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EUCOM bids Craddock farewell, welcomes Stavridis

By Larry Reilly

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Army Gen. John Craddock clutched the colors of the U.S. European Command for the last time before handing it over to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates during the USEUCOM change of command ceremony at Patch Barracks June 30.

This was the second consecutive time he has handed over the colors to Adm. James G. Stavridis, who became the 15th USEUCOM commander and the first to wear a Navy uniform. In 2006,

Craddock handed over the reins of the U.S. Southern Command to Stavridis.

Craddock will now retire after nearly 40 years of service.

During the ceremony, Craddock praised his staff and his replacement.

"To the EUCOM staff, your standard of excellence and your professionalism set an example for all to follow. Together, we completed what I think is heretofore unheard of: spinning off a new geographical combatant command," Craddock said. "The establishment of AFRICOM is a strategic accomplishment that has improved

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Tech. Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Adm. James G. Stavridis, new USEUCOM commander, receives the guidon from Secretary of Defense Robert Gates during the change of command ceremony.

Summer school keeps brains active with hands-on science

Story and photo by Susan Huseman

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Two weeks after the last bell rang for summer break, 11-year-old Molly McCoy found herself back in a classroom.

She and 69 other students are enrolled in a summer enrichment program at Patch Elementary School.

"My dad signed me up because it would keep my brain active, instead of letting it fry over the summer," she said.

The four-week, half-day program for students in kindergarten to fifth grade is sponsored by the Depart-

ment of Defense Education Activity.

The curriculum is designed to enrich and reinforce student learning through high-interest, hands-on activities focused on language arts and math skills, said Teacher-In-Charge Victoria Faerber. "It's not a remedial program," she added.

It's not a typical class, either. Faerber's class is composed of 24 third through fifth-graders. Kindergartners, first- and second-graders are divided into two more classes.

The students in each class are divided into groups, and rotate between three stations: exploration, investigation and creation.

Each group is student-led. "The teacher is the facilitator," said Faerber. "This helps the students become independent and learn how to give directions."

Team leaders organize their groups, hand out materials and keep their fellow students focused. "You have to tell people this and that, but what's fun about it is that you get to sit in a comfy chair," said Joshua Clark, 12, on his first day as team leader.

But even with a comfortable chair, being a team leader can be a tough job. "Sometimes I have to command [students] to stop. It's kind of hard," Joshua said.

But it's not all on the team leaders' shoulders. Older students, called pathfinders, are paired with the younger students. Issues are solved through a chain of command: pathfinder, team leader and teacher. "It's about the students taking charge and learning to work together," Faerber said.

They're also having a good time. "We get to do a bunch of fun activities," said Adriel Moran, 11. "It's more interactive than just writing in a notebook."

With activities on dinosaurs, life in space, volcanoes, the coral reef and mysteries of the deep to come, Adriel is excited about getting to study sea creatures such as the starfish, crayfish and squid. "I'm most looking forward to biology and sea animals," he said.

The students aren't the only ones who enjoy the summer program. "During the year, I'm a reading teacher," Faerber said. "We don't get to do a lot of hands on activities like science experiments. It's fun."

Teacher-In-Charge Vanessa Faerber prepares children for a lesson during the Patch Elementary School summer enrichment program. Seventy students in grades 1-5 are attending this summer's program, which focuses on subjects such as dinosaurs, life in space and volcanoes.



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Garrison begins renovation projects

This summer, USAG Stuttgart will begin \$50 million worth of renovation projects for improving the garrison, including a new shoppette and CDC.



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Independence Day celebration

Hundreds of Stuttgart community members turned out for the annual July 4 bash at Husky Field commemorating America's independence.



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Soldier's sacrifice prompts question: Why do you serve?

Commentary by

Lt. Col. Victor Moncrieffe

31st Security Forces Squadron commander

In the summer of 2006, while assigned to the U.S. Air Force Academy, I met a young man who reinforced the reason why I serve.

I was about to enter an elevator when he and his mother, an instructor at the academy, walked in to ascend to the upper floors of the academic building. The mother introduced me to her son, and I could already size him up as an upright young man who was a poster child for military service.

As I shook his hand, he informed me that he was about to graduate high school and was contemplating a life in uniform. I took the opportunity to try to recruit the young man into the Air Force, and that's when I learned that he came from a proud military history, as both his parents were serving or had served in the military.

His mother explained that her son wanted to join the Army as his father did, and I could tell he was excited about the opportunity of serving, as well.

However, by the expression on his mother's face, I could also tell she had concerns about her son's plans of service. She knew we were a nation at war, and there was no doubt in her mind that her son would do his part.

As we stopped at the designated floor, I once again shook this young man's hand, reminded him that the

I could tell what kind of man her son was. I knew that her son didn't serve for prestige, money or medals, but did what thousands of young men and women across our nation do every day: serve the greater good.

Air Force was still hiring, but ultimately wished him the best of luck in his future endeavors. His smile and firm hand shake said it all.

On Sept. 5, 2007, the news spread that a child of an Air Force Academy instructor had been lost to an improvised explosive device attack in Iraq ... it was the young man I had met in the elevator almost a year earlier, killed in action at 19 years old.

Although very difficult for me, out of respect, I attended the wake and stood in line to provide my condolences to the family. It was a closed casket. When it was my turn, the mother saw me and immediately screamed out "You know, you know" repeatedly as I embraced her and shared in her grief.

In the five-minute meeting inside the elevator, she knew that I could tell what kind of man her son was, and to what lengths he would go to serve his country.

She knew that I knew that her son didn't serve for prestige, money or medals, but did what thousands

of young men and women across our nation do every day: serve the greater good.

To this day, the picture of Spc. Dane R. Balcon remains a permanent fixture on my desk to remind me that freedom is indeed not free, but has a price. That price is paid in the air, land and sea by the men and women in uniform who serve our great country around the world, making sacrifices every day to preserve our nation's values and our way of life.

While there may be various personal reasons why some serve (finances, education, opportunity, travel, etc.), I believe we ultimately serve because of the belief that there is something bigger than ourselves that's worth defending.

Call it patriotism, a way of life, freedom; the fact remains that those of us in uniform, regardless of specialty, serve for the greater good.

That's what Spc. Balcon believed, and that's what I believe as well.

So I ask you, why do you serve?

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What are you reading this summer?



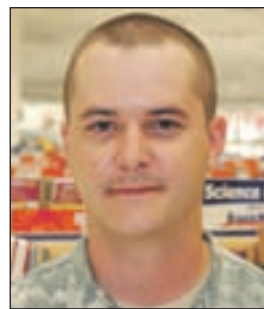
Wally Celtrick
(Civilian)

"The Road to Stalingrad." The book weighs about five pounds."



Blanca Leon
(Spouse)

"My favorite is Nicholas Sparks. I recommend him highly."



