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Revitalized indoor range strengthens military missions

By Brittany Carlson

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Looking down the barrels of their rifles, Special Forces Soldiers take aim at the targets and begin a small weapons qualification.

The duty day is over, and the noise is deafening, but training continues, thanks to Range 7, Stuttgart's newly improved indoor range on Panzer Kaserne.

Since the range received \$650,000 in upgrades between October 2007 and April 2009, not to mention that it is available 24 hours a day, the facility has become one of the most-used ranges in Stuttgart (booked 15 out of 21 training days per month).

"We're getting a lot more people using it because it's brand new," said Dave Shaffer, local training area coordinator for Stuttgart's Training Support

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Photo courtesy of Eric Steen

Service members in all branches can use Range 7, the newly renovated indoor range on Panzer Kaserne, shown here with its new wooden walls, built to prevent bullets from ricocheting. The range reopened in April 2009.

Web site to open sign-ups for post 9/11 GI Bill transfer

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

Eligible service members can now register their immediate family members to receive any unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits on the new Defense Department Web site.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill takes effect Aug. 1 and offers a two-fold benefit, said Bob Clark, the Pentagon's assistant director for accessions policy. It gives the military a tool to help encourage recruiting and retention, while allowing career service members the first opportunity "to share the benefits they've earned with those they love," he said.

The transferability provision — which Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates pushed after first hearing the idea from a military spouse group at Fort Hood, Texas, — has generated a lot of excitement.

"We have had an overwhelming response and do expect quite a few of our members to take advantage of this," Clark said.

To prepare for the anticipated response in the run-up to the Aug. 1 effective date, the department has launched a secure Web site so service members can register any immediate family members to receive their unused benefits, Clark said.

"What we are doing is queuing up requests and approvals for the many family members that we expect to be going to school this fall" with hopes of using their spouse's or parent's Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, he added.

The site, <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/>, will be accessible using a common access card, Defense Department self-service user identification or a Defense Finance and Accounting Service personal identification number.

Eligible service members can register the names of any immediate family member they would like to share their benefits with, even designating how many months of benefits each person named can receive, Clark explained.

The service member's 36 months of benefits —

the equivalent of four nine-month academic years — can be transferred to a spouse, one or more children or any combination, he said. The family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System to receive the benefits.

Service members also have the option to use some benefits themselves and transfer what they haven't used to one or more family members. Even after transferring the benefits, they remain the "property" of the service member who earned them, who can revoke them or redesignate who receives them at any time.

However, new names can be added as long as the member is in the military, but not after, separating or retiring, Clark said. Defense officials advise erring on the side of caution, and including every eligible family member on the registration form.

"We are recommending that every eligible dependent receive at least one month of benefit,"

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Summer jobs keep teens busy

Close to 100 Stuttgart young adults are earning extra cash and planning for the future with the Summer Hire and Hired! Apprenticeship programs.



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Vienna is for coffee lovers

Visitors to Austria's capital can find culinary delights, including coffee and chocolate, as well as a medley of history and modern flair.



INSIDE
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New Citizen publisher brings advantages for readers, advertisers

By Larry Reilly

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Readers may have noticed some changes to *The Citizen* newspaper during the past few issues. This is because we now have a new publisher, Advanti Pro!

Having a commercial publisher provides many advantages for you, the reader. For example, *The Citizen* is now delivered to all on-post housing units, as well as more than a dozen other community locations. In addition, the bi-weekly newspaper now includes information formerly found only in the *Community Post* and the *Out & About in Baden-Württemberg* electronic newsletters.

As always, the newspaper staff produces a variety of news, feature, travel and sports stories with supporting photographs. The staff also posts additional photos of the stories they cover on the garrison's Flickr site at www.flickr.com/photos/usagstuttgart. Currently, there are more than 800 community photos posted on the site.

Another new improvement is the addition of classified ads (formerly in the *Community Post*) to *The Citizen*. Community members can submit ads by e-mailing class@stuttgartcitizen.com, or calling civ. 0631-303-35531.

The Citizen is a great way to publicize your information, but it's not the only venue. The Public Affairs Office manages a variety of informational mediums, including electronic marquees, the Command Information Channel, garrison Web site and e-mail News Flashes.

The catch? The Public Affairs Office can only put out information that it receives. In other words, if you'd like the community to know about something that is going on in the community, let the Public Affairs Office know as soon as possible, and we will post it to one or more of the following media venues:

The Command Information Channel is a slide show displayed on the garrison Web site and on television for all on-post housing units that have TKS. There are about 50 informational slides on the CIC at any given time, and the program is updated three times

per week.

The electronic marquees can be found on all four garrison installations. They hold up to one dozen brief messages each and are updated twice a week.

The "News Flashes" and "News Briefs" are e-mail messages sent out via various mailing lists, which provide specific information pertaining to traffic jams, local demonstrations and last minute news.

The Stuttgart Garrison Web site, www.stuttgart.army.mil, is the main location for Stuttgart community information, including messages from all of the above mediums and a community calendar of events.

The bottom line is, if you or your agency would like to inform the Stuttgart Community about an event or activity, just send the who, what, where, when and why, along with a point of contact to stuttgartmedia@eur.army.mil, and we will share it with the community. You can also sign up to be part of our e-mail list via that address.

Be advised, with the world of publications comes deadlines. The earlier you can send us information on an event, the more publicity your event will have.

The Citizen will take a short publication break. We will return to print on Aug. 20.

CORRECTIONS

In the story on traveling Space Available in the July 9 issue of *The Citizen* (Flying Space Available requires flexibility, advance preparation on Page 4), we wrote spouses of deployed service members can be upgraded to Category 3 if the deployment is for 366 days. The story should read "if the deployment is for more than 365 days."

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ON THE STREET

What was your favorite summer job?



Col. Margie McGregor
(U.S. Air Force)

"I was the lifeguard in Tracy, Calif. I got to teach swimming."



Spc. Ramon Benton
(U.S. Army)

"Mowing lawns at \$25 or more a pop. It was tax-free money."



Lt. Col. Anthony Porter
(U.S. Marines)

"Lifeguarding. Outdoors and at a pool and lots of fun."



Christina Dall
(Civilian)

"I was a lifeguard and taught swimming to children."



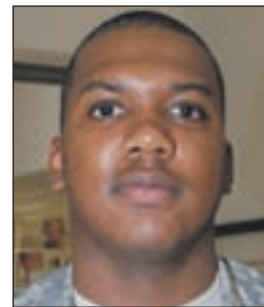
Tech. Sgt. Rich Rodriguez
(U.S. Air Force)

"Painting inside of houses. It was a no-stress job."



Master Sgt. Donna Davies
(U.S. Air Force)

"I sold souvenirs at a water park. I had unlimited access to it."



Spc. Brandon Ford
(U.S. Army)

"I used to be a hotel liquidator. I got to travel a lot."



John Parker
(Retired, U.S. Navy)

"I worked at a canning factory in Ohio during WWII. I was 14."



Taking care of our own

Sgt. Cody Stoll of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center removes a tourniquet from the arm of Sgt. Don Baker, 52nd Signal Battalion, July 9 during a blood drive in the Patch Fitness Center. Ninety people arrived to donate, and 81 units of whole blood were collected. Each unit of whole blood has the ability to affect three lives, said Mike Peacock, the blood donor recruiter with the Armed Services Blood Bank Center-Europe in Landstuhl.

Susan Huseman

Focus groups to assess Army Family Covenant success at seven garrisons

**Installation Management Command Europe
Public Affairs Office**

From mid-July through September, the U. S. Army, Europe and Installation Management Command-Europe region will join forces to evaluate just how well the Army Family Covenant is meeting the needs and expectations of Soldiers and families in Europe.

The Army Family Covenant assessment in Europe is the first initiative of its size and scope in the Army. It is a holistic approach designed to study and evaluate the effectiveness of the full range of AFC programs and services. The goal is to maximize the positive impacts for Army Families in Europe.

