

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' surveys hit inboxes

Gen. Ham encourages service members, spouses to provide open, honest feedback

By Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Carden
 American Forces Press Service

Defense Department officials e-mailed surveys to 400,000 service members as part of a special review to prepare the military for a potential repeal of the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law that bans gays and lesbians from openly serving, Pentagon officials announced July 7.

Gen. Carter F. Ham, commander of U.S. Army Europe, and Jeh Johnson, the Pentagon's top lawyer, head the review panel that is assessing the current law.

"The voices of the service members are still vitally important," the general said, noting that although amendments to the current law were approved by legislators in May, lawmakers still require the Pentagon review.

"This is draft regulation, it is not yet enacted into law, and there are several hurdles yet to come," Ham said.

The group has been meeting with troops and family members since February. Surveys also were distributed because time and financial constraints precluded meeting with every single member, Ham explained in a recent Pentagon Channel interview.

The surveys will give the panel a baseline of information that best represents the military's 2.2 million service members and their families, Ham said, stressing the importance of service member feedback.

Engaging the force may be more important now than before the amendments were passed, Ham said.

Half of the surveys went to active-duty service members, and half were sent to the reserve components. Troops who received the surveys were selected based on age, rank, service, component, military specialties, education, marital status and other factors to ensure broad and thorough feedback on a potential repeal, Ham said.

The working group also plans to continue meeting with service members and families, Ham said. He and Johnson have met with troops at "a large variety of bases, posts, camps and stations around the country," the general said, adding that they're planning to meet with troops stationed overseas, as well.

Such sessions have proven invaluable to the working group, Ham added.

"What these sessions do afford is an opportunity for Mr. Johnson and myself to speak directly to service members, to hear in their own words what their assessment of the impact of repeal of the current law would be, should Congress decide to take that action," he said. "Those sessions provide us context.

They provide us substance to what we know we will get statistically from the survey and put it in real terms of how real service members feel about this."

An online inbox also is available for military and civilian members of the Defense Department. Troops can log into www.defense.gov/dadt with their common access card to provide their input.

This site is not confidential; however, directions from the site, as well as in the survey, are provided for members who wish to continue a "confidential dialogue" with non-Defense Department members of the working group, the general said.

Once service members enter the confidential site, they will be given an untraceable PIN number they then can use to log on from any computer.

This tool will allow gay and lesbian service members to remain anonymous and establish confidential communication, Ham explained. It's available to all service members, he added, because some may not feel comfortable providing candid

remarks.

"It is vitally important that service members continue to be open and frank and totally honest with us in their feedback," Ham said. "That certainly has been the case to date, whether it's been a large-group session or a small group or the online inbox. The service members and their families have been invaluable to Mr. Johnson and myself."

"We need that to continue in order to do our jobs and be representative of the force as we address the significant policy matters that would follow repeal of this law, if that is what Congress decides to do," the general said.

Also, 150,000 surveys will be mailed to military spouses by the end of the month, Ham said. Ham stressed the importance of promptly completing and returning the surveys. The hope, he said, is that all of the surveys will be submitted within 45 days of receipt, he said.

The working group's final report is due to Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates by Dec. 1.

New Kelley CDC nearing completion

Suzanne King (right), the USAG Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services director, gives Maj. Gen. Michael A. Snodgrass (center), U.S. AFRICOM chief of staff, a tour of the soon-to-open Kelley Child Development Center before a key turnover ceremony on July 8. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 23 at 10 a.m.



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Summer Hire: getting the job done

While finding summer employment is tough stateside, more than 90 youths in USAG Stuttgart are employed through the Army's Summer Hire Program.



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Celebrating July Fourth Stuttgart-style

USAG Stuttgart FMWR threw a huge birthday party on Husky Field, complete with fun, food and fireworks, to celebrate the nation's birthday.



EFMP: fulfilling the promise to all family members

Commentary by Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

Installation Management Command commander

Army Families deal with unique challenges associated with military life, especially when it comes to relocation.

Families with members requiring special educational and medical services often have to build a complex system of providers and services to support the health and development of their family members.

Families can put an incredible amount of time and effort into creating a network that enables their family members to flourish, and then, when it comes time to relocate, they have to start again.

The Army does not intend for these families to go it alone.

The Exceptional Family Member Program, managed through Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, is a comprehensive, coordinated program that provides community support, educational, medical, housing and personnel services to families with special needs.

Soldiers with family members who have special needs are required to enroll in EFMP, so that the needs can be considered during the nominative phase of the military personnel assignment process.

Some Soldiers may be reluctant to identify family members for this program. They may feel that identifying with the program will adversely affect their career. This is simply not true. Army leaders at all levels must help dispel this misconception.

It is also important for Soldiers and their families to know that the Army's EFMP does much more than provide information for assignment decisions.

The EFMP is one way we can keep some of the most important promises articulated in the Army Family Covenant: providing access to high-quality medical care, educational opportunities and family programs that foster an environment in which families can thrive.

The number one request I hear from EFMP families during my installation visits is for assistance in navigating the variety of services and programs available through the Department of Defense, Department of the Army and other federal, local and state agencies. When Soldiers and their families move to a new location, they need to know what is available on and off the installation, and how to access and coordinate all the services.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act requires all of the Armed Services to provide additional support for families with special needs.

As a part of the Army's response, Installation Management Command will add 44 System Navigators to the existing EFMP staff at 26 garrisons stateside and overseas. The System Navigators will help families connect to the local, state and federal resources they need. The System Navigators will be trained and in place within the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2011.

