

Scout project honors the fallen

Scout's service project honors those who fought and died at Belleau Wood, France.

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Linda Steil

Conquering challenges with therapeutic ride

More than 120 wounded warriors from Spain, Latvia, Georgia, Estonia, Germany, Norway and the U.S., along with hundreds of supporters, participate in a community bike ride northwest of Kaiserslautern Aug. 10. The ride was the culmination of the third annual Wounded Warrior Project-hosted Soldier Ride Germany held Aug. 8-10. The event allows wounded warriors the opportunity to continue to rebuild their confidence and strength in a supportive environment.

Furlough over: Garrison services return to normal operations

By S.J. Grady

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart services that operated with modified hours because of an Army-wide effort to curtail spending resumed normal business hours on Aug. 19, thanks to the Defense Department's cancellation of the administrative furlough.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel signed a memo Aug. 6 that cut furlough days for about 650,000 Defense Department civilian employees from 11 to six.

Several garrison services, such as community mail rooms and Army Post Offices, have been closed on Fridays since July 8 as a result of sequestration and the furlough. Others, such as Vehicle Registration and the Personal Property Processing Office, remained open on Fridays, but with reduced staffing and services.

"I want to thank our civilian workers for their patience and dedication, and our community members for their patience and understanding," said Col. John P. Stack, the USAG Stuttgart commander. "I think it's safe to say that this furlough period has been a low point for many of us in many different ways. It's also been a period marked by tremendous teamwork and resiliency as we all dealt with the challenges together as a community. It's been a sobering experience when one considers the deep fiscal challenges our country faces.

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Website teaches coping skills to military community

By Claudette Roulo

American Forces Press Service

As part of the Integrated Mental Health Strategy, the Defense Department's National Center for Telehealth and Technology, and the Veterans Affairs Department's mental health informatics section have partnered to develop an interactive, online educational and life-coaching program.

Moving Forward is designed to teach problem-solving skills to veterans, service members and their families, according to Dr. Robert Ciulla, director of the mobile health program at the National Center for Telehealth and Technology.

Moving Forward is focused on addressing stress — specifically, recognizing when a person is stressed, identifying stressors and developing stress management skills.

To accomplish this, users navigate through a set of problem-solving exercises. The site offers quizzes to evaluate stress levels and games to practice

counseling progressions. "This gives users a way to interact with the course — to learn how stress affects them, in particular — and to learn about their general problem-solving style," Ciulla said.

Users then learn techniques for generating solutions when they're faced with a problem, he added.

"Problem-solving is foundational," Ciulla said. The skills learned in addressing any one problem can be transferred to addressing a variety of problems.

The techniques on the site are based on a problem-solving therapy program that has been used successfully with service members and veterans across the country, a growing number of whom have mental health care needs, Ciulla said.

"We know that approximately 20 percent of service members returning from a combat deployment do experience adjustment problems like post-traumatic stress, depression, anger, problems in work settings [and] family and relationship issues. This series of problem-solving exercises teaches the user how to literally learn how to work with some of the problems

that they're confronting," he said.

The Moving Forward website is designed to allow users to remain anonymous.

"We know that stigma is a prevalent issue in the military. [Service members] are concerned that if they see somebody on a face-to-face basis, it'll be seen as a sign of weakness or that they can't perform their duty, Ciulla said.

Other advantages of using the website include never having to wait in a crowded waiting room and the ability to log on from home or another safe environment, he noted.

The site is designed to stand alone — no referral from a caregiver is needed, Ciulla said, but it is not intended to entirely replace face-to-face care if that type of care is needed.

For users who have chronic stress and chronic problems in their lives, the site can serve as a steppingstone to getting face-to-face care, he added.

Moving Forward can be found at www.startmovingforward.org.

Ready and Resilient: alcohol abuse

Commentary by
Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr.
U.S. Army Europe commander

Over the last few months I have had the opportunity to visit several units within U.S. Army Europe and speak with commanders and leaders, both military and civilian, at every level. I am continually impressed by the world-class Soldiers and civilians that we have in our workforce who are accomplishing a complex, strategic mission here in Europe every day.



Lt. Gen. Campbell

That's why it's especially difficult for me every morning when I review the Military Police blotter reports from across USAREUR. Whether it is an assault, sexual or otherwise, drunk driving or other types of misconduct,

many incidents involve alcohol. The correlation is not coincidental.

Heavy drinking and overindulgence in alcohol is a challenge that we must address directly and personally as leaders. I want all leaders at every level to talk to your teams about responsible use of alcohol, set conditions that encourage subordinate leader and peer support, and personally engage your Soldiers.

I am certain that if we reduce overindulgence in alcohol, we will reduce acts of indiscipline which run counter to our Army values and will save lives. Abuse of alcohol is all too often an indicator of underlying issues that require vigilance and intervention from leaders at every level in the chain of command.

Our most precious asset — our

... It's especially difficult for me every morning when I review the Military Police blotter reports from across USAREUR. Whether it is an assault, sexual or otherwise, a DUI or other types of misconduct, many incidents involve alcohol. The correlation is not coincidental.

people — deserve nothing but the best care and support.

At the first and earliest indicators, take action and get our teammates the resources they need to get back on track.

This is a winnable fight; continue to talk to your Soldiers, civilians, and families about the hazards of overindulgence in alcohol and the consequences of that behavior. Establish barracks security protocols and conduct no-notice walk-throughs of common areas at random times.

Care about your Soldiers, civilians

and family members at all times, on or off duty, in the barracks or off-post.

Together we can combat these problems that degrade our profession and destroy lives.

I hold leaders responsible for instilling the essence of our Army values and warrior ethos into their Soldiers so they are not words on a card, but rather a way of life.

We must be disciplined and adhere to our standards if we are to retain our public trust and represent our country honorably as ambassadors to our host nations here in Europe.

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Members of the Defense Information Systems Agency Europe Field Command commemorate the initial operational capability of the Defense Department's Joint Information Environment Increment 1 last month with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the first regional Enterprise Operations Center in Stuttgart. Pictured are, from left to right, Therman Farley, chief of the Transport Network Services Division; Army Lt. Col. Phil Dawson, chief of the Communication Services Division; Joe Perryman, chief of the Resources Management Branch; Cdr. Mike Dewalt, chief of the Operations Division; Army Col. Richard Price, DISA Europe commander; Roger Carpenter, DISA Europe deputy commander; Todd Beckman, senior technical advisor; Command Master Chief Richard O'Rawe, senior enlisted advisor; and Laura Balas, chief of the Plans and Programs Integration Division.