The assessment begins in July with pre-defined focus groups drawn from the seven garrisons across Europe that have been most impacted by recurring, extended deployments: U.S. Army Garrisons Weisbaden, Stuttgart, Ansbach, Schweinfurt, Bamberg, Grafenwöhr, and Vicenza.

On-site facility visits and interviews will be conducted, spanning a wide range of uniformed and civilian individuals represented in Family Readiness Groups, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers programs, and commanders and command sergeants major.

The focus group assessment will be followed up in August with an online survey that anyone in Europe

is encouraged to complete.

The survey will focus on gauging community satisfaction with all aspects of Covenant-related programs and services, from health care, housing and youth services, to single Soldier programs and other Morale, Welfare and Recreation and quality of life programs.

In USAG Stuttgart, the focus groups will be conducted July 22-24 in the Patch Community Club. Four focus groups, each consisting of 28 people, will be asked to discuss "what the AFC means to them, what it has done for them, and what they would like to see it do," said Ed McCargo, the director of the garrison's Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office.

The garrison is doing everything possible to make sure all demographic groups are represented. "We tasked units and Family Readiness Groups to provide specific demographic slices, such as E4s and below living on post and E4s and below living off-post," McCargo said. There is even a focus group for students in Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

The online survey will become available between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15. A link will be posted on the Stuttgart Web site.

For more information on the focus groups or the online survey, call the USAG Stuttgart Plans, Analysis, and Integration Office at 431-2257/civ. 07031-15-2257.

News & Notes

JAG office now accepting FLEP applications

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army can send up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at the government's expense, if funding permits.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2010 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

This program is open to commissioned officers in the ranks of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six years of total active service at the time legal training begins.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager, with a copy furnished to the JAG Office, Attn. DAJA-PT, to be received before Nov. 1, 2009.

For more information, contact the Stuttgart Legal Office at 421-4156/civ. 0711-729-4156.

Stuttgart students receive space camp scholarship

The Military Child Education Coalition awarded the Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp Scholarship to 15 military children, including two from U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart.

Sixth-grader Noelle Gilster of Böblingen Elementary School and eighth-grader Kara Johnson of Robinson Barracks Middle School have been granted the scholarship and will be sent to Huntsville, Ala. for a five-day program, where they will learn about the skills required to become an astronaut.

Bernard Curtis Brown II was an 11-year-old military child with a deep interest in science who was killed Sept. 11, 2001, while on board an airplane hi-jacked by terrorists.

Out-process security before separating from garrison

Both military members and Department of Defense civilians leaving U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart for a new assignment must first out-process. Those who leave the garrison without stopping by the Security Office will not be loaded into the new duty station's employee system, or be able to access classified material.

According to AR380-5 and AR380-67, in- and out-processing through security is required of every DoD civilian employee, especially those who have access to classified material.

For more information, stop by the USAG Stuttgart Security Office in Building 2949, Panzer Kaserne, or call 431-2014/civ. 07031-15-2014.

Youth basketball camp set

The Child, Youth and School Services youth basketball camp is scheduled for Aug. 17-20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Panzer Fitness Center. Youth entering 9th- to 12th-grade are eligible to participate. The fee is \$150. Participants must be enrolled in CYS Services to register. For more information, call 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.



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Center. The range supports the entire Stuttgart military community, including Navy SEALs, Marines, AFRICOM and its most frequent customers, 1/10th Special Forces Soldiers.

Although the eight-lane, 25-meter range was built in 1983, it was rarely utilized until recently because it used sand, a difficult substance to maintain and clean. "It was dark and nasty in here," Shaffer recalled. "We had to hose down the floor. It was such a pain to run, and restricted the amount of time [service members] got to shoot."

Now, with its new wooden walls, rubberized flooring and environmentally-friendly bullet catch, Range 7 is one of Germany's most modern shooting ranges, Shaffer said. It also helps Special Forces Soldiers with their missions by containing live fire noise, since they often need to shoot during the evening or pre-dawn hours.

"This is very pertinent to the community," Shaffer said. "Given the nature of our agreements [with the German community] we can't fire outside of specific hours. It supports our Special Operations guys and helps with keeping the neighbors happy."

The new changes, funded by the 7th Joint Multi National Training Command, also make the range environmentally friendly. The sand bullet catch was replaced with shredded tires, called 'Gran-Tex.' This not only cuts down on hazardous materials, but keeps sand and lead particles from becoming airborne — a danger to training service members if inhaled, Shaffer said.

"We're one of the first indoor ranges in Germany that has Gran-Tex," he added. In addition, using shredded tires also saves the range more than \$28,000 a year, compared to the sand, which was more expensive to maintain.

The new bullet catch is the best improvement for Special Operations Command Europe 1st Sgt. Ted Munter, who used Range 7 both before and after its renovations.

"It allows you to focus more on your skills and less time on clean up," Munter said. "You're not as limited on the amount of rounds that you can fire in rapid succession, because [Gran-Tex] doesn't create as much dust.

"You can actually fire until about 15 minutes prior to your range inspection," he added.

The indoor range also helps units qualify for nighttime shooting with its



Photo courtesy of Eric Steen

A worker lays down shredded tires for the new bullet catch in Range 7.

24-hour availability.

"If a unit wants to shoot until midnight, our outdoor ranges can't support that, but our indoor range can," Shaffer said. Service members do not even have to come at night to practice night fire. "With night fire [training], instead of having to be on an outdoor range and wait until dark, they can go in [Range 7] and turn the lights off."

All of the lights in Range 7 were upgraded during the renovations, as well as the ventilation system, bathrooms and offices.

Besides the indoor range, the entire Stuttgart local training area includes six outdoor ranges (across from Panzer Kaserne), including a sniper hide and

demolition area; an 18-room shoot house, and a Military Operations on Urban Terrain site with seven Middle Eastern-styled buildings.

Shaffer, who has managed the LTA since October 2006, considers the new indoor range his crowning achievement in Stuttgart.

He recalls thinking "We have to take this 1985 technology and bring it up to the 21st century, because we can't put people in it." Since its new makeover, more than 50 percent of all possible training days in Range 7 are booked.

"It's a very tangible, concrete benefit that I am leaving behind from my tenure here," Shaffer said. "I know that I made a positive impact on this community."

Cookouts turn up heat for barbecue fire safety

**Installation Management Command-Europe
Public Affairs Office**

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food.

While cookouts are common throughout the year, June and July are peak months for grill fires.

But no matter when you fire up those charcoals or use the propane grill, safety is a must at all times, according to Gerald Adams, Installation Management Command-Europe fire protection specialist.

"The proper use and storage of barbecue grills is essential to safe outdoor cooking," said Adams. "Data shows that there are hundreds of fires that occur each year related to outdoor cooking, and almost all of those are preventable."

According to Adams, individuals in Europe have a "very good" safety record regarding the use of outdoor cooking grills. However, he added that people still need to be vigilant because all it takes is one mistake or one bad decision to cause an outdoor cooking-related fire incident.

Some fire incidents he has heard about, he said, are clearly bad decisions.

"People have placed charcoal in ovens. Others have used charcoal grills indoors. These are deadly ideas," he said.

As part of IMCOM-Europe's effort to raise awareness of fire safety during the Army's focus on fire prevention now through October, Adams offered a number of tips for outdoor cooking:

Before cooking

- Instruct children on the dangers of a lit grill.
- Choose a safe grilling location away from children's play areas and areas of heavy traffic. The area



Cpl. Paul Robbins Jr.

A Marine grills burgers on a charcoal grill outdoors. Open air ventilation is vital to safe grilling.

should be well-ventilated to avoid danger from carbon monoxide and other combustion by-products.

- Never grill inside or even in a semi-enclosed area, such as a tent or camper. Always grill on a flat, non-combustible surface.