System navigation is just one of the areas we are looking at through the Army EFMP Strategic Action Plan, which grew out of EFMP summits held in February 2009 and 2010. For all of the issues we are

looking at — family member evaluation, enrollment eligibility, information management, coordination of services, new programs and others — our efforts are guided by the concerns of our families and a focus on improving Soldier and family well-being and readiness.

EFMP is also one of the programs that the Services and Infrastructure Core Enterprise is studying to bring about improvements for Army Families. SICE is a collaborative and cross-functional team of more than 15 commands, organizations and staff offices formed to develop solutions to Army-wide challenges. SICE will determine how we can resource installations with the appropriate number of EFMP staff for the most effective and responsive program.

EFMP continues to provide an invaluable service, but this is an area in which we must always seek innovative ways to enhance support to families with special needs.

Soldiers and families need to know before they depart for a new installation that they will be able to find the services necessary for the health and well-being of all their family members. This is part of our promise to families, for the sacrifices they make, and our commitment to Soldiers, whose strength and readiness is rooted in the strength of their families.

Families who have questions or need EFMP support are encouraged to go to the garrison Army Community Service and speak with the EFMP manager.

ON THE STREET: SUMMER HIRE

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Adrienne Jones, 15
(USAG Stuttgart Housing Office)

"Answering the phone."



Sean Brandt, 14
(Galaxy Bowling Center)

"Making pizzas."



Meshia Lyons, 15
(Patch School-Age Services)

"Working with the little children ... and the activities are fun."



Cory Peterson, 15
(Patch Community Mail Room)

"Seeing behind the scenes of the mail room."



Brandon Lockridge, 16
(USAG Stuttgart Information Technology)

"Going out and helping people with computer problems."



Rose Richardson, 15
(Patch Library)

"Doing the summer reading program with kids."



Kevin Conley, 15
(USAG Stuttgart Religious Support Office)

"The people I work for are really nice ..."



Kat Hartmann, 16
(USAG Stuttgart Installation Operations Center)

"Working with all the friendly, kind people."



U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers assigned to Operational Detachment Alpha 0116, 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), stand in formation during an award ceremony in which the unit received the Larry Thorne Award for the best ODA in the command. The ceremony took place on June 28 at Panzer Kaserne.

Stuttgart SF detachments win Thorne Award as 2009's best

Story & photo by Maj. James Gregory
Special Operations Command Europe Public
Affairs Office

During a short ceremony June 28, Col. Sean P. Swindell, the 10th Special Forces Group commander, honored both Operational Detachment 0116 and the Service Detachment of 1st Battalion 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) with the Larry Thorne Award for being the best detachments in the Group throughout 2009.

The award commemorates Special Forces legend Larry Thorne — a technically and tactically proficient warrior who was always on the offensive.

“He was a complex yet driven man who valorously fought oppression under three flags and didn’t acknowledge the meaning of quit,” said Swindell. “He earned the Finnish equivalent of the Medal of Honor and fought against the Russians in World War II under both Finland and Germany. After the war, he came to the United States where he joined the U.S. Special Forces as a Lodge Act Soldier.”

SFODA 0116

Special Forces ODA 0116 lived up to Thorne’s legend during its engagements in Africa, as well as during European partner nation military training and counter-insurgency operations in Afghanistan.

“We operated within a great working environment, which led to an extremely cohesive and effective detachment,” said Master Sgt. Rob Elliott, the detachment’s former operations sergeant.

It was in Afghanistan that the detachment really began to understand the complexities of foreign internal defense conducted in a combat environment.

During its second deployment there, the team organized and then provided security for a massive shura in the Kapisa Province that included Department of Defense Agribusiness Development Teams, State Department and USAID experts to discuss pomegranate agriculture development.

The meeting had strategic effects as the ADT provided training to Afghan locals on how to cultivate their fruit more productively, the State Department coordinated with a juice factory in Kabul that would purchase the pomegranates, and USAID set up export visas for growers to showcase their products

in India. It provided an outlet for the growers to put their products back on the national and international markets — something that hadn’t been done for the more than 30 years of conflict in Afghanistan.

“Kinetic operations show the enemy that we can hit them hard, but in the long run, they are of limited value. There has to be proof to the people that you’re doing something for them, and it’s the development and governance aspects of the mission that provide the proof,” said the detachment’s commander about their success in Afghanistan.

1/10 SFG(A) Service Detachment

Successful special operations depend upon rock-solid enablers, and the Soldiers of the service detachment had an enormous impact disproportionate to their numbers on the battalion’s overall combat readiness and effectiveness.

“This is one element that supported three combatant commanders,” said Swindell. “They supported SFODAs operating in isolated and austere environments providing vital support necessary to conduct not only combat operations, but also develop the capacity of NATO SOF and Afghan partners.”

The service detachment provided direct support to detachments conducting combined training events for host nation partners within both Europe and Africa. Its Soldiers also supported combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“You hear me talking about being exceptionally enabled,” said Swindell, as he spoke to one of the service detachment mechanics.

“You’ve created that environment. I’m looking for mechanics that can fix everything in the motor pool and then whatever vehicle that you’re working on, whether it be a Hilux in Africa, a Stryker in Iraq or an MRAP vehicle in Afghanistan,” he said.

As Swindell and his command team addressed 1st Battalion following the ceremony, he charged the men to continue the legacy of Maj. Larry Thorne. He spoke of adaptability, self-discipline and of maintaining the offensive in everything that they did.

