be held in the park on Patrick Henry Village and in local housing areas June 4. Rent tables from Outdoor Recreation. The Recycle and Reuse Center will be open until 6 p.m. to drop-off unwanted items. DSN: 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **All You Can Eat Pizza** – Take the family for all the pizza they can eat and all the bowling they want at the Patrick Henry Village Bowling Center 6-8 p.m. Mondays from June 6-Aug. 29. DSN 388-9040, civ. 06221-338-9040, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Spiritual Fitness** – A spiritual fitness breakfast will be held 7 a.m. June 9 in the Casablanca room on Campbell Barracks in honor of the Army's 236th birthday. Reservations: DSN 370-7385.

♦ **Legends** – Join the hip hop party 9 p.m. June 11 at Legends on Patrick Henry Village. DSN: 388-9570, civ. 06221-57-9570.

♦ **Inspirations** – The Arts and Cultural Center on Patrick Henry

Village opens the Sandra Walker: Inspirations from Nature Art exhibition 7 p.m. June 11. It remains on display through June 26. DSN 388-9418, civ. 06221-338-9418.

♦ **Slot Machines Unavailable** – Effective June 12, the slot machines located in the Rod and Gun Club will be removed. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282.

♦ **Cheap Eats** – Join the barbecue and cookout 6-8 p.m. June 15 at the Warrior Zone on Patton Barracks. DSN 373-5221, civ. 06221-17-5221.

♦ **Summer Mind Fest** – Child, Youth and School Services sponsor a Summer Fitness Fest for Mind, Body and Soul featuring games, food and father/child events 1-6 p.m. June 18 at the Patrick Henry Village High School Sports Field. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

♦ **Father's Day** – Take dad out for brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 19 at the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village. DSN 388-9098, civ. 338-9098, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Good Will Project** – Youth need to turn in permission slips by June 13 to the Lion's Den on Patrick Henry Village for the Child, Youth and School Services good will project 8 a.m.-5 p.m. June 20-24. Teens will work with German youth clubs to restore a Jewish cemetery and learn about the Holocaust. DSN 388-9396, civ. 06221-338-9396.

♦ **CYSS Registrations** – Parents wishing to register or re-register their children with Child, Youth and School Services need to sign in at Parent Central Services a minimum of 30 minutes before closing time. Parent Central Services on Patrick Henry Village, Bldg. 4443, is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursdays. DSN 388-9240, civ. 06221-338-9240.

♦ **Lunch and Learn** – If you have a military ID card with access to Campbell Barracks join Rabbi Weiss in the conference room next to his office 11:45-12:45 p.m. Wednesdays to study the Bible in Bldg. 31-North, next to the Shoppette.

♦ **Boat Cruise, Castle Fire** – The Rhein-Neckar Silver Chapter Warrant Officers Association is hosting its River Boat Cruise and Castle Fireworks July 30 and the Wounded Warrior Heidelberg Castle Illumination on Sept. 3. DSN 370-5101, civ. 06221-57-5101, www.rhein-neckar-silver.com.

♦ **Military History** – The Military History Round Table, an informal group of German and Americans interested in WWII is open to anyone who has an interest in military equipment, uniforms, patches and memorabilia. The club meets 7 p.m. at the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club once a month on the third Thursday. DSN is 370-8686, civ. 06221-57-8686, e-mail 2973-634@online.de.

MANNHEIM

Education

♦ **ACS Classes** – Army Family Team Building Spring Fling, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 6-10; Mommy and Me Signing Time, 3-4 p.m. June 7, Bldg. 251; Play Group, 10 a.m.-noon June 8, Bldg. 725; Volunteer Orientation, 1:30-2:30 p.m. June 8; Mommy and Baby Wellness Group, 1-2 p.m. June 9, Bldg. 251.

♦ **Red Cross** – The Mannheim Red Cross will offer Community Adult, Child and Infant CPR, AED and First Aid 8 a.m.-5 p.m. June 4. Registration is required: DSN 385-1760, civ. 0621-730-1760, www.redcross.org.

Community

♦ **Self Service Supply** – The SSSC has temporary operating hours through July 5 – 8 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. DSN 384-6810, civ. 0621-730-6810.

♦ **Schools Out Early** – All Mannheim schools will be released 10:45 a.m. June 1 for teacher professional development training. No lunch will be served to students that day.

