

DoDDS-E to hold registration for upcoming school year April 24-26

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Stuttgart Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe will hold registration for the 2012-2013 school year April 24-26 at the Panzer Shopping Mall.

"The early registration assists the schools with their planning processes. It allows school officials to identify any additional resources that may be needed, such as space, furniture and teachers," said Brian Pappas, a school liaison officer for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart.

"It also eases the process of school registration for parents and families by giving them the opportunity to register their children for school, apply for bus transportation, meet with the nurse and counselors — all in one location," Pappas said.

Parents and sponsors can register students on April 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the last packet to be handed out at 5 p.m.

On April 25-26, registration is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The last packet will be given out at 3 p.m.

Pappas said that the busiest times tend to be the lunch hour and late afternoon, so mornings may be best time to attend.

Last year, 87 percent of the eligible student population registered during the early registration event. The goal this year is 90 percent, according to Pappas.

To register their children, sponsors should bring copies of orders (and extensions to orders, if applicable), birth certificate, updated emergency contact information and immunization records. To help school officials determine the school zone, sponsors should also bring the physical address of their residence, housing contract or the assignment to housing letter, and bus registration, if applicable.

For more information about early registration, contact Wayne "Joe" Holder or Brian Pappas at the School Liaison Office, 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465.



Jack Swagger, a WWE wrestler with a villainous reputation, shakes his fist after signing autographs for two young fans April 13 at the Panzer Exchange. Before turning pro, Swagger, who's real name is Donald Hager Jr., was an All-American wrestler and football player for the University of Oklahoma. For more photos of the autographs session, visit www.flickr.com/photos/usagstuttgart.

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Mary "Tweedy" Knef

CM Punk, the reigning WWE champion, autographs nine-year-old Jacob Jones' wrist tape (one of Punk's signature costume accessories) during the April 13 meet and greet. In professional wrestling, Punk, who's real name is Phillip Brooks, is a seven-time world champion.

Ready to rumble

World Wrestling Entertainment superstars Kelly Kelly, Jack Swagger and CM Punk visited the Panzer Exchange April 13 before an evening Wrestlemania Revenge performance in Stuttgart. More than 300 community members turned out to meet the trio, get their autographs and try to win one of 10 pairs of tickets to the show.

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A hunt they'll never forget

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services hosted its annual Easter egg hunt April 7 on Husky Field, Patch Barracks.



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'Maus' tank legend on LTA uncovered

For years, Germans and Americans alike have believed that a top secret World War II-era tank was buried somewhere on the Panzer Local Training Area.



Seven billion reasons to reduce your energy footprint

Commentary by Truett Sanchez
USAG Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works energy manager

Seven billion! The world's population reached this milestone last October, according to an estimate by the United Nations Population Fund.

With a growing global population and the earth's limited resources, it's no wonder that governments, corporations and households alike are looking for ways to save and be environmentally responsible.

Last year, the Army began its Net Zero Energy, Water and Waste pilot programs with the vision to appropriately manage its natural resources by creating net zero installations.

Likewise, U.S. Army Garrison

Stuttgart has been reducing our energy "bootprint" by investing in renewable solar energies and efficiencies such as LED lights.

However, technology alone will not reduce our imprint. Energy savings starts and ends with you, the user.

How can you make an impact? For starters, here are seven green ways.

To lower the 11,500 kilowatt-hours of electricity used per year by an average home you can:

(1) Switch it off — Get into the habit of turning things off even if you plan on returning soon.

(2) Unplug it — Electronic devices such as cell phone chargers still consume energy even when you are not operating or charging your devices.

To reduce the 400 gallons of water

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a day that is wasted by the average U.S. family of four you can:

(3) Reduce — When washing hands, pots or cars, use less water.

(4) Turn it off — Turn water off while brushing teeth and shaving.

(5) Reuse — Water from boiling, soaking and washing produce can be used to water your household plants.

To eliminate the annual 1,616 pounds of waste per person that is unnecessarily sent to landfills you can:

(6) Sort it out — The garrison and

your local communities do an excellent job of providing recycling opportunities; take advantage of them.

(7) Repurpose — The garrison Directorate of Logistics has a Reuse Center where household cleaners, paint, adhesives, lubricants and other products can be dropped off or picked up by all U.S. ID cardholders.

Remember, these actions also make a big impact on the environment by reducing greenhouse emissions.

So for Earth Day this year, take this opportunity to get back on track with better energy habits.

In the end, the seven billion reasons starts with each of us; let us grow strong and energy smart together.

The Reuse Center (Building 2956, Panzer Kaserne) is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 431-2498/civ. 07031-15-2498.

Look for more tips by reading the Going Green articles printed in each edition of The Citizen. Additional tips can also be found on the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy websites.

CORRECTION

In the "What's happening in FMWR" listings in the April 5 issue (page 9), we erred when we wrote that the Galaxy Bowling Center was offering a 50 percent discount on children's bowling for April. The listing should have read "The Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center, Building 2998 on Panzer Kaserne, will offer free shoe rental for children and 50 cents off of each child's meal during April."

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ON THE STREET

What are you doing to be more 'green'?



Staff Sgt. Tye Copeland
(U.S. Army)

"I recycle, and I wish that people would do it more in the U.S."



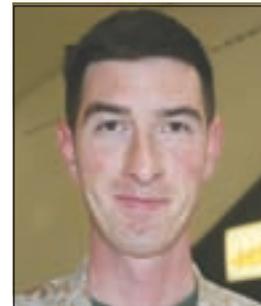
Saida Stacy
(Spouse)

"We like to bike ride, and we always recycle."



Spc. Shirshore Arte
(U.S. Army)

"I use public transportation ... trains, buses, everything."



Sgt. Nathan Smith
(U.S. Marine Corps)

"I am going to continue recycling all products."



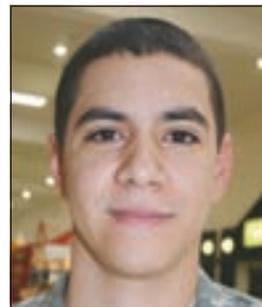
Lt. Col. Bob Ball
(U.S. Army)

"I conserve water, and I try not to drive if I can help it."



Erika Stevenson
(Spouse)

"We only have one car, but we use the buses most of the time."



Sgt. Armando Delval
(U.S. Army)

"I recycle and use multi-purpose cleaning products."



Capt. Walter Spain
(U.S. Marine Corps)

"I walk everywhere I go."



A U.S. Army Special Forces Soldier assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), stands near the memorial dedicated to Master Sgt. Danial 'Slim' Adams during a camp dedication ceremony in his honor at Wardak province, Afghanistan held March 25.

Special Forces camp dedicated to fallen brother in Wardak province

Story & photo by Master Sgt. Donald Sparks
Special Operations Command Europe
Public Affairs Office

A simple slab of white marble engraved with the Special Forces Prayer was quietly unveiled March 25 in a remote camp in Afghanistan to remember a fallen warrior and leader — not far from where he fell.

U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), in Böblingen, and Hungarian special operations forces gathered to pay solemn tribute to Master Sgt. Danial 'Slim' Adams as the SF camp was dedicated and named in his honor.

Addressing his men, some who fought with 'Slim' on the day he fell in battle, Lt. Col. Isaac Peltier, 1-10 SFG (A) commander, spoke on Adams' character and ethos as a Special Forces leader.

"Dan was a Green Beret; he was a warrior who lived to lead men in combat," Peltier said. "He died doing what he loved."

On Sept. 13, 2011, Adams, 35, of Portland, Ore., died in an intense firefight when insurgents ambushed his element with RPG, machine-gun and small-arms fire while the element was on patrol in Wardak province.

Adams joined the Army in 1995 as an infantryman and began his Special Forces career with the 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, N.C. as a Special Forces medic, and served combat tours in Iraq and in Afghanistan. While assigned to 1-10th, he was selected for promotion to master sergeant and given the responsibility for a Special Forces A-Team.

"When he came to 1st Battalion, 10th Group, his reputation as a life-saving medic preceded him," Peltier said. "Slim took on his responsibility as a team sergeant with energy and passion. He prepared his men by training them rigorously for combat."

Peltier emphasized during the intimate gathering

"I know Slim would be proud of you guys for carrying on the mission in his absence. So today we dedicate this camp to him — Camp Adams as it shall henceforth be known ..."

