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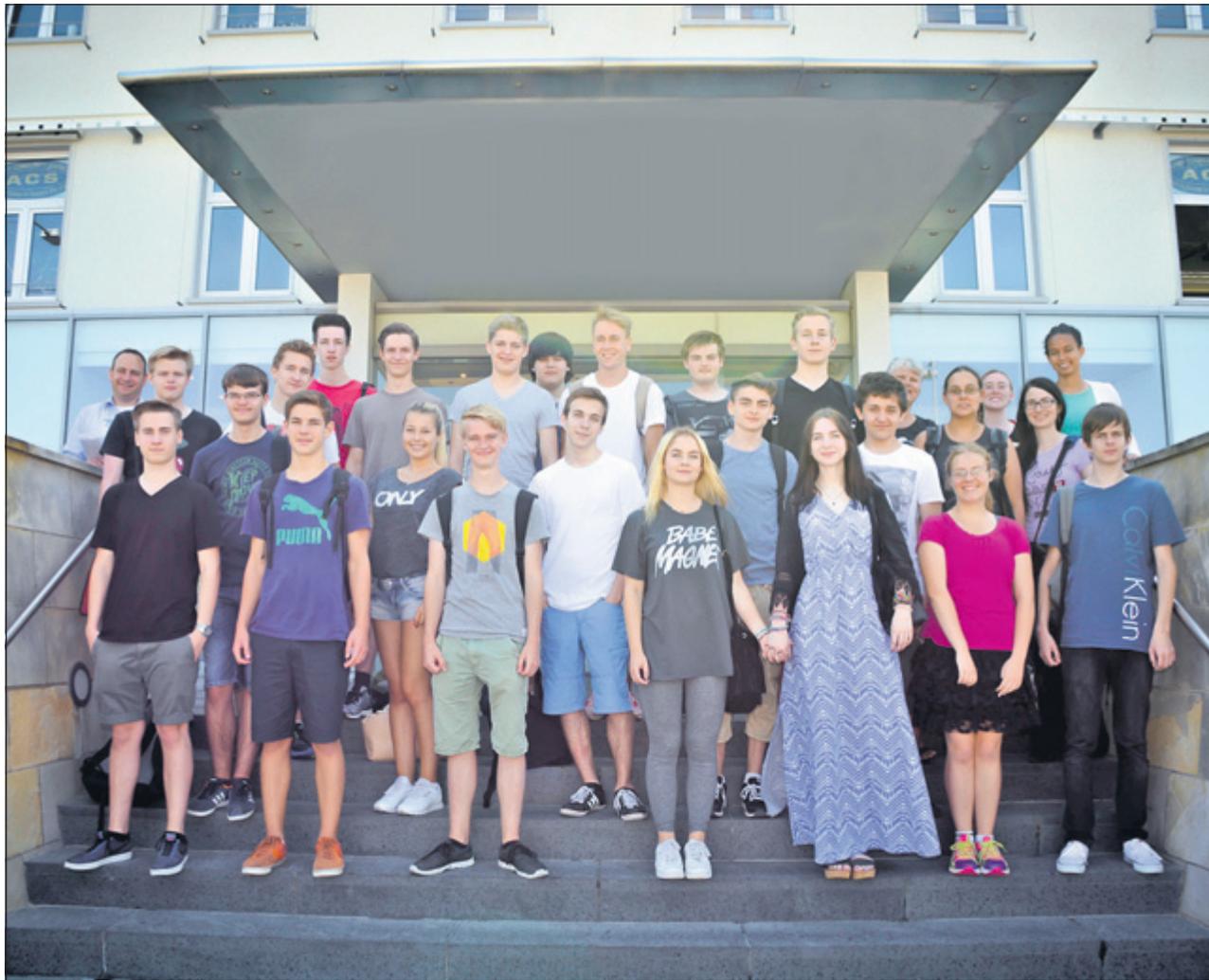
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Students from the Max-Planck Gymnasium located in Böblingen tour Panzer Kaserne in July as part of a USAG Stuttgart community relations exchange program. — *Photo by Takisha Miller*

German American student exchange on Panzer Kaserne

By **Holly DeCarlo-White**
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Germans in the surrounding area are often curious as to what goes on at the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart installations located in their towns.

The USAG Stuttgart Community Relations office strives to demystify curiosities with cultural exchange programs and tours of the installations to interested local community members and local schools.

The cultural exchange program between Böblingen Elementary/Middle School and the Max-Planck Gymnasium, located in Böblingen, began this past school year when students from Jennifer L'Esperance's fourth-grade class expressed interest in making cultural connections beyond the front gate.

Stephanie Cleaton, the garrison's community relations specialist, connected with the German school in Böblingen to schedule an exchange so students could experience each other's environments and demonstrate how parallel they really are.

"The [Max-Planck Gymnasium] class visited Böblingen Elementary School and were welcomed by a very excited fourth-grade class. The students prepared a presentation,

conducted interviews with each other, wrote articles about similarities and differences between students and schools, and truly enjoyed their time together. The BEMS class visited Max-Planck Gymnasium, where the German students provided them the German school experience," said Brian Pappas, a USAG Stuttgart school liaison officer.

The latest tour occurred in July with two Max-Planck-Gymnasium teachers, Tina Röhnert and Sarah Kloess, and a class of 30 10th-grade high school students. The class attended a walking tour of Panzer Kaserne, a visit to the United Service Organizations and the Exchange, followed by bowling and lunch at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center.

Each visitation is tailored to meet teacher and class interests.

Röhnert said she found the experience uncomplicated and extremely pleasant in coordinating with the garrison.

"She (Cleaton) manages to bridge the gap between the base and my students' realities outside. Ms. Cleaton is always willing to give you advice and to respect the students' demands, so everyone can find the best way of enjoying the experience," Röhnert said.

"The program allows students to ask questions and, most importantly, shows them the human side of the U.S. military community in Stuttgart. Americans are friendly people who care about the history, environment and community in which we all live," Cleaton said.

Several students expressed a positive interest in seeing how different people live, finding the base larger than they had expected and noticing the difference in currency using the U.S. dollar versus the euro.

"When talking to my students in class after the school trip, the 10th graders pointed out that they have never thought about the special situation the Soldiers are in and that they are surprised how strong the community at the base is. They are now interested in and open for more contact to American citizens," Röhnert said.

USAG Stuttgart Community Relations, the School Liaison Office and Max-Planck Gymnasium hope to continue these and other partnerships in the next school year.

"The addition of Stuttgart High School and Patch Elementary School to Panzer Kaserne will increase opportunities for building friendships with our neighbors outside the gate." Pappas said.

USAG Stuttgart 2015 Summer Hire Program places 17

Photo and story by Holly DeCarlo-White
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart 2015 Summer Hire Program increased student placement this year with 17 positions, up from 12 in 2014. Though many applied, 17 lucky students were accepted, receiving the opportunity to obtain paid work experience throughout various garrison departments in the fields of labor or clerical administration.

“The program provides youth in our community an added opportunity to work in a real work environment within the government which can be applied anywhere,” said Richard Calnon, the USAG Stuttgart director of Human Resources.

The Civilian Human Resources Agency Europe Region accepted applications for the Summer Hire Program during spring from active duty service member and Defense Department civilian employee family members ages 14-22 with valid family member ID cards. The program runs for six weeks from the end of June through early

August. College bound students are generally placed with priority.

Supervisors who oversee the students must have the appropriate background check in order to work with minors 17 and younger. The garrison is working to expand the number of approved supervisors to increase available job positions even more next year.

Once accepted to the program, students are held to the same standards as garrison employees. They are encouraged to voice their feedback, know workplace safety and equal opportunity policies to better relate to one another. Students must be mindful of work schedules in their departments, maintaining a full 40 hour work week, track sick time, report and approve hours with a timekeeper, and submit status reports to supervisors as requested.