♦ **Holiday Park** – Spinelli Outdoor Recreation bus leaves 9 a.m. June 5 from the Schuh Theater for Holiday Park, an amusement center with rides, water shows and more. Pre-registration: DSN 384-6300.

♦ **Moving On** – Mannheim Middle School and Mannheim High School will host a "Moving On" celebration 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 9 on Woods Field. Entertainment will be provided by the U.S. Army Europe band, both schools' bands and drama students.

♦ **Blood Drive** – sponsored by the Mannheim Health Clinic and the American Red Cross 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 14 at the Sullivan Gym. Appointments: www.militarydonor.com/index.cfm?group=op&hgid=1.

♦ **Blue Sunday** – Enjoy blues, oldies and DJ Big Money at the Top Hat Club 5-9 p.m. June 19. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Kletterwald** – Youth need to turn in permission slips by June 20 to the Lion's Den on Patrick Henry Village to go to the Kletterwald high ropes course 2-5 p.m. June 29. Open to Heidelberg and Mannheim teens. www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **Salsa Lessons** – Learn to salsa 6-7 p.m. for level one and 7-8 p.m. for level two on Wednesdays at the Top Hat Club on Benjamin Franklin Village. DSN 380-9370, civ. 0621-730-9370, www.mwrgermany.com.

♦ **CYSS Registrations** – Parents wishing to register or re-register their children with Child, Youth and School Services need to sign in at Parent Central Services a minimum of 30 minutes before closing time. Parent Central Services in Bldg. 696 is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Mannheim sports through the years



Soldiers attend a baseball game in 1947 in what is today the Carl Benz Stadium in downtown Mannheim.

Courtesy Photo



Mannheim High School Yearbook

Students participate in the 1983 Mannheim American High School Homecoming.



USAG Mannheim Public Affairs

Community Commander Brig. Gen. Clifford A. Druit, center, poses with the U.S. team at the 1985 Albert-Schweitzer Tournament at the Benjamin Franklin Village Sports Arena in Mannheim.



Linda Steil

Bison running back Aaron Garrison, center, scored five of seven touchdowns in the Division II quarterfinal match against Bamberg Oct. 23, 2010. Protecting Garrison are Jacobi Mapp, 64, and Tyrell Geter, 50. The Bison went to the Super Six finals to take second place in European football in its division.

Yowlers win low gross Saturday in Heidelberg

Brothers Kevin and Markus Yowler won the low gross at the two-person golf tourney at the Heidelberg Golf Club Saturday with a 5 over par 77. Their up-and-down round included two double bogeys and three birdies with their birdie on the final hole assuring their win. Johanna and Wolfgang Wilam's 61 took low net (with handicap). Swen Chiron and Nicolas Princal had second low net with 63. Carsten Straetz and Koren Yksel were third with 63 and Brenda and Jack Whiting fourth with 66. Brenda Whiting also won both long drive and closest to the pin for the ladies. Marvin Gardner won the men's long drive and Frank Tordeur won closest to the pin. SOURCE: Rex Gribble

staying ACTIVE

Liberty Tour

Pedal through history and celebrate D-Day on the Liberty Tour June 3-5. The tour begins in Bastogne, Belgium. Must have a road bike and be able to bike at least 80 miles per day. DSN 373-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489.

AUSA Golf

The Association of the U.S. Army will host a golf tournament in honor of the U.S. Army's 236th birthday June 10 at the Heidelberg course. Format will be four-person, best-ball scramble with an 8 a.m. start. Registration is limited to the first 24 teams.

Army Birthday Runs

A 5-kilometer run and walk for the 236th Army birthday will take place June 11 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg with registration at 8:30 a.m. and race start at 9 a.m. DSN 314-370-6489, civ. 06221-57-6489. An Army Birthday Community Run will be held 6 a.m. June 10 on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Bldg. 370, in Kaiserslautern. DSN 493-2088, civ. 0631-3406-2088.

Soccer Officials Clinic

Ansbach, Germany, and Vicenza, Italy, will host this year's soccer officials clinics June 14-18 to train future officials for military youth sports events. Register for Germany: DSN 379-7667, civ. 06202-80-6574.

Beach Volleyball

An all-day Beach Volleyball Tournament will be held June 18 at the Tompkins Barracks volleyball complex and is open to ID-card holders over 18 years old. DSN 379-7700.

Youth Soccer Coaches Wanted

The U.S. Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program needs board members and coaches for the Europe wide soccer development program that meets two Sundays per month. http://usysa.goalline.ca/news2.php?news_id=406082&team_id=138974&lang=or-usysheidelberg@googlemail.com.