JIE reaches milestone with first regional enterprise operations center

Defense Information Systems Agency Public Affairs

The Defense Department's Joint Information Environment Increment 1 reached initial operational capability July 31. The event was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the first regional Enterprise Operations Center on Patch Barracks.

JIE is the largest restructuring of information technology management in the history of DOD.

The end state is a secure, joint information environment comprised of shared information technology infrastructure, enterprise services and a single, security architecture. JIE will enable DOD to achieve full-spectrum superiority, improve mission effectiveness, increase security and realize IT efficiencies.

"This IOC represents a fundamental strategic shift in how the DOD will operate and defend the DOD information network for years to come," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronnie D. Hawkins Jr., the Defense Information Systems Agency director.

The Enterprise Operations Center is responsible for managing access to the JIE enterprise within the areas of responsibility for U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command. The initial operational capability is a validation of the processes and relationships that will be used to support EOC operations as JIE continues to expand. Subsequent capability upgrades will mark significant events in

the development of the JIE.

The JIE EOC serves as the single entry point and primary executor for DOD information network operations, as well as defensive cyber operations, in designated areas of support. End-state services provided by the EOCs will include providing support to core data centers and assuming operational missions from other EOCs in a failover capacity.

Eventually, EOCs will provide computer network defense capabilities for DOD enterprise entities, regardless of service affiliation. The EOC will eventually provide combatant commanders a robust and reliable situational awareness of DoDIN global operations and defensive cyber operations from a single site for their assigned areas of responsibility. This will increase security, operational flexibility, and responsiveness.

U.S. Cyber Command, EUCOM, AFRICOM, service components and DISA all played significant roles in the achievement of the IOC by validating the JIE Management Construct and relationship between the EOC and bases, and the tactics, techniques, and procedures, including reporting procedures.

The U.S. Air Force at RAF Molesworth/Alconbury made an important contribution to ensuring the lines of communication with the EOC were established and bandwidth was optimized. As a result, EOC has visibility and situational awareness of select base/post/camp/station networks and has command and control of the B/P/C/S enterprise connections.

News & Notes

DOD announces same-sex spouse benefits

The Department of Defense announced its plan to extend benefits to same-sex spouses of uniformed service members and Department of Defense civilian employees, according to a DOD news release issued Aug. 14.

After a review of the department's benefit policies following the Supreme Court's ruling that Section Three of the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional, and in consultation with the Department of Justice and other executive branch agencies, the Defense Department will make spousal and family benefits available no later than Sept. 3, 2013, regardless of sexual orientation, as long as service member-sponsors provide a valid marriage certificate.

The DOD remains committed to ensuring that all men and women who serve in the U.S. military, and their families, are treated fairly and equally as the law directs.

Entitlements such as Tricare enrollment, basic allowance for housing and family separation allowance are retroactive to the date of the Supreme Court's decision. Any claims to entitlements before that date will not be granted. For those members married after June 26, 2013, entitlements begin at the date of marriage.

The DOD recognizes that same-sex military couples who are not stationed in a jurisdiction that permits same-sex marriage would have to travel to another jurisdiction to marry. That is why the department will implement policies to allow military personnel in such a relationship non-chargeable leave for the purpose of travelling to a jurisdiction where such a marriage may occur. This will provide accelerated access to the full range of benefits offered to married military couples throughout the department, and help level the playing field between opposite-sex and same-sex couples seeking to be married, according to the release.

For civilian benefits administered government-wide to federal employees, the DOD will follow the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Labor's guidance to ensure that the same benefits currently available to heterosexual spouses are also available to legally married same-sex spouses.

TKS outage for RB

A one-time TKS service outage will occur at Robinson Barracks Aug. 28 between midnight and 6 a.m.

The outage will impact all services distributed via the on-post TKS cable network on RB only, including AFN and TKS cable television, as well as TKS telephone and cable Internet. Other Stuttgart facilities will not be effected.

The interruption is due to an on-going off-post public works project by the city of Stuttgart and Energie Baden-Württemberg AG.

When the work is completed, all TKS services will automatically restart with full functionality. Local users can begin using their services immediately. A reset or device reconfiguration is not required.

Should local residents experience any type of persistent technical issues after the work has been completed, call TKS at civ. 01804-857-762.

Eagle Scout project honors fallen Marines, Soldiers

By Staff Sgt. Matt Lyman

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe and Africa
Public Affairs Office

Since 1910 the Boy Scouts of America have been molding and mentoring the young men of America into future leaders and upstanding members of society.

The Scouts have made it their mission to hold young men accountable to their creed by exposing them to Scout leaders who make it their mission to teach them life skills and lessons to enable them to think on their feet and take care of any situation that may arise and always "Be Prepared."

Kullen Langston, 16, a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 119, has been scouting since he was a boy, devoting himself to growing in his faith and upholding the precepts set forth by the Scouts. He is serious about scouting, so much so he recently came up with an Eagle Scout service project that seamlessly blends his love of scouting with his life as the son of a U.S. Marine.

"To me, being an Eagle Scout means having the ability to lead others, even while under pressure," Langston said. "I decided that I wanted to do this project to help better honor the Marines and Soldiers who fought and died in the battle at Belleau Wood, France."

Belleau Wood was the scene of a bloody 26-day battle between the Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division, Marines of the 4th Marine Brigade and elements of three German divisions in June 1918. Nearly 700 Americans died. Another 7,300 were wounded. It is where modern history for the Marine Corps really started.

Langston's idea was to travel 340 miles from his home in Stuttgart to the battlefield in France to preserve a series of seven plaques placed 15 years ago by officers of the U.S. Marine Corps Basic School class of 1998.

The Class of 1998 had the plaques created and placed so visitors can walk through the battlefield and read a synopsis of the battle as they tour the site.

Unfortunately, funding restrictions meant the plaques were placed on the ground without pedestals to secure them or keep them from becoming covered in leaves, mud or snow.

Langston's project would rectify that.