Spc. Andrew Simonson
(U.S. Army)

"David Sedaris' satire [about] himself and others. It's hysterical."



Patricia Farinha
(Civilian)

"Three Men in a Boat" by Jerome. It's supposed to be a hoot."



Sgt. Michael Mingo
(U.S. Marine Corps)

"I usually just read the newspaper — *The Citizen, Marine Times, Army Times.*"



Shana Tuttle
(Spouse)

"Right now I'm reading 'The Power of Now.' It's about getting in touch spiritually."



Maj. Andy Krufft
(U.S. Army)

"I'm renovating a house, so all kinds of do-it-yourself [magazines]."



Stewart Grover
(Civilian)

"I'm only reading textbooks for school — telecommunications and IT."

Command

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regional and global security. And, while the birth of AFRICOM made headlines and blog banners around the globe, and rightfully so, the challenges associated with separation went largely unnoticed.

“Together, we reorganized the staff for success, we reanalyzed our theater strategy to accomplish the mission of a changed area of responsibility, and we reprioritized the distribution of resources to dovetail with our new posture. That list goes on and on, but the fact is you executed all those details flawlessly, on time and to standard,” he said.

“Jim (Stavridis), best wishes to you, Laura and Juliette, as you drop anchor at your newest port. You join a first-rate crew, and I know with you at the helm, the command is going to enjoy fair winds, smooth sailing and calm waters,” Craddock said.

The praises for a job well done didn’t all come from Craddock, nor were they all directed toward commanders. Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who also presided over the ceremony with Gates, addressed another “soldier” in the Craddock family.

Mullen said Mrs. Craddock rallied spouses during regular quality of life conferences and championed volunteerism, health care and youth education. “Doing her expeditionary best, she organized a school supplies drive for an all-girls school in Kabul, Afghanistan, and personally delivered the supplies to the school of 1,500 young women — listening to their hopes and dreams for a brighter future. Our greater military family is going to miss both of you.”

Mullen praised Craddock for what he did not only at EUCOM, but also at NATO.

“Looking at how NATO and EUCOM have evolved under John Craddock’s watch is truly amazing. The kinds of ideas you now take for granted were mere concepts during my time in Naples a few years ago,” Mullen said. “Notions that were little more than notes on napkins are now vital elements of our global security. He has provided precious talent and resources from his own staff to stand up a new combatant commander in AFRICOM. Today, John (Craddock)

and Kip Ward can now focus on partnerships in two entire continents with all the advantages that come with living in the very same neighborhood. Thanks to John, any willing nation, no matter what size, can and does contribute to global security.”

According to Mullen, seeing issues from the vantage point of another culture is important to being a successful leader, and no one works harder at this than Stavridis.

“No one is better at seeing issues in other people’s eyes. While at the helm of SOUTHCOM, he personified engagement, building upon the successes that John left,” Mullen said. “He taught commitment by showing commitment to the people of the region, and I’m confident that Jim Stavridis will bring great lessons and tremendous energy to EUCOM. With his experience and intellect, there is no one better positioned than Jim to band historical alliances with new partners. To confront and overcome today’s tougher security challenges, Jim and Laurie will continue the Craddocks’ mission, build upon their successes, and help lead us all to a future which holds what we all want: a world of opportunity for our children to share together in peace and security.”

Stavridis, who was brief in his remarks, thanked the Craddocks for all they did and talked about the command he was about to take. “The European command was in a sense born in the fire of war. It came into existence after the second World War — now a most distant conflict — but it has today, fundamentally, a vision of peace,” Stavridis said.

“General Eisenhower said ‘In this world of ours growing ever smaller, we must avoid becoming a community of fear and hate and instead be a proud confederation of trust and respect.’ I think those are good words, and they will be in my mind as I move forward with this magnificent team,” he continued.

“I will not do it alone. With me are my wife, my daughters, a perfect chain of command, and above all, ... tens of thousands of shipmates in the U.S. European Command, who today stand to watch across this most fundamental of continents. ... I look forward to serving with you. Let’s get underway,” Stavridis said.



Larry Reilly

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shakes hands with Gen. John Craddock June 30 after the EUCOM change of command ceremony, as EUCOM Commander Adm. James Stavridis looks on.

News & Notes

Conversational German classes available through USO

The Conversational German Language Program is moving from the Panzer Education Center to the United Service Organizations office beginning July 27. The program will retain its original structure.

The five-week course meets twice a week. Five levels, from basic to advanced, are offered. Ten classes are scheduled for the summer.

Each class costs €100. The textbook costs an additional €20.

To enroll, visit the USO on the third floor of Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne. The class and book must be paid for before class starts.

The class schedule can be found online at www.stuttgart.army.mil under “Hot Topics.”

For more information, call the USO at 431-3505/civ. 07031-153505.

Officials give end-of-fiscal-year tuition assistance guidance

Soldiers registering for end-of-year college classes through the GoArmyEd Web site must do so before the Army’s fiscal year closeout on Sept. 29.

This does not impact registration for courses starting Oct. 1, 2009 or later (FY10 enrollments), according to Installation Management-Command-Europe Army Continuing Education Services officials.

“The important message for Soldiers is that if they plan to take a class starting Sept. 30 or sooner, they must register prior to Sept. 29,” said Ruth Foster, IMCOM-Europe ACES education services specialist.

Selling USAREUR-plated cars to non-ID cardholders

When selling, donating or transferring a U.S. Army Europe-plated vehicle to a non-ID cardholder, such as a German national, car dealer, or junk yard, a customs Permit to Transfer (AE Form 550-175B) is required.

Without this permit, car owners will not clear vehicle registration when it is time to transfer to a new duty location. Customs authorities may also require information on what happened to the vehicle.

If you cannot show what happened to the vehicle, you may be identified in a military police report and subject to disciplinary action.

The Permit to Transfer is available at the U.S. Forces customs office. For more information, call the U.S. Forces customs office at 431-2657/2731/civ. 07031-15-2657/2731.

Technology expo July 29

A technology expo, sponsored by Defense Information Systems Agency-Europe and the Stuttgart Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association chapter, will be held July 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Patch Fitness Center.

More than 65 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in information technology, such as data storage and retrieval, fiber optics and data mining.

For more information, visit www.federalevents.com, click on Patch Barracks, and choose the Government/Military link.

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 aaron.lancaster2@eur.army.mil.

By Capt. Aaron L. Lancaster
Stuttgart Legal Center

Q: I recently had a horrible moving experience where a lot of my stuff got broken. In talking to other people who recently moved, I have been hearing about a new claims program called the Full Replacement Value program and was wondering if you could explain the differences between the FRV program and the old claims system?

A: There are two main differences between the new FRV program and the old system.

First, unlike the old system, in which the claimant would deal directly with the government, the claimant now deals directly with the carrier. The claimant must first file his/her 1840/1840R (pink form given at time of delivery) with the local claims office (Kelley Barracks, Building 3212, Room 222) within the required 70 days from delivery. This can expedite the claims process and allow faster compensation.