Lt. Col. Isaac Peltier
1-10 SFG (A), commander

how the loss of a Special Forces A-Team member impacts the morale of the team. He particularly highlighted the team sergeant as the nucleus of a SF A-Team; and in losing Adams, it "strikes the very heart of our force."

"The team and the mission must go on and indeed, it has," Peltier said, as he looked into the eyes of his men. "I know Slim would be proud of you guys for carrying on the mission in his absence. So today we dedicate this camp to him — Camp Adams as it shall hence forth be known, but perhaps our greatest tribute to Dan is to continue to bring the fight to the enemy, to uphold the high standards of the Green Berets and to care for and love our teammates and families."

Peltier concluded his remarks thanking Adams for his sacrifice, service and for "being the quiet professional."

Following a recital of the Special Forces Prayer by the Task Force 10 chaplain, the men who served and fought with Adams one by one touched the marble bearing his name — silently.

News & Notes

Overseas Housing Allowance survey influences entitlements

U.S. Army Europe is currently conducting an Overseas Housing Allowance survey until April 30.

The survey is intended to measure the amount of compensation that service members receive from Overseas Housing Allowances to live in privately leased or rented residential housing.

Every year, the Defense Travel Management Office conducts a survey to identify how much service members spent in the previous year for utilities such as electricity, heating fuel, water, trash removal and sewer fees.

All service members, regardless of service affiliation, who reside in off-post housing are requested to complete the survey in order to accurately gage the amount of OHA required. The survey is critical for ensuring OHA rates are properly set at overseas locations, and directly effects the amount of housing allowance each service member will receive.

Spouses are authorized to take the survey if their sponsor is deployed.

The survey can be accessed on the U.S. Army Europe home page at www.hqsareur.army.mil.

(This information was provided by U.S. Army Europe.)

Drivers in France must carry alcohol test kits

All drivers in France will be required to carry a breathalyzer test kit in their vehicles as of July 1.

The new regulation will apply to anyone driving in France.

According to the ADAC (German auto club) website, any driver who does not have a test kit in their car will be fined €11 on the spot beginning Nov. 1.

Currently, one-time-use breathalyzers can be purchased in Germany at apothecaries or via the Internet, according to ADAC. In France, they can be purchased for as little as €2 at supermarkets, gas stations and apothecaries.

Note: In France and in Germany, the blood alcohol limit is 0.5 per milliliter.

For more information on driving regulations in Europe, visit www.travel.state.gov.

(This information was provided by U.S. Army Europe.)

Mandatory TARP briefings

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will hold Threat Awareness and Reporting Program briefings April 19 at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Kelley Theatre. All military and civilian personnel, regardless of branch of service, are required to receive a TARP briefing at least once a year. Family members are also encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact your unit's security manager.

(This information was provided by the Stuttgart Field Office.)



Gold-level Presidential Volunteer Service Award winners smile as the crowd of more than 200 community members applauds them for their selfless service during the 2011 USAG Stuttgart annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held on April 5. These volunteers contributed more than 500 hours last year.



ACS Director Janice Downey (left) and USAG Stuttgart Commander Carl D. Bird hold up a "check" written for more than \$4.5 million, an amount that reflects the economic impact that local volunteers had during 2011.

Community volunteers lauded, celebrated

More than 2,000 volunteers provided local organizations over \$4.5 million in labor costs during 2011

Story & photos by Mark J. Howell
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart honored its volunteer force at the Patch Community Club during the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony April 5.

More than 100 local volunteers, along with community members and leaders, gathered to celebrate.

Some 2,000 residents of the Stuttgart military community volunteered during 2011, contributing more than 213,000 hours to assist local organizations.

At a time of restructuring and financial belt tightening, those hours made a significant difference in the community and translated to a savings of more than \$4.5 million to the Stuttgart military community, according to Col. Carl D. Bird, USAG Stuttgart commander.

Though every volunteer is significant, 42 individuals and 16 organizations and groups were recognized for going above and beyond in their efforts to better the community.

Master Sgt. Rodolfo Fuentes, senior enlisted advisor for the Defense Information Systems Agency-Europe operations division, won the Military Volunteer of the Year award for the

second consecutive year.

Fuentes, who volunteered over 500 hours for twelve different local organizations, says he was motivated by his co-workers who also donate their time.

"You have to make time to do it, and put it on the calendar," said Fuentes. "There's always something going on here in Stuttgart, so there's always an opportunity to volunteer."

And those opportunities aren't limited to clerical work or manual labor. Many volunteers find creative ways to help while enjoying their hobbies, like Karen Otto, winner of the Local National Volunteer of the Year award.

"For me, volunteering is a gift, said Otto. "A gift to someone else we're helping, but also to myself, because it's something I really enjoy doing."

Otto donates her time and talents to the Black Forest Quilters, a local organization that strengthens German-American bonds through quilting and charity projects.

Together, the group has created over 100 quilts for charity, which are given to wounded warriors and disadvantaged youth.

Currently, the quilters are working with a local Boy Scout troop to make and collect quilts for children in a Romanian orphanage.

"Volunteering for me started off small, but it kept growing ... it's kind of like a quilt," said Otto, who has contributed over 5,000 volunteer hours since joining the group. "You keep adding to it, and it turns into something beautiful."

Agencies throughout Stuttgart are

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Karen Otto
2011 Local National Volunteer of the Year

always on the lookout for new volunteers ... Army Community Service, Red Cross, Stuttgart Community Spouses Club, Youth Sports, Stuttgart Theatre Center and United Services Organization, just to name a few.

To become a Stuttgart volunteer, you must register in the Volunteer Management Information System.

The program allows you to search and apply for local opportunities and will also record and track the hours you donate. VMIS can be accessed on the Army OneSource website at www.myarmyonesource.com.

For additional information on volunteer opportunities, contact the USAG Stuttgart Volunteer Coordinator at 431-3330/civ. 07031-15-3330.

USAG Stuttgart Volunteering by the numbers

2,054

Number of registered volunteers

155

Number of community organizations and units that benefit

213,014

Total volunteer hours for 2011

\$4,549,979

Economic impact

\$21.36

Value of volunteer time per hour

64.3 million

Estimated number of volunteers in U.S. for 2011



Learning from the pros

Deontate Hann, catcher for the Tübingen Hawks, explains fielding strategies to 12-year-old Brandon Zielanski during a Month of the Military Child baseball clinic on Robinson Barracks April 13. Brandon also plays catcher on a Stuttgart Child, Youth and School Services team. The CYS Services baseball season begins April 28.

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'ScreamFree' parenting training

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Army Community Service offers "ScreamFree" parenting training sessions April 23 and 30, and May 7 and 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at Brewed Awakenings, Building 168, Robinson Barracks; and May 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

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

CID offering reward

The Stuttgart Criminal Investigation Division is offering a \$1,500 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person responsible for rifling mail and stealing personal property between Feb. 23 and March 8.

Anyone having knowl-

edge of the incident should contact the Stuttgart CID office at 430-2976/ civ. 0711-680-2976, or the Military Police at 430-5262/civ. 0711-680-5262.

Panzer DFAC to close for training

The 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Consolidated Dining Facility will be closed for unit training April 27.

For more information, call 431-2734/civ. 07031-15-2734.

New hours RB Club

The RB Club is now open Thursday from 6-10 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 6-11 p.m. The club is located in Building 168 on Robinson Barracks.

For more information, call 420-6037/civ. 0711-819-6037.

Apply for jobs with Summer Hire

Applications for the 2012 Summer Hire program in

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will be accepted online through May 20 at <https://cpolrhp.cpol.army.mil>. Family members ages 14-22 with valid ID cards, and spouses under age 18 who are still in high school, are eligible to apply.

Jobs are available in labor, clerical and child care fields. The program will run from June 18 to July 27.

For more information, call the Stuttgart Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 431-3128/civ. 07031-15-3128.

Take Army MWR survey

Provide feedback to the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation services by taking the MWR Services Survey.

Selected personnel (active duty service members, Defense Department civilians and non-appropriated fund employees) will be notified by email and have until May

8 to complete the survey.

For more information, call MWR Marketing at 421-3153/civ. 0711-729-3153.

Housing residents: call 117 for fires

Residents of Stuttgart family housing areas must report fires and other emergencies to the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Fire Department by calling 117 or civ. 0711-680-117.

The fire department will

respond or request support from host nation emergency services.