“The rules and regulations of the office are much like those in school, the difference is that as Summer Hires we had more freedom but with that freedom came more responsibility. For instance, for every task we were given, we were expected to carry it out by coming up with a plan on our



Stuttgart 2015 Summer Hires received certificates for completing the program presented by Heidi Malarchik, deputy to the garrison commander, and Richard Calnon, director of human resources on Aug. 7.

own versus being told exactly what to do. While the help from our supervisors was always there, they treated us as normal employees and expected us to meet the standards they set. This mentality from our supervisors is one of the reasons I would recommend the program: it truly prepares you for a real job without the intensity a real job may place on those of us without any experience,” said college-bound Julia Lockridge.

“I recommend the Summer Hire

Program,” said Emily Braa, a soon-to-be Stuttgart High School senior. “It helps in getting the experience you need to put on your resume and the experiences to expect in a work place. If I am still here in Stuttgart next year, I will most likely apply again. In getting experience you are also getting paid, which helps with tuition and other expenses for college/post high school life. What I have found though, is that the pay is irrelevant to experiences gained.”

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KidzSearch is a place for students to research geography, current events, the arts, science, sports, government, social studies and more.

Tutor.com for military children gives your family access to online tutoring and homework help from live, expert tutors in more than 16 subjects. Tutors can help with tonight's homework or catch your child up on missed concepts and lessons, all at no cost.

For teens

There are a variety of resources for teens, as well. Check out the following:

TumbleBook Cloud for Teens is a collection of eBooks and read-along chapter books, graphic novels, educational videos and audio books. Your teenager can highlight portions of a book and add notes, which can come in handy for homework assignments and studying.

Student Resource in Context allows your student to research topics from a wide array of sources,

including reference publications, periodicals and newspapers, primary sources and multimedia. Content is based on national curriculum standards for middle and high school students.

Peterson's resources include information for searching postsecondary schools by matching needs with the institutions that offer what's most important to you and your teenager, including academics, affordability and campus environment. Resources also include academic and military test prep and practice tests. Take practice College Level Exam Program tests, and you could potentially CLEP out of 30 hours of college credit and save on tuition.

For adults

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation online libraries are a great resource for those looking to advance their education or career. Many “do it yourself” manuals are available online. Whether you're looking to work on a small engine or learn about investing, you'll probably find what you need to get started right here.

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letter, participate in an interview simulation, find job announcements and more.

The Morningstar Investment Research Center gives you information on stocks and mutual funds. You can visit the Investment Classroom to hone your investing skills, explore dozens of articles and videos to learn more about the ins and outs of the stock market, and much more.

The Small Engine Repair Reference Center offers 410 reference books with original photos and illustrations of engines for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, snow mobiles, boats, outdoor power equipment, tractors, generators and other small engines.

HeritageQuest Online will help you find information on people and places in more than 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles. You can also search the records of the Freedman's Bank, established in Washington, D.C. in 1865, to serve freed slaves.

Browse the entire collection available at no cost to service members and their families. Just login to your Military OneSource account or create a username and password to get started.

Going Green: Stuttgart schools “LEED” the way in sustainability



Photos and story by Jennifer Aldridge
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Public Affairs

It'll be anything but a typical first day of school for Stuttgart elementary and high school students, parents and educators Sept. 2. Walking onto the campus for the first time, they will see new playgrounds, sports fields and facilities. But it's what they won't see that may be most exciting.

The schools are on track to earn the first U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design certification for Department of Defense schools in Europe.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District, together with Department of Defense Education Activity–Europe, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart and the Baden-Wuerttemberg Bauamt constructed the project with the following sustainable features:

- 150,000-liter rainwater collection and utilization system to supply outside water hoses and be used for fire extinguishing.
- Green roof covering more than 185,000 square feet to reduce stormwater runoff and provide added insulation.
- Extensive use of natural light.
- Energy-efficient interior lighting system.
- Operable windows in all classrooms for utilization of fresh air.
- Building is anticipated to save approximately \$250,000 in annual energy costs using 40 percent less energy than a baseline building.

Sonja Rodriguez, the Stuttgart Elementary School principal, said amazing things happen in schools designed, constructed and operated with a focus on occupant health and energy efficiency.

“We are excited to lead the DODEA-Europe community in the construction and use of one of the first environmentally

friendly ‘green’ schools,” she said.

To successfully execute the project, German and American engineers partnered to meet rigorous LEED-Silver standards. Many interesting concepts became a reality here, said Jennifer Regel, the Europe District project engineer.

“For instance, the rainwater system and use of concrete mass to hold constant interior temperatures,” she said. “Taking these design items from concept on paper, through construction, to a working system takes a lot of thoughtful planning.”

The sustainable aspects of the schools provide teachers an opportunity to link curricular components of science, technology, engineering and mathematics with real-world, tangible examples, Rodriguez said.

“They will have a better understanding of the interconnectedness within our school environment and the natural

surroundings outside the school yard,” she said.

The construction of this school campus is another sustainable step forward for U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, where a U.S. Africa Command administrative building earned LEED-Silver certification in April and a net-zero planning survey is currently taking place.

Stuttgart is leaning forward to promote energy efficiency and sustainability, and this project is another example of the great work being done, said Rich Gifaldi, the district's sustainable engineering manager and LEED-accredited professional for this project.

“With the completion of this school, kids in this community will have a school that conserves energy and water and provides a classroom environment conducive to learning with natural daylight, low-emitting volatile-organic-compounds interior finishes and plenty of fresh air,” he said.

Ask a JAG: Homeschooling in Germany: Is your child eligible?

By Anna-Maria Pfeffer
Stuttgart Law Center

Homeschooling is more common in the United States than it is here in Germany. Only military and civilian sponsors of school-age children with status of forces agreement status have the option to conduct homeschooling. There are many families in this military community that choose to educate their children in the home. If you have been homeschooling your child, or if you wish to do so now, you should start by reaching out to your

child's Department of Defense Education Activity school. Also, Child and Youth Services can provide you with additional resources, such as websites, to help you homeschool your child.

However, if you do not have SOFA status, the German rules apply. Concerning homeschooling, the overall attitude of the German legislation and jurisprudence is pretty simple, yet strict. According to the German Federal Constitutional Court, the parents' natural right and duty for the care and upbringing of their children is secondary to the state's duty to supervise

the entire school system. Therefore, there is a general duty of every child of a certain age to (physically) go to school. The arguments brought forward by the court are mainly ruled by integration, tolerance, participation in groups and dialogues, as well as the development of social competence and assertiveness, which are considered basic qualities of a human being living in a democratic society.

The German states (“Länder”)

expressed this constitutional rule in their school laws. For the Stuttgart area, the law of Baden-Württemberg applies. In sections 72 to 76 of this law, it says that children have to attend a school for a minimum of nine years, starting at approximately six years old. If parents do not send their children to school, the German authorities will take action. Exceptions from this rule are possible, but very rare, hard to argue, and require a written request in German in advance.