"We will use pre-fabricated concrete blocks as the base, which we will anchor together using quick-mix concrete and re-bar, and finally attach the granite plaque to the top of the pedestal using wedged bolts,"



Photos by Bill Beaman

Kullen Langston (center), 16, an Eagle Scout candidate, marks dimensions on a plaque before it gets placed on a pedestal at the Belleau Wood, France, battlegrounds July 13. Assisting him are assistant Scoutmaster and father, John (far left), assistant Scoutmaster Jeremiah Idell (from Kullen's right) and fellow Life Scout Joey Paul.

said Langston, discussing his project. "With the plaques sitting on the ground with nothing to anchor them down, the cemetery caretaker, Mr. David Atkinson, is afraid that they might be stolen. Securing these bronze plaques in Belleau Wood is not only necessary for the cemetery; it also means preserving historical features for future generations to enjoy."

The project took months to plan, arrange the funding, source the materials, and troubleshoot the execution to ensure the plaques were at the appropriate height for visitors to read and high enough off the ground to prevent decay.

Once the supplies were sourced, Troop 119 Scouts and their families spent four days in July building, transporting and erecting the plaques to complete the project, and help the American Battlefield and Monument Commission, which oversees the Belleau Wood monument. In all, more than 30 volunteers contributed 740 hours of volunteer time.

Langston was able to see his vision come to fruition just in time before he relocated to Cedar City, Utah.



A plaque rests on its pedestal. Kullen Langston's Eagle Scout service project raised the plaques off the ground to prevent them from decaying or being stolen.

He is now completing the application process to be approved for advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout. This includes an appearance before a board of review, where the project is assessed and the Scout interviewed. Though normally conducted in person, Langston's will be conducted via Skype. Upon a successful board of review, Langston will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor with his new troop in Utah.

Furlough

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"Going forward, I expect many more challenges ahead, but the garrison team is determined to continue the strong partnership with our community, as well as our multi-layered communication efforts that strive to keep our community well informed as we execute the priorities set by our senior leaders.

"This is our home away from home. We have to stick together to get through

the tough times," Stack said.

One hundred forty-two Department of the Army civilians employed by the garrison were affected by the furlough as part of an Army-wide effort to slash spending in response to across-the-board budget cuts.

"The six-day furlough presented significant challenges for our employees and families, but they rose to the challenge. I am very proud of the professionalism and commitment that our

workforce displayed during this difficult time," said Kathleen Cole, the deputy to the USAG Stuttgart commander.

With the Panzer, Kelley and Robinson Barracks commissaries returning to their normal operating schedules, Defense Commissary Agency officials said there will be a short adjustment period as stores settle back into their pre-furlough operating and delivery routines, and asked that patrons be patient as product delivery schedules return to normal.

Services and appointments at the Stuttgart Army Health Clinic also returned to normal Aug. 19.

Furloughs for all Department of Defense Education Activity teachers and other 10-month employees previously subject to a 5-day furlough have been cancelled.

To read Hagel's memo, go to www.defense.gov and search for furlough reductions.

Vehicle Registration closures

The U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Vehicle Registration Office will close at noon Aug. 30 to conduct its monthly inventory. Vehicle Registration is also scheduled to close on Sept. 2 for Labor Day and on Sept. 13 to allow its local national workforce to attend an annual outing.

For more information, call 431-2833/07031-15-2833 or visit www.stuttgart.army.mil and click on "Directorates" then "Emergency Services."

ASACS hosts discussions for parents

On Sept. 9, Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services will hold a roundtable discussion on how to help adolescents deal with the social issues of alcohol use in a drinking culture. The discussion is targeted for parents and will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. in Building 2312, Patch Barracks.

The counselors request that parents contact them if they are interested in attending. Call Jasmin Coty, civ. 0711-680-8237, or Randy Zamerinsky, civ. 0711-680-7041.

Health clinic news

- The Radiology Department will be closed Aug. 26-30 for the installation of a new X-ray machine. Patients requiring radiology services will be referred to off-post providers in the Stuttgart area.

- The U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart's Patient Family Health Care Consortium will meet Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. in the clinic's command conference room.

The consortium will give com-

munity members the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback and have a voice in improving the clinic's services. The consortium will meet the second Tuesday of each month.

- International SOS can assist with Tricare referrals, appointment scheduling and billing questions. For authorization inquiries, beneficiaries can contact ISOS after three business days. Call 0800-5891599 (toll free) or civ. 0044-20-8762-8384, Option #3.

For more information, visit the clinic webpage at <https://ermc.amedd.army.mil/stuttgart/index.cfm>.

Hockey players wanted

The Stuttgart Mustangs Military Community Eishockey team will start its new season Oct. 2. New players of all talent levels are welcome. The Mustangs are an adult hobby team and play against other local teams.

For more information, contact the club at smhockey@ymail.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/smc.hockey>.

Retiree Council seeks leaders

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Military Retiree Council is seeking volunteers to serve as president, vice president and secretary. The deadline to apply is Sept 20. Selections will be made in October.

If interested, send an email to usag-s.rsc@eur.army.mil.

Air Force Ball tickets on sale

The 2013 Combined Africa Command/European Command Air

Force Ball is scheduled for Sept. 7 in Sindelfingen. The program includes a VIP guest speaker and music by U.S. Air Force Europe band Touch and Go.

For details and to purchase tickets, visit www.eventbee.com and search for Air Force Ball. For more information, call 421-3744.

Join the SCSC

The Stuttgart Community Spouses' Club invites community members to a welcome event with appetizers and door prizes Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch Barracks. This event is open to all ID card holders. For more information, email scsc.memberships@gmail.com or visit www.stuttgartspousesclub.org.

Avoid steam vents

Extremely hot steam from underground lines is visibly pouring out of manhole covers at several locations on Panzer Kaserne and Patch Barracks. To avoid potential injury, do not walk through the steam or on the manhole cover.

Community members are also asked to warn their children of the danger, and properly supervise children who are too young to recognize the danger.

If you see an area where steam is venting that is accessible to the public, notify the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Safety Office at 431-3134/ civ. 07031-15-3134.

Kelley bank to close Aug. 26-28

The Community Bank on Kelley Barracks will be closed Aug. 26-28 while the facility relocates to its new location in Building 3312. The new

location will open Aug. 29 at 9 a.m. During the move, a mobile ATM will be available in the parking lot adjacent to the rear of Building 3312.