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Fire Department at 430-2065/civ. 0711-680-2065.

Learn about local landlord laws

The Stuttgart Law Center will offer German landlord and tenant law briefings for newcomers on May 10, 24 and 31 at 10 a.m. The briefings aim to familiarize community members with the differences in law and legal culture.

The briefings will be held in the Stuttgart Law Center courtroom, Building 3312, Kelley Barracks.

For more information, call 421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4152.

Free movies on RB

Watch free movies at the RB Theater in Building 168 on Robinson Barracks.

See "We Bought a Zoo" April 19-21 and "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked" April 26-27. Movies start at 6:30 p.m.

Send community-wide announcements to stuttgart-media@eur.army.mil

Staying safe while hunting

The hunting season starts in Baden-Württemberg on May 1 with the Roebuck (Rehbock) deer.

In accordance with Army Europe Regulation 215-145, "Hunting, Fishing, and Sport Shooting in Germany," hunters must comply with Germany's hunting safety training and licensing requirements.

No matter where you hunt, however, the following rule is the standard for safe hunting all over the world: Think before you shoot!

- Treat every weapon as if it is loaded.
- Handle every weapon with care.
- Identify the target before shooting.
- Never point the muzzle at anything you don't intend to shoot.
- Keep the weapon on safe and your finger off the trigger until you intend to fire.

For more information on hunting safety in Germany, visit <https://safety.army.mil> or contact the Outdoor Recreation office at 431-2774/07031-15-2774.



The Stuttgart Tax Center offers free tax assistance to ID cardholders

Monday-Friday
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed federal holidays
Room 231, Building 3312
Kelley Barracks

For more information, call the Stuttgart Tax Center at 421-4588/civ. 0711-729-4588.



Leadership forum empowers local women

By Carola Meusel

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

More than 100 women gathered in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks March 29 for the fourth annual Women's Leadership Forum.

This year's theme was "Unleashing your Potential and Impacting the World."

The forum, sponsored by the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Opportunity Office Special Emphasis Committee, aimed to bring women together to discuss job opportunities, strategic career planning and professional development, according to Yasmin Rosa, U.S. Africa Command Equal Employment Opportunity manager and Women's Leadership Forum action officer.

"We would like to give women tools to succeed and become leaders in the federal workplace — we need powerful women," Rosa said.

The forum offered workshops that focused on communication, leadership, networking and career development. The workshops were led by female military and civilian leaders from the Stuttgart military community, according to Rosa.

Between the workshops, senior military and civilian leaders shared their experiences with participants and answered questions on how to develop strategies to advance career opportunities.

Kathleen Y. Marin, Installation Management Command Europe regional director, opened the forum as the keynote speaker.

Marin, who with 30 years of civil service has held positions ranging from an administrative officer to deputy garrison commander to director of installation services, emphasized the importance to "move sideways" or to "take a step back" to broaden one's personal way.

"It's important to know yourself, be yourself and grow yourself," Marin said. "Be happy with your choices or change them, and always try to balance your personal and professional life."

Other speakers included Lt. Col. Krista A. McKinley, Marine Forces Africa assistant chief of staff, and Michele R. Weslander Quaid, chief of Google's technology office.

All three women stressed that a woman's professional decision can affect her personal life in many ways.

Often times, women would like to pursue their careers, but must make decisions on what's important for them as mothers and wives.

Maj. Kristy Perry of the 52nd Signal



Carola Meusel

Eshe Faulcon (standing), U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Special Emphasis Program manager, goes over the workshop agenda with (from left) Doni Anderson, Carmen Carlisle and Sylvia Owens during the fourth annual Women's Leadership Forum held March 29 at the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks.

“It's important to know yourself, be yourself and grow yourself. Be happy with your choices or change them, and always try to balance personal and professional life.”

Kathleen Y. Marin
IMCOM Europe
regional director

Battalion was able to relate.

"Women have a different view, and they also have to face different challenges when they think about advancing their careers," Perry said. "That is why I am participating in the forum today — to meet other professionals and learn about their strategies."

Perry also motivated two of her male civilian colleagues to attend the forum, since both have daughters. She wanted them to experience the "female"



Andrea Spencer (left) and C. Simone Rivers conduct an animated mock interview session for Patch High School students during the teen workshop.

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perspective.

The forum allowed women in the community, whether employed or seeking employment, to meet and engage in networking.

"The forum helps women to grow a network, see who's out there, hear different stories and get a new perspective," said Kedra Segler, who works for the USAG Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division.

Segler also emphasized that with almost every profession represented, attendees had a great opportunity to learn about different work fields.

"I have more goals now ... and know of more educational options and available training to think about my own career path," Segler said.

For the first time ever, the forum hosted a teen workshop for Patch High

School students to introduce them to job-search basics, such as resume writing, interview techniques and "dressing for success."

One teen was already strategizing.

"I am hoping to learn about techniques that I can utilize in the future and also to get an idea on what path I should take later in life," said Rebecca Hoenne, 16.

The idea for the teen workshop came from Vonda Kenion, USAG Stuttgart Civilian Personnel Advisory Center director.

According to Kenion, the workshop strived to give students direction, teach them how to react in a professional setting and present themselves in a professional manner.

"We would like to prepare them for their next step in life," Kenion said.

Stuttgart Law Center has new hours

The Stuttgart Law Center Legal Assistance Office has announced new customer service hours.

Walk-in service for notaries and powers of attorney will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2-4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, the Legal Assistance Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursday from 1-4:30 p.m.

The Tuesday afternoon closure will allow legal staff to draft wills and estate planning documents. The Thursday morning closure is for attorney and paralegal training sessions.

For more information, call 421-4152/ civ. 0711-729-4152.

'Amazing Race: Teen Edition'

Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services will host "Amazing Race: Teen Edition," on April 28. The race will start at the Patch Hub at 9:30 a.m.

To register, call Parent Central Services at 430-7480/ civ. 0711-680-7480.

Manage conflict, stress through ACS

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Army Community

Service offers free stress management classes on the second Wednesday of each month from 9-11 a.m.

ACS also offers a free conflict resolution class on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from noon to 2 p.m. Both classes will be held at ACS, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

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

Interested in delivering the Citizen?

AdvantiPro seeks two responsible delivery persons age 16 or older to distribute the Citizen newspaper to Robinson and Patch Barracks residents. If interested, contact Jacob Urban at civ. 0152-269-7206.

Banks to open late April 25

Community Banks in U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will open late because of mandatory training on April 25. The banks will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Observe Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22, and Stuttgart's Child, Youth and School Services will host a free Earth Day flower-planting activity April 23 from

2:30-5 p.m. at the Panzer Shopping Mall.

Vehicle Registration to close

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Vehicle Registration office will be closed May 1 and 17 for federal German holidays.

For more information, call 431-2833/ civ. 07031-15-2833.

Scholarships for students

The Stuttgart Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will award two scholarships for \$1,000 and \$500 to two graduating high school seniors. Applications must be turned in by April 30.

Applications are available online at www.stut-hs.eu.dodea.edu/bulletin_links/2012ASMCScholarshipApplication.pdf.

New customer service hours at CPAC

The Stuttgart Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has announced new customer service hours.

Walk-in service will be available Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m.

The office is closed on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., however, appointments are available during all other hours of operation.

The Stuttgart CPAC office is located on the first floor of Building 2948 on Panzer Kaserne.

To make an appointment, call 431-3488 or civ. 07031-15-3488.

Changes to testing schedule

The Panzer Education Center announced changes to its testing schedule.

Exams for the Defense Language Proficiency Test, the Defense Language Apti-

tude Battery and the Armed Forces Classification Test will be offered Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m.

Exams, such as the Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test, the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the enlisted Armed Services Vocational Ability Battery will be offered periodically upon contacting the test examiner.

Adult basic education and college proctor tests will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m.

For more information and to register for an exam, call 431-2417/civ. 07031-15-2417.

Softball clinic

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and MWR will hold a softball official's clinic May 1-4 from 6-9 p.m. and May 5 at 9 a.m. at the Patch Fitness Center, Building 2337. Participants must be 18 and older.

For more information and to register, call 430-4512/civ. 0711-680-4512.

Join the EEO team

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Equal Employment Office seeks volunteers to serve as Special Emphasis Program managers and collateral duty EEO counselors, coordinators or committee members.