“Larry Thorne epitomizes what a Green Beret is and what we all need to become,” concluded Col. Swindell. “He was self-disciplined and he’s the model of what I expect from a Green Beret — something we all need to strive for.”

News & Notes

Pastore to hand over garrison helm July 19

Col. Carl D. Bird will replace Col. Richard M. Pastore as commanding officer of U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart during a change of command ceremony scheduled for July 19.

The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on the Panzer Kaserne parade field, adjacent to USAG Stuttgart headquarters, Building 2949.

Bird comes to USAG Stuttgart after serving as director of Defense Supply Center Columbus Land Customer Operations, in Columbus, Ohio.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Panzer Fitness Center, Building 2990.

Tech expo starts July 28 on Patch Barracks

The summer Patch Barracks/Stuttgart Area Technology Exposition will be held July 28 from 1–4 p.m. and July 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Patch Fitness Center.

More than 70 exhibitors will be on hand to demonstrate the latest in communication technology, cyber security, software and more.

All military, civilian, and contractor personnel are invited to attend.

The event is sponsored by U.S. European Command J-6 and the Stuttgart Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Chapter.

SOCEUR hosts change of command July 26

Maj. Gen. Michael S. Repass will assume command of Special Operations Command Europe from Maj. Gen. Frank J. Kisner on July 26 at 3 p.m. on Washington Square at Patch Barracks. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be in the Panzer Kaserne gymnasium.

Repass served as the deputy commander of SOCEUR from February 2006 to June 2008. He is returning to SOCEUR after commanding U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), since June 2008.

Kisner has been selected for his third star and will serve as the NATO Special Operations Headquarters commanding general in Mons, Belgium.

Volunteers needed to plan events for Disability Employment Awareness Month

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Employment Opportunity Office Special Emphasis Committee invites all community members to participate in planning events for Disability Employment Awareness Month in October.

This year, the committee intends to honor cancer survivors and those who lost the battle against this disease.

For more information, send an e-mail to yasmin.a.rosa@us.army.mil or eshe.faulcon@us.army.mil.

Ask a JAG

Editor's Note: Do you have a question you would like to see answered in a future edition of The Citizen? If so, contact "Ask a JAG" at sean.marvin@eur.army.mil.

By Capt. Sean A. Marvin (U.S. Army)
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Q: I am about to go on temporary duty, and plan to rent a vehicle. A friend of mine recently did so and, when he returned it afterwards, was told by the rental company that there was damage to the car. The company tried to stick him with the bill. Is there anything I should know ahead of time?

A: Yes. Most importantly, so long as you are authorized to do so, use your government-issued Citibank Visa travel card when making the purchase. Additionally, know that you have 45 days to report to Visa any loss or damage to the rental car.

Under the current Defense Department travel card, Visa provides coverage for loss or damage to the rental vehicle. To trigger coverage in the event of automobile loss or damage, the traveler must contact Visa within 45 days of the loss or damage. It should be noted that Visa does not, however, provide third-party coverage or coverage for loss of personal belongings inside the vehicle, loss-of-use charges that arise from the loss or damage, or loss or damage due to misuse of the vehicle.

Once contacted, Visa will instruct the traveler on how to file a claim. The traveler will be asked to provide a Visa claim form, evidence that the rental was made and paid for with the Visa travel card, a statement from the renter's unit that the traveler was acting within the scope of his duty, the rental company's accident report form, a police report, an itemized estimate or repair bill and photographs of the damage.

However, even if the loss or damage involved is not covered by Visa, you are not necessarily without hope. Many rental agencies are a party to the Defense Travel Management Office rental agreement ("Agreement"). The Agreement provides coverage for loss or damage to the rental vehicle and third-party liability coverage for property damage, personal injury, or death arising from a collision with a vehicle rented under the terms of the Agreement. That coverage includes towing, administrative costs, loss of use, and other charges arising from the loss or damage.

The Agreement lists certain exceptions to coverage, which largely relate to improper use of the vehicle. So long as the Agreement applies, however, it overrides any contrary provision in the actual rental contract signed by the traveler. It also prohibits the rental company from billing the traveler for the loss or damage.

Before renting, travelers should ask whether the company they plan to rent from is a party to the Agreement. Should their vehicle later become lost or damaged, travelers should immediately report the incident to the rental company, and remind the company that the coverage provided by the Agreement applies.

This column is not intended as individual or specific legal advice. If you have specific issues or concerns, you should consult a judge advocate at 421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4152.

Use caution while traveling – crime doesn't take vacations

By Robert Szostek

U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal

Crime doesn't take vacations. That's why U.S. Army Europe crime prevention experts say you can never be too careful, prepared or aware.

Members of the U.S. forces community in Europe should be particularly cautious when they travel, the experts say.

"It's important to remember that tourists make tempting targets for thieves," said Lt. Col. Shawn J. Kelley, chief of law enforcement at the USAREUR Office of the Provost Marshal. Travelers who are lost or distracted, weighed down with bags, and carrying money and other valuables in obvious places, make great targets for thieves.

The best advice is to blend in with the crowd and look like the locals, OPM officials say. Don't let your dress, talk or mannerisms identify you as American or a member of the military. Carry inconspicuous baggage, not military bags or luggage with unit logos. Don't take uniform items or clothes with military designs with you.

Pickpockets are particularly active during the summer, OPM experts add, especially in major cities, and in eastern and southern Europe. They stalk tourists and strike when their victims are vulnerable. "If anyone jostles, bumps or crowds you, a pickpocket may be in action," Kelley said. Thieves may also

stage distractions by dropping something or causing a loud commotion, and steal your belongings while you are distracted.