For more information, call 421-2326/civ. 0711-729-2326.

TARP briefings offered in September

The 66th Military Intelligence Stuttgart Field Office will hold several Threat Awareness and Reporting Program briefings next month. Briefings will be held:

- Sept. 3, Patch Chapel
- Sept. 4, Panzer Chapel
- Sept. 5, Kelley Theater

Briefings in English will be offered at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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.

Legal Assistance Office has new hours

The Legal Assistance Office is now open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m. (closed on federal and training holidays). Notaries and powers of attorney are done on a walk-in basis.

To schedule an appointment for other legal assistance, call 421-4152/0711-729-5152.

Send your announcements to stuttgart-media@eur.army.mil.

Shopping? Look for eco-labels

With so many companies these days making green claims, it can be difficult to know which labels to trust.

Eco-labels are official symbols placed on products designed to do less harm to the environment than similar products. The next time you're grocery shopping, looking for a TV, buying baby clothing or purchasing paint, look out for these labels.

The Energy Star label is an international standard for energy-efficient consumer products that originate in the U.S. Products with this label meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy. For more information on the Energy Star program, visit www.energystar.gov/.

The German "Blue Angel" (Blaue Engel) eco-label is awarded to products and services which — from a holistic point of view — are of benefit to the environment and meet high standards of serviceability, health and occupational protection. For more information on Blue Angel labeled products, visit www.blauer-engel.de/en/.

The European Ecolabel helps to identify products and services that have a reduced environmental impact throughout their product life cycles. For products that carry this label, visit <http://ec.europa.eu/ecat/>.



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Schools gear up with back-to-school information

USAG Stuttgart School Liaison Office

With the first day of classes for Stuttgart Department of Defense Dependents Schools nearing, local schools will welcome new students and their families with orientations, and meet and greets leading up to Aug. 26, the first day of school for students in grades one through 12. Kindergarten students will begin school on Sept. 3.

Parents should note that school will not be in session on Sept. 2, the Labor Day federal holiday. On Sept. 13, students will be released at 11 a.m. for educators to participate in a professional development and continuous school improvement activities.

Back to school is not fun for bullied students, and the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart School Liaison Office will continue to spearhead a bully prevention campaign to reduce bullying.

In April 2012, USAG Stuttgart,

local Department of Defense Educational Activity schools, and Child Youth and School Services signed an anti-bullying policy. Since then, the schools and CYS Services have laid a foundation in recognizing and reporting bullying incidents.

The School Liaison Office is conducting a survey for parents to gather data in support of the Stuttgart community. The results will enable the School Liaison Office to tailor activities and services that educate the adult community on bullying issues. Take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2X267XZ>.

New Student Orientations

Patch High School: Aug. 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Böblingen Elementary/Middle School: Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (for middle schoolers)

Back to School Open Houses

Böblingen Elementary/Middle School: Aug. 23, 4-6 p.m. for Middle School; 5-7 p.m. for Elementary School

Patch Elementary School: Sept. 5 (time to be announced at a later date)
Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School: Sept. 10, 3-5 p.m.
Patch High School: Sept. 11, 5-7 p.m.

Meet and Greet

Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School: Aug. 23, 1:30 p.m.

Significant Dates

Aug. 26: first day of instruction for grades one to 12

Sept. 2: Labor Day – no school

Sept. 3: first day of school for kindergartners

Sept. 13: Students will be released at 11 a.m. for a Stuttgart Complex Professional Development, Continuous School Improvement day.



Courtesy photo

With the first day of classes on Aug. 26, local schools will welcome students and their families with orientations, meet and greets, and open houses.



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The School Liaison Officers work in conjunction with the Child and Youth Services Division and the local school community to address educational issues involving military children.

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For more information, see Army

Regulation 550-175, U.S. Forces Customs Controls in Germany, or call the Stuttgart Customs officer at 431-2731/civ. 07031-15-2731.

USO mobile canteen is on the move

USO Stuttgart's mobile canteen will be serving hot dogs and burgers from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 28 at Building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Patch Commissary.

Red Cross offers first aid classes

The American Red Cross Stuttgart, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne, will offer an adult and pediatric first aid/CPR classes Sept. 6 and Sept. 20 from 9-11 a.m. The cost for either class is \$55.

For more information, call the Red Cross at 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812.

Red Cross seeks volunteers

The American Red Cross Stuttgart seeks volunteers for various positions, ranging from the dental clinic to the small disaster action team to special events. A new volunteer orientation will be held Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. in the Red Cross Office, Building 2915, Panzer Kaserne.

For more information, stop by the American Red Cross office or call 431-2812/civ. 07031-15-2812.

Due to PCS soon?

Service members and civilians who will relocate in the next several months should plan to attend one

of the permanent change of station/pre-separation briefings to be held Sept. 18, Oct. 16 and Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. in Building 2913 on Panzer Kaserne.

Agency representatives from transportation, customs, health and dental clinics, Tricare, vehicle registration, housing and Army Community Service will provide valuable PCS information.

Army personnel will also receive a briefing on finance issues. All separating Army personnel must attend this briefing to receive pre-separation information.

Advance registration is required. To sign up, call 431-2599/civ. 07031-15-2599.

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

Back to school: Use caution when driving



As students and teachers begin a new academic year Aug. 26, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Safety Office reminds motorists to drive with caution, particularly when traveling through school zones or near bus stops.

Basic back-to-school safety tips for motorists:

- Drivers should exercise extra caution during the period when school begins, especially during the morning commute from 7:15-8:30 a.m. and the after-

noon dismissal period from 2:30-2:45 p.m.

- All drivers must obey the posted speed limits.
- Be aware that children, especially those 12 years old and younger, are not always aware of their surroundings and assume that drivers will stop for them.
- Youngsters may dart into the road without first looking for traffic.

Tips for traveling to and from school:

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop.

- Walk the route with your child beforehand.
- Teach your child never to talk to strangers.
- Be sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend or neighbor.
- Teach your children — whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school — to obey all traffic signals

For more information, visit the National Safety Council at www.nsc.org.

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EUCOM welcomes new senior enlisted leader

Command Chief Master Sgt. Craig Adams inspects the ceremonial sword after accepting it from Gen. Philip Breedlove, U.S. EUCOM commander, during the EUCOM senior leader change of responsibility ceremony at Washington Square on Patch Barracks Aug. 14. Adams assumed the role from Fleet Master Chief Roy Maddocks (center), who retired after 36 years in service.