- Make sure you're not wearing clothing that could contact the fire, such as hanging shirttails or dangling strings.

- Never leave a grill unattended.

Cooking with propane gas grills

- Read the owner's manual and operating instructions carefully.

- Use the exact type of tank and fuel specified. Do not attempt to connect European-type propane cylinders with U.S. LP grill supply lines.

- Check hoses and valve connections often. Do

this by pouring soapy water on the connection points. If bubbles appear, retighten the connections and test again. Also, if repairs to gas lines are needed, ensure qualified repair personnel fix the lines.

- Transfer and store liquid propane cylinders in an upright position and never where temperatures can reach 125 degrees.

- Whether your grill lights by match or push button igniter, always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Cooking with charcoal grills

- Charcoal grills should be lit and supervised by adults only.

- Never start a fire with gasoline.

- Use starter fluid only as recommended by the manufacturer. Never use starter fluid once the fire has been ignited.

- If using an electric fire starter, use an insulated indoor/outdoor cord plugged into an outlet protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter, if equipped.

- Be sure the ground is dry, and you're not standing in water when plugging the starter into an outlet.

So, bring out the hot dogs and the hamburgers, get out the grill, and enjoy your outdoor meals. Keep in mind the the safety tips mentioned above, and your grilling experience won't turn into a safety hazard, or worse.

Have a safe, fun summer.

For more information, contact the USAG Stuttgart Fire Department at 431-3246/civ. 07031-15-3246, or visit IMCOM-Europe's Web site at www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/management/docs/spring_safety.pdf.

New pre-K program focuses on academics, self-help

Story and photo by **Brittany Carlson**
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

A new Army-wide pre-kindergarten program promises to teach children more than classroom rules and good behavior. It's called Strong Beginnings, and has a curriculum that includes science and technology, literature and math.

"It's almost the same as a regular kindergarten classroom," said Hyacinth Smith, Kelley Child Development Center director. "Strong Beginnings will provide three hours of focused learning activities that will prepare children for kindergarten."

The new program, set to begin by Sept. 1 at every Army CDC, was designed by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

All children who will be four years of age by Sept. 1 are eligible to enroll.

The new curriculum focuses on social, emotional, cognitive and physical development, as well as basic academic subjects. A large part of Strong Beginnings is helping children to become more self-sufficient in a classroom setting, Smith said.

"Parents use the pre-K program to help their children learn social skills, become more independent and have the opportunity to be in group settings," she added.

Strong Beginnings plans to offer just that. When students enter the room, they will sign themselves in to practice writing their name. At lunch and snack time, students will serve themselves.

They will also practice focusing on learning activities that will require more time to complete, such as science projects, Smith added.

Academic subjects include math, science and technology, language and literature, social studies, health and physical development.

"Before, we've always dealt with learning through play, which is great, but that's not what they'll be learning in kindergarten," said Dave Lindman, a Strong Beginnings teacher at the Panzer CDC. "I'm

“When kids have structured information, it gives them some comfort and increases their ability to learn.”

Dave Lindman
Strong Beginnings teacher
Panzer Child Development Center

really excited about the stress put on mathematics for this age group.”

Strong Beginnings students enrolled in full-day care will also get to participate in the Junior School of Knowledge, Exploration and Skills program once a week. Both full-day and part-day Strong Beginnings programs will include the Start Smart sports program and Character Counts! education.

"When kids have structured information, it gives them some comfort and increases their ability to learn," Lindman added. "I think they're going to be incredibly excited about it."

Strong Beginnings will run for three hours a day Monday through Friday (8:30-11:30 a.m.) on Panzer Kaserne, Kelley and Patch Barracks, and for five hours a day (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) on Robinson Barracks, due to the location.

Children enrolled in full-day care can participate in Strong Beginnings through "wraparound" care; regular care will be provided during hours outside of the Strong Beginnings hours.

Each Strong Beginnings teacher must have a minimum of an associate's degree in child development to qualify.

Smith expects to have about 10 certified teachers, including full-day care teachers, in U.S. Army Gar-



Brianna Danziger (left), 5, and Kayla Mitchell, 4, listen to instruction as they mold 'ocean clay' at the Panzer CDC in the future Strong Beginnings classroom. The new pre-K program is set to begin by Sept. 1.

ison Stuttgart by Sept. 1.

"This is something that parents have been asking for, for a very long time, and I'm sure they will be happy with the outcome," Smith said.

For more information, or to register, call CYS Services at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

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Clark said.

Once the service member registers for the transferability provision, the application automatically gets forwarded to the appropriate service for processing. Clark said he expects that process to take about a week, at least after the initial surge.

When the service verifies that the member is eligible to receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and processes the transferability provisions, the family member will receive a certificate of eligibility that can be used to cover educational costs. In a nutshell, any enlisted or commissioned member of the armed forces serving on active duty or in the Selected Reserve on or after Aug. 1 will be eligible to transfer their benefits — as long as they qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and meet specific service requirements, Clark explained.

He emphasized that, by law, anyone who has retired or separated from the service before that date — even if it's

“What we did not want to do was to penalize those people who had a service policy or statute that would not permit them to commit for the full four years.”

Bob Clark
Pentagon assistant director for accessions policy

July 31 — won't be entitled to transfer their benefits. Also excluded will be members of the Individual Ready Reserve and Fleet Reserve.

Most service members who have at

least six years of military service as of Aug. 1 and agree to serve an additional four years qualify, he said. But department officials have proposed measures to cover several categories of service members whose circumstances don't fit neatly into the formula.

For example, those with at least 10 years of service — but who can't serve an additional four years because of a service or department policy — also would qualify, Clark said. They must, however, serve the maximum time allowed before separating from the military, he said.

"What we did not want to do was to penalize those people who had a service policy or statute that would not permit them to commit for the full four years," he explained.

Another sunset provision will cover service members who will reach the 20-year service mark, making them retirement-eligible between Aug. 1, 2009, and Aug. 1, 2013.

Clark explained the breakdown, which basically enables those affected to transfer benefits as long as they complete 20 years of service:

- Those eligible for retirement on Aug. 1, 2009, will be eligible to transfer their benefits with no additional service requirement.
- Those with an approved retirement date after Aug. 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2010, will qualify with no additional service.
- Those eligible for retirement after Aug. 1, 2009, but before Aug. 1, 2010, will qualify with one additional year of service after approval to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.
- Those eligible for retirement between Aug. 1, 2010, and July 31, 2011, will qualify with two additional years of service after approval to transfer.
- Those eligible to retire between Aug. 1, 2011, and July 31, 2012, will qualify with three additional years of service after approval to transfer.

ACS accreditation: consistent service, support, programs

Story and photo by Susan Huseman
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

It's one of the Army's most important weapons in providing customer service: consistency. And to ensure Soldiers, civilians and families receive uniform levels of quality support, regardless of their assignment, each Army Community Service center undergoes a rigorous accreditation process.

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's ACS achieved its third accreditation, valid until Dec. 15, 2011, earlier this year.

"The accreditation is something the Department of the Army looks at very carefully. It's a way of standardizing services across the Army," said Marvin Dickerson, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart ACS officer.

The accreditation process evaluates all ACS programs: Family Advocacy Program; Exceptional Family Member Program; Relocation Readiness; Family Employment Readiness; Deployment Readiness; Financial Readiness; Information, Referral and Follow-up; Army Family Action Plan; Army Family Team Building; Army Volunteer Corps, and Soldier and Family Assistance Center.

An accreditation team delves into "every single aspect of the individual programs," Dickerson said. This means nothing is too insignificant to escape scrutiny: standard operating procedures, meeting minutes, training rosters, even the maneuvering clearance for



Col. Richard M. Pastore, USAG Stuttgart commander, presents ACS Officer Marvin Dickerson and staff with the ACS accreditation certificate July 2.

wheelchairs at ACS building entrances are inspected by the team.