Pickpockets often offer to help their victims load bags on trains, taxis or buses to give the thieves an opportunity to steal something out of them. They may cut backpacks open and take whatever drops out.

Thieves watch potential victims buy tickets, food or other items at train and metro stations to see where victims keep their wallets or money. Don't make yourself an easy target, the experts say.

Kelley said women should never sling purses or pocketbooks over their shoulders, because many items are plucked out of open purses. He recommended that women carry handbags or purses in front of their bodies, and that men place their wallets in a front pants pocket if possible.

Some thieves also target those who have had one too many in bars and clubs late at night, or take unguarded valuables while their owners are swimming or asleep or away from their seats on a train.

Kelley said it's best not to flash a lot of cash, and wise to not throw away receipts from credit card purchases or anything with an account number on it that a thief could use.

OPM officials said members of the U.S. forces community can contact their local Provost Marshal Offices for more security tips or download National Crime Prevention Council travel safety pamphlets at www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/traveling.



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Summer Hire Program pays off in experience, cash

By Waylin Owsley
Special to The Citizen

A sputtering U.S. economy means many teens are jobless this summer.

However, more than 90 teens are working and earning money in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, thanks to the Army's Summer Hire program.

The Summer Hire program gives young people ages 14-22 the opportunity to gain work experience and prepare for careers, while supporting the Army mission.

Jobs are available in clerical, labor and child care fields. Summer Hire employees are placed in the area that most fits with what they requested on their applications. Employees earn \$5.50 an hour.

Kimberly Cooke, 14, works in the garrison's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office on Panzer Kaserne.

"I wanted to learn and be exposed to the office environment," she said.

While Cooke files documents and is learning the Army Records Information Management System, she finds running errands to be the exciting aspect of her job.

"I was nervous, but it was cool to meet the high-ranking directors," Cooke said.

Some people prefer employment of a more physical nature.

Leronica Burns, 19, works at the community mail room on Patch Barracks as a laborer.

She said the goal of the CMR is to get all the mail out on time, in one piece.

The Summer Hires do a little of everything. They unload and sort mail, "pitch" junk mail and help customers.

"I like working with customer service because you can see people, and little kids are excited about what they receive," said Burns.

She's not the only one who appreciates "little kids."

Maddie Krause, 16, in her second year of participating in the Summer Hire Program, works for Child, Youth and School Services' School-Age Services on Patch Barracks.

At SAS, she helps by filing paperwork and taking care of children. She chose the child care field to prepare herself for a career as a pediatrician.

"The hardest part of my job would be the paper cuts," she said. "I hate paper, but working with kids is fun."

Editor's note: Waylin Owsley and James Pritchard are USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office Summer Hire employees.

[Above] USAG Stuttgart Summer Hire employee Sean Conley, 17, makes a pizza at the Galaxy Bowling Center on Panzer Kaserne. [Right] Julian Foster, 18, wipes down the salad bar in the Black Stallion Dining Facility after a lunch service. Foster is in his sixth year participating in the Summer Hire Program. More than 90 teens and young adults are employed this summer across the garrison in the Army's Summer Hire Program.



Photos by James Pritchard

All Star girls step up to plate at European Little League tourney

By Maj. Steven Lamb
Special to The Citizen

In Europe, no other sporting event takes precedence over World Cup Soccer.

Last month, however, girls' softball trumped international football — at least for some very proud and enthusiastic parents, as the 11- and 12-year-old Stuttgart All Stars battled against the Ramstein All Stars at Ramstein Air Base June 26 in a European Little League tournament.

While Stuttgart lost to Ramstein in the best-of-three tourney, along with the chance to go to Italy and compete in the regional tournament, the intent of the experience was met.

"We wanted to give the girls the opportunity to play at the next level," said, Joseph Marvin, the All Stars coach for the last two years.

"This tourney gave them a taste of what the big leagues are like, and we hope that we have motivated them toward year-round participation," he said.

Players from U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services' softball teams underwent two separate tryouts to make the All Star team. The top 13 were selected.

"CYS helped ensure the girls met the minimal playing requirement to qualify to participate in the tournament, and they provided them an opportunity

to learn the basics," said volunteer CYS Services Dodgers coach, Alice Lamb.

Five Dodger players made the All Star cut, while other players came from the Orioles and Angels teams.

A few of the girls who played in CYS Services' Junior League and did not meet Little League requirements to play at the junior-level tourney, were permitted to "play down" at the 11-12-year-old category.

"I am very proud of this team. They were only formed about a month ago, but they came together and fought the good fight," said Lamb.

Coach Marvin is pushing to expand the Ambassadors Program, a Stuttgart Little League program he founded last year, which allows the girls to work on skills and develop themselves during the off season.

"Right now we are just in the development stage, so we only practice on Sunday at [2 p.m.] on Husky Field on Patch. Once we get more girls involved I'll like to have it two to three times a week," he said.

According to Marvin, Ambassador recruitment occurs at all levels; experienced high school students help mentor and assist the younger new players.

The goal would be to form a truly competitive team capable of fighting their way to international competition, he said.

This tourney gave them a taste of what the big leagues are like ...

Joseph Marvin
Stuttgart All Stars coach

Players are held to National Little League girls' softball standards, and all that is required to participate is a permission slip from parents and a medical release form.

"The expense to the family is minimal — a glove, cleats and a bit of time covers it," said Marvin.

Any girl from 10 years old to high school age can participate. Parents who want to help with drills or to learn the game are also welcome.