For more information, call the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at 430-5312/ civ. 0711-680-5312.

RSO Month of the Military Child events

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Religious Support Office celebrates the Month of the Military Child with several events.

- An afternoon of family-oriented activities will be offered April 22 from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Religious Education Center on Patch Barracks.
- The RSO and the Patch

Library will host an open reception and book signing for speaker and author Ruth Van Reken's book "Third Culture Kid, Growing Among Worlds" April 23 from 5-6:30 p.m. Attendees will receive the book as a gift from the RSO (while supplies last).

• Van Reken will conduct a workshop for professionals who work with children and families, titled Diversity of Military Families and Transition Experience, on April 24 from 8:30 to 1 p.m. in the Religious Education Center on Patch Barracks. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required.

For more information, call the USAG Stuttgart Religious Education director at 431-3078/civ. 07031-15-3078 or email james.e.sciegel.civ@mail.mil.

POV shipping delays in April and May

Department of Defense active duty and civilian employees who plan to use their privately owned vehicle shipping entitlement between now and May 4 will experience a delay due to scheduled ship maintenance.

The delay will affect vehicles that are being shipped to Europe.

The required delivery date has been extended for 30 days during this time period.

Transit times will vary based on the location of the Vehicle Processing Center being used.

For more information, call the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Vehicle Processing Center at 431-2617/civ. 07031-15-2617.

No gas at Patch Shoppette during tank maintenance

Gas will not be available at the Exchange gas station on Patch Barracks April 23 and 30 from 1:30-4:30 a.m. while the storage tanks undergo maintenance. However, the Shoppette will be able to issue and load cards for use at German Esso stations.

This maintenance will be necessary once a month and will be announced accordingly.

For more information, call 431-3458/civ. 07031-439-5101.

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Reagan Burkhart, 20 months, daughter of Jason and Jennifer Burkhart, enjoys a few minutes of solo egg hunting after she slipped under the barrier.

Photos by Mary "Tweedy" Knief

Eggs-traordinary!

More than 400 children and a few adults scrambled for eggs during the Child, Youth and School Services-sponsored annual egg hunt April 7 on Husky Field. "We really enjoy doing this for the children and the community," said Suzanne King, CYS Services director. "It's always a fun event for CYS Services, and the kids had a wonderful time."



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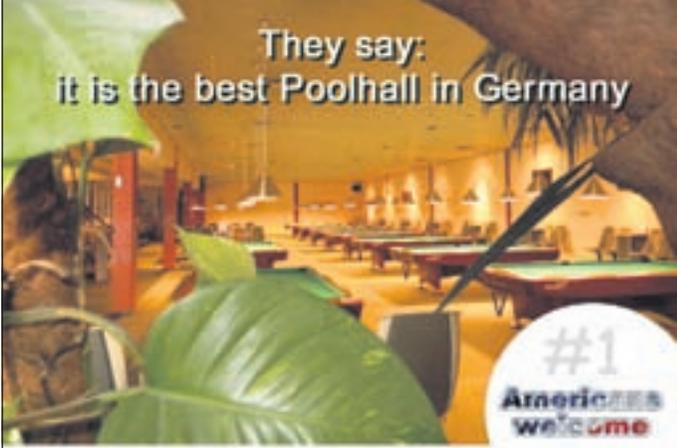
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Alcohol Awareness Month

Start talking before they start drinking

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

It's never too early to talk to your children about alcohol and encourage them to talk with you. Children become curious and some try drinking as early as 9 years old.

Before age 9, children typically view drinking negatively. Between the ages of 9 and 13, they start to view alcohol more positively. Many children begin to think underage drinking is OK and some even start to experiment.

Conversation is often more effective before children start drinking. The reason most children choose not to drink is because their parents talked to them about it.

If you talk to them directly and honestly, they are more likely to respect your rules and advice about alcohol use.

What you say to your child about alcohol use is up to you.

But remember, if you don't say anything to your child about drinking, you might give the impression that underage drinking is acceptable.

Underage drinking has serious consequences

When children drink, they tend to drink a lot. On average, they have about five drinks on a single occasion. This not only puts them at risk for a variety of short- and long-term physical and emotional problems, it also affects and endangers the lives of those around them.

Children who drink underage are more likely to:

- **Use drugs:** More than 67 percent of young people who start drinking before the age of 15 will try an illicit drug.

- **Become addicted to alcohol:** More than four in 10 people who begin drinking before age 15 eventually become dependent on alcohol.

- **Get bad grades:** Children who use alcohol have higher rates of academic problems and poor school

performance compared to nondrinkers.

- **Suffer injury or even death:** In the U.S., an estimated 5,000 individuals under age 21 die each year from injuries caused by underage drinking. This includes death from car accidents, homicides and suicide, as well as from injuries such as falls, burns and drownings.

- **Engage in risky sexual activity:** Teens who use alcohol are more likely than teens who don't drink to be sexually active at earlier ages, to have sexual intercourse more often, and to have unprotected sex.

- **Be a victim of a violent or sexual crime:** Children who drink are more likely to become victims of rape, aggravated assault and robbery.

- **Make bad decisions:** Drinking lowers inhibitions and increases the chances that children will engage in risky behavior or do something that they will regret when they are sober.

- **Have health problems:** Young people who drink are more likely to have health issues such as depression and anxiety disorders. Even low levels of alcohol use can contribute to emotional, behavioral and health problems both during adolescence and later in life.

Keep the conversation going: Talk often

As children get older, the chance they will try alcohol continues to increase.

One conversation isn't enough to give them the information and guidance they need. By talking often and honestly about alcohol, you have the ability to influence your child's decisions about underage drinking.

- **Short, frequent discussions can have a real impact on your child's decisions about alcohol.** Talking to your child at an early age about drinking is the first step toward keeping them alcohol-free. But as they enter junior high and high school, the pressure to try alcohol increases. It's important to continue the conversation throughout adolescence.

- **Talking often builds an open, trusting relationship with your child.** Children are more likely to avoid drinking when they have a strong, trusting relationship with their parents. Get into the habit of chatting with your child every day. It will make it easier to have serious conversations about things like alcohol and will make your child more comfortable coming to you for advice.

- **Lots of little talks are more effective than one "big talk."** Sitting down for the "big talk" about alcohol can be intimidating for both you and your child. Try using everyday opportunities to talk — in the car, during dinner or while you and your child are watching TV. Having lots of little talks takes the pressure off trying to get all of the information out in one lengthy discussion, and your child will be less likely to tune you out.

- **When you do talk about alcohol, make your views and rules clear.** Take the time to discuss your beliefs and opinions about alcohol with your child. Be honest and express a clear, consistent message that underage drinking is unacceptable. When they feel that you're being real and honest with them, they'll be more likely to respect your rules about underage drinking.

As children get older, the conversation changes

What you say to a 9-year-old about alcohol is different from what you say to a 15-year-old. Children also can't learn all they need to know from a single discussion.

Make sure that the information you offer your child fits their age. As they get older, you can give them more information and reinforce your rules.

Remember that the conversation goes both ways

Although talking to your child about your thoughts about alcohol is essential, it's also important to hear their point of view.

Give your child the opportunity to ask you questions, and listen to what they have to say. Children who have parents who listen to their feelings and concerns are more likely to say "no" to alcohol.

What you do is just as important as what you say

In addition to talking often with your child about alcohol, it's important to set a good example.

If you choose to drink, you can positively influence your child by drinking in moderation and never driving when you've been drinking. Be aware of where you keep your alcohol, and always remind your child that the alcohol in your house is off-limits.

Children look to their parents to set rules and expectations about drinking. Poor and inconsistent parenting has been associated with early and excessive drinking among children.

Provide your child with clear, consistent rules, and make it a point to be involved in his or her life.

For more tips, visit the *Talk Early, Talk Often* website at <http://underagedrinking.samhsa.gov> or contact the Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program at 431-2530/07031-15-2530.



Army plans for billions in renewable-energy projects

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

The Army will partner with industry for up to \$7 billion in renewable-energy sources — wind, solar, biomass and geothermal — and has released a draft request for proposal that could allow multiple projects to begin nationwide.

Speaking at a media roundtable March 15, Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, said the cumulative investment will help the Army reach its goal of having 25 percent of the Army's energy come from renewable sources by 2025. She began the roundtable by restating the Army's "net-zero strategy."