Also, dealing directly with the carrier allows the claimant more options, such as the option to negotiate with the carrier to receive a higher compensation payment.

Further, if the claimant is not satisfied with the service that they are receiving from the carrier, they retain the right to have their claim adjudicated by their local military claims office (although standard pre-FRE depreciation rules will apply).

Second, the carrier must replace any item that is lost or destroyed with a new item, or pay the cost of a new item of the same kind and quality, without deducting for depreciation.

This means that if your \$300, 10-year-old IKEA dining room table was destroyed or lost during shipment, then the carrier must replace it with the same IKEA dining room table or compensate you with the cost of a new dining room table of like type and quality. The end result is that you would receive (under most circumstances) around \$300 in this situation.

Under the old system, the military claims office would be required to depreciate your table at 75 percent and you would receive about \$75. Under the FRV program, a shipment where multiple items are broken would result in a substantial increase in reimbursement.

A claimant must file his or her claim with the carrier within nine months to qualify for FRV. Also, FRV applies to shipments with a pick-up date on or after October 1, 2007, for International Shipments (to/from OCONUS); November 1, 2007, for domestic shipments (within the U.S.) and March 1, 2008, for Non-Temporary Storage and Direct Procurement Method shipments.

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 or civ. 0711-729-4152.

Flying Space Available requires flexibility, advance preparation

By Brittany Carlson

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The Space Available program can save service members and their families hundreds, even thousands of dollars in travel expenses.

However, it does come with a price tag: preparedness and flexibility.

"The key to Space A is to be flexible," said Staff Sgt. Al Meyer, air transportation supervisor at the Ramstein Air Base passenger terminal. "We can at least get you back to the States, where you can get a cheaper flight to where you need to go, if we can't get you there."

Space Available allows service members and their families to fly free (or nearly free) of charge not only to the United States, but to any other U.S. air force base in the world.

In order to take advantage of this benefit, service members and their family members must sign up at the Air Mobility Command passenger terminal they wish to fly out of. To sign up, they can either e-mail or fax their paperwork (see below) to the terminal, or hand it in personally. The terminal will place them on a waiting list for flights based on their Category (1-6) and the date and time that they signed up.

On the day of the flight, only people marked present during the roll call will be able to fly out. Meyer recommended bringing a copy of the e-mail confirming the date and time of their sign-up to the airport as well.

Ramstein Air Base is the closest terminal to U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart that offers Space A flights.

European destinations from Ramstein include Aviano, Italy; and Mildenhall, England. Passengers are allowed to sign up for five country destinations simultaneously. Primary stateside destinations from Ramstein include Dover, Del.; McGuire AFB, N.J., and Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Md. Since BWI is a commercial airport as well, passengers flying to and from this airport must pay a head tax of \$27.40. All other destinations are free.

The hardest time to get on a Space A flight is during the summer months and around holidays. "This is our busiest time of the year," Meyer said. "Categories



www.ramstein.af.mil

Travelers wait for a flight at Ramstein Air Base.

4 and 5 can pretty much expect to wait a few days; I've seen people take as much as a week."

The quickest way to get to the U.S. is by taking the first available flight, Meyer said. "If your name is called for a flight back to the States, take the flight. You may not make that next roll call."

However, the flight's final stop in the U.S. is the end of the line for passengers; from there, they have to pay the rest of the way if their final destination is elsewhere. The only exception to this is family members who have been upgraded to a Category 3 or 4.

Passengers must also pay their own way back to a military passenger terminal for their return flight.

Despite the extra effort and waiting time, the savings makes flying Space A worth it, said Alma Fowler, who flew Category 6 in May with her husband, a retiree, and two children.

"I estimate we spent \$350," said Fowler, describing her trip from Ramstein to March AFB in Riverside, Calif. The Fowlers only paid for trip incidentals, a taxi ride and two nights in a hotel. "It would have been \$2,400, had we bought commercial ticket."

For more information, or to sign up for flights through Ramstein Air Base, visit www.ramstein.af.mil or call or fax information to 480-5364/civ. 06371-47-5364. Sign-ups can also be e-mailed to spacea@ramstein.af.mil. Flight times are released 72 hours before the flight, and seat numbers are released six hours before.

Space A sign-up requirements

Service members

Active duty service members on emergency leave can fly in Category 1, and service members on environmental morale leave are in Category 2. All others are in Category 3, as well as any family members traveling with them.

To fly Space A, service members need their leave paperwork and military ID, and family members accompanying them need their military ID card (ages 10 and up) and passports.

Service members cannot sign up for a Space A flight until midnight on their first day of leave. Sign-ups last for the length of leave.

Family members

In Europe, command-sponsored spouses of active duty service members can fly unaccompanied in Category 5.

In addition to an ID card and passport, they

need to have the command sponsorship letter approving them to fly Space A. The letter must be signed by a commanding officer in their spouse's unit.

Spouses of deployed service members can be upgraded to Category 4 if their spouse has been deployed more than 120 consecutive days and to Category 3 if the deployment is for more than 366 days. For these upgrades, the command sponsorship letter must include the beginning and end dates of the deployment.

Sign-ups last for 30 to 60 days for dependents. If their travel exceeds the 30 or 60 day limit, they must re-sign up with a new command sponsorship letter.

Retirees

Retirees fly Space A in Category 6. They need to have a passport and military ID card.

Army garrisons in Europe benefit from funding

Installation Management Command Europe Public Affairs Office

Improved barracks, libraries, street lights and roads are just part of how Installation Management Command-Europe officials are applying the significant sum of Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization funds flowing to Europe this year.

According to IMCOM-Europe officials, this is the first year that Europe garrisons have ever received 100 percent of their authorized SRM funding.

The fiscal year 2009 funding enables the reduction of outstanding work and service orders, more thorough execution of routine preventive maintenance, the initiation of a number of unit-move transformation projects and initiation of projects that improve barracks and repair facilities of deployed

Soldiers, along with enhancing energy efficiency, the transportation infrastructure and community facilities.

This year's funding, coupled with favorable FY08 funding, has the cumulative impact of producing lasting improvements in facilities that, up until now, have historically suffered from funding challenges.

The dizzying list of projects aside, what this really means to Soldiers and families is that they will have more reason than ever to call their Europe garrison not only their home, but also their hometown.

"In Soldier terms this means that we in the installation management business will be eliminating some of the backlog of nagging maintenance deficiencies in our barracks and around our communities while simultaneously making some wise capital investments to our infrastructure, thus improving sustain-

ability and quality of life," said Diane Devens, director of IMCOM-Europe. "Our ability to execute about 300 more projects than originally anticipated at the beginning of the year is simply great news for the Soldiers and families stationed in Europe."