Richard Herman

Tricare moves forward with prime service area reductions

Tricare Management Activity News Release

The Defense Department will reduce the number of Tricare Prime service areas in the United States beginning Oct. 1, affecting about 171,000 retirees and their family members.

Those beneficiaries, who mostly reside more than 40 miles from a military clinic or hospital, received a letter earlier this year explaining their options. They will receive a second letter later this month.

Tricare Management Activity officials said changing the location of Prime service areas has been planned since 2007 as part of the move to the third-generation of managed care support contracts and will allow them to continue their commitment to making high-quality health care available while supporting DOD efforts to control the rising cost of health care for 9.6 million beneficiaries.

Health care under Tricare Prime costs about \$600 more annually per enrollee, but on average, each member of a family of three using Tricare Standard will pay only about \$20 more per month than if they were using Prime.

“The first thing Tricare beneficiaries should know about the reduction in the number of Prime service areas is that it doesn’t mean they’re losing their Tricare benefit,” said Dr. Jonathan Woodson, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

“Next, it’s important to remember this change does not affect most of the more than 5 million people using Tricare Prime, and [it affects] none of our active duty members and their families.”

All affected beneficiaries will receive a letter this month following up on their initial notification to ensure they have the time and information to make important decisions about their future health care options, officials said.

Current details on Prime service areas and the option for beneficiaries to sign for email updates are available at <http://www.Tricare.mil/PSA>. A ZIP code tool is available on the site to help beneficiaries determine if they live in an affected area.

As always, officials noted, Tricare beneficiaries still are covered by Tricare Standard. For those living within 100 miles of a remaining Prime service area, re-enrolling in Prime may be an option, depending on availability. To do this, beneficiaries must waive their drive-time standards, and they may have to travel long distances for primary and specialty care.

“I urge all impacted beneficiaries to carefully consider their health care options — they should talk them over with family members and their current health care provider,” Woodson said.

“Many beneficiaries may be able to continue with their current provider using the Standard benefit. Being close to your health care team usually offers the best and safest access to care.”

Those enrolled in Tricare Prime are assigned a primary care provider who manages their health care. Retirees pay an annual enrollment fee and have low out-of-pocket costs under this plan.

Tricare Standard is an open-choice option with no monthly premiums and no need for referrals, but it has cost shares and an annual deductible.

The Prime service areas being eliminated are not close to existing military treatment facilities or base realignment and closure sites, officials said.

Prolonged protests resulted in a staggered transition, they added, and all Prime service areas were retained until all three new regional contracts were in place. The West region completed the transition April 1.

To provide affected beneficiaries with enough time to plan, Defense Department officials elected to delay the Prime service area reductions until Oct. 1.

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Eye exams recommended to preserve children's vision

By Robert N. Kang
U.S. Army Public Health Command

According to the National Eye Institute, vision disorders are the most common handicapping conditions during childhood in the United States. Yet, fewer than 15 percent of all preschool children receive eye examinations.

Studies have shown that preschool vision screenings reduce vision disorders among school-age children.

Many primary care and pediatric clinics, and schools provide vision screenings to identify children who will benefit from comprehensive eye examinations.

But how effective are these screenings in identifying those children? As a parent, can you trust the vision screening or should you take your preschooler for an eye examination, regardless?

A large clinical study on preschoolers conducted by the NEI found that specially trained nurses and lay people were as effective in vision screenings as licensed eye care professionals.

Importantly, however, the results depended on the specific tests and equipment used, as well as the specific vision condition being tested.

This study clearly showed the value of vision screenings when properly done, but also showed some of its limitations.

So, what should a parent do?

Parents should ask which vision problems are being assessed in the screenings and ask about the accuracy

of the tests, according to the NEI study chairperson, Paulette Schmidt.

The American Optometric Association recommends eye examinations for infants and children at six months and 3 years of age.

For school-age children, eye examinations are recommended before first grade and every two years thereafter.

Of course, an infant at higher risk, from family history for example, should have an examination as soon as medically practicable. Similarly,

children with symptoms or higher risks should also be examined more frequently.

It is estimated that up to five percent of 3 to 5 year olds have amblyopia or "lazy eye," and about four percent have strabismus or "squint" where one of the eyes is not aligned straight with the other eye.

Also, 10-15 percent of children have significant refractive errors needing correction with eye glasses.

Overall, 15 percent of children have an eye or vision problem that if

not corrected, can result in reduced vision.

Yes, vision screenings may be valuable in identifying children with potential eye and vision problems, but until more accurate and effective screening tests and equipment become available, eye examinations during the early years of any child's development are a must.

Editor's Note: The author, Robert N. Kang, is an optometrist.



Courtesy photos

In the U.S., 15 percent of children have an eye or vision problem that if not corrected, can result in reduced vision. While vision screenings identify children who will benefit from comprehensive eye examinations, fewer than 15 percent of all preschool children receive eye examinations.

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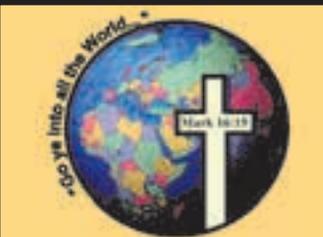
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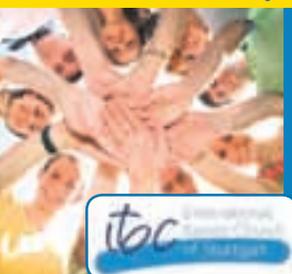
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U.S. Army Europe training area information now available as mobile apps

By **Christian Marquardt**
 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command

Training area information and resources for U.S. Army training locations throughout Europe are now available as applications for Apple iOS and Android mobile devices.

Developed by the U.S. Army Europe Sustainable Range Program, the three apps are designed to make training area information easily available and accessible to Soldiers in garrison and out in the field.

All three mobile apps are available as free downloads through the Apple Apps Store and Google Play.

The Army Range Mapper Mobile app is a route-planning/navigation app similar to Google Maps that allows users to plot directions between 80 U.S. Army training locations throughout Europe. Users can use the app to find GPS coordinates for gate access points to U.S. Army Europe training areas and garrisons, as well as turn-by-turn directions. It also

includes an option to display Army-authorized Esso fuel points along the route, as well as contact information for all U.S. Army Training Support Centers in Europe.