"Specifically, a net-zero energy installation produces as much energy annually as it uses, and this does not mean replacement of current energy requirements with onsite energy production," she said. "It means that installations address energy efficiency as the primary first step and then evaluate, repurpose and reuse energy as well as energy recovery."

The Army projects it will need 2.5 million megawatt hours produced worldwide of which 25 percent must come from renewable energy resources by 2025.

In addition to energy conservation, installations will strive to establish alternative forms of energy that will allow them to "island" or continue to operate should the power grid fail.

"We understand there's a need to enhance our energy security because it's operationally necessary, financially prudent and critical to our mission," Hammack said. "We know that power grids are increasingly vulnerable and expose Army operations to risk."

She noted those risks include terrorist attacks as well as natural disasters such as drought and forest-fire conditions in the west (which some installations are already facing) and unstable weather to include tornadoes.

Hammack said the Army's risk-mitigation strategy involves onsite renewable-energy production and it must be done in a fiscally responsible manner, which is where the Energy Initiatives Task Force, or EITF,



Carlos J. Lazo

Construction workers build the frame for a one-megawatt solar microgrid project at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., Dec. 22, 2011. The grid, scheduled for completion this month, is expected to be the first of four at the post. Once complete, the grid will generate enough energy to power 250 to 300 homes.

comes into play.

The EITF serves as the central managing office to plan and execute large-scale renewable energy projects of greater than 10 megawatts (roughly enough to power 30,000 homes) on Army installations, which will be accomplished by leveraging private-sector financing.

"The EITF was tasked to develop a process that is clear, consistent and transparent so that we can provide the private sector with a consistent environment to engage with the Army which will allow EITF projects to maximize return on investments for both the Army and industry," Hammack said.

EITF Executive Director John Lushetsky said that since the EITF began operating six months ago, it has developed standard approaches and criteria to evaluate different project opportunities to make the business of large-scale, renewable-energy development much more predictable and routine.

"We have screened more than 180 Army and National Guard installations and are currently engaged with 15 different installations at various levels of due diligence," he said. "For each of these projects, the EITF reviews a number of critical project success factors that include installation security and mission impacts, expected life-cycle economics, real-estate access, utility regulations, systems integration, environmental permitting and acquisition approach."

A renewable-energy project guide will be issued for comment later in the spring Lushetsky said.

The task force has been working closely with the U.S. Corps of Engineers to develop a request for proposal under what it calls the Multiple Award Order Contract, or MATOC. The MATOC provides a two-step process. In the first step, companies submit initial proposals and qualifications that are not project-specific.

"This will allow us to select who we think are broadly qualified companies to bid on solar, wind, biomass — waste to energy — as well as geothermal projects," Hammack said. "Once we've established that qualified list, then we'll be in a position as projects are qualified by the EITF to issue task orders."

The draft RFP for the MATOC is out for public comment until March 24. Lushetsky said in the last six months the EITF has had requests to meet with some 195 companies and financial institutions, and met with 40 to outline the EITF approach and plans.

The EITF plans to have a summit in May to meet with industry and discuss the renewable-energy development guide as well as specific projects.

"Long term, the Army is also interested in exploring the role of micro grids and energy storage as those technologies become better defined and more affordable," Lushetsky said.

Army Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event designed to increase awareness and appreciation of the Earth's natural environment. Over the past 42 years, the Army has joined the nation in celebrating Earth Day on April 22.

The grass roots movement that started in the 1960s helped to bring attention to environmental degradation and put the environment on the political agenda.

We associate Earth Day with activities such as tree plantings and recycling. While they continue to be important, we also recognize how our lifestyles impact the environment.

If we strive to understand the complexities of the Earth and its systems, we will learn how to use its resources efficiently and maintain a healthy planet.

This commitment belongs to every member of the Army team — every Soldier and family member, every retiree and veteran, and every civilian employee and contractor.

Success requires that we each do our part.



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Smartphone app benefits wounded warriors

Fort Sill Public Affairs Office

A new smartphone app has been released for iPhone and Android devices that provides wounded warriors with a comprehensive mobile resource guide.

Based on "The Wounded, Ill and Injured Compensation and Benefits Handbook" that was released November by the Defense Department, the free app gives wounded and ill service members and their families access to vital information on the go.

The electronic version of the compensation and benefits handbook includes information that seriously ill and injured Soldiers and their families may need during recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration, and answers many of the questions that service members may have, including:

- Recovery coordination
- Medical care
- DOD pay and allowances during recovery
- The Disability Evaluation System
- DOD disability compensation
- The Survivor Benefit Plan
- Social Security benefits
- Reintegration into civilian life



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Courtesy graphic

- Veterans Affairs benefits

The app also lists toll free numbers for Tricare regional contractors, behavioral health care providers and other Tricare programs (dental, pharmacy, etc.).

The app can be downloaded for free on the Android Market and iTunes Store.

Avoid rodents, exposure to deadly Hantavirus

By Maj. Benita Harris

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

Hantavirus is an infection transmitted to humans from rodents, primarily through inhalation of dust particles containing dried rodent urine or feces.

Approximately 5 to 20 percent of people exposed to the virus actually become sick.

Those exposed often report onset of sudden, intense headache and flu-like symptoms, such as fever, chills and muscle aches. The severity of the disease

can vary from mild illness to death.

From November 2011 to February 2012, Germany had 349 cases of Hantavirus. Baden-Württemberg accounted for 222 (64 percent) of the cases.

So, how do you prevent Hantavirus? The best prevention is by avoiding exposure to rodents and their excrement.

- Prompt removal of trash and clutter reduction will help deter rodents.
- Keep grass cut and hedges away from buildings.
- If you have firewood stacked a home, store it away from the house.
- Avoid dusty sheds or attics that may have a rodent nest. If you do clean these areas, moisten the dusty surfaces with water containing a mild detergent and household sanitizers. Household bleach (1.5 cups to 1 gallon of water) can be used to sanitize. Wear gloves and avoid splashing the mixture in your eyes or on your skin. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after cleaning.

Anyone developing flu-like symptoms after entering a dusty building or after handling a dead rodent should seek medical attention immediately.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov.



Peter Sachelarie

The Red Bank Vole is a potential carrier of a form of Hantavirus known as Puumala virus.



Behavioral health clinic services undergo changes

The Behavioral Health Clinic on Patch Barracks underwent some significant changes in personnel this month, which will affect the services it is able to provide from now until the end of the year.

Adult psychiatry (medication), active duty personnel evaluation, and emergency safety evaluation services will remain in place.

Adult and Child Psychology (evaluation and therapy) and Social Work (individual, marital and family counseling) services will be available for active duty, family members, and Space-A patients; however, this can change without notice if the access to care standards are not being met.

No services will be available for Child Psychiatry (medications).

The changes are based on the U.S. Army Medical Command's access to care standards for active duty.

Clinic officials ensure they will help all affected patients transition to new providers.

If you have thoughts of wanting to hurt yourself or others, outside of the normal clinic business hours, and you are unsure whom to call, go to the nearest emergency room or contact the Military Police at civ. 0711-680-5262 for assistance.

Health clinic to host mass sports physical days

The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart will offer several opportunities for school-age children to receive sports physicals.

The physicals will be offered on Saturday, June 9 and July 14; and Friday, August 3 and 17.

Appointments will be available 28 days from the event date. Sports physicals are open to all children regardless of their sponsors' beneficiary status (active duty, retiree, contractor, Defense Department civilian). If you are not a Tricare Prime beneficiary, bring a copy of your insurance card with you to the visit.

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By Carola Meusel

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Sooky events or haunted places make spine-chilling stories. Here in Stuttgart, we have our own ghostly legends of the past — and many surround Panzer Kaserne in Böblingen and its affiliation with the German military.

There are rumors that a Panzer Family Housing Area building, which years ago housed a water tower, is haunted.

Then there's a legend concerning Panzer Hall, also known in the community as the old fire house. Adolf Hitler is rumored to have delivered a speech from the gallery of the former German military officer's club.

Some people have said that while they were in the building's basement, they sensed death and fear. Others have heard strange noises at night. Whether these can be attributed to Hitler's presumed presence, we'll never know.

Even the Panzer Local Training Area has its own legend steeped in Hitler's efforts to defeat Russia.

To this day, many local German residents (and Americans) believe there is a top secret World War II-era tank buried somewhere on the Panzer LTA.