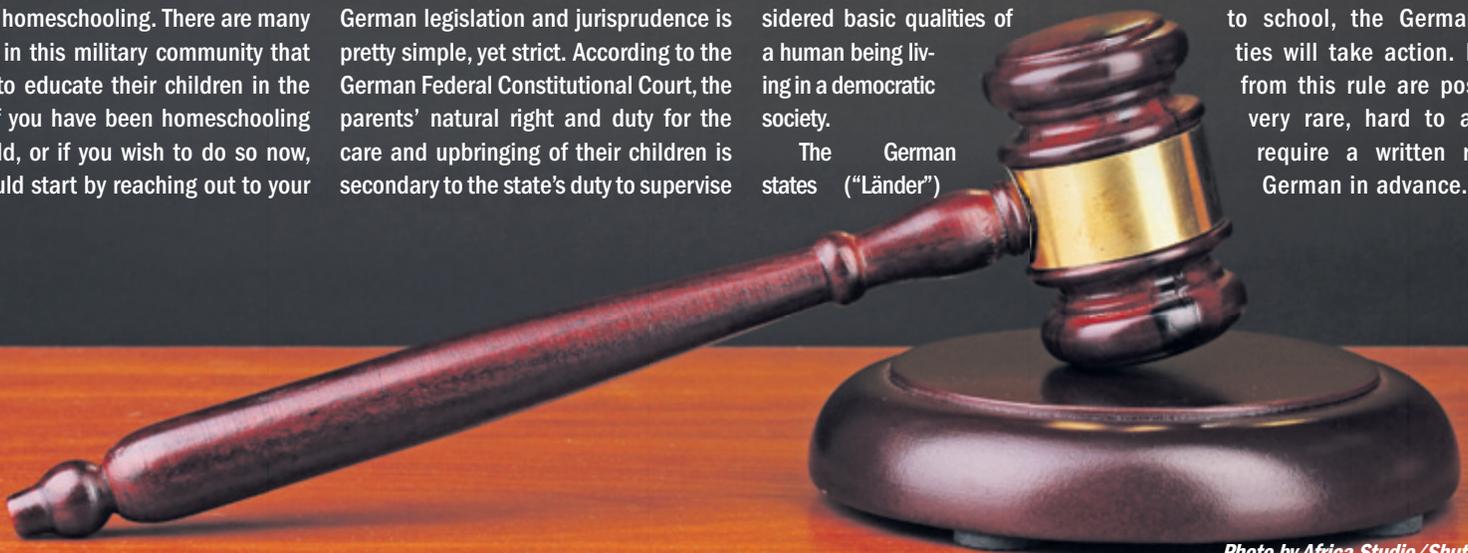


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Spouses preview the new Panzer schools



Photos by Holly DeCarlo-White
USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

On Aug. 14 senior spouses and Family Readiness Group leaders of the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart military community met with Col. Glenn K. Dickenson, garrison commander and Heidi Malarchik, deputy to the commander, for an overview of the garrison with a question and answer session followed by a preview

tour of the new Stuttgart High School and Stuttgart Elementary School. The tour was led by the school principals with representatives from the School Liaison Office and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The official opening of the schools is scheduled Aug. 28. A ribbon cutting is planned on Sept. 18 at 10 a.m.

View the photo album on Flickr, search for USAG Stuttgart.



Confused about the construction and road closures?



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Visit www.stuttgartcitizen.com announcements, follow the official USAG Stuttgart Facebook page for current updates and information.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Child, Youth & School Services Sports & Fitness is in need of additional volunteer coaches for the upcoming fall sports season. Volunteer coaches are needed for: tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, cross country, soccer and volleyball. CYSS also offers basketball, bowling, cheerleading and wrestling as winter sports and baseball, softball, track, soccer, tennis and golf as spring sports for those interested in getting involved in those activities. All adults 18+ looking to get involved and contribute to the children/youth in the community are welcome to apply. CYSS will

provide baseline training to get you started and support your development as you return for future seasons. Overall season runs from Sept. 1 to Nov. 7 with staggered starts for each sport. Most teams play locally but some sports/age divisions travel to other communities. Contact CYS Sports at DSN: 431-2597/civ. 07031-15-2597 or DSN: 430-5606/civ. 0711-680-5606

USAG STUTTGART TO HOST SAFETY DAY

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will host a Safety Day to promote safety awareness Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Kelley Barracks parking lot located

across from Building 3318. Demonstrations and information booths will cover safety topics such as bicycling and skateboarding, CPR and back injury prevention. The USAG Stuttgart Fire Department will conduct kitchen fire and fire extinguisher demonstrations, while Military Police will sponsor a beer goggle rodeo. For more information on Safety Day activities, call 431-3132/civ. 07031-15-3132.

CELEBRATE "WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY"

The Stuttgart Equal Opportunity Office invites all to attend the celebration of "Women's Equality Day" at Patch Chapel on Patch Barracks August 26 from noon to 1 p.m. Guest Speaker: Vivian L. Turnbull USAFRICOM Assistant Director of Intelligence for Operations Support and The Defense Intelligence Agency Senior Representative. For more information, contact DSN 430-7945/civ. 0711-680-7945

FACILITIES TO CLOSE FOR ORG. DAY

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart will hold an organization day Sept. 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Panzer Kaserne. To allow maximum participation of garrison employees, most garrison facilities will be closed including fitness centers, the housing office, the passport office, etc. Shuttle buses will run on their normal schedules. Child, Youth and School Services will operate with consolidated services on Panzer Kaserne. Contact your child care facility regarding your child care needs. The event will take place on the parade field and the Panzer Fitness Center sports field. Visit the stuttgartcitizen.com announcements for the full list of facility and service closures.

USO SUN & FUN DAY

Join us for a community celebration on Aug. 29 at Patch Husky Field from noon to 4 p.m. We'll have free food, games, prizes, a DJ, performers, Bubble Soccer (18+), sports, giveaways, and more. No sign-up necessary. Just

come and see us out on the field. Contact DSN: 431-3345/civ. 07031-15-3345.

POV APPOINTMENTS ONLINE

The Privately Owned Vehicle inspection station online appointment system is now available. All CAC holders can sign up for an appointment online. Non-CAC holders call the telephone hotline at DSN: 431-3421/civ. 07031-15-3421. Beginning Aug. 17, due to the availability of the online system, the telephone hotline hours will be reduced to 8:30-9:30 a.m. Effective Sept. 1 the phone hotline will cease. Check the stuttgartcitizen.com announcements for the POV appointment link and more details.

EXCITING TRIP WITH OUTDOOR RECREATION

Add the excitement of a treasure hunt to the thrill of one of Germany's most popular amusement parks, Tripsdrill, on Aug. 29, 8 a.m. The Tripsdrill Treasure Hunt costs \$99 for ages 12+, \$89 ages 4-11, \$49 ages 0-3 and \$49 for SWPC. Price includes transportation, guide, and entrance ticket. Registration deadline is Aug. 21.

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

U.S. YOUTH SOCCER STUTTGART TRYOUTS ON PATCH

U.S. Youth Soccer Stuttgart will hold tryouts Sept. 11 and 13 on Husky Field on Patch Barracks. The USYS Stuttgart Soccer program offers players from the ages of 7-18 the opportunity to participate at a higher level of competition and is committed to developing players to their maximum potential. High-level players who participate in USYS Stuttgart have the opportunity to be considered for the Olympic Development Program, a state-level training program that feeds into the U.S. national identification and development program. There is a 10 Euro try-out fee. Cleats and shin guards are required. For more information, visit www.stuttgartselectsoccer.com.

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New program requires APO, FPO customers fill out customs forms online

By USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

Starting Oct. 1, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Army Post Office customers wishing to mail packages must complete a customs form online before they bring the item to an APO for mailing. Last month the United States Post Office and Military Postal Service Agency announced new Global Trade Compliance requirements that will impact all

packages mailed at overseas military locations.

The new program will require customs form information for packages mailed from APOs and FPOs to be entered into the U.S. Customs and Border Protection database, similar to the way stateside U.S. Postal Service post offices currently conduct business for international and military packages with customs forms.

Postal officials say customers will

benefit from this procedure because tracking capabilities will be increased at each handoff of the mail. Customers will be able to track their mail from origin to destination with additional updates in between.

Filling out the customs forms online and bringing them to the post office saves time in line because it only requires the scanning of a barcode on the customs form.

However, customers without an

electronic printed custom form can expect a lengthy wait (as can other customers in line) while their data is manually input into the USCBP database.

Postal customers can complete their customs forms online at www.usps.com under the "International" tab when they click the link titled "Complete Customs Forms." Online customs forms are also available under the Click-N-Ship option.