For more information on the Ambassador's Program, contact Joe Marvin at Joseph.marvin@eucom.mil. For information on CYS Services sports, call CYS Services Sports and Fitness at 431-2616/07031-15-2616.

BICES training enhances Polish SOF 'commo' capability

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In an effort to enhance their capability in support of NATO and International Security Assistance Forces, communication soldiers of the Polish Special Operations Command came to Stuttgart June 22-25 for a special training session.

Elements of Special Operations Command Europe and the SOCEUR Signal Detachment provided the training session to assist in building POLSOCOM's capacity to communicate seamlessly with U.S. special operations forces.

To do that, the Polish troops were given a demonstration on how to equip, train and employ the U.S. Battlefield Information Collection and Exploitation System when used as part of a deployed package. BICES is intended to coordinate and exploit battlefield intelligence gathering among all NATO commands and participating nations.

"It provides them an opportunity to discuss what is similar and what is different from their own experience," said Col. Mark Luchs, SOCEUR director of communications. "Additionally, it sparks discussion and exchange that may identify missing or needed equipment and capabilities. During these exchanges, we are both learning how to better operate, integrate and execute EUCOM and ISAF SOF missions."

As part of SOCEUR's role in building the special operations capacity



A Soldier assigned to Special Operations Command Europe Signal Detachment briefs soldier representatives of Polish Special Operations Command at Stuttgart Army Airfield on June 23 as part of a training session sponsored by SOCEUR to enhance their communications capability.

of current and future partner nations, a key component of that mission focuses on developing key enablers such as communications, medical and military intelligence.

Luchs placed special emphasis on the communications piece.

"The ability to deliver the right information, to the right operator at the right time with a high degree of confidence in austere and difficult conditions is a hallmark of SOF communicators. This capability provides SOF operators the ability to stay ahead of any situation," Luchs said. "The ability to demonstrate our processes, procedures and equipment

with our PNs and how we operate in both garrison and tactical environments helps POLSCOM and other nations see how it is done and provides a benchmark from which to move forward."

For more than two years, signal Soldiers assigned to both SOCEUR and SSD have been working with their Polish "commo" counterparts by going to Poland for various training missions and conducting equipment assessments.

SSD Soldiers have set up video teleconferences between Polish and USSOCOM leaders and trained Polish signal soldiers prior to deployments to Afghanistan.

"We go look at the type of equipment they have, see how it works and advise on how to better use their systems," said 1st Sgt. Brian Brown, SSD first sergeant. "Most importantly, we go and train their NCOs as part of the train-the-trainer concept. Now they have more institutional knowledge in their ranks because their sergeants have been able to pass on their knowledge to their new troops."

As part of making the training engagement more beneficial, Luchs insisted that both U.S. and Polish signal operators have candid discussions about specific capabilities and the parts that deliver that capability. Examples include discussions about equipment, processes, software packages and lessons learned.

"The engagement itself provides a level of partner exchange that also helps shape both POLSCOM future development and employment of BICES," Luchs said. "It reinforces the foundation of our partnership and understanding."

Emphasizing the significance of their visit, a POLSOCOM signal officer said his team will go back to Poland with a better understanding of how to improve their communications capability.

"This training opportunity allowed us to fully understand how the BICES equipment is used in a deployed scenario," said the POLSOCOM signal officer. "We were able to see up close how the system works and most importantly, get expert advice to take back and build a system like this for our forces."

He mentioned that as POLSOCOM continues to support ISAF, it is crucial to have a system in place that is an enabler to the SOF operator on the battlefield.

"It's very important that we can have a communication system we can take with us on the battlefield," he said. "Mobility will allow us to be more effective, and the BICES equipment is a system that we're very impressed with."

Echoing the POLSOCOM signal officer, Luchs summarized the training experience and what he hoped they would take away from the engagement.

"I think the Polish officers and NCOs who came here were selected by their leadership not only to better understand the technical and process exchanges, but also by POLSCOM staff to see what right looks like from a partner nation relationship standpoint," Luchs said. "In effect, we have developed a level of trust and understanding between staffs. It's important that POLSCOM wanted to send some of their 'up and comers' to learn and build relationships so that they are fully familiar with us as partner."



Vitt takes command of 52nd Signal Battalion

2nd Signal Brigade Commander Col. Gerald H. Miller (right) passes the colors to the incoming 52nd Signal Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Robert A. Vitt, during a change of command ceremony held July 9 on Washington Square, Patch Barracks.

Richard Herman

Banks to open later

Stuttgart-area Community Banks will be closed for training during the morning of July 21. The Patch Barracks bank will open from 1-4 p.m., and the branches on Panzer Kaserne and Kelley Barracks will be open from 1:30-4 p.m.

PCS/pre-separation briefing on July 21

The next scheduled permanent change of station/pre-separation briefing will be held July 21 at 1 p.m. in Building 2913, Panzer Kaserne.

All service members departing within the next four to five months are encouraged to attend. All separating Army personnel must attend. Pre-registration is required. For more information, or to sign up, call 431-2599/civ. 07031-15-2599.

Get recall, product safety news

Consumers can stay up-to-date on recalls and product safety news by visiting the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's website at www.cpsc.gov.

Current recalls include bicycles, stadium light poles and children's jewelry.

Study in Paris

Tour the neighborhoods of Paris while learning about the expatriate writers of the 1920s. University of Maryland University College is offering Expatriate Writers in Paris: 1920s, from Aug. 7-14 in Paris. Register by July 16.