While the Army Range Mapper Mobile app is designed to get Soldiers to and from training locations, the Soldier Field Card mobile app provides important information and procedures specific to over 20 of the most used Army training areas in Europe.

For example, clicking on the Grafenwöhr Training Area brings up training area maps, local points of contact and training area guidelines, including safety precautions and unit movement procedures.

The Soldier Field Card mobile app also has training area information available in the host nation language for specific training areas in Germany, Romania and Bulgaria.

The U.S. Army Europe Environmental Officer's mobile app is a reference guide for recognizing potential environmental hazards — such

as chemical spills, fire, and the handling and storage of hazardous materials — and the procedures for management, spill and fire prevention and response.

The Environmental Officer's app is designed primarily for Unit Environmental Officers, but can be used by all Soldiers, DOD civilians, contractors and family members who may encounter hazardous materials either inside a training area, or within garrison.

The U.S. Army Europe Sustainable Range Program is headquartered with Training Support Activity Europe as part of the 7th U.S. Army Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwöhr. Its mission is to maximize the capability, availability and accessibility of ranges and training lands in the U.S. Army Europe theatre of operations to support doctrinal training, mobilization and deployments.

To learn more about the U.S. Army Europe SRP, visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/usareur.srp.



Master Sgt. Robert Hyatt

A Soldier practices land navigation at the Grafenwöhr Training Area, the U.S. Army's largest training area in Europe. The U.S. Army Europe Sustainable Range Program now offers important training area information for most of the training areas in Europe in three free applications for Apple iOS and android devices.

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Festivals

The **Markgröninger Schäferlauf**, or shepherd's race, will run Aug. 23-26 in Markgröningen's historic downtown area. On Friday, the program will start at 8 a.m., Saturday at 6 a.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday at 2 p.m.

The historic shepherd's race will take place Aug. 24 from 1:15-3 p.m. On Aug. 25, various races and the "Schäfertanz," or shepherd's dance, will start at 1:30 p.m. All races will be held at the "Stoppelfeld," or stubble field.

The "Vergnügungspark," or fun park, located at Unterriexinger Strasse will offer rides, food and family entertainment.

A variety market will be set up in the historic downtown area and be open Aug. 23 from 2 p.m. until midnight, Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m., Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. until midnight, and Aug. 26 from 2 p.m. until midnight.

A "Schäfermarkt," or shepherd's market, will be held Aug. 24-25 at Unterriexinger Strasse for visitors to learn all about sheep and sheep farming. A petting zoo for children will also be offered. The market will be open Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to midnight.

An arts and crafts market will be held Aug. 24-25 at the Schlosshof. The market will be open on both days from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The four-day fest will end with a firework display Aug. 26 at 9:30 p.m. at the fun park.

On Saturday and Sunday visitors to Markgröningen can only access the downtown area by purchasing a "Festplakette," or badge, for €4.

Tickets for the shepherd's races range from €3 to €11.

Tickets can be ordered by calling civ. 07145-5219.

For more information and event times, visit www.markgroeningen.de.



Courtesy of Stadt Markgröningen

Shepherdesses participate in the historic shepherd's race in Markgröningen in 2012. This year's event will be held Aug. 23-26 in Markgröningen's downtown area. The shepherd's race will be held Aug. 24 from 1:15-3 p.m. at the "Stoppelfeld," or stubble field.

Ludwigsburg will host the **Ludwigsburger Weinlaube** wine fest until Aug. 24. The fest will open daily at 5 p.m. and is located at the Rathausohf in the downtown area.

The event features fine foods from local restaurants and more than 130 regional and international wines. Live bands will also entertain visitors with rock, pop and country music throughout the event.

For more information, visit www.ludwigsburger-weinlaube.de.



Courtesy of Bad Ditzzenbach Tourismus-und Kulturbüro

Visitors enjoy food and medieval entertainment during last year's Medieval Festival at the Hiltenburg fortress ruins. This year's festival will run from Aug. 24-25 and will feature magicians, a fire show and medieval music and dance performances.

Bad Ditzzenbach will hold the **Medieval Festival** at the Hiltenburg fortress ruins Aug. 24-25. The event will start Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. to midnight and Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The fortress ruins are located on the 707-meter Schlossberg Hill, offering an impressive view of the upper Filstal Valley and the Swabian Alps.

The Hiltenburg fortress dates back to 1289 and sets an authentic stage for the medieval outing. Findings from the Hiltenburg fortress will also be displayed during the event.

The festival will feature magicians, a fire show, and medieval music and dance performances.

Visitors can also indulge in hearty food and meat dishes throughout various festival booths.

Those interested in a 45-minute hike can take the walking trail to the Hiltenburg fortress ruins. Shuttle buses will leave from "Haus des Gastes" Aug. 24 from 3-6 p.m. and will take visitors back after the event concludes. Aug. 25, shuttle buses will take off from "Haus des Gastes" starting at 10 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the Tourist Office Bad Ditzzenbach or at the event. Tickets cost €4 when purchased in advance or €6 at the event.

For more information, call civ. 07334-6911, or visit www.badditzenbach.de.

The **Wangener Kirbe** will be held Aug. 24-25 at Ulmer Strasse all along Wangen's "Kelter" (wine press). The event will be open both days from 10 a.m. to midnight.

The outdoor fest will offer live music, food and beverages and a champagne bar.

The Kelter Wangen is located at Ulmer Strasse 334, 70327 Stuttgart.

The **Stuttgarter Weindorf**, or wine village, will be held Aug. 28 to Sept. 8 in downtown Stuttgart (Marktplatz square, Kirchstrasse and Schillerplatz square).

The fest is open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, and from 11 a.m. until midnight Thursday through Saturday.

Visitors can sample over 500 wines from the Württemberg and Baden regions during the fest. Traditional Swabian meals, such as "Maultaschen" (meat and vegetable-stuffed noodles), "Zwiebelrostbraten" (roast beef with sautéed onions) and "Bubaspitzle"

(potato noodles mainly served with sour cabbage), are served in some 120 lavishly decorated wine booths.