Funding strategy and project priority development was a collaborative effort between garrisons and senior mission commanders. While not all requirements could be addressed, the collaborative approach best ensured that the most pressing maintenance needs were appropriately addressed.

Gary Berkner, chief of business operations and integration for IMCOM-Europe Public Works Division, said the funding level this year is particularly welcome.

"Because we also received special-appropriated funds in 2008," Berkner said, "these last two years have been

very good for our garrisons, probably the best ever for facility maintenance and repair work, and that's a tremendous success story for Europe."

Indeed, every military community stands to gain in receiving the bulk of their priority SRM project funding.

For example, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart received \$15.5 million in funding to completely renovate 3 barracks to meet current Army standards.

"FY08 and FY09 SRM funding has been significantly above historical norms" noted Al Rasper, chief of IMCOM-Europe Public Works Division. "Over the next year to year-and-a-half, we will see a number of improvements at garrisons that will enhance the quality of life for our people, increase mission capability, deliver cost savings and provide energy improvements."

Stuttgart to see more than \$50 million in facility improvements

By Susan Huseman

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

More than \$50 million in construction and renovation projects will get underway this summer and early fall in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart.

Construction on a child development center and shoppette, both on Kelley Barracks, will begin in early July.

The CDC is a \$5 million modular facility with a capacity for up to 100 children, and, when finished, will be used to provide full-day care.

The current facility on Kelley has space for 54 full-day and six hourly slots, said Suzanne King, the USAG Stuttgart Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child, Youth and School Services coordinator. She said after the new facility opens, the old CDC will be converted to a part-day program, expanding child care options for local families.

"One of the most significant challenges we have



Brittany Carlson

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Q. Barbary; Suzanne King, CYS Services coordinator; Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward, AFRICOM commander; Joan Thomas, regional child and youth evaluation team chief; Col. Richard M. Pastore, USAG Stuttgart commander; Lt. Col. Aneala Arcari, USACE-E deputy commander; Matthias Marks, Department for German Government Construction Authority for Stuttgart; Greg Holzinger, FMWR director; and Col. Richard Jackson, assistant chief of staff for AFRICOM, break ground for the Kelley CDC.

and Air Force Exchange Service gas station on Kelley. The new facility, with 3,000 square feet of retail space, will resemble the Patch Barracks shoppette, albeit smaller.

The Patch Barracks food court renovation project will also begin this summer.

"We're doing a complete renovation of the food court," said Jim Grady, the deputy director for the garrison Directorate of Public Works. "The Subway restaurant will move into the building, along with the other AAFES services currently scattered in the area; including the barber and beauty shops, dry cleaning pickup and car rental." The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers lounge will also be co-located with the food court.

The food court will be transformed into a "modern and bright" facility, complete with an enclosed glass

dining area. "It will be the high quality facility that our service members and their families deserve," said Grady.

Later this summer, the military vehicle wash rack on Panzer Kaserne will be removed, allowing the sports field next to the fitness center to be extended.

Other renovation projects include new playgrounds on Patch, Kelley and Robinson Barracks, a classroom addition for the Patch Chapel, installation of an awning over the Patch Barracks "Finance Row" sidewalk, air conditioning in the Robinson Barracks SAS and Youth Services, and a complete repair of the Panzer Kaserne heat plant and distribution piping.

Three barracks buildings, Building 2900 and 2902 on Panzer Kaserne and Building 2309 on Patch Barracks, will undergo a \$15.5 million renovation. The project is currently in the design phase, according to Grady.

"We're going to be able to provide for some of our most significant shortfalls — part day and hourly care.

Col. Richard M. Pastore
USAG Stuttgart commander

here in Stuttgart is providing quality day care," said Col. Richard M. Pastore, the USAG Stuttgart commander, during a ground breaking ceremony for the center June 29. "We're going to be able to provide for some of our most significant shortfalls — part day and hourly care."

The modern facility will include activity rooms, a reception area, offices, a kitchen and an outdoor play area. It will also have the latest in closed circuit video monitoring systems.

A new shoppette will be built adjacent to the Army

'Fit for Life' promotes do-it-yourself exercise with prizes

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

Staying in shape can be hard to fit into a schedule, especially when the only motivation is, well, staying in shape.

This is why the Patch Fitness Center is hosting its annual do-it-yourself exercise program, "Fit for Life," beginning July 1.

The program offers an extra reason to work out: prizes.

"A lot of people like to work out, but they don't want to have somebody breathing down their neck," said Chris Blackwell, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness coordinator. "This is a great program for people who want rewards, but they want to do it in their own style."

The free program, offered through the Patch Fitness Center, allows participants to track how many "miles" they earn from July 1 to Dec. 31 by recording the amount of time they exercise. For example, five minutes of aerobic activity equals one mile.

Miles can be earned from any physical activity, including running, aerobics classes, using the elliptical machines and even stretching, although the time required varies.

Each month, participants turn in their tracking card to earn prizes. Prizes are awarded for reaching 100, 300, 500, 750, 1,000 and 1,250 miles, and include a Fit for Life sweatshirt, fleece blanket and gym bag.

"For some individuals, they just need something to push them to reach the next level," Blackwell said. "That's what the program is about: here are some rewards so that you can reach whatever goal it is

"A lot of people like to work out, but they don't want to have somebody breathing down their neck."

Chris Blackwell
USAG Stuttgart FMWR
fitness coordinator

you want to reach."

New participants can join the six-month program at any time by registering through the fitness center. Tracking cards can be picked up at the fitness center or found online at www.mwrfirstchoice.com, under "sports and fitness."

"It actually motivates other people," said Ricky Payton, USAG Stuttgart FMWR sports coordinator. "People see all these nice prizes, and they want to come in and start working out."

This is the third year in a row that the Patch Fitness Center has offered the program, Blackwell said, with positive results.

Out of 121 participants last year, 95 percent racked up 500-750 miles, Blackwell said.

This year, Blackwell expects the same results with about 200 participants.

The program is successful because people can use whatever physical activity they enjoy, such as soccer or skiing,



Five minutes of an aerobic activity, such as jogging, is equal to a "mile" in the Fit for Life program, which awards prizes to participants for miles earned.

to earn miles, Blackwell added.

Since Fit for Life is time-based, 15-20 minutes of exercise a day could earn a participant 100 miles in a month.

"Anybody can do it as long as they track their miles," he said. "The goal is

to be fit: get out and do something."

Participants must be at least 16 years old to participate. For more information, call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-5386/civ. 0711-680-5386.

In-processing week redesigned for all services, civilians, families

By **Brittany Carlson**
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In-processing isn't just geared toward Soldiers anymore.

The week-long program, hosted by the Central Processing Facility at the Welcome Center on Panzer Kaserne, has historically been filled with briefings mainly for U.S. Army Soldiers.

This summer, in time for the flood of new residents and workers, the CPF will unveil a revamped in-processing, which includes new briefings geared toward all service members, family members and civilians.