Many of the programs ACS has oversight of, such as the Exceptional Family Member Program, rely heavily on other agencies, such as health care providers, Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Child, Youth and School Services; Community Recreation Division, and the Directorate of Public Works — they also are inspected, Dickerson said.

"If they fail their part of the accreditation, then the overall accreditation is gone. It's a community

effort," he said.

And while the accreditation process ensures each ACS provides the same quality and level of service, and basic programs, there is still room for customization. "The Stuttgart ACS has the Stuttgart Newcomer Orientation. Other folks may not have such a program — they may not need it," Dickerson said.

"For example, we don't have a huge emphasis on deploying Soldiers, but we just sent out the 554th Military Police Company for a year. We're going to miss them, but we're going to do everything to support their families," Dickerson said.

Jim Chastain, the Mobilization and Deployment Program manager, joined the ACS team last month.

He said his focus is to support family members, Family Readiness Groups and the total Army effort. His aim is to hold Army Family Team Building classes and train FRG members in the knowledge, skills, and behaviors needed to be successful.

Since May of 2008, the number of FRGs within the Stuttgart Military Community has doubled to 24, and continues to grow, Dickerson said.

He pointed to other major ACS successes, including the Army Family Action Plan, Volunteer Recognition ceremony and 14 new programs such as the special needs network, a potty training class and support groups. "We have a great group of people who are dedicated to their jobs," Dickerson said. "It makes a huge difference."

Summer FMWR promo focuses on new Web site, chance to visit Hawaii

By Brittany Carlson
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation directorate wants community members to get to know them — so badly that they're willing to give away thousands of dollars in prizes this summer.

The third annual Sizzlin' Summer Daze event kicked off July 4 during the Independence Day celebration, and will continue through the summer.

Community members can win one of several prizes, from an old-fashioned ice cream maker to a trip to Hawaii, which includes five days at the Hale Koa Armed Forces Recreation Center and three days at the Kilauea Military Camp Moun-

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USAG Stuttgart
FMWR marketing

tain Resorts and Cottages in the Volcanoes National Park.

Eligible participants can win prizes by listening to Armed Forces Network ‘The Eagle’ radio and answering the question(s) of the day.

Each weekday, Chad “the

Hitman” Highland (6–10 a.m.) and Jesse Belford (2–6 p.m.) will ask a new question on their show. The first caller to correctly answer will qualify for the grand prize drawing.

“Only 300 entries will be given away, so the odds are great — if you qualify,” said Mary ‘Tweedy’ Knef, USAG Stuttgart FMWR marketing director.

Answers to the questions can be found on the new Web site, www.stuttgartmwr.com.

Participants have other chances to win by looking for the Sizzlin' Summer Daze logo at one or more FMWR events throughout the summer, which include the annual Community Activities Registration and Education Fair, USAG Stuttgart Bodybuilding and Figure Competition and Junior Golf Camp.

Participants can also sign up for a weekly e-mail update on the Web site for another chance to win.

Sizzlin' Summer Daze was designed to help community members learn about all of the programs under FMWR, including golf (at USAG Stuttgart's Audubon certified golf course), the bowling center, arts and crafts and social services like Army Community

Service.

“All these services, and more, are provided in order to take care of the service members and their families, to do our part to provide the same quality

of life as is afforded the society they are pledged to defend,” Knef said.

For more information, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.



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Vet Clinic hosts pet fair

The Stuttgart Veterinary Treatment Facility will host a pet fair Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the vet clinic on Panzer Kaserne. The fair includes games, information booth, raffles, a moon bounce for children, military working dog demonstration and MASH unit for plush toys, and food. Pet contests will begin at noon.

All pets must be up to date on vaccinations, on a leash or in carriers.

For more information, call 431-2681/civ. 07031-15-2681.

Girl Scout camp

Girl Scouts are invited to the Stuttgart Girl Scout Summer Camp Aug. 11-14. Each level will have its own camp: Daisies on Tuesday; Brownies on Wednesday; Juniors on Thursday, and Cadettes on Friday. An overnight lock-in will be held for everyone Aug. 14.

For more information, call 01511-877-1647.

Patriot Bar closed

The Patriot Bar and Grill, located inside the Swabian Special Event Center, Building 2505 on Patch Barracks, will be closed through Aug. 2 for vacation.

Bodybuilding contest

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness centers will host a bodybuilding and figure competition Aug. 22. This is an International Natural Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation-sanctioned event and pro qualifier. Register at the Patch Fitness Center

For more information, call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136.

Patch ES is hiring

Patch Elementary School is looking for qualified part-time, full-time and substitute teachers, and education aides and clerical help for the 2009-'10 school year.

For more information, contact the school office at 430-5200/civ. 0711-680-5200.

DISA change of command ceremony Aug. 14

Defense Information Systems Agency Europe will host a change of command ceremony Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon on Patch Barracks' Husky Field.

For more information, call 434-5819 or e-mail ronald.wallace@disa.mil.

C.A.R.E. Fair Aug. 22

The 2009 Community Activities Registration and Education Fair will take place Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Patch Fitness Center, Building 2337, Patch Barracks.

More than 60 Stuttgart organizations, both civilian and military, will provide information about the programs they offer. The C.A.R.E. Fair, hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, also includes free food and entertainment. A community flea



Susan Huseman

Vehicle safety checks on Patch

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Safety Specialist Christoph Holderried (left) and Scott Jarro, a EUCOM employee, discuss Jarro's car as it undergoes a brake and shock safety check July 9 on Patch Barracks. The USAG Stuttgart Safety Office, along with the Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil Club (German automobile club), sponsored the safety inspections July 8-9. More than 100 drivers took advantage of the free inspections.

market will follow from 4-6 p.m.

For more information, contact Army Community Service at 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

New hours at RB library

The Robinson Barracks Library is now open until 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

For more information, call 420-6424/civ. 0711-829-6424.

Kids' mountain bike trip

CYS Services will offer a free Kids' Mountain Bike Excursion from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 12, starting at the Panzer Fitness Center. Children must be 12 years of age or older and enrolled with CYS Services to participate.

For more information, call 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

New bank hours July 30

On July 30, the Patch Barracks Community Bank will be open from 12:30-4 p.m. The Community Bank branches on Panzer Kaserne, Kelley and Robinson Barracks will be open from 1-4 p.m.

Vehicle Reg. closed

The U.S. Army Stuttgart Vehicle Registration Office on Panzer Kaserne will close at 11 a.m. July 31 for mandatory inventories.

CYS survey available

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child Youth and School Services is conducting an online survey through July 31. The survey is available at www.stuttgart.army.mil under 'Hot Topics.'

For more information, call 430-8214/civ.0711-680-8214.

Parents' Night Out

CYS Services will offer a Parent's Night Out Aug. 14 at the Panzer Child

Development Center/School Age Services and Sept. 11 at Kelley CDC. Both will be held from 6:30-11:30 p.m.

Parents Night Out is for children ages 6 weeks to fifth grade. Children must be registered with CYS Services. The cost is \$20 per child, \$18 for additional siblings.

Sign up by 5 p.m. the Wednesday before each event. For more information, call Central Registration at 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

Learn to manage anger

Learn how to manage anger in Army Community Service's Managing Your Emotions classes Aug. 5, 19 and 26 from 1-2:30 p.m. Register for one or all classes. Classes will be held at ACS in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3342/civ. 07031-15-3342.

Learn German at USO

The United Services Organization now sponsors the Conversational German Language program. Classes begin July 27.

The five-week course meets twice a week. Five levels, from basic to advanced, are offered. Ten classes are scheduled for the summer. The class schedule can be found online at www.stuttgart.army.mil, under "Hot Topics."

To enroll, visit the USO on the third floor of Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne. For more information, call the USO at 431-3505/civ. 07031-153505.