Step by Step procedures for filling out your U.S. Customs Forms online at usps.com

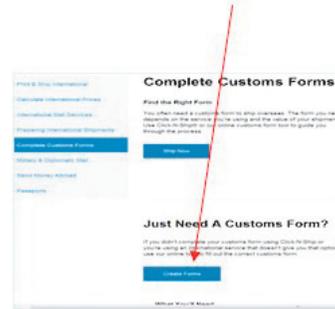
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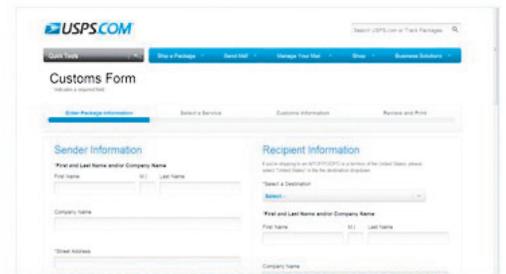
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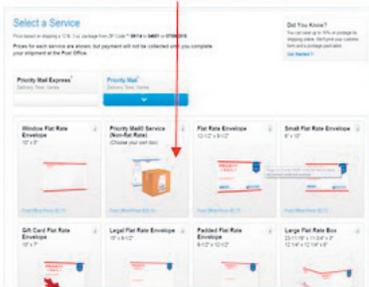
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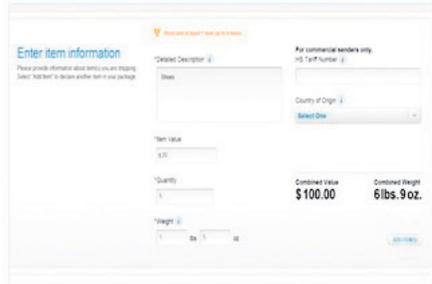
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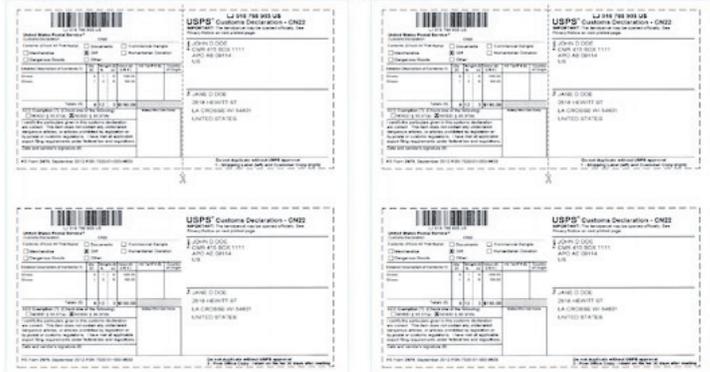
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Robinson Barracks Elementary School

Dear Parents and Students,

Robinson Barracks Elementary School is destined for amazing things in 2015-2016. The gifts and talents of our students combined with the dedication and passion of our teachers allows us to strive for excellence. Excellence is not the result of a good intention or a clever slogan. It is not a value that is easily achieved. It comes from a strong desire to improve how we do things when we see something we can do better. We continue to work hard to ensure that Robinson Barracks Elementary School will be recognized as a school that sets their students and teachers up for success. As we strive for excellence, we will move from Good to GREAT... Robinson Barracks Elementary School is a great place to be.

I believe that strong community relationships are essential to high academic achievement. Find any successful school and you will also find parents and community members that are involved and supportive of the school. This community recognizes the value of educational and extracurricular activities. Therefore, our school expects our students to excel both inside and outside of the classroom. I hope you are proud of our students as they reflect these expectations through their character and commitment. Your support is greatly appreciated, and remember — IT'S GREAT TO BE A BULLDOG!

Sincerely,

Kenneth H Younkin
Principal, Robinson Barracks EMS

Patch Elementary School

Dear Parents and Students,

It is a pleasure for us to take this opportunity to welcome you to a new school year of learning and success for our wonderful Alexander M. Patch Elementary School students. We are looking forward to an exciting year in which we work as a team "to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge" for each student at Patch ES. By working together in a respectful and caring manner, we will continue to support each other and our precious students in a positive atmosphere that empowers students to reach for the stars and keep peddling to power their dreams.

As an important member of the Alexander M. Patch Elementary School team of students, parents, staff, and community members, you are a critical key to ensuring that we achieve our vision of educational success for all students. It is essential that we all share responsibility for our role in creating successful learners. Collectively, it is the responsibility of us all to provide each student with the best possible education. We welcome your involvement and input as we work together to make sure that we achieve our goals "to educate, engage, and empower each student to succeed in a dynamic world." (Source: DoDEA Mission Statement)

We are looking forward to an exciting year at PES filled with learning experiences that challenge and actively engage students. We all remain committed to providing a warm, welcoming, and encouraging environment so that the students can continue to build positive dispositions for learning and character. Together we can achieve great things as we collaborate, communicate, and work as a team to make this school year a productive and successful educational experience for the students of Alexander M. Patch Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Beverly Erdmann
Principal, Patch Elementary School

Important dates:

- Wed. Aug. 26 Teachers return to duty
- Tues. Sept. 1 Open House (Time TBD)
- Wed. Sept. 2 First Day of School (1st through 5th)
- Wed. - Fri. Sept. 2-5 Kindergarten Home Visits
- Mon. Sept. 7 Federal Holiday Labor Day
- Tues. /Wed. Sept 8-9 First Days for Kindergarten -staggered start
- Fri. Sept. 25 Early Release for Students: Half-Day. Mandatory DoD Briefings for Teachers

Patch Middle School

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Patch Middle School, it is my pleasure to welcome you to a new school and a new school year. The new Patch Middle School is committed to providing a caring and nurturing environment that is tailored to the specific learning and social needs of our middle school students and will continue the tradition of high expectations the Stuttgart community has established.

We will offer a diverse set of classes this year. In addition to the core subjects of math, science, language arts and social studies, we will offer many classes in art, music and technology to students in all three grades. Students will have the opportunity to take advanced classes in foreign language and in mathematics. This challenging and engaging curriculum will ensure that the students of Patch Middle School are on the path to be college and career ready.

The staff of Patch MS is excited to offer a strong advisory program which will provide each student with an adult advocate. These advocates will work to give guidance, supplemental support and promote communication between home and school. The advisories will also offer a peer group for students and a more intimate connection to the school environment.

My experience has shown me that it takes a team to help students reach their full potential. I encourage you to join the PTA, make contact with your child's teachers, frequently check Gradespeed and talk to your child about their school day. Additionally, know that my door is always open and that you are more than welcome to come to the school to discuss successes and challenges.

Parent Back to School Night is Tuesday, Sept. 15. Please join me, Assistant Principal Mynda Massey and the entire faculty for this important and informational evening. You will have an opportunity to experience your student's daily schedule and meet the teachers and staff.

I am confident that this will be an outstanding school year and look forward to working with the students, staff and community as we open the brand new Patch Middle School.

Sincerely,

Rick Renninger
Principal, Patch Middle School

Principals' Letters 2015/2016

Stuttgart High School

Dear Parents and Students,

The Department of Defense Schools is proud to announce the opening of the new Stuttgart High School located on Panzer Kaserne. Although the school is not quite fully ready for the public to visit, all finishing touches are quickly being completed in preparation for school.

Principal Danny Robinson and Assistant Principals Ms. Tessa Moss-Beaman and Dr. Trent Blankenship returned on Aug. 3. Teachers return on Aug. 26. The school will be open for students and families on Aug. 28, at 11 a.m. This welcoming event is a joint activity with Stuttgart Elementary School. The Stuttgart High School staff will be cooking "Brats for Brats." Besides touring the school with the Student to Student Ambassadors, students will have an opportunity to meet with a counselor to discuss schedule changes, if necessary. The goal is to email first semester student schedules to parents the week of Aug. 27. The school year will begin for students on Sept. 2. The Department of Defense Education Activity Bavaria District Office will host an official opening ceremony in September.

Summer registration will still be hosted at a variety of locations. Please contact the School Liaison Office at DSN: 430-7465 or civ. 0711-680-7465 for the most current registration locations. The hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The school cafeteria will have a hot lunch program and a la carte items for sale provided by AAFES. The school has one lunch period. Juniors and Seniors will be permitted to leave campus for lunch.

The school's phone will be operational in the near future. Updates to the phone contacts will be sent out via email from the administration office. Also, please see the calendar below for important dates to remember.

Sincerely,
Danny Robinson
 Principal, Stuttgart High School

Stuttgart Elementary School

Dear Parents and Students,

We are excited to begin a new era in the legacy of academic excellence within the Stuttgart complex of DoDDS - Europe Bavaria district schools. Our new school will provide a wealth of academic opportunities for success for our students, as well as opportunities for partnerships with our families and garrison community.