It turns out that there is some truth to this, and here's what we found out.

"Panzer" in German means tank.

The history of Panzer Kaserne, formerly known as Ludendorff Kaserne, and its local training area goes back to 1938, when the "Panzer Regiment 8," or 8th Tank Regiment of the "Wehrmacht" (German armed forces) arrived in Böblingen on April 9. The regiment was previously headquartered in Wünsdorf Zossen, Brandenburg.

Another armored unit, the 7th Tank Regiment, was headquartered on Kurmärker Kaserne, today known as Patch Barracks.

The training area was built specifically to train and test tank crews.

"Many training exercises were conducted on the Panzer LTA between 1939 and 1945," said Friedrich Wein, of the Monument Protection Agency in Horb.

While tanks were paired with infantry units during World War I and the interwar period, the tank units developed rapidly into their own branch during World War II, according to Wein. World War II was the first conflict where armored vehicles were critical to success on the battlefield, and proved an armored force was capable of quickly achieving a tactical victory, he added.

The Russian army was known for building solid and efficient tanks. In 1942, when the German military feared that the Russians would develop a new type of battle tank, Adolf Hitler assigned Ferdinand Porsche, a German-Austrian

mechanical engineer, to develop a super-heavy tank. With its impenetrable armored protection and 188 tons of steel, the tank was designed to be indestructible.

The tank's main armament was a 128 mm cannon in a rotating turret; its secondary armament consisted of a 75 mm cannon for long-range targets and two machine guns for close combat.

The tank was supposed to hold a crew of five people: commander, gunner, loader, operator and driver.

Its code name was "Maus," or mouse.

In 1943, Hitler was presented with a wooden model of the Maus tank. He was impressed with the design and ordered a series of 150 to be produced. Hitler affectionally called the massive 188-ton tank "Mäuschen," or little mouse.

In the summer of 1943, Alkett (Altmärkische Kettenwerke), a German company well known for producing tanks during World War II, started to build the first Maus prototype, called the V1.

The 1,080 horsepower engine was built by Daimler-Benz. For a second prototype, the V2, Daimler developed a 1,200 horsepower engine that increased the tank's speed and reduced its fuel consumption. Other than the engine, both prototypes featured the same design, as well as the same armor and weapon system, according to Wein.

The tank hull held the engine, the



A Panzer II tank leads Strasse on April 9, 1933.

driver, ammunition a

"The construction was a top-secret project. The first prototype had the swastika and sickle symbol painted on it. Some people believe that that's why the German army lost to the Russians," Wein said.

With both the Porsche and Daimler-Benz factories involved in the development, the Panzer LTA was the location to test the two prototypes.

In January 1944, the V1 was transported from Kurmärker Kaserne to a testing station in Brandenburg. The first test drive took place Jan. 31. On March 1, the second prototype, the V2, arrived.

While the V1 was tested for nine months, the V2 was stalled and was returned to the factory.

And here's where the legend of the buried tank originates.

According to Wein, the V1 was on the LTA that was a swampy and not ideal location for military tank training.

Military instructor Friedrich Wein said that during training on this site during training, however, Wein said that some workers, who were not supposed to be in the area, drove the V1 tank into a ditch. They simply took a wrong turn.

"The Maus sunk and it was extremely heavy. It was extremely difficult to get the vehicle out of the swa

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Photo courtesy of Stadtarchiv Böblingen

A column of Panzer I tanks as the 8th Tank Regiment of the German armed forces rolls through downtown Böblingen along Sindelfinger Str. 8, on the way to Ludendorff Kaserne, its new headquarters. Ludendorff Kaserne is known today as Panzer Kaserne.

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Rescuing the tank was a herculean endeavor: the ground behind the tank had to be dug up, then logs were placed to act as a conveyor system. The tank was then pushed and pulled out of the swamp.
Once the V1 was freed, testing on the LTA continued. The German armed forces were pleased to see that even with its heavy weight, the Maus was extremely maneuverable.
In October 1944, the V1's test phase in Böblingen ended, and the prototype was transported back to the tank-testing station in Kummersdorf.
As Hitler lost power, materials and resources became scarce, and the two prototypes were never put into production.
But what happened to the prototypes? There are many versions of the legend. One is that the Germans have kept the tank hidden on the LTA. Another is that the tank was never recovered.
However, according to Wein's research, toward the end World War II, the Germans blew up both prototypes to keep the Russians from discovering their technology.
But the tanks were not completely destroyed.
After the war, the Russians salvaged what they could and rebuilt a new Maus tank using the hull of the V1 and the turret of the V2.
Today, the combined tank is displayed at the Tank Museum in Kubinka, near Moscow.



This scale model depicts the V1 Maus tank prototype when it arrived at the Panzer LTA for testing in January 1944. A turret was added later, on April 9.

Photo by Florian Wein

Maus Specifications:

- Type:** Super-heavy tank
- Designer:** Ferdinand Porsche
- Designed:** 1942-1944
- Manufacturer:** Alkett (Alt-märkische Kettenwerke)
- Number built:** 2
- Weight:** 188 tons
- Length:** 10.09 meter
- Width:** 3.64 meter
- Height:** 3.66 meter
- Crew:** 5 (commander, gunner, loader, operator and driver)
- Engine, first Maus prototype, V1:** Daimler-Benz MB 509 (Otto Motor 1,080 horsepower)
- Engine, second Maus prototype, V2:** Daimler-Benz MB 517 (Diesel Motor, 1,200 horsepower)
- Fuel capacity:** 2,700 liters, plus 1,500 liters on external storage
- Cylinder capacity:** 44,500 ccm
- Operational range:** 200 km on roads, 100 km on rough terrain
- Armor:** Steel, 25 cm thick
- Main armament:** one (1) 128 mm cannon
- Secondary armament:** one (1) 75 mm cannon, two (2) MG 34 machine guns

Sources: Die "Maus." 1944 Ein überschwerer Panzer zu Besuch in der Böblinger Panzerkaserne. Friedrich Wein, Fachplanungsbüro für Brand-und Denkmalschutz; www.achtungpanzer.com. For more information on the Tank Museum in Kubinka, visit www.tankmuseum.ru.

Stuttgart turns red, white and blue for American Days

By Carola Meusel

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum James-F.-Byrnes Institut Stuttgart, or German-American Center, will host its fifth annual American Days May 2-13.

The program features more than 50 events, such as lectures, exhibitions, music, concerts, movies, workshops and sports. This year, for the first time ever, the German-American Institutes in Heidelberg, Tübingen and Freiburg will also participate in the event.

The multifaceted program is designed to familiarize patrons with American culture and way of life, and also highlights German-American friendship throughout the state of Baden-Württemberg, according to Jasmin Bertel, DAZ program manager.

"The American days reflect on the transatlantic friendship between Germany and the U.S.," Bertel said.

"The event also aims to show people how many institutions we have — not only in Stuttgart but in Baden-Württemberg — that are offering a close-up look on this relationship."

American Days will start at the Theaterhaus Stuttgart on May 2 at 8 p.m. with a concert featuring Charles Simmons and his band. Simmons, a U.S. citizen living and working in Germany, exemplifies American Days: bringing people from both nations together to celebrate and establish a cultural exchange.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Theaterhaus Stuttgart.

The American Days will offer activities for all age groups, while educating participants about Germany and the U.S., according to Bertel.

Highlighted events in English

U.S. women golfers may find themselves with a home-field advantage during the German-American Ladies Golf Tournament. The friendly competition between the nations will be held May 3 at 8:30 a.m. at the Stuttgart Golf Course.

Women interested in participating can register on a first-come first-serve basis by emailing BKlein1003@aol.com or by calling civ. 0711-236-8690.

The Stuttgart Golf Course is located at Aldingerstrasse 975, 70806 Kornwestheim.

For football enthusiasts, the Stuttgart Silver Arrows will play the Kuchen Mammut at Stadion Festwiese May 6 from 3-6 p.m. American-style food will be provided, and the event offers activities for children. Stadion Festwiese is located at Talstrasse 200, 70372 Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt.

The Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Tübingen hosts Alecia Nugent, a bluegrass musician from Louisiana, May 7 at 8 p.m. For four years in a row, Nugent was voted best bluegrass singer of the year in the U.S. The DAI is located at Karlstrasse 3, 72072 Tübingen.