Technology Exposition

The Patch Barracks Technology Exposition will be held July 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Patch Fitness Center.

The expo, hosted by DISA-Europe and the Stuttgart AFCEA Chapter, is free for military, civilian, and contracted personnel.

For more information, call Abbey Brooks at civ. 001-443-561-2420 or e-mail Brooks@ncsi.com.

Parenting class

Army Community Service's Parenting with Love and Logic classes will be held Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Sept. 1 and 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. at ACS, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-3362/civ. 07031-15-3362.

Teller positions available

The Community Bank offices on Patch, Kelley and Robinson Barracks, and Panzer Kaserne have vacancies for part-time teller positions. Interested applicants should pick up an application at any of the banking centers.

Senior civilian briefing

Civilian career advisors will present a Civilian Talent Management Program briefing for senior leaders (GS-15 equivalents) July 30 at 9 a.m. in the Command Group Main Conference Room, Building 3314, Kelley Barracks.

These briefings are open forums, and anyone may attend. For more information, contact DUSA.CTMO@conus.army.mil.

Cashier cage to close

Check cashing services will no longer be an option at the 208th Finance cashier cage. July 24 is the last day of operations. For procedures on repaying an Overseas Housing Allowance security deposit, see the 208th Finance Customer Service section.

For more information, call 430-5100/8309, civ. 0711-680-5100/8309.

EEO news

The Equal Employment Opportunity consolidated training scheduled for Aug. 18 has been cancelled.

As of Aug. 24, EEO consolidated training for Patch Barracks will be held in Room 217, Building 2307.

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Special Emphasis Program seeks volunteers willing to commit one or two hours per month as SEP coordinators and committee members.

For more information, call the EEO Office at 430-5256.

Red Cross classes

The Stuttgart American Red Cross will offer an orientation for new volunteers Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. A Spanish language First Aid/CPR class will be offered Aug. 29-30 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Register at the Red Cross office, Building 2915, on Panzer Kaserne. For more information, call 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812.

Teens cash in on future career, savings with summer jobs

By Brittany Carlson
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The job market may still be tight, but that did not stop nearly 100 Stuttgart teens from working — and learning career skills — this summer.

From working as a traditional summer hire all over the garrison to learning life skills while working in the new Hired! Apprenticeship Program, the options gave teens the chance to choose their summer career path.

For those too late to cash in this year, the Hired! program will continue throughout the year, and next year's Summer Hire Program is only months away. After all, it's never too early to plan for the future.



Peter Trevino, 22, shelves a book at the Patch Library on Patch Barracks, one of many working locations for the summer hire program.

Summer Hire

For many students, summer break is not a vacation as much as it is a chance to save some cash for the upcoming school year.

In U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, 80 young adults, ages 14-22, were given jobs in the community through the Summer Hire Program, provided by the Human Resources Office.

The six-week program provides summer hires, which include dependents of active duty service members, civilians and contractors, with full-time jobs at \$5.50 an hour.

The summer hires work almost anywhere on the garrison, said Sue Cimicata, summer hire program coordinator. Available jobs include working at the mail room, passport office, public affairs office and several Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation positions. Ten positions are offered through European Command offices.

Richard Pastore, 14, took a job as a labor handyman with Panzer Youth Services to make some extra money and work outside. "It's not a boring cubicle job," he said. "We set up fields [for sports games], take inventory."

Summer hires also benefit the business they work for. Edmund Snead, passport acceptance agent, said his summer hire saves him 3-6 hours a day of paperwork.

"That saves me a lot of extra time," he said. "It frees me up for another 24-25 people [per day]."

The jobs are divided into clerical, labor and child care categories. Based on a student's category and location preference, they are assigned a job.

Lauren Cloeter, 18, works at the

It's not a boring cubicle job. We set up fields, take inventory ...

**Richard Pastore (14)
Summer Hire at Panzer
Youth Services**

School Age Services offices on Kelley Barracks. "I'm kept pretty busy," she said. "I work with the kids, [and] sometimes I prepare their lunch and snack."

Cloeter is saving her paychecks to help pay for college.

Besides saving money, younger stu-



Britny Lockridge, 15, helps file paperwork at the passport office.

dents can use the program as a jump-off point for college and future jobs.

Dylan Measells, 15, enjoys working with CYS Sports on Panzer Kaserne. "We do inventory, the Start Smart program with SAS, mark fields ... [and] the people there are pretty cool," he added.

With college still a few years away, Measells plans to put his paychecks to more immediate use: a new IPOD and some movies.

"It's definitely a great experience for the younger students," Cimicata said. "They can get work experience and make a little extra cash this summer."

For more information about the Summer Hire Program, call Human Resources Office at 431-3454/civ. 07031-15-3454.



Michael Adams, 16; Ohmar Gonzalez, 15, and Rashas Henderson, 17, clean up the Black Stallion dining facility on Patch Barracks for their summer job duties.

Hired! Apprenticeship Program

In addition to saving money, Stuttgart teens can learn life skills as working apprentices with the new Hired! Apprenticeship Program.

The program, sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services under the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation directorate, was designed to create more vocational options for teenagers on Army bases abroad.

In this program, students ages 15-18 can work part-time in various FMWR positions, while learning workforce skills.

"We want the youth involved," said Julian Bogan, CYS Services workforce preparation specialist. "We see this as an educational benefit."

Hired! apprentices work for a 12-week term (there are four per year) and receive a \$500 stipend.

Aside from job training, the students learn a variety of subjects, including financial management and conflict resolution, during weekly training sessions. Summer Hire students placed within a CYS Services program also receive this training.

This summer is the first term of the Hired! program, with 18 participants.

Currently, students can work at the Swabian Inn, Kelley Hotel, Patch and Robinson Barracks libraries, CYS Services, Patch Fitness Center, Patch Multi-Crafts and Panzer Auto Craft Shop.

The students choose their schedule and sign up for their choice workplace.

Centavia Boney, 16, works at the Panzer School Age Services through

They're learning about college and school and really focusing on the future.

**Julian Bogan
CYS Services workforce
preparation specialist**

the Hired! program. "I picked this job because, in the future, I'd like to work with kids," she said.

Boney said her paycheck will go to her sister. "I owe her a phone and an IPOD," she added, laughing.

Jesse Leatherman, 16, chose the Swabian Inn. "I thought it would be a cool experience to work at a hotel," he said. "We learn how to check people in, check people out, register them and make reservations."

During the program, apprentices will also research colleges and universities they might want to attend.

"They're learning about college and school and really focusing on the future," Bogan said.

After completing a term, the students receive a certificate of completion through Kansas State University.

"There's a huge trend of youth staying on base [after they graduate high school] to take courses online," Bogan said. "We want to show them what MWR is, open their eyes to job opportunities and give them vocational skills."

Get more information on Hired!

Parent information sessions on the Hired! Apprenticeship Program will be held July 29, Aug. 12 and Aug. 26 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at the Patch Hub, Building 2337, Patch Barracks.

Registration for the fall term ends Aug. 28. The fall term will begin Sept. 14.

Applications can be found online at www.mwrfirstchoice.com/pages/cys/hired.php.

For more information, or to register, call 430-7147/civ. 0711-680-7147.

Women's Career Development Workshop

Overcoming communication challenges

By Susan Huseman
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Michelle Arant is a changed woman. The Queensland, Australia, native has been a member of the Department of Defense workforce since April. "I'm learning how to communicate with Americans," said Arant, who married Master Sgt. Matthew Arant in 2006. "It's been tough."

It's tough, she said, because Australians tend to joke more than 'Yanks' and have an irreverent sense of humor. "There's a lot of light-hearted banter. We like to make fun of ourselves; we're not as conservative," Arant said.

She discovered Aussie humor doesn't necessarily fit into an American workplace. "I just don't [joke] now. You don't know how someone is going to take it," she said.