Visitors to the Weindorf should stop by the "Infolaube" information booth at Dorotheenstrasse (adjacent to Stuttgart's Markthalle) for information and special offers.

Family days on Sept. 1 and 8 will feature face painting and live music (Sept. 1, jazz, rock and traditional music; Sept. 8 traditional folk music) throughout the fest and in wine booths.

Guided walking tours of the Weindorf in English can be booked by calling civ. 0711-6771897.

For more information, visit www.stuttgarter-weindorf.de.

The music, cabaret, theater and culture center Merlin will host the **Sommermusikfestival "Klinke 24,"** or summer music festival, until Aug. 31. Regional as well as newcomer bands and artists will perform Wednesday through Saturday at 9 p.m. Visitors will be entertained with poetry and sixties pop, rock and indie tunes.

Patrons can also enjoy food and drinks at the Café Merlin, or at Merlin's beer garden.

The festival is free, however, donations for the bands are welcome. Merlin is located at Augustenstrasse 72, 70178 Stuttgart.

For more information, visit www.merlinstuttgart.de.



Courtesy of Stadt Ditzingen

The "Horseville Rangers," a country, western and pop band from Stuttgart, is among many groups that will perform during this year's "Hafenscherbenfest" Sept. 7-8 in Ditzingen's downtown area. The event will run Sept. 7 from 4 p.m. until 1 a.m. and Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Ditzingen will host the **Hafenscherbenfest** outdoor festival Sept. 7-8 in the downtown area and at "Schlossgarten." Events will kick off Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. until 1 a.m. and Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The event will feature live music with the "Bang Bags" rock 'n' roll band and the "Horseville Rangers" country, western and pop music band, as well as comedy and salsa dance performances throughout four stages. A flea market will be held Sept. 8 from 1-6 p.m. and all shops in the downtown area will be open from 1-6 p.m.

Children can also participate in outdoor games and activities at Schlossgarten.

For more information, visit www.ditzingen.de.

What's happening in FMWR

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tions are not necessary.

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Play family bingo

The Patch Community Club is the place to be on the first Sunday of each month for family bingo and the chance to win valuable prizes for children and adults.

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

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Aug. 25 — Jobs (PG-13) 2 p.m., Paranoia (PG-13) 4:30 p.m., The Butler (PG-13) 7 p.m., Kick-Ass (R) 9:30 p.m.

Aug. 26 — Paranoia (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Aug. 27 — closed

Aug. 28 — Monster University in 2D (G) 6 p.m.

Aug. 29 — The Butler (PG-13) 6 p.m.

Aug. 30 — The World's End (R) 6 p.m., The Mortal Instruments: City Of Bones (PG-13) 8:30 p.m.

Aug. 31 — Planes in 3D (PG) 2 p.m., The World's End (R) 4:30 p.m., The Mortal Instruments: City Of Bones (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 1 — Turbo in 3D (PG) 2

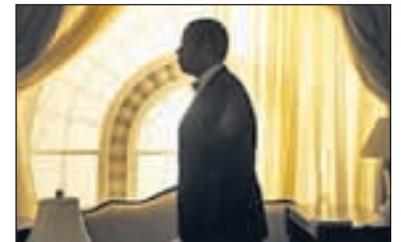
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Sept. 2 — The World's End (R) 6 p.m.

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Sept. 4 — Despicable Me 2 (PG) 6 p.m.

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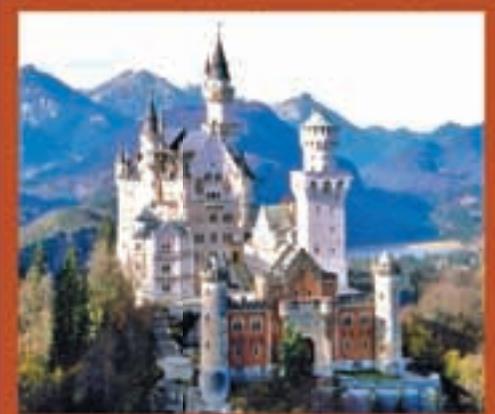
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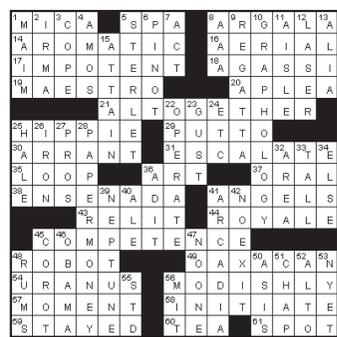
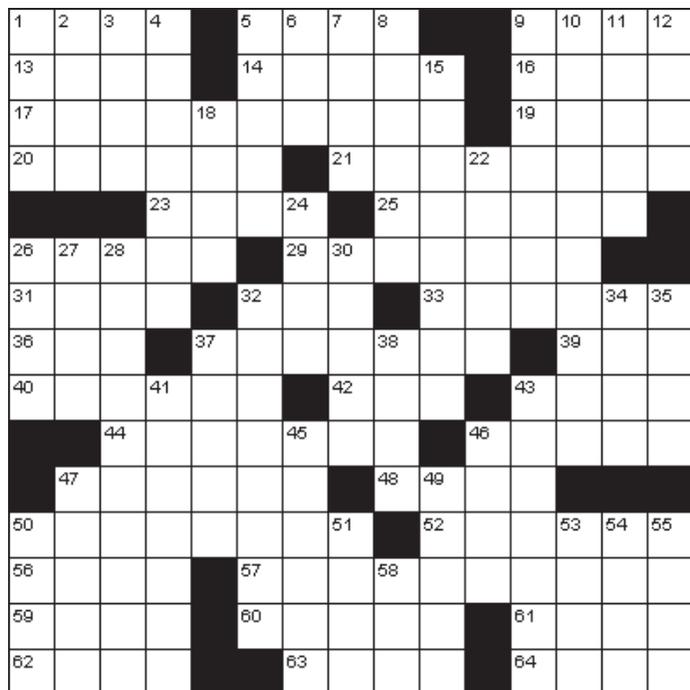
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Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution to the crossword puzzle from August 8, 2013!