"We've tailored the whole program to joint community briefings," said Teresa Quinn, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Military Personnel Division chief. "The in-processing checklist is for all services, all contractors ... with some specifics for the Army."

Since it is the summer permanent change of station season, the program will also run on a modular schedule for the next two months: every week instead of every other week.

About 49 garrison programs are introduced during

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Teresa Quinn
Military Personnel Division chief

in-processing, from entertainment to medical care and education. Thirty-six of those programs conduct their own briefings.

Now, the program includes special briefings for civilians and family members.

"It's our community, so we want the family members to come in and feel comfortable, and feel like

their time is valued," Quinn said.

Quinn also helped slim down briefings so the whole program is much shorter during the day.

"You're not sitting there as long," Quinn said. "We allow a lot of time to get a driver's license, study for the license test and make housing appointments."

In addition, all of the briefing handouts will now be included in the "Welcome to Stuttgart" binder, so new arrivals do not have to keep track of loose paperwork. "It's a one-stop resource," Quinn added.

Traditionally, the week after in-processing is reserved for new arrivals to attend the Head Start program, an Education Center-funded course that introduces the German language and transportation system.

Since in-processing will be every week, the Head Start program will also be held weekly, but in the Education Center in Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne, instead of the Welcome Center, said Norbert Renz, education services officer.

Quinn hopes all of the changes help get new residents to USAG Stuttgart on their feet faster.

"We've reduced it [in length], we've streamlined it, and we will continue ... to have surveys, relooking it," she said.

Hand receipt class set

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Property Book Office will hold a hand receipt holder class July 30 from 9:30-11 a.m. in Building 2953 on Panzer Kaserne.

Sign up by July 28 by e-mailing antonio.gomeznarvarro@us.army.mil.

Sign up for Preschool, Strong Beginnings

Part-day preschool and Strong Beginnings registration will be held at Child, Youth and School Services' Central Enrollment Registration on July 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Strong Beginnings is available for children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1. Part-day preschool is available for children 3 years old and fully potty-trained by Sept. 1. All children must be enrolled with CYS Services to register.

For more information, call 430-7840/civ. 0711-680-7480.

CYS Services hosts apprenticeship sessions

The CYS Services Hired Apprenticeship Program will offer parent information sessions on July 15 and 29, and Aug. 12 and 26 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at the Patch Hub in Building 2337 on Patch Barracks.

To register, call 430-7147/civ. 0711-680-7147.

Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross will offer an orientation for new volunteers July 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. A CPR/first aid/automated external defibrillator class will be held July 18-19, and a standard first aid class will be offered July 25. Register at the American Red Cross office, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, call 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812.

Garrison, 1/10th host Run to Remember July 11

The 1/10th Special Forces and U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will team up to host the 2009 Stuttgart Run to Remember, a half marathon and five-kilometer run honoring fallen friends and family involved in the war on terrorism.

The race will be held July 11 on Panzer Kaserne, with the half marathon starting at 9 a.m. and the 5K at 10:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$12 for individuals and \$30 for families. Register at the Patch or Panzer Fitness Centers. The first 300 participants are guaranteed race T-shirts.

For more information, call 430-7136/civ. 0711-680-7136 or 430-5510/civ. 0711-680-5510.

Orientation for teens

Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child, Youth and School Services will host Stuttgart newcomer orientation sessions for teens in sixth grade and up July 16-18 and Aug. 13-15. Participants will discover the

Stuttgart city center, tour Stuttgart's military community, navigate German public transportation and learn about German customs.

For more information, stop by Building 2337 on Patch Barracks, or call 430-7480/civ. 0711-680-7480.

Short films wanted

Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Patch Multi-Craft Center is looking for short films of all types for their first Stuttgart Film Festival. Entries will be shown Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Kelley Theatre.

For guidelines and more information, stop by Patch Multi-Crafts Center in Building 2329 on Patch Barracks, or call 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

Visitors to Germany can drive sponsor's car

ID cardholders can obtain authorization for visitors (from the U.S. or outside of Germany) to drive their USAREUR-plated vehicle during visits in Germany for up to 90 days.

The sponsor should bring the visitor's passport, international driver's license, registration for the vehicle being operated and military ID to the customs office. The sponsor will then get a form which authorizes the visitor to drive the sponsor's USAREUR-plated vehicle.

However, only the sponsor is authorized tax-free fuel.

For more information, contact the U.S. Customs Office on Panzer Kaserne at 431-2657/2731/civ. 07031-15-2657/2731.

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, moon bounce for children, military working dog demonstration and food. Pet contests will begin at noon.

Children can bring their old, torn stuffed animals to be bandaged and

sutured up at a miniature MASH unit.

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

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

Learn to act

The Stuttgart Theatre Center will offer summer theater workshops for young people Aug. 10-20. Children 8-13 years of age will attend from 9 a.m. to noon. Teens 14-18 years of age will attend from 1-5 p.m.

The cost is \$200 per child. For more information, call 421-3258 or 0711-729-3258.

Live entertainment at Irish Pub

The Irish Pub, inside the Galaxy Entertainment Center in Building 2998 on Panzer Kaserne, will host live entertainment July 10 and 24, and Aug. 7 and 21.

For more information, call 431-2719/civ. 07031-15-2719.

Summer hours at schools

Make sure your children are ready for the first day of school by registering them early. Summer office hours at the Patch Elementary School are 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.

The Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

Böblingen Elementary/Middle School is open 7 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. The office will be closed July 20-24.

Patch High School is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

For more information, call your student's school.

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.

Study in Paris

The University of Maryland offers two Paris field study courses: Picasso in Paris and Expatriate Writers in Paris: 1920s. Classes will be held in August.

For more information, visit www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy or call 431-2303/07031-15-2303.

Learn about GI Bill

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Education Center on Panzer Kaserne will offer Post-9/11 GI Bill briefings for service members and civilians every Wednesday at noon and 5 p.m. this month.

For more information, call 431-2714/civ. 07031-15-2714.

Patch ES is hiring

Patch Elementary School is looking for qualified part-time, full-time and substitute teachers for the 2009-'10 school year. Education aide and clerical positions are also available.

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

Extreme adventures

U.S. Army Garrison Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation center will host wakeboarding, paragliding, kiting, rock climbing, shooting, ropes courses, bicycle trips and extreme adventure trips to Italy and Austria this summer.

For more information, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774 or stop by Building 2953 on Panzer Kaserne.

DISA change of command ceremony

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.

Learn to fish

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation will conduct a German fishing course Aug. 4 and 6-9 at 6 p.m. in Building 2948 on Panzer Kaserne.

The cost is \$60 per student or \$100 for a family of up to six people. Participants must be a member of the Rod and Gun club.

For more information, call 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774 or stop by the Outdoor Recreation center in Building 2953 on Panzer Kaserne.