For more information, visit www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy or contact a UMUC field representative.

Girl Scout picnic to be held Aug. 7

The Stuttgart Girl Scouts invites current and future Girl Scouts and their moms to a "bring your own" picnic event

Aug. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Husky Field on Patch Barracks. A \$5 registration fee for non-Scouts includes volleyball, relay races, games and crafts.

For more information, call Christian Fuentes at civ. 0162-297-2562 or e-mail Christina.Fuentes@us.army.mil.

Girl Scout leaders needed

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New to Stuttgart? Sign up for SNO

Stuttgart Newcomers Orientation is a two-day German language and culture orientation to Stuttgart and the military community.

Classes are scheduled for July 27 and 29, Aug. 3 and 5, and Aug. 24 and 26.

Class runs from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday.

To register, or for more information, call Army Community Service at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

Sessions for youths in grades six to 12 are also available. Contact Child, Youth and School Services at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

Boy Scouts need camping gear

Boy Scout Troop 44 is looking to build their supply inventory through donations.

The troop needs gently used camping gear (tents,



James Pritchard

Giving the gift of life

Sgt. Sylvia Sacco, Landstuhl Blood Donor Center, preps the arm of Nick Buschang, AFRICOM, during an Armed Forces Blood Program blood drive in the Kelley Fitness Center July 1. The next blood drive will be held Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Patch Community Club. Make an appointment to donate at <https://www.militarydonor.com>.

tarps, backpacks, etc.), coolers, wood and charcoal, and will pick up the donations.

To donate, call Bill at civ. 07031-817-5643.

Join Volksmarch on July 31, Aug. 1

The Stuttgart German-American Wandering Club will host its 35th annual Volksmarch on July 31 and Aug. 1.

Seven, 12- and 22-kilometer trails are offered. Starting point is the Turnhalle am-Sportplatz, Kemnater Strasse 50, 70619, Stuttgart-Heumaden,

For more information, visit www.sgawc.org or call civ. 0152-220-45399.

PES is hiring

Patch Elementary School is

hiring full-time, part-time and substitute teachers. Positions are also available for special education, education aides and clerical staff.

For more information, contact the Patch Elementary School secretary at 430-5200/civ. 0711-680-5200.

Sports physicals

The Stuttgart Army Health Clinic will conduct sports physicals for students and Child, Youth and School Services sports participants on July 24 and Aug. 28.

To schedule an appointment, call the clinic at 430-8610/civ. 0711-680-8610.

Find out about OU PhD program

University of Oklahoma offers a doctorate degree in organizational leadership.

Learn more about the degree and application process in an information session on July 22 at noon at the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Education Center, Room 418, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

Applications will be accepted through Sept. 1.

For more information, contact Rebecca Hansen at DSN 370-6687 or at apeuadmin@ou.edu.

Help plan local Hispanic Heritage Month events

The Hispanic Heritage Event Planning Committee invites all community members to participate in planning events for Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15).

The next meeting will take place on July 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 217, Building 2307, Patch Barracks.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Chrysti Lassister-Jones, at 430-7945/0711-680-7945.

German immersion for children

Child, Youth and School Services offers a German immersion class for children ages 5-11 July 26-30. For more information, contact Central Enrollment Registration office at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

NOTE: Send your community-wide announcements to stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil.



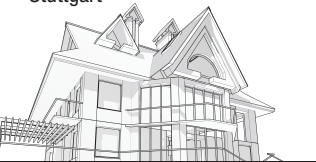
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Adriana and Rodrigo Velazquez are about to enjoy bratwurst just off the grill.

David Hokenson, 10, while doing his best to stay on the mechanical soccer ball, is about to be thrown.



Thrill seeker Jake Cranmer, 14, tumbles down a giant inflatable slide in a free-fall descent after launching himself with a series of progressively higher bounces. The slide and other attractions were a big hit at USAG Stuttgart FMWR's Fourth of July celebration at Husky Field on Patch Barracks.



Spencer Finley, 6, after nailing delighted with the results.



Johanna (from left) and Luz Alba Gonzalez, along with their dog, Luna Sophia, take cover from the rain while listening to MaxFracas, a local American band.



Twins Leeia (from left) and Karee Mitchell, 3, and big sister Kayla, 5, return from a visit to the candy shop, where they made out big time.

Celebrating the Fourth with a

BANG!

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted a bang-up Independence Day celebration at Husky Field on July 4.

Even though the day started off with rain, and community members braved occasional

rain showers in the afternoon, by 7 p.m. the skies were clear.

A variety of games and activities, carnival attractions and live music kept everyone entertained until the main attraction of the evening — a late-night fireworks display.





the dunk tank target on his third try, is



Vic Jarrett (right), lead singer of MaxFracas, gets Randy Van Zandt to accompany him in The Beatles' "Come Together."



[Above] Dani Thompson, 16, models her patriotic sun shades. [Right] Michelle Norris and her son, Hayden, 18 months, enjoy a spin on the merry-go-round. Many of the activities at the July Fourth celebration were sponsored by American Foreign Service Protective Association and USAA.



Canopies were all the rage on July 4, as people set up picnic areas and sought protection from the occasional rain shower.



[Left] USAG Stuttgart Commander Col. Richard M. Pastore hits the water for a second time while on the dunk tank. [Right] Joray Rodriguez, 6, tunes out everything around him and concentrates on blowing bubbles.



Alyssa Coleman, 11, (from left) Crissy Kimble, 5, Madison Coleman, 7, and Laurie Perez, 10, head off to the next activity after getting their faces painted during the USAG Stuttgart FMWR-sponsored Fourth of July celebration held on Husky Field.