Courtesy of thinks.com

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- 1. Latvian capital
- 5. Catch
- 9. Grade-school basics
- 13. On
- 14. Arctic or Antarctic
- 16. Finger feature
- 17. Imperil
- 19. Sparkling wine
- 20. Current unit
- 21. Shown to be false
- 23. Experts
- 25. Shown to be false
- 26. Full of chutzpah
- 29. Hip character
- 31. Anecdotal knowledge
- 32. Dirty campaign stuff
- 33. Sappho's island
- 36. East, in Essen
- 37. More rubicund
- 39. Application form info
- 40. Islands with Turks
- 42. Psychedelic drug
- 43. Squandered
- 44. Dame Margot of ballet
- 46. Infiltrators
- 47. Taken care of

- 48. Do as directed

- 50. Melbourne is its capital
- 52. University official
- 56. Brainchild
- 57. Desk
- 59. Delhi dress
- 60. Round roofs
- 61. Thomas Hardy heroine
- 62. Org.
- 63. Bottle part
- 64. Horse's gait

- 15. Resisted authority
- 18. It has a keystone
- 22. Gastric woe
- 24. Desert Storm missile
- 26. Alliance
- 27. Parks of civil rights fame
- 28. Skilled craftsmen
- 30. In a curious way
- 32. Assembled, as troops
- 34. S-shaped curve
- 35. Wields a needle
- 37. Sonata movement
- 38. "Money ___ object!"

DOWN

- 1. Indian prince
- 2. List entry
- 3. Gunk
- 4. Conciliate
- 5. Junket
- 6. Agree silently
- 7. "Put ___ on it!"
- 8. Elegant garden feature
- 9. Biblical liar
- 10. Court game
- 11. Alluded to
- 12. Slithered
- 41. Hold in check
- 43. Embargo
- 45. Microphone inventor
- 46. Encounter
- 47. Gold sovereign?
- 49. Vigorous
- 50. MasterCard alternative
- 51. Crowning point
- 53. Bank
- 54. Approximately
- 55. Balance
- 58. VCR button

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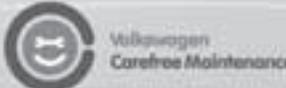


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Edvard Munch exhibition

Now – Sun, Oct 6

Stuttgart, Staatsgalerie

See the terrific exhibition of Edvard Munch's pictures on the occasion of his 150th birthday at the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart until October 6. The Norwegian painter is well known for his picture 'The Scream' and the recurring topic 'women as mystery' in his art. For more info see www.staatsgalerie.de.

Edvard Munch, Geschrei (screaming), 1895, detail, Lithography on violet paper, paper size: 63,7 x 44,5 cm; representation: 35,2 x 25,1 cm, Staatsgalerie Stuttgart, Graphic Collection, © The Munch Museum / The Munch Ellingsen Group / VG Bild-Kunst, Bonn 2012

EVENTS

Strohländle

Now – Sun, Aug 25

Leonberg, Engelbergwiese

Enjoy a special playground made of straw in Leonberg, the "Strohländle" (straw landscape) at the Engelbergwiese until August 25. Families can take part in activities like dancing classes or karaoke parties. While parents listen to live bands and enjoy great food, children can play in the straw bales. No admission! For more info in German see www.seifenkistle.de.

Wine days

Fri, Aug 23 – Mon, Aug 26

Winnenden, City center

Visit the Winnender Weintage (wine days) in the historic city center from August 23 to 26. Enjoy a huge variety of selected wines from the local wineries, 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.

Magical lights

Sat, Aug 24

Ludwigsburg, Blühendes Barock

Experience an amazing light show at the "Lichterzauber" (magical lights) in the park Blühendes Barock in Ludwigsburg on August 24. The event starts at 4pm. At 8 pm a lampion parade from the castle to the park takes place. The highlight will be the show "Die Emichsburg brennt" (Emich castle is burning) at 9pm

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

Vineyard tour on Segways

Sat, Aug 24

Stuttgart, Weinbaumuseum

A special vineyard tour is planned for August 24 at 1:30pm starting at the Weinbaumuseum (winegrowing museum) in Stuttgart, Uhlbach. On Segways, the group drives through vineyards to the Grabkapelle (funeral chapel) on the mountain Württemberg, where you have the best view over Stuttgart. The two hour tour ends with a wine tasting in the Weinbaumuseum. For more info and registration see www.stuttgart-tourist.de or contact the Tourist Information Bureau Stuttgart at 0711 - 2228 00.

Stuttgart Wine Village

Wed, Aug 28 – Sun, Sep 8

Stuttgart, Marktplatz

Visit one of the largest wine festivals in Germany, the "Stuttgarter Weindorf" (wine village) from August 28 to September 8. 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 11am – 11pm and Thur-Sat 11am to midnight. For more information in German see www.stuttgarter-weindorf.de.

Pumpkin exhibition

Fri, Aug 30 – Sun, Nov 3

Ludwigsburg, Blühendes Barock

See the world's biggest Pumpkin exhibition in the park Blühendes

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Motorbike meeting

Fri, Aug 30 – Sun, Sep 1

Leonberg, Glemseck

The traditional "Glemseck 101" motorbike meeting in Leonberg on the former race track Solitude takes part from August 30 to September 1. See different types of motorbikes from the last 60 years and numerous races. No admission.

For more info see www.glemseck101.de.

International muzzleloader shooting

Fri, Aug 30 – Sun, Sep 1

Schwäbisch Hall, Hasenbühl

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For more info in German see www.schwaebischhall.de or contact 0791-2953.

Tuscany market

Thu, Sep 5 – Sat, Sep 7

Reutlingen, Spitalhof

Visit the Toskanischer Markt (Tuscany market) in Reutlingen's Spitalhof from September 5 to 7. From 10am to 7pm about 15 traders and craftsmen bring a Mediterranean atmosphere to the city while offering culinary specialties and typical products. For more info in German see www.stuttgart-tourist.de.

CONCERTS

Concerts and wines

Fri, Aug 23

Stuttgart, Weinbaumuseum

Enjoy a special concert night at the "Konzerte zum Wein" (Concerts and wines) in Stuttgart's Weinbaumuseum (winegrowing museum), starting at 7pm. The museum, the Collegium Wirtemberg and the Andreaskirche Uhlbach will present their wines in a unique way. As you enjoy your wine, corresponding music will be played. For more info in German and tickets see www.stuttgart-tourist.de or contact 0711-2228111.

SPORTS

Beach volleyball tournament

Sat, Aug 24

Filderstadt, Fildorado

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