Healthy Heart class

The Stuttgart Wellness Center hosts a Healthy Heart class July 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Wellness Center is located in Building 2337 on Patch Barracks.

To enroll, call 430-4658/civ. 0711-680-4658.

USO hosts free lunch each month

The Stuttgart United Service Organizations on Panzer Kaserne will host a free lunch on the last Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the USO kitchen. Free lunches are scheduled for July 29 and Aug. 26.



A USO guest receives a hot dog from a volunteer June 24 during the USO's monthly free lunch. The USO passed out 100 hamburgers and 100 hot dogs, along with chips, sodas, pasta salad and an ice cream bar.

Photo by Brittany Carlson



[Left] Kingston Davis (from left), 11, and Matthew Ashley, 10, duel in a belly bumper match during the Independence Day celebration provided by USAG Stuttgart's FMWR July 4 on Husky Field, Patch. The winner of each match received a prize. [Above] Runners participate in the Firecracker Fun Run, a five-kilometer race around Patch Barracks during the morning. The top finishers were Lee Wilson (17:12), Scott Shumaker (17:55) and Brennan Lauritzen (18:02). About 125 community members participated.

[Below] Jonah Efav, 7, makes his way to the top of an inflatable climbing tower on Husky Field July 4.



"Pink Party Plane," a local German rock band, entertains the crowd as they celebrate Independence Day on Husky Field July 4.

'A little piece of Americana'

Stuttgart celebrates Independence Day

Story & photos by **Brittany Carlson**
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

A sunny day, live music and a variety of rides and games for children brought hundreds of Stuttgart community members to Patch Barracks July 4 to celebrate Independence Day.

As the afternoon progressed, colorful tents and blankets began dotting Husky Field until its entire length was covered in anticipation of the fireworks later in the evening.

New to this year's celebration were several rides, including a carousel and train ride around Patch Barracks, as well as an Action Tower, where participants, harnessed to a belay rope, tried to stack the most crates (while climbing them) before falling off.

"I stacked them up until I got to

[the top]; then I started holding on to the net," said Emilia Dicks, 13, tied for the record with 20 stacked crates, and in line for another try. "I'm trying to get 21."

When they weren't stacking crates, sliding down the blow-up Titanic ship slide, or trying their skill at watermelon seed spitting, families spent time throwing a football or listening to the band 'Pink Party Plane' while they munched on hamburgers, hot dogs and, of course, Swabian specialties.

At 11 p.m. the fireworks display began, punctuated by 'oohs' and 'aahs' from the crowd.

"There's something for everyone," said Sharon Wright, a contractor who brought some German and non-military American friends to the festivities. "They wanted to enjoy an American Fourth. Everybody needs a little piece of Americana."

Children wave goodbye as they begin a train tour of Patch Barracks. All of the rides for the July 4 celebration, including a carousel and Titanic slide, were provided free of charge by FMWR.



[Above] Jackie McGinnity dances with her daughter, Dakota, 1, to live music performed by Pink Party Plane. [Right] Kairi Vasquez, 2, works on a painting on both a canvas and her face at the arts and crafts section of Husky Field.



[Right] Navy Capt. Thomas Yambrick spits a watermelon seed onto the tarp to try and beat the record distance. (Can you spot the seed in the air?) [Left] As the sun sets on Husky Field, a young boy plays "Enter Sandman" on the video game 'Rock Band.' Children and teens lined up for a chance to show their skill on the guitar or drums as the fireworks display drew closer.



As the afternoon progresses, families play football, catch and other field games while waiting for the fireworks display later on the evening. Families set up tents and brought coolers for some refreshment during the warm, sunny day.

Böblingen spa pampers, entertains vacationers

By **Brittany Carlson**

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Böblingen is a town few people would think of as a vacation destination.

That is, unless they were going to the Mineraltherme Böblingen.

Each year, 413,000 people come to the spa, located five minutes from Panzer Kaserne, to relax in the heated mineral baths or try a cutting-edge treatment.

"There are not so many points to see in Böblingen," said Carsten Tuttas, Mineraltherme Böblingen manager. "It's very special."

Its domed roofs are easily seen from the intersection of Panzerstrasse and Autobahn 81. "The classical arch of the bath — [people don't] expect to find it in Böblingen," Tuttas added.

The spa houses heated pools inside and out, as well as whirlpools and wading pools. In one indoor pool "you can hear music underwater," Tuttas said.

The Mineraltherme is also home to an indoor cafe and indoor/outdoor restaurant.

Inside the spa, the Mimariss wellness area offers treatments ranging from hot stone massages and hamam (Turkish-style soap brush massage) to massage trends from the Far East and India.

"I took my husband there for our anniversary," said Jennifer Luley, an Army spouse. "They have a candlelight evening bath. We also got massages. It was just relaxing."

It also offers Softpak skin treat-

ments, using a heated water bed that wraps around patients to create a "free-floating" feeling.

Cosmetic treatments are also available, such as peeling, steaming and facial masks.

"They were very flexible and friendly," Luley added. "It's a unique experience: something that you might not find in the States."

In addition to the pools, the outdoor area houses a panorama sauna, aroma sauna and spring sauna, which receives natural water from under the ground.

Staff members also hold physical therapy classes, such as a gymnastics class and lower back therapy class.

"It takes both [physical therapy and wellness] to have a good mix," Tuttas said.

Visitors can bathe in the sun on two levels of outdoor terraces, watch the fire in the chimney room, or visit the steam bath with music and lights. During the summer, the Mineraltherme hosts a live band on the first of every month that plays until 1 a.m.

"We try to be original," Tuttas said. "[It's] like a vacation."

Prices are €9.50 for three and one-half hours or €15 for the day, including the classic sauna and sauna garden. Visits on birthdays (with proof) are free of charge.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, visit www.mineraltherme-boeblingen.de.



Photo courtesy of Mineraltherme Böblingen

Spa-goers swim in the Mineraltherme Böblingen, which receives 413,000 visitors each year. The spa offers indoor and outdoor pools.

ADAC-rated rest stops on Autobahn offer travelers rest, relaxation

By **Birgit Thompson**

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Rest stops on the German Autobahn are available in force. However, when travelers need something specific, how do they know where to stop?

More importantly, how do they know where not to stop?

The Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club (German automobile club) evaluates rest stops to help travelers find the best places to pull over along the most commonly traveled routes in Europe.

The rest stops in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and other European countries are evaluated annually in several categories, including restaurant, special services, variety, food quality, family friendliness, overall service and gas prices.

The top-rated rest stop last year was the Burghaslach Raststätte on Autobahn A3 between Würzburg and Nürnberg.

It was rated excellent for its peaceful atmosphere, accessibility, handicapped parking, bus and camper parking, hiking trails, safe and clean playground area and indoor play room.