A small contingent of community members started the Fourth off with the Patch Fitness Center's 5K Firecracker Fun Run.



Jeff Carpenter, the CYS Services Sports and Fitness director, makes for a good target at the baseball pitching booth.

Army looking at yoga, acupuncture to treat pain

By Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown
Army News Service

The Army's health care system may soon see changes in how Soldiers are treated for pain, according to a report released by the Army's surgeon general last month.

A Pain Management Task Force report addresses the lack of a comprehensive pain management strategy across the Army, and suggests alternative treatments to medication such as acupuncture, meditation, biofeedback and yoga.

Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, the surgeon general of the Army and commanding general of the Army Medical Command, explained that with the increasing numbers of Soldiers returning from combat with severe wounds, reports of medication abuse and suicides with pain as a possible factor are troubling.

He said part of the problem is that severely injured Soldiers, like those in Warrior Transition Units, are often prescribed multiple medications and sometimes seen by several different doctors, which can cause inconsistencies in care. But he maintained that this is

not just an Army problem — it's a problem throughout the U.S. health care system.

"This is a nation-wide problem ... we've got a culture of 'a pill for every ill,'" agreed Brig. Gen. Richard W. Thomas, assistant Army surgeon general.

"As a physician, the hardest thing to deal with is patients with chronic pain," said Col. Jonathan H. Jaffin, director of health policy and services, Army office of the surgeon general. "So many of us went into medicine to relieve suffering, and chronic pain is frustrating because we want to relieve that pain."

The task force visited 28 military, Veterans Affairs and civilian medical centers between October and January to observe treatment capabilities and best practices.

Schoomaker's said his goal is to form a pain-management strategy that is holistic, multidisciplinary and puts Soldiers' quality of life first.

"This is an opportunity to change medical care and the way we take care of patients," noted Thomas.

Schoomaker stressed that Army practices have always been in compliance with America's medical



Sgt. Lindsey Bradford

The Army is about to adopt a comprehensive pain management policy which includes alternative treatments to medication, such as acupuncture.

regulations, but he thinks the Army can do better.

"Everything we do in the Army, even managing a toothache, is all in compliance with national standards ... what we want to do is set the bar higher," Schoomaker explained.

Schoomaker said he is hopeful that Soldiers will be receptive to alternative methods of care once they see that the

treatments work.

Schoomaker said the recommendations that can be put into policy under his authority will be implemented in the coming months, and the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act asks the secretary of defense to integrate a pain-management policy into the military health care system no later than March 2011.

Hantavirus cases on rise in Stuttgart's host nation population

By Lt. Col. Kenneth R. McPherson

U.S. Army Public Health Command Region-Europe

German public health officials have recently publicized an increase in Puumala virus infections among its citizens in the states of Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria.

Though there have been no reported cases of Puumala virus infection in U.S. military personnel or family members living in Germany, awareness of the situation may keep potential cases from occurring.

Puumala virus is a member of the European Hantaviruses that can potentially cause hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome.

Between January and April 2010, there were a total of 369 confirmed cases of Puumala virus in German citizens, with most cases occurring in the counties surrounding Stuttgart.

Most cases occurred in exposed persons living and working in rural areas. People are typically exposed when they work with contaminated products or when they disturb dusty sheds and buildings that are contaminated with rodent urine and excrement.

This mild form of Hantavirus results from inhaling



Peter Sachelarie

The Red Bank Vole, also known as meadow or field mice, is a potential carrier of a form of Hantavirus known as Puumala virus.

dusts contaminated with rodent urine and feces.

Between 80-95 percent of people exposed do not get sick or develop symptoms.

Those who become sick typically have a sudden onset of fever and flu-like symptoms to include muscle aches, gastrointestinal pain and vomiting. Rarely does renal failure, which is the shutdown of

the kidneys, occur.

There are no Hantavirus vaccines available, so the best protection is to avoid exposure to rodents and their excrement.

The best prevention method is to limit rodent populations in and around buildings by reducing clutter and debris that attracts rodents.

This also includes cutting back hedges and bushes away from buildings and keeping grass cut to a manageable height. Firewood should be stacked away from the home and in a manner that limits rodent attraction and nesting.

Anyone who develops flu-like symptoms after entering dusty buildings or handling dead rodents should immediately seek medical attention.

Editor's Note: Col. Eric Shuping, Michele Balihe and Melissa Wong also contributed to this article.

To find out more about Puumala and other Hantaviruses, visit the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov, or the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) website: <http://phc.amedd.army.mil>.

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Touring Bavaria: For heavenly brews, visit Ettal

Editor's Note: This is the second installment of a three-part series that explores tourist-worthy destinations in Bavaria.

Story & photo by Carola Meusel
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Nestled in the center of the Ammergau alpine region is Ettal, an Upper Bavarian town best known for its Benedictine monastery and majestic church — the heart and soul of this community.

Technically, the community and monastery are one. All the businesses, schools and agriculture are run mainly by monks.

Founded by the Emperor Ludwig the Bavarian in 1330, the construction of this monastery was part of a vow Ludwig made to guarantee its salvation and secure an important trade route between Augsburg and Verona, Italy.

The church was originally built in the Gothic style and then, after a fire in the 18th century, redesigned in the Baroque manner. Columns hold the cupola, which is framed by two towers.

The church's interior takes visitors on a salient visual journey.