Communicating at work can be a challenge for the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation administrative assistant. "Every day is a learning curve for me — you think you've got it figured out and something else happens," Arant said.

Having to adapt to a culture's communication style has transformed her. "It think it has changed me. I'm not as open as I used to be," she said.

Arant was one of 16 women who attended the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Employment Opportunity Office-sponsored Women's Career Development Workshop on communication and assertiveness on July 9.

The workshop's main objective was to "develop and strengthen participants' professional competencies," said Yasmin Rosa, the EEO Special Emphasis Program manager for the garrison. "It was designed to help women overcome unique communication challenges and equip them with new skills and abilities that will help them be-

come more effective and successful in the workplace."

The two-hour workshop was led by two Military and Family Life Consultants, who presented participants with tips on developing communication skills needed to get ideas across, resolve conflicts, and persuade and influence others.

"Being assertive and learning how to communicate is a lifelong process. Any relationship you find yourself in, anyplace you go — your skill sets in communication will be challenged," said one of the instructors, whose MFLC contract with the Army precludes them, as a consultant, from being identified by name in the press.

Being assertive in communication increases one's ability to express positive and negative ideas, and feelings in an open and direct way, according to the instructors. An assertive style does not mean a person is selfish or aggressive, nor does it mean an assertive person always gets what they want.

On the flip side, not being assertive may cause additional problems, such as stored up resentment and anger.

Women may have a more difficult time being assertive. "In our culture, boys are trained to assert themselves. Girls are taught to cooperate, to make people feel good and to be mediators," said a facilitator. "But now, both sexes need to develop skills in assertiveness and collaboration."

The key to success, the instructors said, is to choose to be a good communicator, and make learning about communication a lifelong process.

It's something Arant and the other workshop participants are taking to heart.

For more information on upcoming workshops, call Yasmin Rosa at 430-5256/civ. 0711-430-5256.



Jonathan Martel, 14, helps a young boy at the Child Development Center on Patch Barracks. Martel is participating in the new Hired! Apprenticeship Program, which began this summer and will continue in four 12-week terms throughout the year.

Vienna offers unique culinary, cultural experience

Story and photos by Carola Meusel
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Vienna is known for its coffee and chocolate, but its blend of tradition, history and modern trends is what makes it different.

In fact, Austria's capital attracts visitors from all over the world to sample its unique culinary specialties and peek inside its historical landmarks.

Viennese cuisine

Mozartkugeln (chocolate pralines filled with marzipan and hazelnut cream) originated in a tribute to Wolfgang Mozart, the famous composer who lived and worked here.

Another one of Vienna's sweetest offerings is the former Court Bakery Demel (Kohlmarkt 14), near the Imperial Palace. The bakery's famous "Wiener Kaiserschmarrn" (pancakes with powdered sugar and apple puree or plum butter), and "Fächertorte" (a three layer cream cake) provide the perfect opportunity for a break, along with a cup of "Wiener Melange" (milk coffee with cream).

Chocolate lovers will want to visit the Schokoladenkönig (Chocolate King), a traditional chocolate house. The interior dates back to the time of

the Habsburg Monarchy when this store was known as the "Knopfkönig" (button king), delivering buttons to the imperial family. This store is famous for its chocolate fountain, where the visitor can dip fresh fruits (€0.50 per piece) into the melted chocolate. The chocolate house also makes fresh champagne pralines. The Schokoladenkönig is located at Freisingergasse 1.

Visitors looking for more solid fare can visit the "Wiener Naschmarkt," located near Karl's Cathedral, which displays outdoor stalls full of colorful fruits, exotic spices, nuts, fish, cheese, and meat. In this market, visitors can sample the food before buying it. Every Saturday, a flea market offers a variety of antiques, furniture and clothing.

More serious shoppers will want to visit Kärntnerstrasse, the main shopping street, with coffeehouses, stores, souvenir shops, and the Sacher Hotel and Coffeehouse. Sacher is famous for its rich chocolate cake (Sachertorte) made out of dark chocolate and marmalade.

Food and shopping aside, Viennese culture can be found in a variety of museums located on the outskirts of Vienna's first district.

Culture and history

The Museum Quarter (Museumsquartier) was built during the 1990s, and the exhibitions are mainly focused on modern art. Paintings, sculptures and art installations are displayed in the Museum of Modern Art (MUMOK) and the Art Hall (Kunsthalle). During the summer months, the inner courtyard provides a place to enjoy drinks and listen to music in an open-air atmosphere.

The Museum for Historical Art (Kunsthistorisches Museum) and the Museum for Natural Sciences (Naturhistorisches Museum) are also located in the first district.

Architectural art and history can be found in Vienna's cathedrals and castles.

The monumental Karl's Cathedral in Vienna's fourth district was built during the years 1715-1737. Its interior is as impressive as the outside facade



A man browses in Vienna's "Nashmarkt," where customers can sample goods.

and can be explored with a panorama elevator. In Karl's Square, socialites can look at Vienna's State Opera House, where the famous Vienna Opera Ball takes place each February.

Near the Opera House, the "Wiener Hofburg" (Vienna's Imperial Palace) displays royal relics in Austria's National Library, the Emperor Suites, Sisi Museum and "Schatzkammer" (Treasury), which holds the wealth of the Habsburg Monarchy. Outside the Opera House, the Albertina exhibit hall showcases photography and graphic design.

For more on Empress Sisi, visitors can visit Vienna's most well-known castle, Schloss Schönbrunn. The castle of Empress Sisi and her husband, Emperor Franz Joseph, offers a variety of rooms to explore, along with an outdoor park and zoo. A walk up the hill to the "Gloriette" monument reveals a panoramic view of Vienna.

Stephan's Square marks the center of the historical downtown area, which is part of the UNESCO world heritage site. Its Roman-Catholic cathedral, named for Saint Stephanus, has been considered one of Vienna's most impressive landmarks since 1365. Near the square, visitors can see the Peterskirche Wien (Petersplatz), one of the most beautiful baroque churches

that Vienna has to offer, as well as the Baroque Black Death Monument.

To see Vienna's main sights, visitors can take Strassenbahn Tram 1 or 2 from the Schottentor stop to see Vienna's most historical sites along the "Wiener Ring," including the University of Vienna, the Town Hall, the Parliament, the Museum for Natural Sciences, the Museum for Historical Art, the State Opera, the Volksgarten parkway and the National Theater.

Leisure activities

Vienna's surrounding area also offers a variety of leisure activities away from the bustle of the city.

The Leopoldstadt parkway leads to the famous "Wurstelprater" festival grounds, where visitors can take a ride on Europe's oldest Ferris wheel and buy a variety of bratwurst.

During the summer, guests can enjoy nature on Danube Island, a local recreation area. Herrmann's beach bar on the Danube canal also invites visitors to lean back and relax in one of their comfortable sun beds.

Vienna's traditions have changed with the times, but it still treats its guests with the customary grace that it has for centuries.

For more information, visit www.wien.info.



Viennese diversity: Modern art is displayed in front of Karl's Cathedral.

Traditional Viennese coffeehouses

Coffeehouses are a typical part of Vienna's culture. Time seems to go by at a slower pace while reading newspapers, sipping Wiener Melange and enjoying a sweet delight (Süßspeise).

The following guide will provide you with details on some of Vienna's most traditional coffeehouses.

Cafe Central serves the best "Kaiserschmarrn with Zwetschgenröster" (sweet pancakes with stewed

plum) in town. Columns and chandeliers give the interior an impressive design and a piano player provides a special atmosphere.

Cafe Central is located on the corner of Strauchgasse and Herrengasse.