We strongly believe that the best education can be achieved for children when home, school, and community combine energies and talents.

We encourage ongoing communication between parents, students, and teachers. Collectively, we must work together throughout the year to fulfill your child's and our educational goals. We encourage parents to help your children in the evenings by reviewing homework and what was learned during the school day. By adults showing interest in and enthusiasm for topics our children are studying, we will not only teach them to like education, but more importantly to love learning. This attitude is important, as school is only the beginning of a well-rounded education. We strive to instill in our students an appreciation for the concept that learning is indeed a life-long process. We wish you and your child a most rewarding and successful school year.

Sincerely,
Sonia Rodriguez
 Principal, Stuttgart Elementary School

Stuttgart High School School Year 2015 / 2016

2015

Fri. Aug. 28	Welcoming Ceremony Stuttgart HS
Wed. Sept. 2	Begin First Quarter/First Semester - First Day of School
Mon. Sept. 7	Labor Day - SCHOOL CLOSED Federal Holiday
Wed. Sept. 16	OPEN HOUSE at 5-7 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 25	Day Inservice - Students released at 11 a.m.
Fri. Oct. 9	Professional Day No School
Mon. Oct. 12	Columbus Day - SCHOOL CLOSED Federal Holiday
Thurs. Nov. 5	End of First Quarter (47 days of instructional days)
Fri. Nov. 6	No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
Mon. Nov. 9	Begin 2nd Quarter
Wed. Nov. 11	Veterans Day - SCHOOL CLOSED Federal Holiday
Fri. Nov. 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School for Students
Thurs. / Fri. Nov. 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Recess - SCHOOL CLOSED Federal Holiday
Wed. Dec. 16	Acceleration Day - 1st Semester
Mon. Dec. 21 - Jan. 3	Begin Winter Recess

2016

Mon. Jan. 4	Instruction Resumes
Mon. Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - SCHOOL CLOSED Federal Holiday
Thurs. Jan. 28	End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester (45 days of classroom instruction)
Fri. Jan. 29	Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
Mon. Feb. 1	Begin 3rd Quarter and 2nd Semester
Mon. Feb. 8	Professional Day No School
Mon. Feb. 15	President's Day - SCHOOL CLOSED Federal Holiday
Wed. Feb. 24	Parent -Teacher Conferences - No School for Students
Thurs. Apr. 7	End of 3rd Quarter (48 days of classroom instruction)
Fri. Apr. 8	Teacher work day - No School for Students
Mon. Apr. 11	Begin Spring Recess
Mon. Apr. 18	Instruction Resumes - Begin 4th Quarter
Mon. May 30	Memorial Day - SCHOOL CLOSED Federal Holiday
Fri. June 16	Last day of School for Students - Half-Day of School
	End of 4th Quarter and 2nd Semester

Safety Corner: Internet safety tips for parents

By Interagency OPSEC Support Staff

The Internet is a wonderful place for learning and entertainment but can pose dangers if precautions are not taken. Allowing free access puts your child, your computer and your personal data at risk. Help to instill good judgment in your children by encouraging them to take some common sense steps.

The first step is **STOP. THINK. CONNECT.** Take security precautions, understand the consequences of your actions and behaviors and enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

Keep a Clean Machine

· **Keep security software current:** Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats.

· **Automate software updates:** Many software programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that's an available option.

· **Protect all devices that connect to the Internet:** Computers, smart phones, gaming systems, and other web-enabled devices all need protection from viruses and malware.

Protect Your Child's Personal Information

· **Help your kids own their online presence:** When available, set their privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. Remind them that it's ok to limit how and with whom they share information.

Connect with Care

· **When it doubt, throw it out:** Remind your children that links in emails, tweets, posts and online ads are often the way cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or mark as junk email.

Be Web Wise

· **Stay current. Keep pace with new ways to stay safe online.** Check trusted websites for the latest information; share with your children; and encourage them to be web wise.

Be a Good Online Citizen

· **Safer for me, more secure for all:** What you and your kids do online has the potential to affect everyone – at home, at work and around the world. Practicing good online habits benefits the global digital community.

More Family Online Safety Practices

· **Know the protection features** of the ISPs (Internet service providers) and software your children use. All major ISPs have tools to help you manage young children's online experience (e.g., selecting approved websites, monitoring the amount of time they spend online, or limiting the people who can contact them) and may have other security features. But remember that your home isn't the only place they can go online.

· **Remain positively engaged.** Pay attention to and know the online environments your children use. Surf the Internet with them. Appreciate your children's participation in their online communities and show interest in their friends. Try to react constructively when they encounter inappropriate material. Make it a teachable moment.

· **Support their good choices.** Expand your children's online experience and their autonomy when developmentally appropriate, as they demonstrate competence in safe and secure online behavior and good decision-making.

· **Teach critical thinking.** Help your children identify safe, credible websites and applications. Encourage them to be cautious about clicking on, downloading, posting, and uploading content.

· **Explain the implications.** Help your children understand the public nature of the Internet and its risks as well as benefits. Be sure they know that any digital info they share, such as emails, photos, or videos, can easily be copied and pasted elsewhere, and is almost impossible to take back. Things that could damage their reputation, friendships, or future prospects should not be shared electronically.

· **Just saying "no" rarely works.** Teach your children how to interact safely with people they "meet" online. Though it's preferable they make no in-person contact with online-only acquaintances, young people may not always follow this rule. So talk about maximizing safe conditions: meeting only in well-lit public places, always taking at least one friend, and telling a trusted adult about any plans they make – including the time, place, and acquaintance's contact information (at least a name and cell phone number).

· **Empower your children to handle problems,** such as bullying, unwanted contact, or hurtful comments. Work with them on strategies for when problems arise, such as talking to a trusted adult, not retaliating, blocking the person, or filing a complaint. Agree on steps to take if the strategy fails.

Health Beat: Tips for healthy eating as you go back to school

By Giovanna Reyes-Alexander
Public Health Command Region-Europe

As summer winds down, the re-opening of school may be met with mixed emotions. The opening of the new high school is an exciting event for our community, but there may be nervousness and anxiety about changing environments and moving to new grades with different teachers. The great news is that friends will be reunited to share stories of European summer adventures or family vacations back to the United States.

The new school year also brings wonderful opportunities to help set our children up for their future. Part of helping them to achieve personal readiness and resiliency is to ensure that they acquire skills they can implement to be successful. The importance of proper nutrition is a key factor that can be taught, emphasized and practiced, so they can be confident and equipped to make healthful choices. Regardless of their age, having nutrition education contributes to making better choices, when purchasing food, selecting from the school meals program or even when bringing food from home. Wherever they obtain their lunch and snacks, there are some helpful principles to guide in menu selection as well as serving sizes.

According to the My Plate Food Guide, children and teenagers should consume meals encompassing fruits, vegetables, grains, protein and dairy. Healthy eating practices also dictate that a variety of foods from different groups be eaten whilst avoiding over-eating. Foods should also be prepared in a healthy manner to avoid excess calories and to preserve the nutrition content of the food. Eating fresh foods that are in season helps ensure that the best quality foods are consumed at affordable prices.

A good focus for meals, especially at lunch time, is to include fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables contain vitamins, minerals and fiber, and are regarded as nutrient dense versus energy dense. When purchasing food look for options that are grilled as an example instead of fried. Whole grains should also be chosen most often as they contain fiber and key nutrients such as the B vitamins. Fish, chicken, beans and peas are some foods that contain protein. Protein helps the body with growth and repair. While nuts also contain protein and healthy fats, it is important to be concerned about those around who may have nut allergies. Choose dairy products such as milk and yogurt that are lower in fat. These foods contain calcium which is important

for strong bones and healthy teeth.