Furthermore, Burghaslach features a large variety of warm and cold foods and beverages, freshly pre-



www.gotthardraststaette.ch

The Gotthard Raststätte in Switzerland was rated the most modern rest stop facility by ADAC.

pared foods, a large variety of necessities available in the shop and bathroom facilities that rate above ADAC standards.

The infant station offers diapers, powder and lotions for babies.

The rest stop Schwechat on the Austrian Schnellstrasse (Highway) S1 came in a close second. It was rated excellent for its accessibility, parking for handicapped, buses and campers, new and secure nature playground, indoor play pen area and a state-of-the-art baby station.

Also rated excellent were the large assortments of available foods and beverages, hygienic bathroom facilities, large shopping variety within the rest stop's store and wireless land area network availability.

The Swiss Gotthard rest stop rated the most modern facility after being re-opened in July 2007.

The ADAC tested 64 rest stops in five countries, from which only one rated excellent overall.

Twenty rated above average, 31 rated average, 12 rated poor and one could not be rated at all.

A complete list of the latest ratings can be found at: www.adac.de/Tests/Mobilitaet_und_Reise/Raststaetten/2008/alle_getesteten_Raststaetten.



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Swabian fare, sports, music entice visitors outdoors



www.hamburg-fischmarkt.de

• **July 9-19 — Stuttgart — Hamburg Fish Market**
This market is located at the Karlsplatz in downtown Stuttgart.

Markets and more

• **July 2 to Aug. 28 — Neckarsulm — Thursdays in the City**

For nine weeks, live bands will play at the Marktplatz daily from 7-9 p.m.

• **July 11-14 — Oestringen — Village market**

This market features almost 200 vendors in the center of town at the Kirchberg.

• **July 11-12 — Pfullingen — Arts and crafts market**

This market is located in the center of town.

• **July 11-12 — Renningen — Flying days**

This event offers hot air balloon rides and helicopter flights at the airfield in Malsheim.

• **July 11 — Backnang — The waters of the Neckar River**

This is a five-kilometer fun-boat race that travels from Oppenweiler/Zell to Backnang.

• **July 11 — Göppingen Flea Market**
This market is located in the downtown area.

• **July 11-19 — Stuttgart — Mercedes Tennis Cup**

The international tennis cup takes place at the sand court of the Tennis Club Weissenhof. For more information, visit www.mercedes-cup.de.

• **July 12 — Aichwald — Jazz breakfast**

This event takes place at the Schurwaldhalle in Schanbach.

• **July 12 — Ebnisee — A Sunday of adventures**

This event accommodates patrons with handicaps and takes place at the Ebnisee (Lake Ebni).

• **July 12 — Ludwigsburg — Lake concert**

The location for this concert is the small castle Monrepos.

• **July 15 — Bad Boll — Variety market**

This market is located at the Bahnhofsallee.

• **July 16 — Neuweiler — Summer market**

More than 40 vendors will sell their wares at the Rathaus.

• **July 16-26 — Stuttgart — Jazz open**

The Jazz open takes place at the Neue Messe and the Jazzclub Bix. For tickets and information, visit www.jazzopen.com.

• **July 19 — Reutlingen — Swabian market**

This is a large regional market that offers local products at the Planie.

• **July 22-26 — Böblingen — Culinary delights at the lake**

This event takes place at the Untere See. For more information, visit www.fressgaessle.de

Festivals

• **July 10-12 — Alfdorf — Summer festival**

This festival features soccer tournaments, a family day and historical games at the Sportplatz in Hellershof.

• **July 10-12 — Calw — City festival**

This festival takes place in the downtown area.

• **July 10-12 — Heilbronn — Neckar river festival**

The festival is located at the old section of the Neckar River (alten Neckar).

• **July 10-26 — Nordheim — Flower summer**

This summer festival is located at the city park.

• **July 10-12 — Plochingen — Marquardt festival**

This is a city festival located at the Marktplatz.

• **July 10-12 — Reutlingen — Reutlingen Proclamation day**

This is a historical festival that is located at the Kanzleiplatz.

• **July 10-12 — Schönaich — Entengassen festival**

This is a traditional festival located in the Entengasse.

• **July 11-13 — Bruchsal — Castle festival**

The festival is located at the Schönbornstrasse along the castle walls.

• **July 11-12 — Dornstetten — City festival**

This festival is located at the historical Marktplatz.

• **July 11-19 — Eislingen/Fils — City festival**

This festival sports concerts, shows and fairground flair in the downtown area.

• **July 11-12 — Filderstadt — Bonländer Saifesch**

The festival takes place at the Oberdorf in Bonlanden.

• **July 11-12 — Leonberg — Hock am turm (Sit at the tower festival)**

This festival features a white sausage breakfast and more at the Engelbergwiese.

• **July 11 — Sindelfingen — 100 year anniversary of the Schwäbische Heimatbund**

This event takes place in the fest tent at the Stadthalle.

• **July 11-12 — Stuttgart — Children's and teen festival**

The festival offers a large variety of sports, fun, games and creative programs and is sponsored by Hit Radio Antenne Eins.

Entrance to the event, at the Schlossgarten, is free.

• **July 17-19 — Herrenberg — City Festival**

This festival takes place at the Marktplatz.

• **July 17-20 — Hechingen — Children's festival**

This historical festival takes place at the foot of Hohenzollern Castle.

For more information, visit www.irma-west-kinderfest.de.

• **July 17-19 — Königsbach-Stein — Medieval festival**

This event features jousting, camp life and knight competitions. The festival is located at the Wisenmühle in Stein.

For more information, visit www.ritterspiele-koenigsbach-stein.de.

• **July 17-21 — Schorndorf — Schorndorf week**

This is a large city festival located in the center of town. For more information, visit www.schowo.de.

• **July 17-18 — Tübingen — City festival**

This festival takes place between the Platanenallee and the Haagtor.

• **July 18-19 — Backnang — Markgrafen Festival**

This historical medieval festival and market, with jousting, jesters and musicians, is located at the Stifhof, Freithof and the Marktgrafenhof.

• **July 18 — Ludwigsburg — The world visits Ludwigsburg**

This is an international festival at the Marktplatz.

• **July 18-20 — Metzingen — Folklore festival**

The festival takes place at the Kelternplatz.

• **July 18-19 — Sachsenheim — Summer at the Castle**

This festival is located next to the castle in Sachsenheim.

• **July 18-19 — Stuttgart — Summer festival at the TV tower.**



www.lichterfest-stuttgart.de

• **July 11 — Stuttgart — Festival of Lights**

This annual festival takes place at the Killesberg Park, located between Robinson and Patch Barracks.

Stuttgart Open enhances playing opportunities

By Susan Huseman

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It's not Wimbledon.

There are no strawberries and cream, no royalty, no grass courts.

Yet the Stuttgart Open gave its 18 participants exactly what they wanted: the chance to play tennis.