The Carl-Zeiss-Planetarium Stuttgart will show "In the Shadow of the Moon," a video documentary by David Sington May 9 from 7-8:45 p.m. The documentary features interviews with eight surviving astronauts of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Apollo program. The

planetarium will also host a free children's show, "The Secret of the Cardboard Rocket," May 12 at 5 p.m. The planetarium is located at Willy-Brandt-Strasse 25, 70173 Stuttgart.

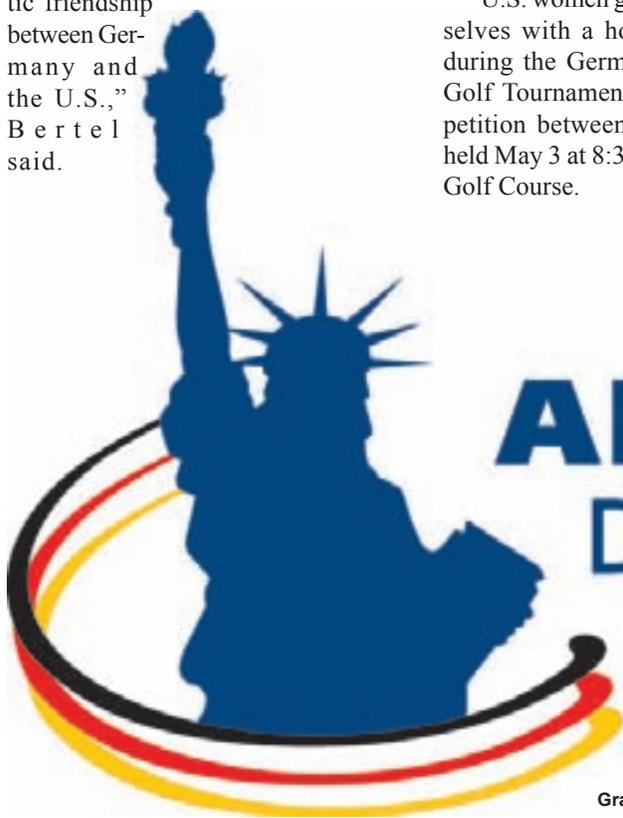
Members of the German-American Artist Group Stuttgart will display their works during the American Days at the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum May 9 from 7-10 p.m. The DAZ is located at Charlottenplatz 17, 70173 Stuttgart.

Americans and Germans will read from a selection of humorous and sentimental poems, essays and newspaper articles dealing with contemporary American life during the "America: the Good, the Bad and the Downright Extraordinary" lecture on May 11 from 8:30 to 10:15 p.m. at Kulturwerk. The "Stuttgart Harmonizers" will perform traditional American songs. Kulturwerk is located at Ostendstrasse 106A, 70188 Stuttgart.

Members of the Panzer Gospel Choir, along with German gospel choirs, will perform in the fifth annual German American Gospel Concert May 12 from 5-7 p.m. at the Leonhardskirche (church). The concert is free, however, donations will be accepted to help the homeless in Stuttgart. An American-style bake sale will be held before and after the concert. Leonhardskirche is located at Leonhardsplatz 26, 70182 Stuttgart.

For patrons who wish to dance and party the American Days away, the Kulturwerk will host a swing party featuring "Souvenirs," a swing band from Munich, and "DJ Jens-o-matic" from Stuttgart May 12 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Patrons can also participate in a free swing dance class that will start at 8:15 p.m. Kulturwerk is located at Ostendstrasse 106A, 70188 Stuttgart.

For more information, visit www.americandays.org or stop by the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum to pick up a program.



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U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a introduction to scuba diving class May 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The one-day class includes safety and equipment introduction and a short dive. Equipment will be provided by Outdoor Recreation.

For more information, call 431-2774/ civ. 07031-15-2774.

Free comic book day

The Patch Library will host a comic book day May 5 at 11 a.m., featuring free comic books, a costume contest, a visit by the Star Wars Storm Troopers and a local comic book art exhibit. Submit your artwork by May 2.

For more information, call 430-7419/civ. 0711-680-7419, or stop by Building 2343 on Patch Barracks.

Spring Scramble

The Stuttgart Golf Course will host its annual Spring Scramble tournament May 5 at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call the golf course at civ. 07141-879-151.

Paintball with ODR

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR's Outdoor Recreation will host Paintball days April 28 and May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To register, call ODR at 431-2774/civ. 07031-15-2774.

Cobblestone Classic

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Family and MWR Cobblestone Classic, a five-mile run on the historic tank trail from Patch Barracks to Panzer Kaserne, will be held May 19. The run starts at 10 a.m. on Husky Field, Patch Barracks.

Registration starts May 1 at the Patch Fitness Center.

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

Play Texas Hold 'Em

Play Texas Hold 'Em on April 20 and May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Patch Community Club. Registration opens at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 430-5433/civ. 0711-680-5433.

For more activities and events, visit www.stuttgartmwr.com.



Coming to Patch Theater

April 20 — The Three Stooges (PG) 6 p.m.; Safe House (R) 9 p.m.

April 21 — Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 4 p.m.; The Three Stooges (PG) 7 p.m.; Safe House (R) 9 p.m.

April 22 — The Three Stooges (PG) 2 p.m.; Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 4 p.m.; The Three Stooges (PG) 7 p.m.

April 23 — The Three Stooges (PG) 6 p.m.

April 24 — Safe House (R) 6 p.m.

April 25 — Act of Valor (R) 6 p.m.

April 26 — Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 6 p.m.

April 27 — Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) 6 p.m.; The Lucky One (PG-13) 9 p.m.

April 28 — The Lucky One (PG-13) 4 p.m.; Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 7 p.m.; Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13) 9 p.m.

April 29 — Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 2 p.m.; The Lucky One (PG-13) 4 p.m.; Ghost Rider: Spirit of



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"The Three Stooges" is a slapstick comedy remake of the American vaudeville and comedy act "Ted Healy and his Southern Gentlemen."

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April 30 — The Lucky One (PG-13) 6 p.m.

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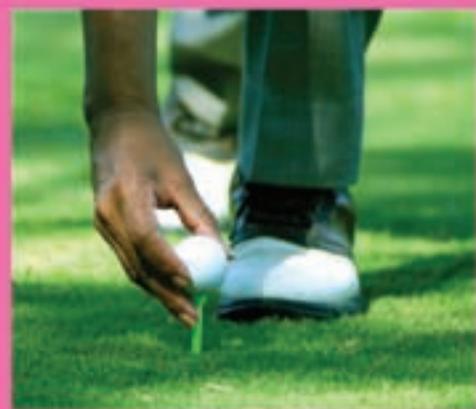
May 5 is the deadline to submit your entries to Patch Arts & Crafts Center.

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Where is my 'legal voting residence'?

For voting purposes, "legal voting residence" can be the state or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service or the state or territory that you have since claimed as your legal residence.

Even though you may no longer maintain formal ties to that residence, the address determines your proper voting jurisdiction. To claim a new legal residence, you must have simultaneous physical presence and the intent to return to that location as your primary residence. Military and their family members may change their legal residence every time they change permanent duty stations, or they may retain their legal residence without change. This may mean that the family's uniformed service member has a different legal voting residence than his or her family members. A Judge Advocate General officer or legal counsel should be consulted before legal residence is changed because there are usually other factors that should

My family members are not in the military; can they also vote absentee?

Yes. Eligible spouses and dependents (U.S. citizens, 18 years or older) of military personnel may vote absentee. Some states allow children of military personnel residing overseas who are U.S. citizens but who have never resided in the U.S. to claim one of their U.S. citizen parent's legal state of residence as their own.

How do I register to vote?

You may register and request an absentee ballot with a single form: the Federal Post Card Application. This application form is accepted by all states and territories and is postage-paid in the U.S. mail, including the Military Postal System and State Department pouch mail. Hard copies of the form can be obtained from your installation's Voting Assistance Officer or requested directly from the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

An online version of the FPCA is also available. The online version of the form must be mailed in an envelope with proper postage, or mailed using a prepaid return envelope.

Your Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot Request form must be completed, printed, signed, dated and mailed directly to your local election official.

Can I vote in-person where I am stationed?

Military members may vote in the U.S. state or territory where stationed



if they change their legal residence to that state or territory, even if they live on a military installation.

Be advised that there may be legal obligations, such as taxation, if you change your state of residence. Therefore, consult a Judge Advocate General officer or legal counsel before making such a decision.