One of the most understated best practices is drinking water. Water has zero calories and is one of the best ways to stay hydrated whether you play sports or not. Sports drinks and energy drinks are not healthy options for children and teenagers as they supply excess sugars and may contain caffeine and other non-nutrients that can cause harm. When choosing juices, try to select 100% fruit juice or juice with no added sugar. Fruits contain natural sugars so choosing juices with no added sugar or 100% juice is a great way to limit excess caloric intake. Remember to also limit the amount of juice consumed daily. Being mindful of how much you consume of any food is important to healthful outcomes. Do remember however that there is no substitute for eating a fresh fruit, as they supply the fiber that juice does not provide. Soft drinks and sodas should also be limited or avoided. Sodas provide no real nutritional value and are considered a major contributor to childhood obesity.

When choosing snacks, try to keep these tips in mind. Firstly, choose less sugar. The best way to accomplish this is by looking at ingredients and the labels on the snack. If choosing a cookie as an ex-

ample, select an oatmeal and raisin which will contain whole grain and a dried fruit as opposed to plain sugar cookies. Another good tip is to choose less salt and fats. This can be achieved again by paying attention to labels. Many snacks are now available with less sodium or salt. Some chips are also now baked instead of fried. Remember to make fruit and vegetables your go-to snack option. Fruit cups in 100% juice, celery sticks, baby carrots and yogurt are great snack ideas. Snacks are important for enjoyment as well as supplying energy throughout the day. They should however, be limited or eaten in moderation as they supply extra calories in the diet.

Children and teens face so many options when it comes to food in today's society. It is sometimes difficult to make a healthy choice when bombarded by the unhealthy choices which are most times tasty, attractive and cheaper. As parents, educators and members of the community, it is our responsibility to guide our children's choices, so that they make the best decisions about what they eat the majority of the time. Good nutrition is part of the foundation for a healthy, disease-free life. Let's do our part to help them achieve this for themselves.

What's happening in FMWR

LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE

Due to high demand, the Patch Arts and Crafts Center has brought back their Creative Expressions program. Sign up for the Aug. 26 or Sept. 2 session and let your creativity shine! Ages 3-5 from 11 a.m. to noon, all ages from 1-2 p.m., ages 5-9 from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and ages 10-18 from 5-6 p.m. Age 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Creative Expressions encourages art exploration and builds resiliency through artistic expression. It is an open format where "makers" can choose from numerous raw materials to build, paint, write, sculpt or craft. An artistic facilitator is available to guide and answer questions. Class size limited to 16 people. \$10 per session or \$45 pass card good for 5 sessions (includes all supplies). For information, call DSN: 430-5270/civ. 0711-680-5270.

GREAT CLASSES OFFERED BY ACS

Connect with your child and nature while bonding with other parents on Aug. 24 (rain or shine), from 10 a.m. to noon on Robinson Barracks. The Move on Monday program is weekly so it is easy to get involved when you have time.

Registration is not required.

Join us on Aug. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Man 2 Man, a men's discussion group dedicated to promoting positivity and personal growth in daily life. Group is open to all men ages 18 years and over. Registration is not required.

Looking for some new and creative ways to reconnect? Interested in meeting other couples in the Stuttgart Community? Look no further! ACS is hosting a Great Dates class on Aug. 26 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., which offers creative dating ideas for established relationships. Join us to re-energize as a couple in a fun way! Call to register at DSN: 431-3518/civ. 07031-15-3518.

Comfort Measures is a class which teaches and practices techniques with you and your birthing coach in order to help you stay as comfortable as possible during the birthing process. Couples should bring a pillow, water bottle and wear comfortable clothes. Class will take place on Aug. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Patch Fitness Center aerobics room. Call to register at DSN: 431-3518/civ. 07031-15-3518.

For more Family and MWR events, visit www.stuttgart.armymwr.com.

COMING TO PATCH THEATER

- Thu, Aug 20 – The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (PG-13) 6 p.m.
- Fri, Aug 21 – Pixels (PG-13) 6 p.m., Hitman: Agent 47 (R) 9 p.m.
- Sat, Aug 22 – Ricki And The Flash (PG-13) 1500, Ant-Man (PG-13) 6 p.m., Hitman: Agent 47 (R) 9 p.m.
- Sun, Aug 23 – Minions (PG) 4 p.m., Straight Outta Compton (R) 7 p.m.
- Mon, Aug 24 – Closed
- Tue, Aug 25 – Closed
- Wed, Aug 26 – Hitman: Agent 47 (R) 6 p.m.
- Thu, Aug 27 – Vacation (R) 6 p.m.
- Fri, Aug 28 – War Room (PG) 6 p.m., Hitman: Agent 47 (R) 9 p.m.
- Sat, Aug 29 – Minions (PG) 1500, Jurassic World (PG-13) 6 p.m., Fantastic 4 (PG-13) 9 p.m.
- Sun, Aug 30 – War Room (PG) 4 p.m., Pixels (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- Mon, Aug 31 – Closed
- Tue, Sep 1 – Closed
- Wed, Sep 2 – Hitman: Agent 47 (R) 6 p.m.

Editor's note: The movies listing was the most current at the time of publication. Dates are subject to change. Please check with your local theater for the most up-to-date schedule.



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Ricki and the Flash – Meryl Streep takes on a whole new gig – a hard-rocking singer/guitarist – for Oscar®-winning director Jonathan Demme and Academy Award®-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody in Ricki and the Flash. In an original and electrifying film loaded with live musical performances, Streep stars as Ricki Rendazzo, a guitar heroine who made a world of mistakes as she followed her dreams of rock-and-roll stardom. Returning home, Ricki gets a shot at redemption and a chance to make things right as she faces the music with her family. Streep stars opposite her real-life daughter Mame Gummer; Rick Springfield, portraying a Flash member in love with Ricki; Kevin Kline as Ricki's ex-husband; and Audra McDonald as Kline's new wife.

Family and MWR Advertisement

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CARE FAIR

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY
Aug. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Panzer Exchange

Connect with over 50 organizations from USAG Stuttgart. Sign up for activities, classes and capitalize on community resources to build readiness and resiliency. Join us for the Community Flea Market on the sidewalk of the Exchange or take the train to Wheels & Deals at the Auto Skills Center.

DSN 430-2110/CIV 0711-680-2110



BACK TO SCHOOL SALE

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE
Sept. 2, 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Patch Arts and Crafts Center

Save up big at the Patch Arts and Crafts Center's Back to School Sale. Save 60% off clearance fabric and 20%-75% on everything else. It's so big, you don't want to miss it. Drop the kids off at school and come to the Patch Arts and Crafts Center for beautiful and affordable school supplies. The kids will love you for it.

DSN 430-5270/CIV 0711-680-5270



SOLHEIM CUP

FREE TICKETS
Now - Sept. 16
Stuttgart Golf Course, Kornwestheim

Come to the Stuttgart Golf Course and get your free tickets for the Solheim Cup 2015. Each US ID cardholder can get tickets for two days. Tickets are also available at Ramstein, Baumholder and Wiesbaden Golf course. Solheim Cup goes from Sept. 16 – 20.

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A message from your

Finally...The start of school is right around the corner, and our summer of transitions is winding down. Unfortunately for the children we see doing the "school delay dances" each summer, school WILL start as scheduled! So...what does this mean for you? The following is a breakdown of upcoming school events that focus on helping ease this upcoming transition for our Stuttgart families.

Family and Student Welcome Events (note - the dates and times below are subject to change, so please contact the schools directly or school liaison office for more information)

- Each Tues/Thurs in August at 3 p.m.: School Tours, Patch Middle School
- August 28 at 11 a.m.: Welcoming Ceremony, Stuttgart High School
- August 31: Student Orientations, Patch Middle School
- September 1: Meet and Greets/Open Houses, Stuttgart Elementary, Robinson Elementary, and Patch Elementary
- September 2: First day of school students in grades 1-12
- September 8: First day of school for kindergarten at Robinson Barracks Elementary School
- September 8/9: First days of school at Stuttgart and Patch Elementary Schools (Staggered start)

But...You still have more questions, right?

How do I get to Stuttgart Elementary or High School?