Cafe Hawelka is known as an institution in Vienna. This coffeehouse serves the best homemade "Buchteln" (dumplings filled with stewed plums)

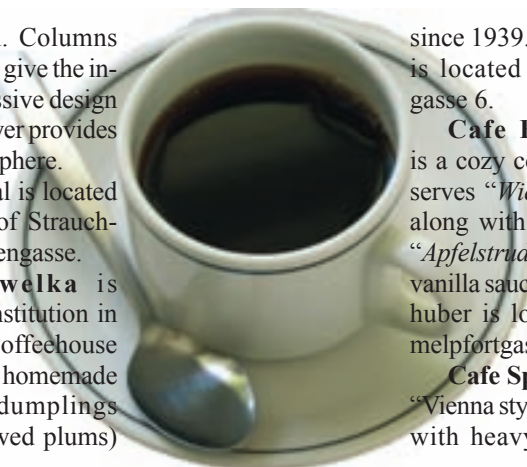
since 1939. **Cafe Hawelka** is located at Dorotheergasse 6.

Cafe Frauenhuber is a cozy coffeehouse that serves "Wiener Melange" along with the traditional "Apfelstrudel," with thick vanilla sauce. **Cafe Frauenhuber** is located at Himelmpfortgasse 6.

Cafe Sperl is a typical "Vienna style" coffeehouse with heavy curtains and

a dark wooden interior. It offers a variety of coffee specialties from a "Grosser Brauner" (black coffee with whipped cream) to the traditional "Wiener Melange." **Cafe Sperl** is located at Gumpendorferstr 11.

Cafe Landtmann is located next to the State Theater and features a creamy "Mozart cake" (chocolate/marzipan). VIPs, such as Marlene Dietrich, Romy Schneider, Burt Lancaster, Hillary Clinton and Paul McCartney, have been spotted here.



Delights for all the senses draw visitors into town

Festivals and more

• Ongoing until July 26 — Biberach an der Riss — Hunters festival

This historical festival features a horse parade with more than 200 carriages and riders, dances, a fireworks display and a fairground in the old part of town.

• Ongoing until July 26 — Böblingen — Food at the lake

This festival features international foods, wines, beers and cocktails at the Unteren See.

• Ongoing until July 26 — Altshausen — Market square festival

This festival and flea market is located at the Marktplatz.

• Ongoing until July 27 — Beilstein — Vineyard festival

This event features a hike along the different vineyards of Beilstein. The meeting place is the parking lot at the castle Beilstein on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

• Ongoing until July 26 — Deilingen — Farm truck meeting

More than 400 historical farm trucks will be on display during this festival at the Deklhofer Berg in Deilingen.

• Ongoing until July 26 — Durbach — Courtyard festival

This wine festival is located at the Weingut Alfred Huber.

• Ongoing until July 26 — Karlsruhe — The Festival

Soccer, music and culinary delights await the visitor of this festival at the Fussballverein Ebersweier.

• July 25-26 — Kirchzarten — Village festival

This festival is located in the old part of town at the Talvogtei.

• July 26-27 — Korntal-Münchingen — Courtyard festival

This festival is located at the Goerdelerstrasse.

• July 24-26 — Mannheim — Sports festival

This festival and competition takes place at the Wasserturm in Mannheim.

• July 25-26 — Mühlhausen im Täle — Summer festival

This festival and flea market is located at the Rathaus and the Gemeindehalle.

• July 25-26 — Neckarbischofsheim — Historical village festival

The festival takes place at the Marktplatz and the Stadtkirche.

• July 26-27 — Oberndorf am Neckar — City festival



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• Ongoing until July 26 — Nordheim — Flower Summer

This summer festival takes place in the town park.

This festival is located at the old Augustinerkloster.

• July 25-27 — Plüderhausen — Festival days

This folk festival offers a beer garden, large fest tent, and fireworks display at the Gänswasen.

• July 25-26 — Raststatt — Town festival

This historical city festival is located downtown Raststatt.

• July 25-27 — Schriesheim — City festival

This festival features culinary delights at the Neuen Rathaus.

• July 25-27 — Deizisau — Main festival

This festival is located at the Festplatz.

• July 25-27 — Ellwangen (Jagst) — Folklore days

This historical festival is located at castle Ellwangen.

• July 25 — Eschenbach — Paul-Kaiser-memorial camp

This event features a medieval camp at the Freizeitgelände.

• July 25 — Hechingen — Summer festival

The festival is located at the Villa Eugenia and the Fürstengarten.

• July 25 — Ludwigsburg — Classical music castle festival

This event is located at castle Monrepos and features a musical fireworks display starting at 9 p.m.

• July 25-26 — Salach — Medieval festival

This festival is located at the Waldspielplatz Bärenbach.

• July 26 — Schwetzingen — Castle in flames

The synchronized fireworks display will take place at 8:30 p.m. at the Schlossgarten.

• July 30 to Aug. 3 — Freiberg am Neckar — Goeckelesfest (chicken festival)

This festival is located at the Festplatz Geisingen.

• July 30 to Aug. 2 — Göppingen — Festival in the park

This festival is located at the Oberhofenpark.

• July 30 to Aug. 9 — Tübingen — Summer island culinary festival

This festival is located at the Anlagensee.

• July 31 to Aug. 10 — Heilbronn — Unterländer Volksfest

This large festival, with amusement park, is located at the Theresenwiese.

• July 31 to Aug. 3 — Leonberg — Wine festival

This festival is set at In der Oberen Feinau in the city section of Eltingen.

• July 31 to Aug. 3 — Murrhardt — Summer night festival

This lake festival is set at the Waldsee.

• Aug. 1-2 — Aichtal — Village festival

The festival takes place around the Stadtkirche.

• Aug. 1-2 — Allmedingen — Fizz-Festival in the center

This street festival takes place at the Rathausplatz.

• Aug. 1 — Altensteig — Lake night festival

This festival is located at the Berneckersee and features a fireworks display at dusk.

• Aug. 2 — Bad Cannstatt — Fish spearing

This event takes place along the Neckar River between the Wilhelm's bridge and Mühlsteg.

• Aug. 6-23 — Kirchheim unter Teck — Wine Village

The village is set up by the skating rink at the historical city wall and offers international wines and foods.

Markets and more

• July 25-27 — Schwäbisch Hall — Jacobi market

This market is the oldest of its kind in the region. The market features family fun and all kinds of merchandise at the Haalplatz and the Kocherwiesen in Steinbach.

• July 25 — Esslingen — Evening flea market on the Plienaubrücke (Pliensau Bridge)

This flea market is located at the Rathaus and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• July 25 — Achern — Variety and antique market

This market is located around the historical Illenau and is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• July 25 — Nellingen — Jakobi market

This variety market features more than 150 vendors and is located in the city center.

• July 25 — Tuttlingen — Arts and crafts market

The market is located in the downtown area.

• July 31 to Aug. 2 — Oberrot — Pots and pans market

This market features handmade articles at the Ebersberg.



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• Aug. 7-17 — Esslingen — Zwiebel-fest (Onion festival)

This traditional festival, around the Marktplatz, offers regional wines and foods.

Legend has it that once upon a time the devil came to Esslingen. He demanded an apple from a market girl. She guessed who he was and gave him an onion. The devil bit into the onion and cursed the town for its bad-tasting apples, saying the townspeople would no longer be named Esslinger, but onions. To this day, some of Esslingen townsfolk are still referred to as onions.

Garrison remembers fallen heroes during 1/10th race

Story and photo by Brittany Carlson
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

They are the fallen: Army Soldiers, reservists, Marines, Navy SEALs, Airmen. The men and women killed in the ongoing War on Terror were roommates, friends, mentors and heroes.

They're gone now, but they live on in the thoughts and memories of more than 225 Stuttgart community members who participated in the Run to Remember July 11.

The run, featuring both a half-marathon (13 miles) and five-kilometer race, was sponsored by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart and 1/10th Special Forces Group. It started outside of the 1/10th Headquarters building and wove through the local training area. Posters with the names of fallen service members were displayed along the route.