Women Golfers Need Rally Volunteers

The Heidelberg Women's Golf Association seeks volunteers for its Rally For the Cure - Pink on the Green Fore Breast Cancer Awareness Annual Golf Tournament June 18 at the Heidelberg Golf Club in Oftersheim. Civ. 0152-2767-2405, qmsr1@googlemail.com.

Heidelberg Tennis Center

Seasonal memberships are available at the Patrick Henry Village Tennis Center. Fee includes balls, court time, locker room facilities and discounted lessons. DSN 373-7998, civ. 06221-17-7998.

Bowlopolis

Children 17 and under can bowl June 16-Aug. 29 with a Bowlopolis card good for \$1 games and \$1 shoe rental before 5 p.m. every day at the Patrick Henry Village Bowling Center. DSN 388-9040, civ. 33-9040.

Mannheim Youth Sports Camps

Registration for Mannheim middle school summer camps June 20-Aug. 26 is now open. Fees must be paid in advance by the Wednesday prior to the event. DSN 380-9135, civ. 0621-730-9135, www.mwrgermany.com.

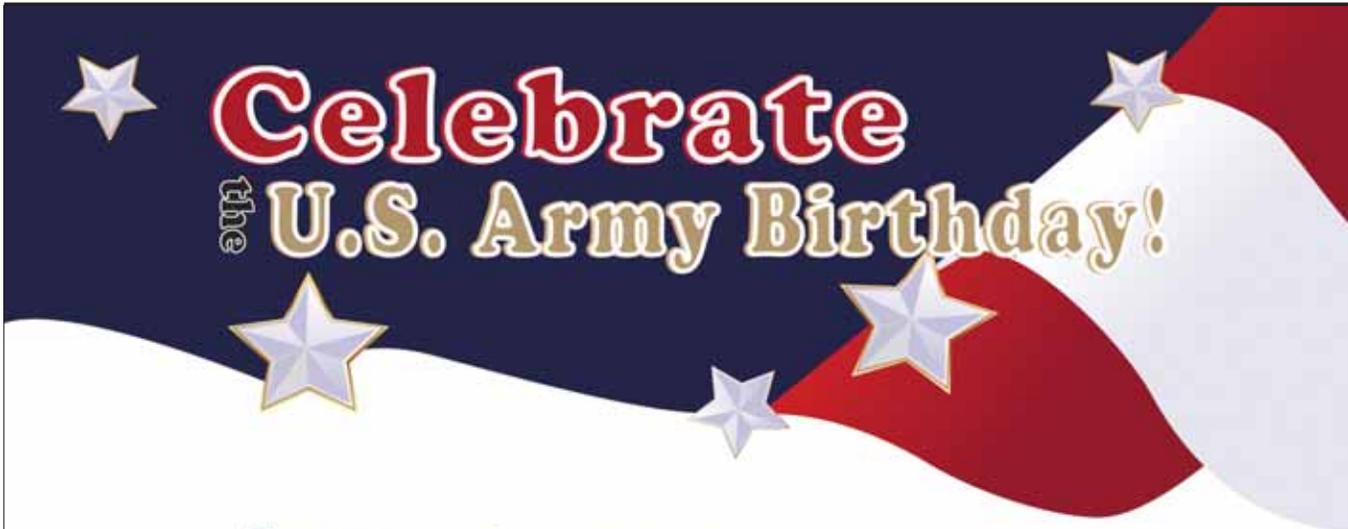
Kaiserslautern Summer Youth Soccer

Registration is open now for various weeklong day camps 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 20-Aug. 26 for 5 to 16-year-olds. Parent Central Services: DSN 493-4122, civ. 0631-4122, www.mwrgermany.com.

Rod and Gun Club

The slot machines in the Rod and Gun Club will be removed by the end of the month. DSN 388-9282, civ. 06221-338-9282.

See Photos Online
www.flickr.com/heraldpost



Celebrate the U.S. Army Birthday!

June 14, 1775

Everybody loves to celebrate a birthday. Getting a little bit older each year is part of growing up. Each year, we are able to do more and more things better and better!

The Army likes to celebrate its birthday too. It has done many things as it 'grew up' during its history. The little Army Birthday book tells the story of the Army and some of the people that have been a part of it.

We hope you enjoy the story of "The Army's History". You and your Family are all a part of the Army Family.