The only way to or from our brand new schools is through the tunnel. So...when you attend the Stuttgart High School Welcoming Ceremony on Aug. 28 and the Stuttgart Elementary School Meet and Greet on the Sept. 1, you will enter through the tunnel from Panzer Kaserne.

What will my child need to bring to school on the first day?

You will learn this when you attend the upcoming school events, but if you want a head start, check out the school supply lists. These will get you off to a great start, but expect teachers, especially in the middle and high school, to request specific materials during the first days of school.

See full school supply lists at www.stuttgartcitizen.com.

Riding the school bus: How will my child get to and from school each day?

Parents who want their children to take a school bus to or from school must complete and submit an application with the school bus office, located on Patch Barracks, Building 2307, 2nd floor. During approximately the 3rd week in August, bus passes will be sent to the sponsor's CMR address. These passes will include bus stop location, pick-up/drop-off times, and bus number.

Are there after school options for my kids?

- Before/after school programs available for Kindergarteners
 - Kelley Barracks - Kelley CDC Annex
 - Patch Barracks - Patch CDC
 - Panzer Kaserne - Panzer CDC

- Before/after school programs available for elementary schoolers, grades 1-5
 - Kelley Barracks - Kelley School Age Center (after school only)
 - Patch Barracks - Patch School Age Center
 - Panzer Kaserne - Panzer School Age Center
- After school programs available for middle and high schoolers
 - Patch Barracks - Patch Youth Center - The HUB



HAVE A FIRST



School Liaison Office



Dress codes

Each school has its own specific dress code, and we recommend becoming familiar with that and other school rules/policies that can be found in the student handbooks.

School lunches and nutrition

- The Exchange provides school lunch to K-12 students on Army and Air Force Installations in nine countries overseas, and this includes our schools here in Stuttgart. The Exchange follows the same USDA guidelines as schools throughout the United States.

- Parents can sign up for a school lunch account at the school or directly at customer service at the Panzer Exchange. Free and Reduced-Price meals are also provided for students who qualify under Federal Guidelines. Applications can be found directly at the school, at CYS Services, or on the School Liaison website via stuttgart.armymwr.com.

- Completed applications are reviewed by the School Liaison Office or Parent Central Services in Building 2347 on Patch Barracks. Qualified applications must be taken by the parent to customer service at the Panzer Exchange for final processing.

Notes from Stuttgart High School

- Locks have not yet been installed on the lockers. Until they are installed, students are encouraged to bring combination padlocks to secure their belongings.

- The school day schedule remains as it was at Patch High School: Black and Gold Days (alternating class schedule days).

- If students have signed up to meet with a high school guidance counselor Aug. 19-25, those meetings will take place at BEMS on Panzer.

- Juniors and Seniors will have an opportunity to eat off campus during their 40 minute lunch.

- Registration forms can be found on the school's website. The easiest way to get there is either google "Stuttgart High School DODEA" or go to the garrison website, www.stuttgart.army.mil and click on the "Services" link. There you find links to our local DODDS schools' websites. After you complete the forms, call the School Liaison Office, and they will tell you how to get the registration to the high school registrar.

Panzer Kaserne - Panzer Youth Center
Robinson Barracks - Robinson Youth Center

For more information about the above after school programs and others through CYS Services, contact Parent Central Services on Patch Barracks, Building 2347, 2nd floor at: DSN: 430-7480/civ: 0711-680-7480

School website and phone contacts:

Stuttgart Elementary School

DSN: 431-4100
CIV: 07033-115-4100
www.dodea.edu/Europe/Bavaria/Stuttgart/StuttgartES/index.cfm

Patch Elementary School

DSN: 431-4900
CIV: 0703-115-4900
www.dodea.edu/Europe/Bavaria/Stuttgart/PatchES/index.cfm

Robinson Barracks Elementary School

DSN: 430-9337
CIV: 0711-680-9337
www.dodea.edu/Europe/Bavaria/Stuttgart/RobinsonBarracksES/index.cfm

Patch Middle School

DSN: 430-7191
CIV: 0711-680-7191
www.dodea.edu/Europe/Bavaria/Stuttgart/PatchMS/index.cfm

Stuttgart High School

DSN: 431-4000
CIV: 0703-115-4000
www.stut-hs.eu.dodea.edu

School Liaison Office

DSN: 430-7465
CIV: 0711-680-7465
stuttgart.armymwr.com/europe/stuttgart/programs/school-liaison-officer-slo



Sudoku Puzzle

Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contains each of the numbers 1 through 9 once.



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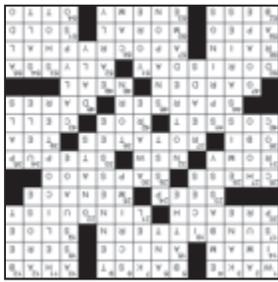
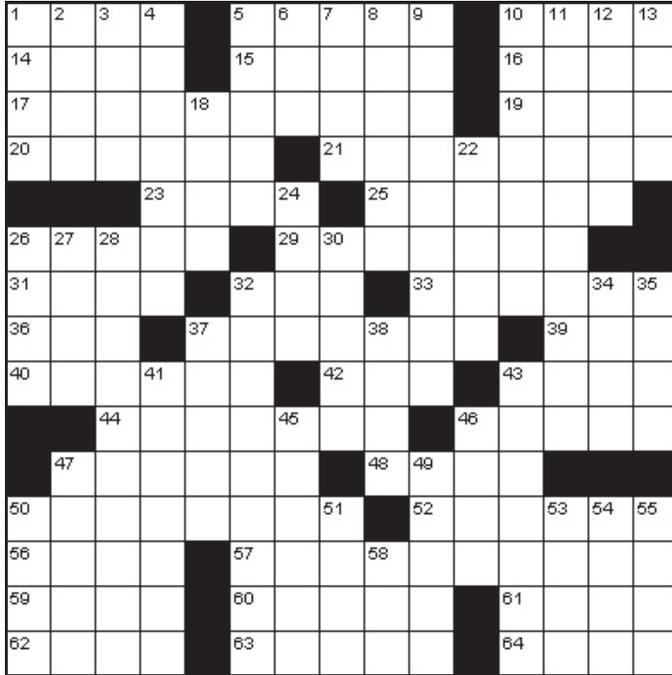
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Crossword Puzzle



This week's solution!
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ACROSS

- 1 Rouse
- 5 Russian painter and stage designer
- 10 "Moby-Dick" captain
- 14 Mosque official
- 15 "Have ___ day!"
- 16 Parched
- 17 Tropical American wader
- 19 Blackthorn fruit
- 20 Deliver a sermon
- 21 Student of language
- 23 Creep through the cracks
- 25 Threaten
- 26 Karpov's game
- 29 Greenish cheese
- 31 Actress Schneider
- 32 Australian state: Abbr.
- 33 Intensify
- 36 Japanese band?
- 37 Takes turns
- 39 Coffee alternative
- 40 Mollycoddle
- 42 Seafood delicacy
- 43 Honeycomb compartment

- 44 Not so dense
- 46 Schoolyard challenges
- 47 Planting site
- 48 Oscar-winner Patricia
- 50 Calamity Jane
- 52 Actress Milano
- 56 Drops from above
- 57 Unauthenticated
- 59 Take down ___
- 60 Ethical
- 61 Auctioneer's call
- 62 Porgy's love
- 63 Foe
- 64 Conductor Klemperer

DOWN

- 1 Thin strand
- 2 Asian border river
- 3 Welles role
- 4 Diplomat's residence
- 5 Soak in the tub
- 6 Industrious insect
- 7 German port
- 8 Penny-pinch
- 9 Volunteer State
- 10 Relieve
- 11 Whirlybird
- 12 Came up
- 13 Borscht base
- 18 Cold refreshments
- 22 Pesky fliers
- 24 Attention-getting whisper
- 26 Gator's kin
- 27 King of the road
- 28 Go-betweens
- 30 Apprised
- 32 Paris tourist attraction
- 34 River to the Ubangi
- 35 Buddies
- 37 Peruses
- 38 Ripped
- 41 Water sources
- 43 Trinidad music
- 45 Fasten with a pop
- 46 Actress Tyne
- 47 Freak out
- 49 Ahead of schedule
- 50 Visually dull
- 51 Days of old
- 53 Filmed
- 54 Common condiment
- 55 Ray of Hollywood
- 58 Engine part