Currently there are no provisions for personnel stationed outside the U.S.

to vote in-person where stationed.

For more information on registering to vote or requesting an absentee ballot, visit www.fvap.gov or call Cliff Heisler, the USAG Stuttgart voting assistant officer, at 431-2745/2599 or civ. 07031-15-2745/2599.

Source: www.FVAP.gov

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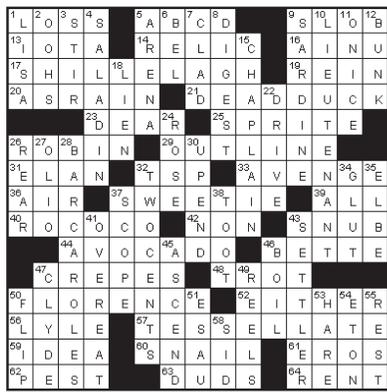
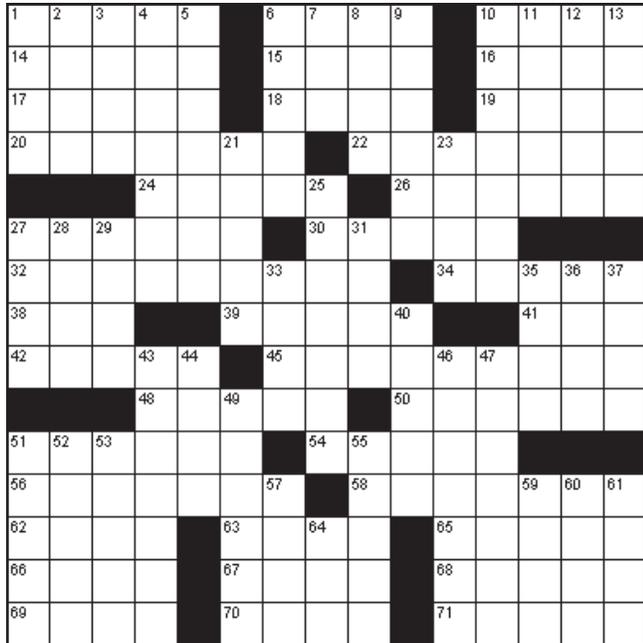
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Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from April 5!

ACROSS

- 1. Muslim messiah
- 6. Fabric trim
- 10. Hemingway nickname
- 14. Woodwind instruments
- 15. Flair
- 16. German industrial region
- 17. Primary blood carrier
- 18. Melodies
- 19. Wax-coated cheese
- 20. Receptive
- 22. Bishop's domain
- 24. Norse goddesses of destiny
- 26. Profited
- 27. Four in France
- 30. Quirks
- 32. Let loose
- 34. Religious factions
- 38. Amin of Uganda
- 39. Lugs
- 41. Cry of discovery
- 42. This present time
- 45. Dispersed
- 48. Irish county
- 50. Joyful cry

- 51. Flattened at the poles
- 54. 1945 summit site
- 56. Dried fruit
- 58. Place
- 62. Approving votes
- 63. Hardly hard
- 65. Jock Ewing's spouse
- 66. Opera house box
- 67. "God's Little ___"
- 68. Luxuriate
- 69. Engaged in litigation
- 70. Burlesque bit
- 71. Lights up?

- 13. Equipped for battle
- 21. "___ my case"
- 23. Slow-growing trees
- 25. Lacking details
- 27. Give notice
- 28. Nullify
- 29. "Put ___ on it!"
- 31. Inkling
- 33. Multitude
- 35. Find fault
- 36. Quaker's pronoun
- 37. "No Ordinary Love" singer

DOWN

- 1. Defensive ditch
- 2. "___ ben Adhem"
- 3. Trumpet
- 4. Cold War thaw
- 5. Dancer Duncan
- 6. First name in country music
- 7. "The Greatest"
- 8. Joker, e.g.
- 9. Naval rank
- 10. Strictly defined
- 11. "The Age of Anxiety" poet
- 12. Cycle part
- 40. Engraving tools
- 43. Stockpiled
- 44. Himalayan humanoid
- 46. Snickers
- 47. Uniform adornment
- 49. Virgilian hero
- 51. Unwritten tests
- 52. Louisiana inlet
- 53. City on the Meuse
- 55. Until now
- 57. Plunder
- 59. Edison's middle name
- 60. Cake layer
- 61. Slithery swimmers
- 64. Hindu honorific



Miles Njegovan

Miles was born at 4:31 a.m. March 21 at Böblingen Krankenhaus, Germany. He was 3450 grams and 52 cm. Proud parents are Marko and Kelly Njegovan who are stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.

Birth Announcement

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Youth Activities

Take a look at whats going on in Stuttgart's schools.



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Square dance

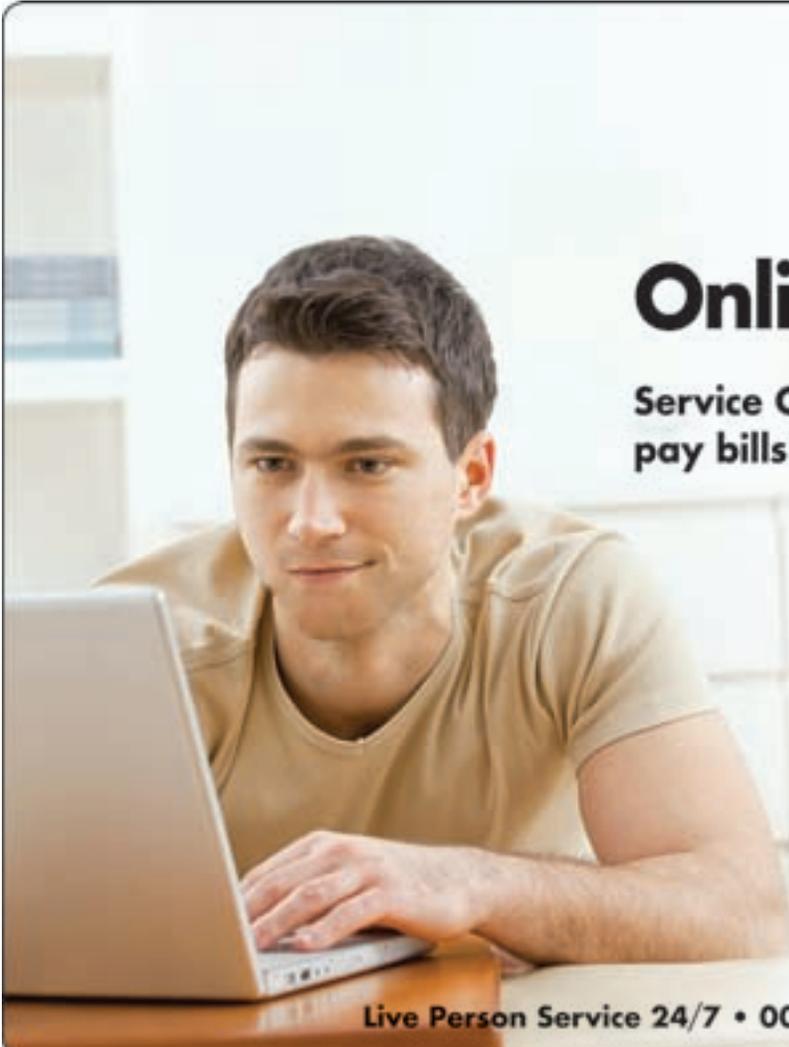
Sheena Kron and Lain Westphall demonstrate their square dancing skills at the Patch Elementary School Folk Dance Troupe concert held on March 29.



Picture by Dale Leifson

Family Literature Night

Michael Shoulders, a children's literature author, spent a day with students from Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School. Mr. Shoulders worked with students from Kindergarten to 8th grade talking about what it takes to be an author. Mr. Shoulders finished the night by being the guest reader at Family Literature Night.



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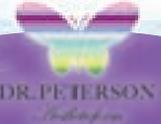
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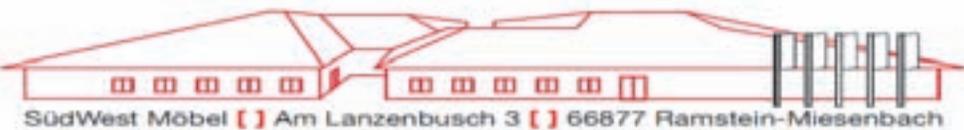
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