"Some of the people from my squadron — Capt. Sammis, Capt. Ford — were killed in 2003 in a helicopter crash," said Moria Wolfinger, a former Marine. Wolfinger ran the 5K in remembrance of them.

Several runners wore T-shirts displaying the names and pictures of people they were remembering. One T-shirt displayed a group of Navy SEALs.

Army Capt. Colby Broadwater, who took third place in the half-marathon, ran to remember Capt. K.J. Smith. "He was my roommate in Baghdad in 2005," he said.



Community members tote rucksacks as they start the Run to Remember half-marathon July 11.

Both races involved friendly competition, but in the end, the day was about the price Americans pay for freedom. Air Force Lt. Col. Chris Bennett, who took first place in the half-marathon, ran with many people in mind. "[I ran to remember] all the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we can do things like this today in freedom and safety," he said.

Top runners per category
Half-marathon, men: Chris Bennett, 1:20:57; An-

thony Baker, 1:24:42; Colby Broadwater, 1:26:39.

Half-marathon, women: Susan Mizgala, 1:36:18; Kristine Dunn, 1:44:26; Venable Chateau, 1:46:52.

Half-marathon, team: 1/10th Special Forces, Bravo Company, 6:46:27. **5K, men:** Nicholas Pugh, 18:26; Chris Martin, 18:31; Zack Decker, 18:32. **5K, women:** Michelle Heagney, 19:02; Ann Pugh, 20:07; Marlene Afzal, 20:09. **5K, women stroller:** Jennifer Bailey, 31:04; **5K, men stroller:** Chris Schmitt, 22:27.

Two Stuttgart runners qualify for Army Europe 10-miler team

By Mary Markos
USAG Grafenwöhr Public Affairs Office

Three hundred and sixty feet hit the ground running June 27 at the U.S. Forces Europe Army 10-Miler Qualification race hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwöhr.

Of the 180 competitors, the top six male and six female Soldiers earned spots on the team that will travel to the national competition held in Washington, D.C., Oct. 4.

Kelis Secrest, of Kaiserslautern, was the first runner to cross the finish line, with a time of 57 minutes, 6.45 seconds. However, as a civilian, Secrest does not qualify for the national 10-Miler in October.

The same goes for the first service member to complete the course. Air Force Lt. Col. Christopher Bennet, assigned to the European Command in

Stuttgart, finished the race third overall, with a time of 58:40.17.

Instead, leading the 12-Soldier team in the D.C. race is Staff Sgt. Kirk Madgic, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Madgic, who traveled from Vicenza, Italy, to compete in the race, was the first Soldier to cross the finish line with a time of 58:46.81.

The other qualifiers for the men's team were: Capt. Kyle Greenberg, Grafenwöhr (60:20.78); 2nd Lt. Bradley Glosser, Ansbach (61:7.42); Maj. William Rediske, Kaiserslautern (61:16.44); Sgt. 1st Class Walter Johnston, Heidelberg (62:18.98); and Capt. Colby Broadwater, Stuttgart (63:36.73).

With a time of 65:21.17, Capt. Stephanie Feagin, U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno, was the first female Soldier to cross the finish line.

Capt. Myra Markey, Ansbach (67:43.98); Capt. Rhonda Winsky, Kaiserslautern (75:11.00); 1st Lt. Lisa

Becker, Ansbach (76:53.09); Lt. Col. Laura Landes, Stuttgart (77:3.39); and 2nd Lt. Kimberly Defiori, Grafenwöhr (78:3.89) also qualified for the women's team.

Eight alternates were also selected based on their times in Grafenwöhr, in the event a runner is unable to attend the national race.

The Soldier-teammates will have more than three months to prepare for the national race, where an expected 30,000 runners will navigate a route that begins and ends at the Pentagon and passes national monuments such as the Smithsonian and the United States Capitol building.

Stuttgart results

The Stuttgart team of Susan Mizgala, Michelle Katz, Angi Buckley and Claudia Denton took first place in the women's team category, with an average time of 72:1.21.

The Stuttgart men's A team, consisting of Chris Bennett, Doug Hutchenson,

Colby Broadwater IV and Tim Kloper, finished in second place, less than two seconds behind the first place Ansbach team, with an average time of 63:15.61. The Stuttgart men's B team, with an average time of 71:14.69, finished in fourth place.

Individual times

Christopher Bennett, 58:40.17; Douglas Hutcheson, 63:14.69; Colby Broadwater, 63:36.73; Timothy Klopfer, 67:30.83; Marty Smith, 68:11.39; Scott Rodberg, 68:37.14; Susan Mizgala, 68:49.89; Scott Shumaker, 70:43.83; Michelle Katz, 71:35.86; Mike Buckley, 73:17.16; Angela Buckley, 73:47.05; Claudia Denton, 73:52.06; Chateau Venable, 76:6.42; Matthew Baker, 77:26.41; Laura Landes, 77:3.39; Eloy Campos, 81:8.30; Jon Gilchrist, 81:22.25; Joel Vega, 84:20.94; Chris Lee, 85:43.69

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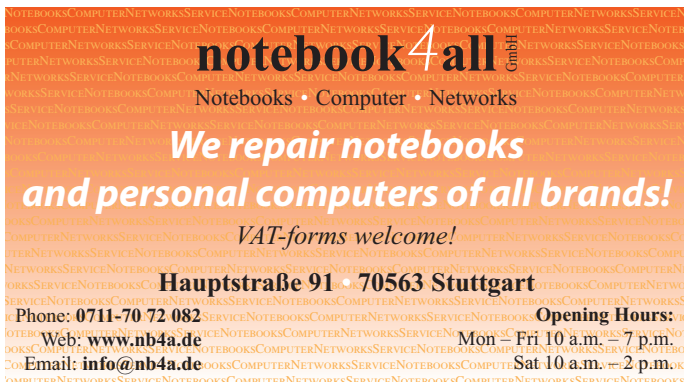


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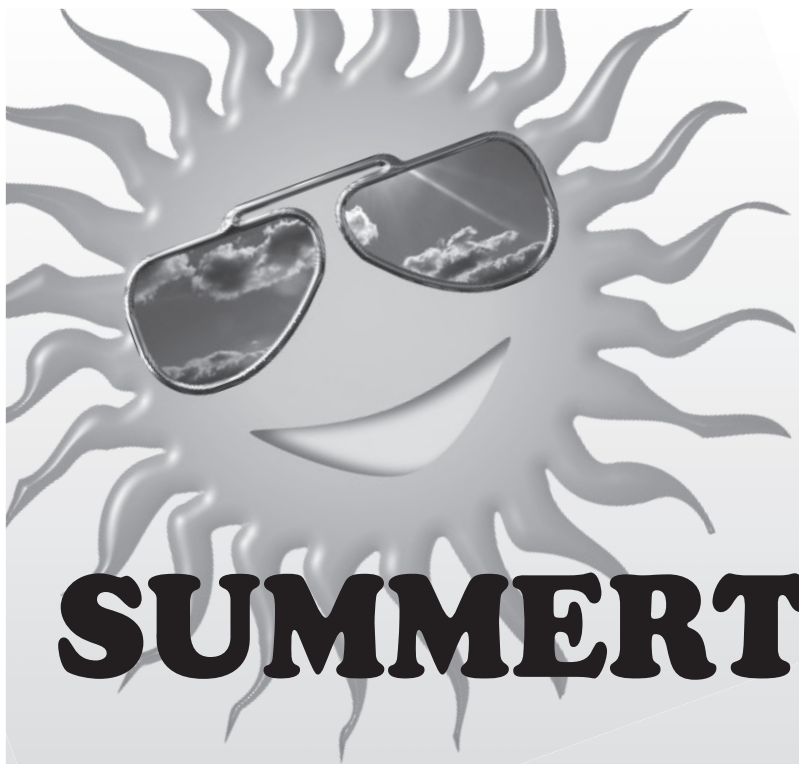
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