"I haven't played since I got to Germany," said Terry Wilson, who arrived last June. He entered the tournament to meet other players. "Now I've got the contacts to play again."

Wilson, who works for the National Security Agency, won the Men's 40 and over division. He defeated Brian Langridge, of EUCOM J4, 6-2, 6-0.

Rain caused much of the Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored tournament, scheduled to start June 26 after the workday, to be postponed until Saturday. More rain on Saturday moved the play to Sunday.

A wet clay court can cause inconsistent playing conditions, and Langridge fell victim to this, said Wilson. "He was the recipient of some really bad bounces on the court. They just didn't go his way. The match was more difficult than the scores indicate."

Diane Richardson, who won the women's 18-39 bracket on Sunday by beating Lucie Cannon 6-0, 6-0, found the Patch Barracks court conditions to her liking. "I thought the courts were in better condition than last year. The ball had good bounce,"

she said.

Richardson, who played for the Florida A & M University team, won last year's Kelley tennis tournament.

She was excited to get to play against new opponents. "The tournaments are a great way to see where you're at skill-wise and to meet people," she said.



Diane Richardson, the Stuttgart Open women's 18-39 champ, rushes the net during a match on June 29.

The women's 40 and over division, with only two entrants, was played July 2. Susan Flynn defeated Barbara Lightner 6-0, 6-1.

The men's 18-39 division is expected to be played later this month. "I was ready to play, then it rained. That's the disadvantage of living in Germany," said Sean Crowley, a New Mexico State University student home for the summer.



Brian Langridge, the Stuttgart Open men's 40 and over second place winner, serves during his first round match against Jon Lightner June 28 during the Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored tournament.

Scorpions bring American-style football, competition to Stuttgart

by Petty Officer 1st Class Kirk Jones
Special to The Citizen

With the National Football League season just two months away, Americans and Germans starved for helmet crashing and high flying action on the gridiron can satisfy their appetite by watching the Stuttgart Scorpions.

The Scorpions are one of eleven teams in the German Football League. The league plays American-style football. Up to six Americans can play on each of the eleven teams.

The Scorpions have won three of their six games so far this season, with one tie.

One of their standout players is Don Walker Jr., a 6'3" wide receiver. In the fifth game of the season, he caught his first touchdown pass.

He is confident of the Scorpions' chances to make it to German Bowl 30,

the equivalent to the American Superbowl. This year, the championship game will be played in Frankfurt on Sept. 24.

"This is the highest football league in Germany, now that NFL Europe is gone," Walker Jr. said. "I think we can finish strong."

The Scorpions play their home games at Gazi Stadium, near the TV Tower in Degerloch. Football fans can reach the stadium by taking the U7 train and exiting at the Waldau/Gazi Stadium exit. Home games usually attract up to 6,000 fans.

"Culturally, it's great to see Americans playing football here. It brings people out and it makes us proud," said Walker's father, Lt. Col. Don Walker, U.S. Africa Command Headquarters commandant. "There is no better place for me than to be a spectator, watching my son play."

Two other Americans making an

impact on the Scorpions team are Ira Vandever and Hassan Rashid.

Vandever is a quarterback that has been exciting crowds with his dazzling scrambling ability, reminiscent of NFL great Fran Tarkenton and his accurate throwing arm.

Rashid, a newcomer to the team, played his first game this season June 20 against Munich, a 30-0 victory by the Scorpions in which Rashid recovered a fumble and scored the first touchdown of the game.

Rashid also served as the punter while playing defensive back, where he had an interception.

"I play football to enjoy life, and it gives me a chance to be a leader," said Rashid, who works in the Kelley Fitness Center. "I look forward to a great season. We have a great chance of winning the German Bowl."

Not all Americans want the Scorpions to win the German Bowl: Shon

Farley plays for the Weinheim Longhorns, the Scorpions' rival.

Farley was an All-American linebacker at Tulsa University in Oklahoma. Like Rashid, he works at Kelley Barracks, where he is the facility manager of the fitness center.


However, whoever wins the Bowl, Farley is sure the competition will be fierce. "The best competition in Europe has come from Germany, in part from our large U.S. military presence and the exposure of NFL Europe," he said.

The Scorpions defeated the Waldheim Longhorns 34-0 July 4 at Gazi Stadium in front of a crowd of 3,500 fans. Walker scored on a 25-yard pass late in the 3rd quarter from quarterback Ira Vandever to give the Scorpions the 34-0 lead.

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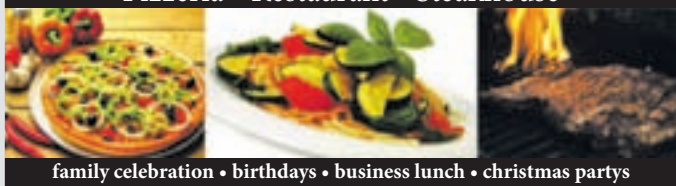
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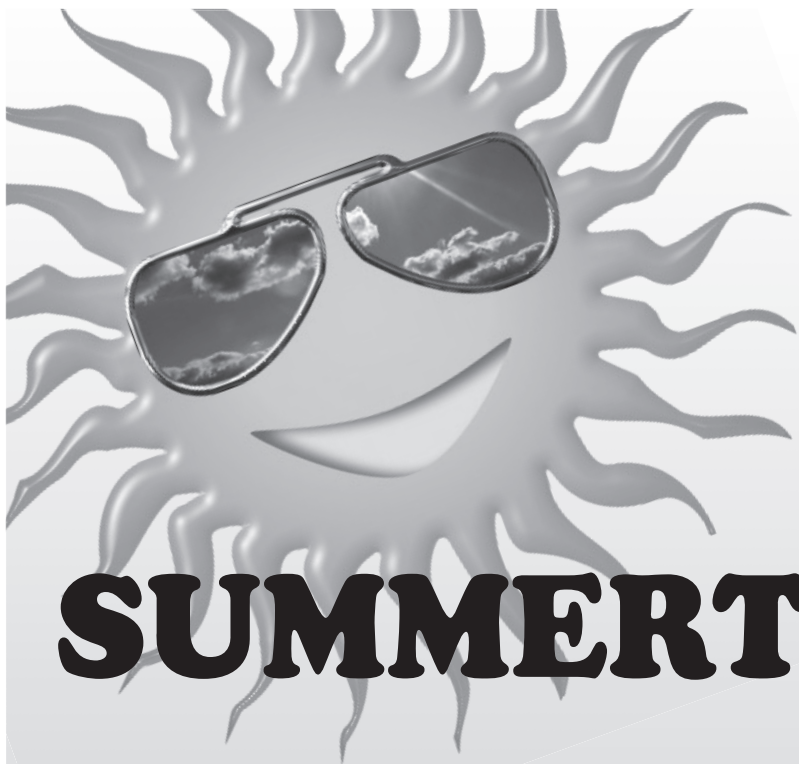
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