"Upon entering this church, your breath is simply taken away. The colorful design of the cupola fresco and the rich decorations on the walls create a unique, light-flooded atmosphere, which is very impressive," said John Reese, a U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch employee, after a recent visit.

The church truly combines all characteristics of

the Baroque style. The architecture, sculptures and paintings are all interwoven and enable the room to create its own dynamics.

All the artistic effects are unified in the cupola fresco. Over an ocean of clouds, the fresco depicts the coronation of St. Benedict in front of an almighty God. This scene reflects the monastery's very beginnings: St. Benedict appeared in front of Emperor Ludwig the Bavarian in a dream.

The marble statue of the Virgin Mary, located in a tabernacle on the church's high altar and brought from Pisa, Italy, characterizes a historic devotion piece. To this day, pilgrims from around the world visit the church, which is dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

After taking in the church's heavenly scenery, visitors should not miss out on enjoying some of the monastery's more worldly treats. The refreshing Ettaler Klosterbier (beer), for example, is brewed by monks in the monastery's own brewery and offered at Ludwig der Bayer, its restaurant.

Another tasteful drink is the Ettaler Kloster liqueur, simply called "the Ettaler." It is available in six different flavors ranging from bitter, dark, clear to hops, peppermint and blueberry.

"The clear liqueur Kloster-Geist, with its herbal but mild flavor, makes the perfect finale to a hearty Bavarian meal," Reese said.

All liqueurs are made in the monastery's distillery. The monks, who according to locals, never sample their liqueur, only use natural ingredients to create an elegant mix of distinct flavors, embedded in the original recipe of a century-old distillery tradition.

A tour of Bavaria offers diverse experiences for all



The Ettal monastery, with its Baroque cupola, is one of the most unique landmarks in the Upper Bavarian region.

senses. In Ettal, you travel back in time immersed in its sultry history and culture and can enjoy satisfying meals and libations.

In the last installment, we conclude our Bavarian travels in Oberammergau and the Wies Church in the Pfaffenwinkel (priestly corner).

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Piranhas swim team seeks swimmers

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For more information, visit www.stuttgartpiranhas.org or contact the team registrar at registrar@stuttgartpiranhas.org.

Play dodge ball

Panzer Fitness Center will host a dodge ball tournament on Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. for U.S. ID cardholders, 18 years of age and older. Register individually or as a team of eight players (minimum) by Aug. 26 at any fitness center.

For more information, call 431-2724/civ. 07031-15-2724.

Learn about Stuttgart Select soccer

Learn more about the U.S. Youth Soccer Stuttgart Select developmental program in information briefings to be held July 27 and 29 at 7 p.m. in the Religious Education Center, Building 2332, Patch Barracks; and July 28, 7 p.m. at the USAG Stuttgart Education Center, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, visit www.stuttgartselect.com.

Bodybuilding, figure contest Aug. 28

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Third Annual European Bodybuilding and Figure Championship is scheduled for Aug. 28. For more information, call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Best of best featured at All Star game

Story & photos by Susan Huseman
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

It was Stuttgart's own "midsummer classic." The cream of the crop from 14 U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart unit-level slow-pitch softball teams met June 30 for an All Star game.

Unlike Major League Baseball's All Star game, this was not a popularity contest.

"Each team sent its two best players," said Matt Gilliard, USAG Stuttgart sports coordinator. The players were then ranked according to their teams' standings, assigned odd or even status, and separated into two teams. Odd-numbered players went to the Red team, even to the Blue team, explained Gilliard.

While the original MLB All Star game was held to help celebrate the 1933 World's Fair, the purpose of the unit-level All Star game, according to Gilliard, is "to have fun."

"They're always playing against each other. Now, they get to play on teams with each other," said Gilliard.

It didn't mean the game was any less competitive, though.

"These are the elite players," said Craig Jones, who stepped away from coaching the U.S. Africa Command team to lead the Blue team. "Any time you put a group like [this] together ... it's going to be competitive."

The Blue team's offense was the key to beating the Red team 8-1.

Trent Heckel, who plays short stop for the AFRICOM team, led the Blue team's attack, going 2-for-3 with a triple and a single.

On defense, pitcher Nino Serrano, who usually plays short stop for U.S. European Command Plans and Operations Center, also contributed to the win.

"I know these guys and the way they hit. I kept it outside so they would come back to me or pop it up," said Serrano.

While Serrano said "guys," he also meant gals. Each team had a female player from the Lady Stallions commu-



[Above] Trent Heckel, who plays for AFRICOM, turns a double play during the USAG Stuttgart unit-level slow pitch All Star game June 30. [Left] Erin Kahl, Lady Stallions community team third base player, takes a throw for an easy out at second base.

nity team. The Lady Stallions compete in the men's unit-level league for more field time.

Casey Tunnell caught for the Blue team, while Erin Kahl played second base for the Red team.

"Playing with the guys makes us more competitive — it brings us up to the guys' level," said Kahl.

Most All Star games include a Most Valuable Player.

In this case, the Red team's short stop, LaFear Foeman, earned the title for his glove.

"He made some fantastic stops and catches," said Gilliard.

Foeman, who plays for the Guzzlers, was pleased at the winning the trophy.

"At my age (47) it feels good," he said. "I'm just an old guy trying to play softball ... but when I'm in the game, I try to give it 100 percent."

He said the Guzzlers, at the time tied for second place, were made up of more "mature" players.

"We're old and wise," said Foeman. "We don't try to be superstars — we play to have fun."

How to prevent heat injuries

- Drink plenty of water
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Source: U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

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