The Citizen

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Stuttgart Wine Village

Wed, Aug 26 – Sun, Sep 6

Stuttgart, Marktplatz

Visit one of the largest wine festivals in Germany, the “Stuttgarter Weindorf” (wine village) from August 26 to September 6. In the Weindorf at the market place about 120 wine stands offer a huge variety of wines and Swabian delicacies. Opening hours are: Sun-Wed from 11:30 a.m. – midnight and Thu-Sat: from 11:30 a.m. to midnight. For more information in German see www.stuttgarter-weindorf.de

EVENTS

Wine Village

**Wed, Aug 26 – Sat, Sep 5
Reutlingen, City Center**

Visit the 30th Reutlinger Weindorf (wine village) around the area of the Marienkirche, going on now. More than 80 wines and sekt from Baden-Wuerttemberg and neighboring federal states are presented as well as Swabian delicacies. A variety of concerts will entertain visitors throughout the event. The fest starts on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. A program of folk music will accompany the festivities. You can also see a lot Swabian traditions such as the legendary Fassrollen (rolling of barrels) on Friday.

For more information in German, see www.reutlinger-weindorf.de

Winnender Weintage

**Fri, Aug 28 – Mon, Aug 31
Winnenden, City Center**

Visit the Winnender Weintage (wine days) in the historic city center from August 28 to 31. Enjoy a huge variety of selected wines from the local area, delicious food, live music and a romantic atmosphere. Every year the highlight is the election of the best wine through a blind tasting.

For more info in German, see www.winnenden.de

Wine Fest

**Fri, Aug 28 – Sun, Aug 30
Remshalden, Weingut Mayerle**

Bauersberger Hof is situated on a hill 150 meters above Remsthal. You can experience

a weekend full of celebrating, nature and – of course – wine there on August 28-30 in Remshalden. You can spend a great amount of time with specialties from the local grocery Bäder and the fresh wines of winery Mayerle. A special highlight are the sunsets which you can enjoy with a delicious glass of wine.

For more information, go to www.weinfeste-in-deutschland.de

Summer Night Festival

**Sat, Aug 29
Schwäbisch Hall, Stadtpark (City Park)**

Towards the end of summer August 29, Schwäbisch Hall celebrates the night of nights for about 5 years now. The city park is transformed into a great sea of lights: 30,000 cups with lights in beautiful ornaments and 3,500 colorful lampions, high up in the old trees provide an unforgettable atmosphere. Also, the great musical program gives you a reason to visit the festival. At 9:30 p.m. at Siedershof, you can experience performances with torch dances. From a spot above the village, at 11 p.m. the fantastic fireworks are ignited. This is the highlight of the event.

For further information, go to www.schwaebischhall.de

Magical Lighting

**Sat, Aug 29
Ludwigsburg, Blühendes Barock**

Experience an amazing light show at the “Lichterzauber” (Magic Lights) in the park Blühendes Barock in Ludwigsburg on August 29. The event starts at 8 p.m. when a lamppion parade from the castle to the park takes place. The highlight will be the show “Die Emichsburg brennt” (Emich castle is burning)

at 9 p.m. where the castle will be illuminated by a fascinating fireworks display. For more info in German, see www.blueba.de

Anniversary Children’s Fest

**Sun, Aug 30
Stuttgart, Airport Terminal**

Come to the Children’s Fest on August 30 at the Stuttgart Airport from 11 am to 5 pm. Besides a show by the airport’s performers, children can enjoy face painting, and canoes rides, and electro quads are part of the program. Admission is free! For more info in German, see www.stuttgart.de or www.flughafen-stuttgart.de.

Wine Fest

**Sun, Aug 30
Stuttgart, Kelter (Winepress) Hedelfingen**

Hedelfingen’s wine fest offers a versatile program in the heart of the city, including a parade, an ecumenical service and of course plenty of food and wine booths all day. Don’t miss out on homemade cakes, and come by on August 30 between 10am and 11pm. Admission is free! Visit www.stuttgart.de for more info .

Flea Market and Wine Fest

**Tue, Sep 1
Stuttgart, Kelter Hedelfingen**

Good wine and cheap stuff? We think so, too. Stop by Stuttgart Hedelfingen on September 1 between 8am and 11pm to visit their flea and food market, wine fest and amusement park for children all in one. What else could one possibly need on a Tuesday? Admission is free! Visit www.stuttgart.de for more info in German.

SPORTS

Soccer

**Sat, Aug 29
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For more information, visit www.vfb.de

CONCERTS

Take That

**Sun, Oct 11
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Story and photos by Wendy Payne contributing writer for MilitaryInGermany.com

Along the Black Forest Railway, about an hour and a half from Stuttgart, nestled in the Black Forest is the little valley town of Gutach. With a recommendation from the USO and some friends, we visited the Schwarzwälder Freilichtmuseum Vogtbauernhof.

This living history farmstead that is over 400 years old is interactive and fun! My friend Betsey and I brought our older children for kicks, and we had a hard time pulling them away. Normally I would say this is a good pick for younger children, but I would be wrong. It's great for everyone!

Interactive Open-Air Museum



I think hands-on is the best way to learn. A great place for a field trip, the park was filled with children seeing, hearing, saying and doing all kinds of 17th century craft and artisan work. This living history museum also has daily demonstrations during the summer from hand-made crafts, cooking, and milling from the early 1600 to 1700 periods. There are



over 16 out-buildings and eight farmhouses to see and experience throughout the homestead.

Park workers are in traditional costumes representative of Black Forest cultural history. One of the



most interesting costumes was the red plume hats the unmarried, virtuous young women wore during this time in history. It eventually became a symbol of the Baden-Württemberg region.

The newest exhibit is in the Lorenzenhof House. This building (built in 1608) has moved from its original site in Oberwolfbach in the Kinzig Valley. Right now they have an amazing exhibition on various elements of the forest



and forestry that includes a maze for children.

What's Good to Eat



When you approach the museum, you'll see nice little souvenir shops and eateries as well as a bakery. We chose to eat at the museum's restaurant Zum Hofengel. We were delighted with the restaurant's delicacies of "Käsespätzle mit Speck" (cheese pasta with bacon) and Jägerschnitzel (traditional schnitzel with mushroom sauce).

Of course, we also had to split a piece of Schwarzwälder Kirsch Torte (Black Forest Cherry Cake).

The restaurant's service was impeccable and the decor is warm and welcoming. It's also worth noting that there is an outdoor patio and larger table seating inside.

General Information



The museum's hours from March 29 to November 8 are the following: open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (last admission 5 p.m.) in August from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (last admission 6 p.m.).

The museum's restaurant is open throughout the season, daily from

9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are the following: Adults: €9, Senior Citizens, Students, military/social service, handicapped: €8, Children and Adolescents (6 - 17 years): €5, Audioguide (German, English, French): €3, Family day pass + 1 child, (parents with their minor children): €20.50, Family day pass + 2 children, (parents with their minor children): €22.50, Family day pass + 3 children or more, (parents with their minor children) €28.50, Season card adult: €25, Season card families: €42

Go to the museum's website for additional information.

How to Get There

If you are using a navigational or GPS system, be careful what you punch in for your address. We went by the longer route to Gutach and typed in an address that was not on my GPS. We eventually made it, but I made a special note to include the correct navigation here for you. It is Vogtsbauernhof, Vogtsbauernhof 1, 77793 Gutach or Wählerbrücke. Click on DB Bahn for train information.

It was a beautiful ride through the Black Forest but a few winding roads. My daughter used her sea bands against motion sickness and then she was fine.

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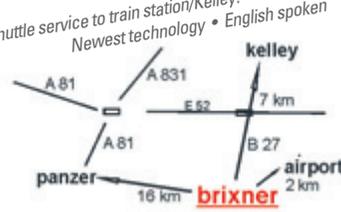


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